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Hello, Pilots!

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The Vision of Pilot is to achieve universal awareness and prevention of Brainrelated Disorders and Disabilities. Hard to believe we are into May. Where has the time gone?? For those of you who came to District Convention, thank you. I hope you had a good time. We tried very hard to keep events moving along, allowing time for all to shop at the MarketPlace, buy GPF/PIF raffle tickets and pick up some good buys at the Pilot International booth. I hope you remembered to pick up your Club manuals. If not, please call Ruby at PI and she'll have them shipped to you.



We had a nice array of club winners during lunch (list of winners in another area of the GB) and I really enjoyed presenting the awards. Highlighting our winning Anchors was a big thrill. They are some of the most outstanding young people here in Georgia and we all should be very proud of them. Remember all of those outstanding folks and dig deep next year to buy more GPF raffle tickets to help the next group of very deserving Anchors. Also several clubs did not send in the \$100 that all clubs have been asked to give to GPF each year in addition to the raffle. Please check your budgets to see if the check was just not mailed. Send to Robin Perry and make sure it is noted that the money is for the club's donation to GPF.

Our workshops were well attended and I hope you were able to pick up some new ideas to help continue the great work that all clubs do.

Now onto Region workshops and training of officers and other Pilots. Half will occur on April 28, and the other half on May 5. There is always lots of information shared and I hope you have planned to attend.

Don't forget Pilot International convention in Las Vegas! July 18-21, 2012. We will be staying at Bally's Hotel and go to the PI website: pilotinternational.org and click on the Convention tab, there is a wealth of information, registration form for the convention and hotel reservation. Make sure your delegate gets this information before JUNE 1, after that date registering for PI will cost you an extra \$100! Please also consider being a part of the PIF fund raiser: "What happens in Vegas ...Goes Home from Vegas!" Tickets start at \$20 for 1 entry, \$50 will get you 4 entries and \$100 will get you 10 entries to win money! 2 -\$250 prizes, 1-\$500 prize, 4-\$750 prizes and 1-\$1000 prize! The big winner gets \$5,000!! And we all know it only takes one ticket to win!! So I hope many of you will be playing and helping our district contribute more money than Texas and Japan, who both have already contributed \$3500.00 each.

Don't forget that the new officer form needs to be mailed to PI by May 1 and copies to incoming Gov. Gail Sharber. This form is in the current club president's manual and it is also on PI's website to download.

Our few cool days may be over as we head back into the 80s and 90s. Hope we get some rain along the way. Have a great May, enjoy your next few months as the year winds down, and I hope to visit with clubs all over the state. Give me a call or email to see if I could make some dates.

Yours in Pilot,
Nancy Miller, Georgia District Governor

Please remember to visit the Georgia District website at <a href="https://www.pilotgeorgia.org">www.pilotgeorgia.org</a>.



#### **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

So many of you asked about the poem that was read at the District Convention's Memorial Service and here it is:

### The Parable of Immortality Henry Van Dyke

"I am standing on the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean.

She is an object of beauty and strength, and I stand and watch until at last she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where

the sea and sky come down to mingle with each other. Then someone at my side says,

"There she goes!"

"Gone where?" Gone from my sight - that is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and span as she was when she left

my sight and just as able to bear her load of living freight to the place of destination. Her diminished size is in me,

not in her. And just at the moment when someone at my side says, "There she goes!" there are other eyes - watching

her coming and other voices ready to take up the glad shout, "Here she comes! Here she comes - on the other shore."

"Our loved ones are still, and always will be, a part of us. They are threads in our fabric and we cannot lose their love." from Darcie D. Sims (Touchstones)

Blessings always, JoAnn

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 <a href="mailto:jrakers@bellsouth.net">jrakers@bellsouth.net</a>.

Blessings always, JoAnn Akers



### GREETINGS FROM THE GEORGIA DISTRICT ECR

Happy springtime! Kudos to the hardworking DAC's, appointees, and membership for a successfully planned top-notch District Conventions! Please

follow-up with all your clubs that could not attend convention, and provide them with a recap of events and training materials via email.

Now, we are gearing up for the annual PI Convention in Las Vegas. My hope is that we will have representation from every Pilot Club in July, so please do all you can to send delegates. There is <u>so</u> much to do and see in Las Vegas, and we want to assure you that our convention business will be conducted with maximum efficiency to allow plenty of free time for everyone. This year, we will hold a Presidential Luncheon, instead of a Presidential Banquet. At the luncheon, President Beverly requests that everyone there wear something red – even if it's only a red accessory (scarf, lapel pin, tie, pocket hanky, red shoes, etc.). Some of you may want to go *all-out* with totally red attire... this is great, too. Wearing red will represent unity among us, and infuse the event with a sense of fun and enhanced energy.

By this time, you have seen the many over-the-top activities planned for PI Convention: pre-convention tours that take you out of the city and into canyon county and more; stellar guest speakers and informative workshops; 2012 PIF Fund Raiser drawings (for \$\$ cash prizes that you can take "Home from Vegas"!); an *Oh! La La* Parisian Stroll on Saturday morning; another intriguing PI Silent Auction...back by popular demand; celebrity-studded stage and variety shows where you can attend in groups hosted by members of the EC; Club & District vendors in the Exhibit Hall... and much, much more. Don't forget that you can find details online on our website and on Pilot's social sites. I will be going to the Donny & Marie show on Thursday evening.

We still have **Convention Program Book** ad space available for your club, district, or favorite business to purchase. This is a great time to salute your newly installed DAC or District and help under-write the cost of our programs.

In Pilot Friendship, Sherry Johnson, ECR Georgia District







#### **FUNDRAISING INVITATION**

Norma McKellar

District Convention 2012 was great! New Pilot friends were made, past Pilot friendships were rekindled. New information and ideas were shared. And,

boy, did we have a good time in the fundraising workshop titled "Operation Success"! We even played a game and raised a little bit of money that we donated to GPF.

Here's the fun game we played (it's an easy game with very little preparation) called "LAST PILOT STANDING": Decide on five easy songs for participants to sing. (When we did this at our club's Christmas party, we sang Christmas songs.) We sang "You are my Sunshine", "This Little Light of Mine", "Here comes Peter Cottontail", "Zip-adee-doo-dah", and "Take me out to the Ballgame". Prior to the meeting, print the words to each song on separate cards or slips of paper. I guesstimated that approximately 60 Pilots might attend the workshop, so I printed 15 cards for four of the songs. Only one card had "This Little Light of Mine" on it. (That was the winning card.) Mix up the cards/slips of paper, sticking the one winning card somewhere in-between. Participants then pay \$1.00 to get a card. Everyone stands and sings the songs in any order, as long as you sing your winning song last. After a song is sung, if that song is on "your" card, "you" sit down. This continues after each song is sung until only one Pilot is standing with the winning song on their card/slip of paper. In our case that song was "This Little Light of Mine". There you have "THE LAST PILOT STANDING"! They can win a special prize or part of the money collected.

There are only a couple more months left in our Pilot year. You may or may not be finished with your fundraising. Whatever the case may be just remember this: "It's good to have money and the things that money can buy, but it's good, too, to check up once in a while and make sure that you haven't lost the things that money can't buy." George Lorimer



### FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIR

Cindy Tatum, Membership Co-Chair

What a wonderful Georgia District Convention we all enjoyed! It is always great to spend time with our Pilot friends,

and we always come home energized and ready to plan our next Pilot year.

I would like to thank all of you who attended the Membership Workshop at DC. We had a room full of energetic Pilots who participated in our role play of a Share Pilot event. I hope that you took home some new ideas. Let me know when you are planning an event for your club. I would love to come if I can. The time we spend together at workshops always gives us time to

share with each other, and the ideas we get from other clubs are frequently just what we need to hear.

As you prepare your plans of work for the 2012-2013 Pilot year, please include a goal for a net gain in membership. All clubs need new members with new ideas and the enthusiasm they bring to the club. I would love to see the membership plans of work for all of our Georgia District clubs. If you are willing to share your plan, please e-mail it to me (when you complete it) at <a href="mailto:tatumcindy@ymail.com">tatumcindy@ymail.com</a>. I am sure I can gain new insights from you, and I will share them with everyone in the months ahead.

Please continue to keep me posted about your new members. As the title of the DC workshop stated, "Your Cup Runneth Over." The idea is for your teacups to run over with new members next year.

Thank you, Pat Jarvis, for serving as membership co-chair this year. You have been fantastic, and you have helped many clubs with your insights and your attention.

To Norma McKellar from the Pilot Club of Moultrie, I say welcome aboard. Norma and I will be working together next year. You will be hearing more from us soon.



#### **PROJECTS**

Angela Gillis, Projects Coordinator

Teaming up with the 2012-2013 Projects Coordinator Glynice Hayes in presenting the Projects Workshop at the District Meeting was a delight! We had 48 Pilots

attend our workshop and they ALL brought their CUP of ideas to share.

Do you have a <u>Brain Inquiry Support Group</u> in your local area? If not, why not consider helping to start one?

At the projects workshop we discussed how you could start one.

Support groups are integral parts of the Brian Injury Association of Georgia's (BIAG) efforts to assist survivors of brain injury (ABI/TBI) their families and friends. A support group's most important function is to provide a safe environment for its members, in which there is a sharing of mutual emotional support. The support group is based on the belief that acceptance by and connections with others is critical in the healing process from trauma. Members can be survivors, family members, friends and professional providers.

If you are interested in starting a Support Group in your area and become affiliated with BIAG, please contact us! We will provide you instructions on "How to Start a Support Group" and help you get one started! We also offer Support Group Leadership training each year for our group leaders and their facilitators.



### The benefits of a brain injury support group are numerous and can include the following:

- Emotional healing comes through interpersonal contact
- Sharing of similar experiences helps members feel less isolated and more empowered to deal with daily challenges
- Encouragement develops from learning about the achievements of others that have overcome similar difficulties
- Contribution helps support group members feel useful and gives meaning to their lives
- Education results from the exchange of information and personal experiences
- Socialization establishes and maintains important connections with people and enhances confidence in social skills
- Self-expression, as emotions are experienced and released, creates a greater understanding of oneself and one's capabilities
- Confidence building results as members selfdirect the support group and work on the problems they all have in common
- Safety, in the context of a confidential, supportive, non-judgmental environment, allows for honest self-expression and confidence building
- A Sense of Growth occurs as long-term members see new participants and reminisce about where they began and how far they have come in their personal journey

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1441 Clifton Road

Atlanta, GA 30322 404-712-5504 Fax: 404-712-0463

Email: info@braininjurygeorgia.org





### FIVE WAYS TO HOLD THE RIGHT KIND OF ATTENTION

Esther Foster, Leadership Coordinator

No matter how talented or accomplished you are, you cannot always count on

attracting and retaining the attention of others. Too many options compete for everyone's attention, and they multiply with each passing day. It will be more and more challenging to rise above the noise and hold onto the attention of those who matter to you.

Attention provides leverage. The more people we can attract and motivate to join us on a challenging quest or initiative, the more impact we are likely to achieve. So, what are effective ways to attract and retain the kind of attention that helps us to address the challenges we face? Here are five steps that build on each other.

- 1. Embrace mystery Help people to understand why these are such significant problems and why so many people have stumbled in trying to solve these problems. It probably will not attract the people looking for easy answers, but it can attract those who are naturally curious and looking for stimulating challenges.
- 2. <u>Focus inquiry</u> Don't try to suggest answers. Frame interesting questions instead. Help people gain a foothold by posing questions that intrigue and motivate them to start investigating the mysteries that lie ahead.
- 3. Excite the imagination Provide some "what if?" scenarios to illustrate the possibilities that await those who manage to come up with creative answers. Paint the pictures but make it clear these are only pictures. Stimulate people to pursue the questions with a lot of energy and creativity.
- 4. <u>Limit availability</u> Many people will seek you out if you are successful in exciting the imagination. If you try to connect with everyone, the conversations can spread you way too thin. Be more selective in your availability you will often provide even greater incentive to tackle the problems, rather than simply engaging in conversations.
- 5. <u>Be authentic</u> If you are not genuinely engaged in addressing these problems yourself, you will not be able to sustain the attention and effort of others to come up with creative solutions. On the other hand, if you are on a quest yourself, you could have a contagious effect in helping others to learn from each other.

This kind of attention is priceless and powerful. We will all need to find ways to generate it and harness it. This is not just an opportunity, but increasingly an imperative. We all get better faster by working with others. To do this, we first need to attract the attention of others. If we fail to attract that attention, we will not get better faster in an



increasingly competitive society, and we could be marginalized. That is why attention is becoming more valuable at the same time that it is becoming scarcer.

Paraphrased article by: John Hagel III and John Seely Brown – Harvest Business Review



## GEORGIA PILOT FOUNDATION PILOT INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FUNDRAISERS

Pilots, we had a wonderful GA District Convention at the Gwinnett Place Marriott April 13-15 as we continued Seasons of

Service, Be Inspired with Governor Nancy Miller presiding. The weekend was filled with a great welcome party, business, workshops, awards luncheon, and installation of Governor Elect Gail Sharber.

The Awards Luncheon was the focal point for GPF and PIF, because that's where all our action happened. First of all, the GA Pilot Foundation was proud to award six \$1,500 scholarships. In attendance were Eli Black of Rabun County HS, Autumn Howard of West Laurens HS, Katelyn Reeves of Madison County HS, Bradford Jernigan of Monroe Area HS, and Blair Milo of Gatewood HS. Katie McCauley of Elbert County HS was unable to attend. We were so glad to have them and their family members join us.

As you all know, it's your donations and our annual fundraiser that allows us to do this. So next we had to have the drawing for the GPF/PIF fundraiser for cash. Anchor Eli Black drew the names and the rest of the Anchors delivered the gift bags to the winners. We had eight \$250 winners: Pilot Club of Atlanta, Helen Winstead of Chatham County PC, Elaine Bush and Lupe Shellhouse of Cuthbert PC, Dee Glover of Dublin PC, Faye Worthen of Greene County PC, Mary Dixon of Johnson County PC, and Carolyn Holmes of Warner Robins PC. The \$1,000 winner was Lesley Congdon of the Pilot Club of Gainesville.

The GA Pilot Foundation and the Pilot International Foundation were each able to receive \$4,987.50. We all did a good job.

That brings GPF to a total of \$9,182.50 for the year so far. Our goal was \$10,000 and we can still reach it as many clubs have not yet made a club donation.

So far, we have received \$100 or more from Adel, Atlanta, Bainbridge, Battlefield, Brunswick, Classic City, Conyers, Dublin, Elberton, Gainesville, Heard County, Jones County, Milledgeville, Moultrie, Newnan, Oconee County, Statesboro, and Toccoa. I hope this is in your budget and you will send it to Robin by June 1, so it will count for the 2011-12 year. Please remember that Robin is handling all donations to GPF. Her information is below.

I will do my final article next month to update you with what we have received for GPF. This is my ninth and last year of serving as your GPF Representative. It has been a pleasure. Robin will take over with the help of Mary Turner of Elbert County.

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

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### PILOT INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Jo Farish, PIF Representative

What a fantastic District Convention we had! Everything about it was wonderful! The best part was the PIF Raffle. Robin and Sherry had so many tickets, they had to pour all of them from the box they started with into something much larger. AND - DRUM ROLL - we surpassed our PIF 2012 goal of \$15,250 thanks to receiving half of the raffle money! We were at \$15,400.50 when I left the convention. There were five of us who donated \$250 personally - Pat Jarvis, Nancy Miller, Louise Shimer, Imogene Yongue and yours truly. If more of our members did this every year, we could help more of these deserving young people!!! I am told more money came in and that is a good thing. Many of you make donations in honor and/or in memory of Pilots and may be close to the \$250 mark each year. Check with Ruby and maybe you can be recognized at District Convention next year and also you will have the satisfaction of helping a needy student.

Georgia Pilot Foundation (GPF) granted six \$1,500 scholarships to Georgia students. Their only fundraiser is the raffle, of which they receive half of the money, and the \$100 donation from each club. PLEASE check to see if your club has donated this year before July 1!! Thirty clubs have NOT! If every club donated and some individuals would give, like the PIF \$250 donation, more deserving students could be accommodated. GPF



scholarships go only to Georgia high school students. PIF scholarships go to college students throughout all of Pilot International. So, remember Charity begins at home!!

Sherry McDuffie announced her plans to retire from her GPF duties next year. She will be sorely missed, but has done an outstanding job for the last nine years. Robin's Co-Rep will be Mary Turner and she will do a great job, also.

When making your 2012-2013 Budget Plans, please make sure your clubs include the \$250 Grants and Scholarship money for PIF. Also, the \$100 for the Georgia Pilot Foundation (GPF). If you have not sent that to Robin yet for this year, please do so at your earliest convenience. We sincerely thank all those who have donated. That is a good thing.

Thanks for allowing me to serve as your representative this year. Your PIF Rep for next year is Pat Garner, Pilot Club of Sweetwater and her Co-Rep is Emily Jorgensen, Pilot Club of Atlanta. Pat is already coming up with some great, new ideas and I know I am leaving you in very capable hands. That, too, is a good thing

### GEORGIA DISTRICT CONVENTION AWARDS JURY REPORT

Kate Caswell, Awards Jury Chair

What a wonderful year our Pilot Clubs have had! I could tell by your outstanding Awards submissions, that we are all going a long way to help promote the name of Pilot International in our communities and beyond. Thanks to all the clubs who submitted entries for our District awards this year. I hope next year more clubs will join in the fun!

#### Governor's Cup

- 1. Madison County
- 2. Statesboro
- 3. Dublin

#### **Elizabeth Greene Safety Award**

- 1. Dublin-LifeLine Program
- 2. Cuthbert-Family Health Fair
- 3. Madison County-Child Safety Day

#### Vivian Hartman Memorial Award

- 1. Battlefield-Total contribution \$1732.08 (\$133.23 per member)
- 2. Warner Robins-Total contribution \$2237 (\$82.85 per member)
- Elberton-Total contribution \$3375 (\$73.86 per member)

#### **Ann Adams Attendance Award**

- 1. Madison County-97.67%
- 2. Oconee County-97.50%
- 3. Hartwell-96.42%

#### **Edwina Gill Growth Award**

- 1. Hartwell
- 2. Dublin
- 3. (tie) Gainesville & Elberton

#### Nancy Henrick Friendship and Service Award

- 1. Gainesville-278.59 hours per member
- 2. Macon-69.72 hours per member
- 3. Monroe-67.76 hours per member

#### **Newsletter District Winners**

- 1. Moultrie
- 2. Eastman
- 3. Madison County

Congratulations to all of the winners and to everyone who submitted this year. Remember...you can't win if you don't enter!

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



Pilot	Pilot Club		
Rachel Gornto	Dublin – Emeritus		
Branch	Member		
Norma Chase	Atlanta – Emeritus		
	Member		
Many Voung	Griffin – Emeritus		
Mary Young	Member		
Helen Knowlton	Lavonia – Emeritus		
Helen Knowiton	Member		

Pilot	Pilot Club	Relationship
Joyce Daniels	Madison Co.	Husband
Linda Freeman	Madison Co.	Mother
Jackie Duncan	Madison Co.	Husband
Louise McElroy	Madison Co.	Husband
Jean Ginn	Madison Co.	Husband
Sandra Martin	Madison Co.	Sister
Judy Rogers	Griffin	Brother
Jennifer Overby	PI Headquarters	Mother

#### **WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS**

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

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Shondia Evans	Greene Co.	
Sonya McCurry	Greene Co.	
Cheryl Dillard	Clayton	Dona Andrews





#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Region Workshops (NE, WC, SE) – May 5, 2012 PI International Conv., Bally's Hotel, Las Vegas, NV – July 18-21, 2012

#### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Past Governors JoAnn Akers, May 3 Edwina Gill, May 15 Pat Kesler, May 15 Jo Farish May 30





### 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

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