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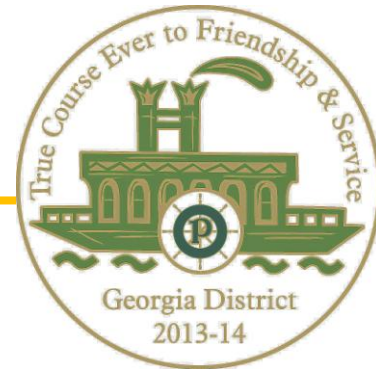
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"STEERING YOUR CLUB" PATRICIA WHATLEY GA DISTRICT GOVERNOR



We have three months of our Pilot year left. Spring is a time for "spring cleaning" and we should not forget to clean up our Pilot work as well. We should use this time to review our annual plans of work and finish our projects and fundraisers to prepare for the 2014-2015 plans. Do not let these three months be "lame duck" months. Work on membership also. Increasing members in the spring can help you to train workers for your upcoming projects.

Every club I have visited this year has told me that they could do so much more if they just had more hands. Reach out this spring as you participate in the outdoor activities and find a new friend to help you do the service that you love so much. Our communities need us and we should invite others to help us. Let's keep our riverboat on the true course.

In friendship and service,

Patricia



Governor Patricia Whatley, Ashley Perry, East Central Region Chair from West Laurens High School; Taylor Colon, SW Region Chair from Bainbridge High School, and Governor Elect Judy Jackson enjoy the Saturday Luncheon at Anchor Convention.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**PI President
Past Governor**

**Cindy Weaver
April 10**

Past Governor

**Dene' Dixon
April 23**

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Georgia District Website: www.pilotgeorgia.org



Pilot International Website: www.pilotinternational.org

The Mission of Pilot is to serve by furthering Pilot International’s humanitarian efforts through charitable, educational, and research programs in communities throughout the world.

DATES TO REMEMBER

GA District Convention

April 4-6, 2014
Macon Marriott City Center

PI Annual Convention & Leadership Conference

July 2-6, 2014
Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers

In the Spotlight

Pilots.....

We would like to spotlight your club in the Governor’s Bulletin. Please send us your news on special awards, projects, fund-raisers or other activities of your Club. Photos are also welcome.



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

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLUB NAME</u>
Dale Weaver	Cairo

55th Annual Putnam County Dairy Festival

Pilots:

On behalf of the Pilot Club of Eatonton, I would like to extend an invitation to you to participate in the 55th Annual Putnam County Dairy Festival on Saturday, June 7, 2014.

The Putnam County Dairy Festival is sponsored by the Pilot Club of Eatonton to honor our dairymen for the contributions they make to the county and to the dairy industry. The day begins at 9:00 AM with arts, crafts and food vendors around the Courthouse square and continues throughout the day.

We invite you to participate in the parade which begins at 10:00 AM. We ask that you report to the Uncle Remus Museum at 9:00 A.M. Please let us know if you wish to ride on the “Hag Wagon” float.

Following the parade, we also invite you to participate in the stage program at the Courthouse with introductions, speeches and entertainment which begins at 11:00 A.M. So that we may be able to provide ample stage seating please let us know if you will or will not participate in this event.

We will be honored if you will participate in both the parade and the stage program.

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GA District New Members.....

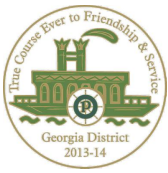
<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLUB NAME</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Susan Sweet	Cuthbert	Marcia Whatley
Amy Harrelson	Cochran	Julia Lucas
Lacey Robinson	Moultrie	Pennie Casteel
Jade Enrique	Newnan	Website directed to club
Valerie Goolsby	Macon	Darlene Williams & Louise Shimer
Heather Farley	Brunswick	Jean Choate
Carmel Eddy Francoise	Peachtree	Robin Williams
Monica Nix	Warner Robins	Reinstated to new club



<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLUB NAME</u>	<u>RELATIONSHIP</u>
Ann Lawson	Emanuel Co.	Mother
Susan Knighton	Hartwell	Son
Nancy Parker	Cochran	Husband
Barbara German	Battlefield	Husband

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"PRAYER'S CORNER"

HAPPY EASTER -- HE IS RISEN!!!

Those three words are like the other three very important words in our vocabulary -- I LOVE YOU!!!!

Our Pilot organization is dedicated to SERVICE and FRIENDSHIP. And I must tell you of how one of your members demonstrated those two way above and beyond - in addition to God's "I love you".

As many of you know, I lost my precious Co-Pilot, Bob, on December 28th and then as some of you may not be aware, on February 26th, I fell off the steps of my son's porch while going to his house for dinner -- right into some freshly cut bushes in front of his house. I have wounds to both legs and four (4) broken ribs (right side). I have many children to care for me (as they helped me care for their father through his many illnesses), but they have families and jobs and need to be at work.

While lying in the hospital, the Spirit moved me to ask a dear Pilot friend to bring her work and "homework" (she is a student also) and move into my house and she very graciously did. It was so nice to have someone to fix me a steaming cup of Peach Tea; breakfast, lunch & dinner; help me get out of bed in the morning and get into bed at night by lifting my feet by the heels and placing them on the bed; getting the newspaper; making sure I had my medicine and that my phone was charged; and most importantly, just knowing someone was here "caring" for me!

May God Bless and Comfort you,

Chaplain Jo

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A FRIENDSHIP SERENADE

Oh, how I love to sing simple verses from a friendship serenade,
Where sharing and caring accumulate and camaraderie never fades!
Where laughter and giggles are uplifting,
Refreshing both weary heart and sagging soul,
For words are meant to encourage and strengthen -
Adding warmth when life's bitter cold.
To visit and indulge in a whistling kettle of tea
While reminiscing of seasons long ago, like stomping in the snow,
Hiking on a wooded path, permitting the good times to flow.

A friendship serenade is a song from deep within,
A cheery note on a Winter-chilled day, when troubles, like bubbles,
surround us -- A friend listens to what our hearts have to say.
Healthy friendships bring out the best in us and, when asked,
donates a word of wisdom or two;
It comforts when the heart is broken and lonely,
Chasing away those pitiful blues.

Oh, how I long to whistle a friendship serenade
With someone who touches the heart with love!
Sing out a musical note and a sweet stanza of rhyme --
For God orchestrated this unique tune for us from above.

Salesian Mission booklet by Linda C Grazulis

The Heart of Jesus
is overflowing with
compassion for all
those who suffer;

those beset by
troubles, difficulties
and hardships;

His is the Heart
of a Father,
the Heart of a Mother,
the Heart of a Shepherd.



Pilot Club of Carrollton President Angie Hall (l) presents a Pick Me Up Basket to caregiver Louise Beavers at the club's February meeting where Louise was the club's dinner guest. Louise cared for a brain injured young woman for over 20 years and cautioned the group to remember that just because a patient is brain injured, she is not brain dead. She emphasized communicating with the person as you would another colleague or friend. The Pilot Club of Carrollton has recognized one or more caregivers each month at their meetings and will be recognizing a group of 25 caregivers at it's May meeting, providing an evening of dinner and entertainment.



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“ALL ABOARD GA DISTRICT”
PAT GARNER
MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

Truly, membership is just a word to describe the privilege of participating with likeminded individuals while helping others. It's the friendship that spirals off our caring for one another. Just think for a second, you are not friends with people you do not care about ... although you may care about many people. Today, we participated in a Senior Celebration at a local park. It was indoors, well attended, with many wonderful sponsors like Tanner Health and Walgreens. As people came to our Pilot table and display wanting to know more about what we did and who we were, we began to talk about our programs, our reaching out to our local communities, our BrainMinders and our puppet shows - it was so great to see their eyes light up at the thought of puppets and children.

We went on to share that one of the significant aspect of our Pilot organization is that we not only do for others, we share friendship with one another. We continued that so often, once a Pilot, always a Pilot - and gave examples of members who have been active Pilots for over fifty years. When we said that, you could see a light dawning - a deepening of the awareness of how Pilot can be significant not only to others, but to its members as well. We had a retired school teacher who was delighted with the idea of Pilot and is looking forward to attending a meeting. A young woman whose son has moved out and whose elderly father had passed, and who was looking to become involved in the community. She, too, is looking forward to attending a Pilot meeting. And the icing on the cake were the two young middle-school children who are needing service hours and became so enthusiastic with the idea of doing puppet shows! (I think they thought their service hours were going to be really grueling!!) When we think of membership, let's remember the great gift of Pilot of not only the service, but the friendship .. so many that will last a lifetime!

Pat



“NAVIGATING THE COURSE”
JUDY JACKSON
GA DISTRICT GOVERNOR-ELECT

It's almost here--Spring and the Georgia District Pilot Convention in Macon on April 4-6! We are all excited about being together as Georgia Pilots to fellowship and learn how to make our clubs stronger and more vibrant. Governor Patricia has excellent speakers and lots of fun in store for us! The Marketplace is always the best place to shop and the hotel's delicious food and amenities await us.

Also, Spring brings our Region Workshops for officer training. Our Region Workshops are on April 28 and May 3 from 9:00-1:00. For location and details for your Region, see the Registration Form which has been emailed to each club President by your Lt. Governor. There's a workshop for everyone; all Pilots and friends are invited to come spend the Saturday morning with other Pilots in your Region to learn, share, and enjoy a luncheon together. Make your reservations by the deadline on your Workshop Registration form. Pilots who are not incoming officers are welcome to attend any of the officer workshops or the one for Coordinators, Directors, and Pilots.

Enjoy your Spring and all that it brings to make our lives brighter and richer! I look forward to seeing each of you at Convention!

Judy



Each year the Pilot Club of Eastman holds a BrainMinders poster contest to teach the children at the local Middle School about brain safety. This is in observance of BrainMinders month in March and March Awareness Week, March 10-15. The children learn much about the brain and brain safety doing their posters. During this time each year they are also studying the brain at school in their science classes.

The winners and their guests were recognized at the March 18 meeting of the Pilot Cub of Eastman. Pictured with club president Moniece Moore are the winners and their guests.

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“TROLLING FOR TREASURE”
KATHY BERRY
FUND RAISING COORDINATOR



When it comes to fundraising, let’s turn our minds away from the “what” and “how” and begin a focus on raising an awareness of the event. As a club, we put so much focus on planning our club goals, our officers, our yearbooks and newsletters that we may overlook planning our publicity. Having a publicity plan will help establish your club and its events. In the age of media overload, just writing up an event release or ad is not enough. How can a club maximize its chances of success? The next few articles will zero in on getting publicity to drive public awareness of your fundraising activities.

First, to create your publicity plan:

- 1) Know your goals and objectives
 - 2) Arrange your critical facts and data
 - 3) Study existing news coverage to learn the style of each media type
 - 4) Create your news releases to fit the media chosen
 - 5) Follow up with your media sources
- So, got a plan?

Until the Next Tide,

Kathy kberry_@hotmail.com



“STEAM AHEAD WITH SERVICE”
JUDY VENDRICK
PROJECTS COORDINATOR



**“April showers may come your way”
but the showers don’t all have to be wet!**

How about your club planning a community diaper/depends shower? When you listen to moms talk, the expense of buying diapers puts a huge strain on the family. The same is true when caring for a dependent adult. It shouldn’t be difficult to find a local agency to work with you – a crisis center, a health department, a nursing home, or start your own “diaper bank”. Get creative – the opportunities are limitless.

This could be a once-a-year event or an ongoing project. Host a kick-off event to advertise your drive and your goals. Challenge local businesses or other non-profit organizations to a competition. This is something you could add on to next year – a shower for needy expectant Moms, maybe! Or host an online diaper/depends drive. Advertise - gain support for your efforts and involve lots of people.

This should help you “steam ahead” with service in April!

Judy -- judyingeorgia@comcast.net



“DON’T DROP THE ANCHOR”
MARY TURNER
ANCHOR COORDINATOR



What a great District Anchor Convention we had at the Legacy Lodge and Conference Center at Lake Lanier Island on February 28- March 2, 2014. The theme was “Anchors Under the Sea”. We had 86 Anchors, 14 Advisors, 13 Pilots and 6 Guests for a total of 121.

I would like to thank the Anchor Board for all their hard work in planning and working the convention. Watching the Anchors run the meeting was amazing. They were all prepared and ready for the job.

The new officers for the Georgia District Anchor Club were installed by Governor Patricia Whatley on Saturday night. They are as follows:

- President:** Mary Stuart Shannon, Roswell HS
- President Elect:** Sagarika Reddy, John Milledge Academy
- Convention Chair:** Harleigh Bass, John Milledge Academy
- Secretary:** Ellis Garland Rabun Co. HS
- Northwest Region Chair:** Morgan Jones, Roswell HS
- Northeast Region Chair:** Rose Scoggins, Franklin Co. HS
- East Central Region Chair:** Presley Perry, West Laurens HS
- West Central Region Chair:** Jasmine King, Jones Co. HS
- Southwest Region Chair:** Taylor Colon, Bainbridge HS

Awards were given out at the banquet on Saturday night.

Community Service Award: John Milledge Academy

Anchor Club of the Year: John Milledge Academy

Scrapbook: 1st Place- West Laurens High School
2nd Place Franklin County High School
3rd Place John Milledge Academy

In Pilot Friendship,

Mary

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“ALL HANDS ON DECK”
GAIL SHARBER
LEADERSHIP COORDINATOR



Leading with Generosity

Spring time is around the corner. Nature is starting to showcase all the beauty it beholds. It is time for Pilots to showcase their clubs. Where are you showcasing your club? Leading with generosity is like preparing a garden. The objective is growth and prosperity. It is about transforming tiny seeds, like ideas, into healthy, nutritious plants and radiant flowers. It is about giving energy and sharing enthusiasm in order to gain energy and enthusiasm within the club. It takes all club members for the club to flourish. How can you help your club help you? We must be generous with our time, our resources, and our attention to others. We must give of ourselves to our club and community. To obtain healthy growth, be it a garden, a team or an entire organization, we must appreciate and nurture life in our clubs and communities. We must give of ourselves to realize our vision and generate positive results. Challenges will come our way to discourage us. Weeds will attempt to overtake our beautiful garden or club. But a passionate leader will quickly recognize the need for attention, integrity and discipline and act decisively. We must always ask ourselves, “What do I have to offer?” and “How can I give more?” When we are generous with our heart, time, and passion, we grow more love, passion, and kindness in serving those around us and in our communities. I encourage you to help your club grow in number, but most importantly in passion for serving others.

Gail



“CHART OUR COURSE”
ROBIN PERRY
GPF REPRESENTATIVE



GEORGIA PILOT FOUNDATION

Have you bought your raffle tickets for the district “Riverboat Anchors” fundraiser? The drawing for the eight **“Riverboat Anchors”** will be held during the Awards Luncheon at District Convention on April 5th. There will be eight anchors with a total of \$2,000 in cash. Tickets are \$10 each or 4 for \$20. Each club is being asked to sell 40 tickets. If you have sold all 40 of your tickets, there is still time to get additional tickets – just call or e-mail me and I can drop them in the mail to you.

We received applications from 27 Pilot Clubs for the Georgia Pilot Foundation Scholarships this year. Each Pilot Club was eligible to submit either a GPF Anchor application or a Volunteer application. We will be awarding 8 scholarships at District Convention – 5 GPF Anchor Scholarships and 3 Lynda Goodwin Volunteer Scholarships.

In order to do this we need all Georgia District Clubs to participate in the district fund raiser. If every Pilot in the Georgia District purchased just \$20 in tickets, GPF could almost double the number of scholarships awarded.

We are hoping each club has also included a GPF donation in their club budget this year. If so, now is a good time to remind your club treasurer to mail in your club’s donation. The GPF donation form is available on the Georgia Pilot website – pilotgeorgia.org.

Robin



Pilot Club of Oconee Co. members presented Brainminders to over 500 Oconee Co. primary and elementary school students. All students not having a helmet were presented one by the Club. Pictured (l-r) Sandra Glass, Joy Elder, Gayle Christopher, Joan Mann, Judy Morrow, Jan Thomas and Darlene Adams.



Brain Awareness Week Proclamation - Commissioner Melvin Davis presenting the Brain Awareness Week Proclamation to Pilot Club of Oconee Co. members Joy Elder and Jan Thomas, president of the club, designating March 6-10, 2014, as Brain Awareness Week.

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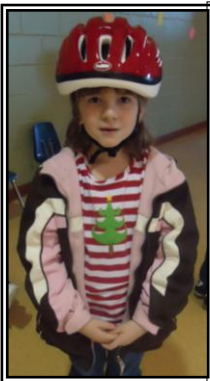


PILOT CLUB RECEIVES GRANT

The Pilot Club of Cochran was recently awarded a community grant from Pilot International. Because of this grant and the matching funds from the club the Pilots were able to purchase bicycle helmets for all the Bleckley County Pre-K children and also provide monetary support to Spring Buddy Ball. The Pilot Club presented Dannette Rogers, Buddy Ball Coordinator, with a \$400 check to help sponsor the special needs children’s baseball game on May 3rd. A bicycle safety program and BrainMinders puppet show will be presented to the children after their game as the Pilot Club of Cochran strives to *Do More, Care More, Be More*.

Cairo Pilot Club sponsors an annual Valentine Luncheon for the men and women of the Grady County Senior Citizens Center. It was held on February 8, 2014 with approximately 60 in attendance. The guests were entertained with piano music and singing during lunch. At this special occasion, the Cairo Pilot Club’s Valentine Sweetheart is always announced. The 2014 Valentine Sweetheart is La Donnia Humphries. La Donnia has been an active Pilot Club member since 2000 and is currently serving as the club’s secretary. In the past she has been President, President-Elect, and chairman of many committees. She is a very dedicated and supportive Pilot and is very deserving of this special award.

Attached picture is the Cairo Pilot Club members surrounding La Donnia Humphries in the front center.



The Pilot Club of Eastman wanted to share that our projects have an impact on many in our community.

Attached are photos of Brynlie Williams, a Kindergartner at South Dodge Elementary in Eastman, GA. Brynlie saved her money all year to purchase a bike for Christmas. She was very happy to receive her new helmet from the local Pilot Club to use with her new bike. Her mother, Brenda Williams, shared this photo with our club.

Each year in December the Pilot Club of Eastman furnishes bike helmets to all Kindergartners at both elementary schools. Before presenting the students with bike helmets Pilots also hold a bike safety training session for them. Local avid biker, Phil Bearden from the Ocmulgee Electric Company, comes to share in this training with the students. The annual bike training in December follows the BrainMinders presentations at both schools.



The Pilot Club of Oconee Co. presented a \$400 check to the Oconee County School District’s Special Education Program to support the implementation of the First Author writing software program in several of the district’s classrooms. Suzanne Korngold, Director of Special Education, shared that the software program guides students through the writing process to improve their writing skills. Pictures (l-r) Judy Marable, Suzanne Korngold, Jan Thomas and Mary Mattocks.

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