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The **Vision of Pilot** is to achieve universal awareness and prevention of Brain-related Disorders and Disabilities.

"Seasons of Service - Be Inspired"

Happy New Year Pilots! I hope all of you had a special time with family and friends during the Christmas holidays.

A new year and the half way point in our year together, we have much to be excited about and as always there is room for additional goal setting. Now is a good time to look over your projects, check your fund raising dollars and make adjustments to both as needed. I'm sure your clubs have had to make adjustments, but I also want to praise all of our clubs for their extremely generous hearts as you contributed much to your local communities with your Christmas gifts to those who really needed your help.

It is now time for us to make nominations for District Officers...Governor Elect and Lt. Governors. January 31, 2012 is the deadline for getting all required paperwork to Helen Winstead, Nomination Committee Chair. We encourage any Pilot who feels qualified to let your club know you are interested so they may make the nomination. It is a very rewarding experience to serve at the District level.

This is also the time to have your club members help with all of the award submissions that will be coming due shortly. The newsletters (3 consecutive) need to be mailed no later than Jan. 6 to your region Lt. Gov. They must be postmarked by the 6th to be considered for judging.

Nominations for Anchor Advisor of the Year are due by January 15, 2012. Also club contributions to PIF must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2012 for Pacesetter recognition at District Convention.

Plans are underway for our District Convention scheduled for April 13-15, 2012. More info will be forthcoming. I can tell you that Friday night will be game night, with Bingo being set up in a separate room from the other games we'll be playing. A cowboy/Western theme for Friday is also part of our fun, so start making plans to attend and we'll all kick up our heels, wear our best cowboy outfits and have some fun!

Lastly, I want to thank all Pilots for everything that you do and contribute to your club and communities. Friendship and Service is our cornerstone and **you** make that a reality on a daily basis. Hugs!

Yours in Pilot,

Nancy Miller, Georgia District Governor



Please remember to visit the Georgia District website at www.pilotgeorgia.org.



FROM OUR GOVERNOR-ELECT

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that we are in the beginning of a new calendar year. I have enjoyed traveling across Georgia District and learning about Pilots' involvement in their communities.

I appreciate your hard work and efforts. It is also time to start preparing for the new Pilot Year.

I would like to encourage each club to have a nominating committee selected by February, where a slate of new officers can be voted on at your March meeting. With the slate of new officers, the President Elects can start selecting coordinators. Therefore, I would like to encourage your new officers, coordinators, and club members to attend District Convention April 13 – 15 in preparation for the new club year. Time can pass by quickly; so let us get prepared for another great year!

Plans are also being developed for Region Workshops for training, so mark your calendar with the following dates.

April 28, 2012

Northwest Region - Host: PC of Battlefield
Lt. Governor Patricia Whatley
East Central Region - Host: PC of Greene County
Lt. Governor Jacque Kristoff
Southwest Region – Host: PC of Moultrie
Lt. Governor Kathy Berry

May 5, 2012

Northeast Region – Host: PC of Madison County
Lt. Governor Joyce Fleeman
West Central Region – Host: PC of Perry
Lt. Governor Brenda Walker
Southeast Region – Host: PC of Baxley
Lt. Governor Beverly McKenna

Remember that Newsletter entries are due to your Region Lt. Governor by January 8, 2012. The Georgia District Award forms are due February 24, 2012 to Kate Caswell, Awards Jury Chair.

Orders for the 2012-2013 Swap Pin are due March 15, 2012 to Merlene Burgess, Treasurer.

Gail Sharber, Georgia District Governor-elect



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Life I Am the New Year

Life I am the new year.
I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.

I am your next chance at the art of living.
I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last twelve months.
All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it out with more determination.

All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.
All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have -- these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.
I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, "behold I make all things new."
I am the new year.

Author Unknown

May today these be peace within and may you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.

If you would like to be included on the GA District prayer board, please send me your name and e-mail address. My address is jrakers@bellsouth.net.

Blessings always, *JoAnn Akers*



GREETINGS FROM THE GEORGIA DISTRICT ECR

Happy 2012 Pilots, Anchors, Navigators, and Co-Pilots!

How inspiring it is to know that we can step forward into the New Year with renewed hope and energy to live our lives to the fullest and to impact the lives of others around the world through volunteerism. Edmund Everett Hale wrote, "I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do."

As Pilots & Anchors, we each have something to contribute to our great organization. Maybe you have organizational skills to help plan a project or fundraiser.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



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Perhaps you are the one who has time to visit and bring cheer to nursing home residents. Maybe you have creative talents to contribute decorations to make your meeting special or to make blankets for the less fortunate. Perhaps you have bookkeeping skills, secretarial skills, or leadership skills to contribute by holding an office at the club, district, or international level. Maybe you are the perfect Pilot to serve as a mentor and encourager to others in your club. Perhaps you are a people-person who greets everyone at your club meetings and events to make them feel welcome. Whatever your special "something" is, each of you serves a vital role in your club and your community. I encourage you to share your talents even more in 2012 to strengthen your club and our organization. Remember, no matter how slow you go, you are still lapping everybody on the couch! – Anonymous

Your district leadership has provided great information for you at Fall Council/Workshop and at Club Visits, and they continue to do so through the Governor's Bulletin and messages and updates. Remember that they are talented resources for you throughout the Pilot year. More great information and training will be provided at your upcoming District Convention in April 13-15, 2012 – Gwinnett Place Marriott, Duluth and International Convention and Leadership Conference in Las Vegas this July. I encourage you to be an active participant in these upcoming events. Be sure to encourage your Anchors to attend our Pilot events and be sure to attend their convention, March 2-4, 2012 – Legacy Lodge, Lake Lanier Islands. Won't it be fantastic when all those Anchors transition to Pilots!

Best wishes for a successful new year! In closing, I quote Leonard Nimoy who said, "The miracle is this - the more we share, the more we have". Share yourself and your many talents and make the second half of this Pilot Year amazing! Lets all invite #1 friend to a meeting in accepting the challenge to grow our membership. You have a great website and I would like to encourage you in adding it to your signature tag!

In Pilot Friendship,

Sherry Johnson, ECR Georgia District
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FUNDRAISING IDEAS

Norma McKellar

After you've celebrated the New Year many people start early plans for a Super Bowl get-together or party. That brings us to another fundraising idea. How about a "SOUP"ER BOWL EVENT? Louis P. De Gouy, author of *The Soup Book*, says "Soup is cuisine's kindest course. It breathes reassurance; it steams consolation; after a weary day it promotes sociability, as the five o'clock cup of tea or the cocktail hour."



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A "SOUP"ER BOWL fundraiser can be set up as a dine-in or drive-thru event serving one or two choices of soup with bread, a dessert and a drink. Or it can be an affair in which you sell dried soup ingredients.

In the dine-in or drive-thru event club members can decide on the favorite recipe to use or local restaurants may supply their most popular soup. An additional idea here is to coordinate with your community arts center or pottery business and allow the attendees to choose a special bowl for their soup that they keep afterwards. The bowls can be school colors, colors to represent opposing teams or even bowls decorated by children.

For the dried soup fundraiser you might consider selling a combination dry soup mix in a jar with a wooden spoon and recipe card attached. Or you might again join forces with the arts center or local pottery business and sell the dry soup mix, spoon and recipe all combined and placed in the bowl.

Whether your soup fundraiser has a Super Bowl theme or the idea of warming up during the cold winter, it's sure to be a fairly easy event. And of course in these lean times soup can be a great option. Just consider Judith Martin's, aka Miss Manners, sentiment, "Do you have a kinder, more adaptable friend in the food world than soup? ...Who refuses to leave you when you are impoverished and stretches its resources to give a hearty sustenance and cheer?"



FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIR

Cindy Tatum, Membership Co-Chair

I hope that all of you had a wonderful Christmas and that Santa was good to you. I'm sure we are all experiencing the clothes that are tighter than they were a few weeks ago. If you were able to spend time with family and friends, then your holidays were great (at least in my opinion).

Now, it's time to "hunker down" and get back to work on Pilot projects, fundraisers, and membership. Last month I highlighted clubs that I had heard from who had new members and asked to hear from more clubs. Well, I only heard from one club, but I am very thankful that Jane Frederick from the Pilot Club of Dublin sent me their news. Their club has recently added three new members. According to the December Governor's Bulletin, Jefferson has one new member, Moultrie has one, and Chatham County has two.

Sometimes I feel like we repeat ourselves over and over, but my next thought bears repeating. You must put new members to work, make them feel important, keep them informed, and praise their involvement in the club if you want to keep them. Jane, from Dublin, told me that

although their new members had not been officially installed, they were already working on a fundraiser. We must assign them to a division, hold orientation for them, and make sure that they feel like they are contributing to your club. Involved members become long-term members. Forgotten members will forget about Pilot.

Remember, we still have six months of this Pilot year to go. Invite guests to your meetings. Make YOUR Pilot members a top priority in 2012.

Please share your success stories with me and with Pat Jarvis, Membership Co-Chair at tatumcindy@gmail.com and pgjarvis@bellsouth.net.



IT'S TIME TO NOMINATE GEORGIA DISTRICT OFFICERS!

Helen Winstead, Chair

November and December 2011, provided for us the opportunity to be thankful and to celebrate the joys of the Christmas season. We are especially thankful for the Georgia Pilots and all of the many blessings that we bring to others through our friendship and service.

Believe it or not! It is time for all Pilots to look among ourselves and nominate future leaders for the Georgia District who are qualified, willing, able, and believe in Pilot as shown through their Passion for Pilot. There are many personal rewards by serving as a leader at the District level because it expands your knowledge, improves your leadership skills and provides a tremendous level of satisfaction. Those Pilots serving on the District Nominating Committee are as follows:

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Instructions for nominating district officers may be found by (do not use Google) typing in www.pilotinternational.org and when the site comes up, click on Members, then District Manual—then District Nominee Information. On page 98 begins the information on the Qualification Form for District Nominees followed by instructions given to the District Nominating Committee and on pages 104-105, there is detailed explanation for the Procedure for Nominating District Officers.

All clubs may submit a qualified nominee for Governor-Elect and/or Treasurer. Only clubs within a region may nominate persons for that region's Lt. Governor.

An acceptance is not complete until the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Governor ECR and PI Headquarters have received the nomination letter from the club, completed Qualification Form, Vision Statement, and letter of acceptance from the candidate to the club, postmarked by the due date of February 10, 2012. This is 60 days prior to the first day of District Convention.



LEADERSHIP

Esther Foster, Leadership Coordinator
Leadership Article
Submitted by Sherri Lynn Dunik.
PI Leadership Coordinator

Game Plans for Winning at Life

My favorite movie is Rudy. If you are not familiar with the movie it is based on the true story of Rudy Ruettiger. He grew up in a small town, with his father working in the steel mill. He was always told that he would follow his father and older brother and work in the mill. But he had a dream. He was half the size of the typical Notre Dame football player and his grades were too low to be admitted as a student. But he did not let everyone who said he "couldn't" determine his future. He never gave up on his dream.

I have learned from Rudy that when you set your mind on a goal, and carry that passion with you everyday, dreams really do come true. If you put your mind to a goal you really can accomplish anything.

Below is a list of Rudy's Insights on winning at life. Notice how much he writes about having dreams and making them goals.

Insight #1

Be the person you want to be. "Make the decision to take action and move closer to your Dream. Create daily success habits and surround yourself with information that will empower and inspire you."

Insight #2

Use anger in a positive way to get results. "Anger is a normal reaction. It's what you do with anger that makes a difference in your life ... direct your anger towards a



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goal ... use anger in a positive way to get results ... from anger comes determination ... comes triumph."

Insight #3

It starts with a Dream. "Visualize your Dream and make a commitment. Having a Dream is what makes life exciting. Never underestimate the power of a Dream. It will change your life. A Dream gives you the ability to determine your future."

Insight #4

Eliminate the confusion. "Find mentors who encourage you. The right information will eliminate confusion. Visualize exactly what you want to be ... and focus on that ... believe in yourself and don't let anything stop you. Reinforce your Dream every day with positive information from tapes, books, and mentors. Each day you will get closer to your Dream. Eliminate the confusion and fears, and make it happen."

Insight #5

The greater the struggle, the greater the victory. "Most people allow struggles and fear of failure to stop them. The key is to learn from your struggles and move on. Failures will make you stronger and give you the information you need to reach your Dream. Struggle will prepare you for success. Without struggle there is no success."

Insight #6

Follow your passion instead of the dollar. "There's nothing wrong with making money ... but, it's important to focus on your passion instead of the dollar. For me, decisions based on my passion brought me closer to my Dream, while decisions based only on money took me further away. If you focus on what really fulfills you, you will have success. The dollar alone does not bring happiness."

Insight #7

Excuses will kill your Dream. "What we're really talking about here is commitment. Until you make a commitment to your Dream, it's not really a Dream ... it's just another fantasy full of excuses. Fantasies don't come true because they're not real, we're not committed to them. When we make commitments, we eliminate excuses and they become Dreams ... and Dreams are definitely real."

Insight #8

Prepare for your Dream. "Preparation is what comes from struggle. Knowledge comes from preparation. These are the elements that pave the road to your Dream. If we do not prepare we will not succeed. Set your goals and pursue your Dreams with all your heart. If you miss a goal, don't quit, reset it! You just need to learn more ... step by step you will win!"

Insight #9

Focus on your Dream and Never Quit. It is always too soon to quit. If you quit, you can't succeed. By achieving your Dream you will be an inspiration to others. You will

set the example and make an enormous impact on the world. Make it happen!"

Insight #10

Always have a Dream. "Dreams give us energy to go to new levels. Dreams change lives ... the power of life is in your Dreams!"

Rudy Ruettiger, from the TRISTAR hit movie RUDY, is an author and inspirational speaker and now resides in Las Vegas. Learn more about Rudy by visiting his [website](#).



GEORGIA PILOT FOUNDATION PILOT INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FUNDRAISERS

Pilots, we hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Now we must get back to work and continue with our Seasons of Service, Be Inspired. By now all the club presidents and individuals should have received their packets of 60 tickets for the GPF/PIF fundraiser for this year. Both foundations need donations. You have plenty of time for mini fundraisers each month at your meetings to raise the extra money for these tickets. If you have not received your tickets, please let Robin Perry know and she will mail the tickets.



Here's the bottom line. If each Pilot will buy \$20.00 worth of tickets, we will do very well. Last year we split \$9,700 between the two foundations, but we can do much better. I was looking back at my records of previous years and at District Convention 2004, we raised \$11,266 with a drawing for just GPF. We gave away two \$1,000 Visa cards. Surely we can raise that much for a combined GPF/PIF fundraiser.

\$3,000 in prizes will be awarded from the fundraising proceeds. We will be drawing for nine baskets or bags to help you celebrate the "Seasons of Service". There will be 8 seasonal bags with \$250 in cash and one bag to celebrate all the seasons with \$1,000 in cash.

We are asking all clubs to please use the \$50 previously used for purchasing gift cards to instead purchase additional tickets for the fundraiser in your clubs' name. This could be a great opportunity for your club to win cash to use for one of your community projects.

The tickets will sell for \$10.00 each or 4 for \$20.00 which is a half price savings. The drawing will be held at Georgia District Convention on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at the Atlanta Gwinnett Marriott in Duluth.



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Also, don't forget your club donation of \$100 or more for GPF. I hope you added it to your budget for this year. All donations to GPF and for this drawing are to be sent to Robin Perry this year. She will also be handling any requests for this drawing. Her information is below.

Again, thanks for your continued support of our fundraisers and the Georgia Pilot Foundation.

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

PAST GEORGIA DISTRICT GOVERNORS

Nancy Henrick – January 8th
Gwen Yarbrough – January 10th
Sherry McDuffie – January 29th

DATES TO REMEMBER

Newsletter Award submissions mailed to your Region Lt. Gov. by January 6, 2012
Anchor Advisor of the Year deadline – January 15, 2012
Pacesetter Contributions due – February 1, 2012
Nominations for District Officers due February 10, 2012
Freedom's Foundation February 23-26, 2012
Anchor Convention, Legacy Lodge, Lake Lanier Islands - March 2-4, 2012
District Convention, Gwinnett Place Marriott, Duluth, GA - April 13-15, 2012
PI International Conv., Bally's Hotel, Las Vegas, NV – July 18-21, 2012

In Loving Remembrance...The Georgia District extends our deepest sympathies to those who have lost loved ones.



Pilot	Pilot Club
Gwen K. Hall	Washington Co.
Sara Haygood	Emeritus Member – Madison Co.

Pilot	Pilot Club	Relationship
Kathy Ward	Eastman	Mother-in-law
Brenda Hollingsworth	Washington Co.	Father
Ann Boriskie	Peachtree	Mother

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

The Georgia District would like to welcome all the newest members to our organization! WELCOME!!

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Karen Thompson	Moultrie	Connie Grandy
Diane Weldy	Brunswick	
Tawana Ann Beavers	Statesboro	Reinstated
Louise Young	Washington Co.	Whitney Josey
William Fleeman	Madison Co.	Joyce Fleeman
Becky Parker	Oconee Co.	Ann Giles



The Pilot Club of Americus held a 70th Anniversary Celebration on December 17, 2011 at Magnolia Manor. Surrounding Pilot Club members, community members, and residents from Magnolia Manor enjoyed a very delightful afternoon with delicious food. Congratulations to the Pilot Club of Americus, 70 years strong!!



Sue Askerzada, President of the PC of Americus and Gail Sharber, Governor Elect



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GPF / PIF



“Seasons of Inspired Giving”

The Georgia District will be holding a joint fundraiser for the Georgia Pilot Foundation and Pilot International Foundation. Over \$9,700 was raised with last year's Angel Baskets with \$4,852 going to GPF and \$4,852 to PIF.



The funds donated by the Georgia District to the Pilot International Foundation allow all our local clubs to help with needs in our communities through PIF Grants and Scholarships as well as helping to insure that the Georgia District is a \$250 District with Pilot International.

The Georgia Pilot Foundation uses the proceeds to help fund scholarships to deserving Anchors. Along with the \$100 donations made by clubs and individual Pilots, we were able to award \$9,000 in scholarships last year. With the current increase in the cost of tuition for our college students, our district scholarships are needed more than ever by our future leaders.

To encourage greater participation by the Clubs we have made changes to this year's fundraiser. We **are not** asking clubs to donate cards or cash for the prizes. \$3,000 in prizes will be awarded from the fundraising proceeds. We will be drawing for nine baskets or bags to help you celebrate the “Seasons of Service”. There will be 8 seasonal bags with \$250 in cash and one bag to celebrate all the seasons with \$1,000 in cash.

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Georgia Pilot Foundation, Inc.



CONTRIBUTION FORM

The Georgia Pilot Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit, charitable foundation, which currently provides post secondary education scholarships to Georgia District Anchor Club members, as well as to benefit people with disabilities and brain related disorders.

Please send your gift, along with this completed form to: **ROBIN PERRY**
GPF CO-REPRESENTATIVE
PO BOX 1427
DUBLIN, GA 31040

Enclosed is a gift of \$ _____ as a:

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- Honorarium Gift in Honor of _____
- Special Gift _____
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Articles may be edited to fit space.

Club Presidents: Please pass on a copy of the Governor's Bulletin to EACH member of your club. If lack of money for photocopying is a problem, bring a few copies of the Governor's Bulletin to your meeting and pass them around for everyone to read. Have each member initial it when he/she has read it.



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