



# Governor's Bulletin Georgia District



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*"Seasons of Service - Be Inspired"*

Hello, Pilots!



**2011—2012  
GEORGIA DISTRICT  
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Here it is June already, I hope by now you have elected your new officers, submitted the new officers form to PI, Governor-elect Gail Sharber and incoming Governor-elect Patricia Whatley. Then there will be installation of your new officers, Plans of Work will be due by August 15, and your submission for the Governor's Cup is also due August 15. I hope you had several incoming officers attend our region workshops in late April and early May. I trained in two regions, SW and WC, we had several in attendance and we had a great time together. Thanks to the clubs who hosted these events all over the state this year. You all did an outstanding job and I appreciate your efforts to make everyone feel welcome and the food was very good!

It will be my pleasure to also get to install new officers in a few clubs this year, it is a time of great pride for me to be able to be a part of this most important time in your members lives. Being with Pilot's for me is a good time! Thanks to all who have welcomed me into their club meetings and special events, you are the best.

Now I must start thanking my team for a job well done this past year. I am leaving you in good hands with Gail Sharber as your Governor. She has been the best right-hand any one could have. Always open to my issues and a confidant when needed. Good ideas and she follows through on commitments.

Now on to my Lt. Governor's, I hope you all realize that this job could not be accomplished without these valuable team members. They have been my eyes and ears all year. They bring unique qualities and understanding to the job and have been such good help to the clubs this year, they answer your questions and have traveled lots of miles to be with your clubs and to help you any way that they can. Thank you ladies, you all are the best in the business and if I haven't shared this with you before, we are looked upon by other Districts as the one to be patterned!! Sorry, the pride is spilling over again.

My Appointees too, have done another outstanding job keeping you all informed and up to date on the latest for the year. Thanks to all of you for again doing your very best and for saying yes when I called. A very big thank you goes to Tammy Purcell for always doing her best job in putting together and issuing the Governor's Bulletin, especially when I was running late (which was most of the time!) Tammy is stepping down this year so if you see her thank her for a job well done.

And lastly, to our ECR, Sherry Johnson, she was always available and helped us many times when issues arose. For those of you who were with us at District Convention, you got to meet her and I know she thoroughly enjoyed meeting so many of you. Thanks, Sherry for the memories. I hope our warm Georgia welcome was all you expected.

Lastly dear club members, keep up the great service you all have given to your part of the Georgia District. You are making a huge difference and don't forget that. As the new year begins, reaffirm with your club that you again will have another outstanding year. It has been my pleasure to serve as your Governor, thank you and many hugs.

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

Yours in Pilot,  
*Nancy Miller*, Georgia District Governor

Please remember to visit the Georgia District website at [www.pilotgeorgia.org](http://www.pilotgeorgia.org).



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

### Relationships

My heart warms with gratitude when I consider the relationships that enrich my life. I have family and friends who are my companions, and with whom I share a deep and lasting soul connection. We celebrate, cry and hug one another through joy and sorrow.

I am also thankful for my acquaintances--the store clerk who asks about my day, the veterinarian who cares for my pets, the neighbor who proudly shares pictures of her grandchildren--all are valued relationships.

Interacting with others offers a meaningful and rewarding avenue for spiritual growth. Our hearts open as we learn each others ways, work through challenges together, and recognize each others sacredness.

Posting in a Daily Word magazine

When I think about the "relationships" I automatically think of Pilot and this wonderful organization - without which I personally would never have had the awesome blessing of meeting all of you.

I consider each one of you a special friend and I treasure our "relationship" and the bond we have as Pilots.

May this next Pilot year be one filled with many blessings and joys for each of you.

Do let our in-coming chaplain, Era Hall, know of your wish to be included in her prayer board messages by sending an e-mail to her at [erahall@comcast.net](mailto:erahall@comcast.net).

Blessings always, *JoAnn Akers*



## GREETINGS FROM THE GEORGIA DISTRICT ECR

What a pleasure it was to be with you all for a wonderful District Convention. The fun, fellowship, and sharing of Pilot information, combined with the business of Pilot, made for a truly exciting and enjoyable weekend. Many thanks to the district officers, convention chairs and committees, and host clubs for making the events run smoothly. Thanks to all Pilots and Anchors who participated in the convention activities. Those of you who could not attend were truly missed, and we sincerely hope you will be at the next district convention! Congratulations and heartfelt thanks to every club for a great Pilot year of friendship and service in your community. You should be very proud of all you have accomplished and the many lives you have touched in your community. Thank you, too, for the positive impact

you have made around the world through your contributions to the goal for grants and scholarships. Congratulations to the 2012-2013 District and Club officers and best wishes for a truly successful year as we join together in "commitment to excellence." Remember to get your new club officer forms submitted to Pilot International Headquarters so we can celebrate with you on your new club leadership roles.

We hope to see many of you at the Pilot International Annual Convention and Leadership Conference July 18-22, 2012 at Bally's Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. Together we will make good business decisions for our organization, learn from inspiring speakers and workshop presenters, and network as only Pilots know how to do. Convention is where friendship and service shine! In closing, I share this quote from Francesco Guicciardini, "Since there is nothing so well worth having as friends, never lose a chance to make them."

In Pilot Friendship,  
*Sherry Johnson*, ECR Georgia District

## FROM THE EDITOR

Tammy Purcell



I would like to thank the Georgia District for all their support during the last few years that I have been the Editor of the bulletin. As Governor Nancy noted in her article, I will be stepping down as the Editor of *The Governor's Bulletin*. It seems surreal that this is the last bulletin and that this Pilot year is coming to an end. I will be passing the torch over to Kirsten Jorgenson and I'm sure she will do a wonderful job keeping us informed of all the news on the District and International level.

I have enjoyed publishing the bulletin for you each month and with the help of Governor Nancy keeping you informed of the news on the district and international levels.

I would also like to thank the past Governor's for allowing me to do your bulletins for you each month. You were all a pleasure to work with during your terms.

On a personal note, as most of you know the last three months has been very tough on me with the passing of my mom. I would like to thank you all for the cards, phone calls, emails, and prayers during this time. It really means a lot to be a part of such a wonderful and caring organization. I continue to struggle everyday with mom's passing, but I'm trying to stay strong and continue on just like mom would have wanted. Once again, thank you all for your love and support during this difficult time!

Pilotly,  
*Tammy Purcell*



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## **FUNDRAISING IDEAS**

Norma McKellar

I am so excited to share this month's fundraising idea. It can truly be fun and can give your members a chance to share their imaginations and decorating skills!

This engaging and entertaining idea comes from the Pilot Club of Haralson County. Members Carol Stokes and Melissa Spake shared their tips and directions. The event is called "DECORATOR'S TABLESCAPE LUNCHEON". To start with, plan a simple menu. In the past the Haralson club served turkey salad (as a sandwich or on a bed of lettuce or even in a tomato cup), "Broccoli Bouquet", "Frozen Christmas Salad" and tea. Members sign up to bring one of those food items plus a gallon of tea. Next find a location large enough to accommodate all the tables and your guests. Things will be much easier if the location can also supply all the tables and chairs. Then you must consider how many tables and guests you hope to have. Melissa and Carol say that at first their club had seven tables with four at each table. For their next luncheon they plan to double the number of tables and seat six at each.

Now this is where the real fun begins! Members and even local merchants choose to decorate a table. The tables are named (such as "Spode Christmas", "Gingerbread", "Autumn Delight", and "Black and White"). It's also suggested that the decorator place a small favor at each setting for the guests. Everyone who "enters" a table must sell the tickets for that table and serve the guests at that table. Of course all club members are on hand to help. Tickets sell for \$15.00.

The Haralson County Pilots held their luncheon on a Saturday in September and in addition to the ticket sales, Melissa and Carol shared that they also sell program ads, had door prizes and a few auction items. During the luncheon there was a speaker.

I want to thank Melissa and Carol for sharing this clever idea. I also want to say that I've enjoyed sharing my ideas with each of you this year. I want to share one final quote about fundraising:

"When we recognize that a better word for Fundraising is 'friend-raising', we open limitless doors to creativity in support of our causes."

- Sue Vineyard



## **FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIR**

Pat Jarvis, Membership Co-Chair

"I've observed over and over that people seem to get a much deeper sense of fulfillment out of something they've done as an act of service than out of the things they do for themselves." Actor Edward Norton

Did you ask, "What does that have to do with membership?!" Good question! When we think of service, we usually think of what projects will be the most helpful to citizens of our communities. And, that is correct. But so we stop to think WHO is providing those services? It is our MEMBERS!

This is an important reason for inviting friends, family, neighbors, and community leaders to join our efforts. Without members, we have no service. Who will provide for those needing a brighter day if we are no longer active?

As we complete 2011-2012 and begin 2012-2013, let's pledge to each share our Pilot Deals with those with whom we come in contact. Tell our friends, family, neighbors and community leaders what Pilot means to you and the community. Invite them to receive this greater sense of fulfillment out of their service through Pilot.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our clubs, GA District and PI this year as your Membership Co-Coordinator. My best wishes for a bright future and many new members for each of you.

## **PROJECTS**

Angela Gillis, Projects Coordinator



As we celebrated Memorial Day last month, we remember our Veterans and Armed Forces who have rendered their services to protect

our country.

Pilots have the opportunity to show our troops all year long how much we appreciate them.



Has your club taken on a project to show your appreciate to our troops?

Suggested Projects

### **Letter Writing & Care Package Campaign**

Clubs can throw a care package party or write letters of encouragement for a hard-hit unit or the Mortuary Affairs units that care for America's fallen heroes (Resource email [angels@soldiersangels.org](mailto:angels@soldiersangels.org)) A great idea is to get your Anchor clubs involved also.



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For one-time writing projects, simply gather the *unsealed* letters/cards and ship them all together to either address below (use a group return address; response is entirely up to the ultimate recipients).

Soldiers' Angels  
5068 US HWY 64 East  
Franklinville, NC 27248

Soldiers Angels  
1792 E. Washington Blvd  
Pasadena, CA 91104

Soldiers Angels  
4408 N PanAm Exprwy  
San Antonio, TX 78218

### **Hospital Visits**

Visit a local VA hospital, take trays favors, goodie bags or just take a smile and have a conversation!

### **Adopt a soldier**

Adopt a returning soldier & their family and help them get back into the main stream of our local communities.



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

Esther Foster, Leadership Coordinator

#### **ACHIEVING DIVERSITY**

Diversity is a word used a lot. But making it a part of how a leader thinks and works means another word, "inclusiveness." Members of a team are responsible for the whole group.

What happens when a club makes diversity work? All skills and life experiences are put to work to achieve success and the experience is richer for all involved.

What happens if diversity is not made to work as a strength? People feel they experience negative treatment and strong emotions build that can get in the way.

#### **What can I do?**

- When leading, make sure that everyone has challenging opportunities to contribute and learn from.
- Consider how your leadership behavior affects the club environment.
- Take time to show you care.
- Recognize individual and club achievements.
- Reach out and learn something from everyone.

#### **Food for thought**

- Does everyone understand and agree with what success looks like for your club?

- Do you actively sense how club members are doing and so something about it?
- Are you teaching one another skills so all can participate more fully?
- Do club members support one another during times of conflict?
- Does the club work to ensure everyone is performing at his or her best?
- Do you celebrate individual success as a group?
- Does everyone feel they are contributing something to and getting something from the club?

By simply including all club members, you can leverage the power of the diverse nature of people who make it up. *Make these powerful concepts work, and your club will grow!*

*Information taken from Leadership Workshop by Sheri Lynn Dunik*



### **GEORGIA PILOT FOUNDATION FUNDRAISERS**

Pilots, this is my final article for the Georgia Pilot Foundation as we end our Seasons of Service, Be Inspired with Governor Nancy Miller. We've all had a great year and I certainly hope Governor Nancy feels the same way as she completes her last month and hands over the reigns to Governor Elect Gail Sharber.

At this time, the Georgia Pilot Foundation would like to have a donation of \$247.50 to give us our goal of \$10,000. This will cover the \$9,000 for the six \$1,500 scholarships that we have given out and allow us to have a little extra left over. We awarded scholarships to Eli Black of Rabun County HS, Autumn Howard of West Laurens HS, Katelyn Reeves of Madison County HS, Bradford Jernigan of Monroe Area HS, Blair Milo of Gatewood HS, and Katie McCauley of Elbert County HS.

As you all know, it's your donations and our annual fundraiser that allows us to do this. The GA Pilot Foundation received \$4,987.50 from the fundraiser and the rest from club and Pilot donations. That brings our total to \$9,752.50 As I said, our goal was \$10,000 and we can still reach it as many clubs have not yet made a club donation.

We have received \$100 or more from Adel, Atlanta, Bainbridge, Battlefield, Brunswick, Carrollton, Classic City, Cochran, Conyers, Cuthbert, Dublin, Eastman, Elberton, Gainesville, Greene County, Heard County, Jones County, Madison County, Milledgeville, Moultrie, Newnan, Oconee County, Peachtree of Atlanta, Statesboro, Toccoa, and Past Governor Jo Farish of PC of Carrollton.



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That leaves 28 clubs that have not, so could you please see if you meant to make a donation and forgot. You still have time to get it to Robin Perry for the 2011-12 year. She is handling all GPF donations and her information is below.

This is my final plea as the GPF Representative. Robin is taking 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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### DATES TO REMEMBER

PI International Conv., Bally's Hotel, Las Vegas, NV –  
July 18-21, 2012  
Plans of Work due – August 15, 2012  
Governor's Cup – August 15, 2012

# Scrapbook Reminder

### Just a friendly reminder...

It is time to start sending in photographs to Joan McCannon for GOVERNOR Nancy Miller's scrapbook. Please do not delay!! Joan would like to be able to make a selection from photos not only from the end-of-year special events but also from all events throughout the year. The process is much easier if the photographs are not held and sent in all at one time.

Photographs and other items may be sent to:  
Joan McCannon  
2022 Merle Drive SE  
Conyers, Georgia 30013-1830

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



Pilot	Pilot Club
Rachel Gornto Branch	Dublin
Norma Chase	Atlanta
Blondine Sewell	Toccoa – Emeritus Member

Pilot	Pilot Club	Relationship
Mary Jean Moore	Washington Co.	Husband

\*\*Corrections from May – Rachel Gornto Branch and Norma Chase were not Emeritus members.

### WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

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

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Charles Whatley	Sweetwater	Patricia Whatley
Peggy Pumphrey	Winder	
Jan Reddish	Winder	
Karen Rose	Winder	
Jo Collins	Americus	
Trilby Swenson	Atlanta	Antoinette Early
Jean Harden	Battlefield	Reinstated
Ann Cargile	Covington	Mary Barnes
Cathy Allen	Covington	Mary Barnes
Diane Hampton	Covington	Martha Arnold



### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

DAC/DEC  
Nancy Miller – June 4<sup>th</sup>  
June Henson – June 8<sup>th</sup>

CONGRATULATIONS!

to the Pilot Club of Cuthbert on their 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!



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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:

Memorial Gift in Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Honorarium Gift in Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Special Gift \_\_\_\_\_

Other Gift \_\_\_\_\_

Please send an Acknowledgement to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

GIVEN BY: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Pilot Club \_\_\_\_\_



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*Come Join me for a Cup of Tea,  
Down by the Deep Blue Sea.*

# FALL COUNCIL

Saturday, September 29, 2012  
Sea Palms Golf & Tennis Resort  
5445 Frederica Road  
St. Simons Island, Georgia



*Registration 8:00 AM  
Time : 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM*

*Informative Workshops  
Sharing of Ideas  
Inspirational Speakers  
Market Place*

*Hosted by Southeast Region  
Georgia District, Pilot International*

## DONATION FORM

### What Happens in Vegas...Goes Home from Vegas!

Donor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation: \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 – 1 entry; \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 – 4 entries; \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 – 10 entries; \_\_\_\_\_ \$ Other

If not a Pilot member, referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name on credit card if different than donor name above: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_ CRV # \_\_\_\_\_  
(3 digit number on back of card)

**Donate:** [www.pilotinternational.org](http://www.pilotinternational.org) **Fax:** 478-477-6978; **Mail:** 102 Preston Court, Macon, GA 31210

*All donations are tax deductible!*

*Thank you for supporting Pilot International Foundation!*

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