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"KEEPER OF THE KEYS"

JUDY JACKSON

GA DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Good news--if you haven't yet registered, there's still time. Convention registrations may be sent to Susan Harbin through April 3 with the late fee. **There's still time to book your room at the PILOT Group rate of \$89. The hotel has extended our reservation date to March 27.**

It's a great Spring treat to be with Georgia Pilots at this beautiful hotel, called the Castle on the Hill. We will have hors d'oeuvres at the Welcome Party and food will be served in the Governor's Suite following our Friday evening event. Also, the hotel restaurant is moderately priced and delicious.

District Convention is a major opportunity for Pilot training and gathering new ideas for your club plans of work. Come take advantage of this learning and sharing time to energize your club year. I'm excited about our registration and have heard that several new Pilots are attending. I'm excited about our workshops and the energy and creativity our appointees will bring. I'm excited about our outstanding speakers. Come join us!

Our morning workshops include: Membership, Leadership presented by our ECR Faith Stamps, Anchor, and Projects. The afternoon workshops include Fundraising, Presidents, and GPF/PIFF. Pilots may attend any of the workshops offered at the designated time slots. We ask that new club Presidents or Presidents-Elect and new district officers attend the morning Leadership workshop; it is also open to all. Presidents need to attend the afternoon workshop for Presidents, as well.

I hope you have a happy and blessed Easter and a beautiful and happy Spring. I look forward to seeing you at the Hilton Atlanta NE in Norcross on April 10.

Judy



Assistant Anchor Coordinator Sheryl Merrey, Jack Henson, PI Director of Youth Services, our new Anchor director at headquarters, Governor Judy Jackson and Anchor Coordinator Mary Turner at the Anchor Convention

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Our Mission: Pilot International transforms communities by developing youth, providing service and education, and uplifting families.



GA District New Members.....

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLUB NAME</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Jennifer Hunter	Macon	Bessie Brown
Millie Suttles	Oconee Co.	Mary Mattocks
Devon Eleanor Davis	Elberton	Pat Jarvis
James Clements	Elberton	Gary Jarvis
Carol Clements	Elberton	Pat Jarvis
Denise Ricks	Classic City	
Diana Payne	Classic City	Transfer from FL District
Cynthia Myers	Kettle Creek	Carol Jackson
Henri-Etta Rogers	Evans Co.	Edwina Hames
Danielle Coe	Evans Co.	Sloane Clark
LuEllen Kilday	Evans Co.	June Parks
Julie Mincey	Evans Co.	Annie Johnson
Angelia Ivey	Washington Co.	Ann Lastingter



Past Governors

Cindy Weaver
April 10

Dene' Dixon
April 23

District Secretary

Robin Williams
April 12



April 10 – 12, 2015

District Convention
Hilton Atlanta NE, Norcross

May 1, 2015

New Officers Forms Due

May 2, 2015

Region Workshops
NW, EC, SW

May 16, 2015

Region Workshops
NE, WC, SE

July 1, 2015

PI & District Dues

July 8-12, 2015

PI Convention
Disney Swan & Dolphin Resort
Orlando, FL



The *BrainMinder Buddies* program was presented to over 274 second-grade children in Washington County. Several Pilot members volunteered their time to perform a total of five puppet shows. An extra special thank you goes to the following Pilots: Lauren Avrett, Ann Lastinger, Loretta Cato, Dianna Armstrong, Kim Roberson, Susan Frazier, Louise Young, Deborah Smith, Nancy Josey, Cindy Boatright, and Georgeanne Cook. The program is chaired by Whitney Josey.

Random drawings were held to select two lucky children in each class to receive a bicycle helmet. A total of 13 helmets were given during this year's presentations. *BrainMinder Buddies* coloring books and pencils were given to students to reinforce the topics covered during the presentation.

The local Pilot Club presents its annual *BrainMinder Buddies* program to all second graders in Washington County each February

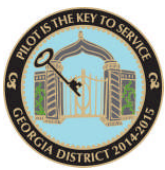


The Pilot Club of Bainbridge celebrated Catherine Catledge's 50 years of service.

Catherine (left) and Past Governor Gail Sharber

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"KEYS FOR KINDNESS"
JAYNE LACKEY
PROJECTS COORDINATOR



"UNLOCKING THE VAULT"
AMANDA MCCOY
FUND RAISING COORDINATOR



As we wait on April showers to bring May flowers, I hope everyone is packing for District Convention as I am. A great time of learning and sharing awaits us—so don't miss it. A big thanks to all the clubs who are participating in the Zambezi Schoolbook Project. So much can be accomplished by the coming together of clubs for a common goal.

Robin and I are excited about the Projects Workshop, so plan to attend and be refreshed with new project ideas and energized by new twists on former projects.

I hope the keys you have left for this year's projects are falling into place and that your club will come away from convention with great ideas for your plan of work.

It's hard to believe this Pilot year is almost over; it will soon be time for the planning of another exciting one to begin.

"The way is long – Let us go together. The way is difficult – Let us help each other. The way is joyful – Let us share it."
Joyce Hunter

Jayne - jlackey@uga.edu

Spring is here! So happy to see some warmer weather. Now that the cold is behind us, there is no reason not to be out holding some fundraisers. How about some tips to remember when preparing for a fundraiser. Try to start early. Remember, "The early bird gets the worm." It's never too early to start preparing for an upcoming fundraiser. The earlier you start, the more organized it will be. Also, this gives you more time to sell tickets or collect donations.

Start setting fundraising goals. You can do club goals or individual goals. Set up a prize for the person who sells the most tickets or raises the most money. Be sure to use all your contacts. If they can't help, there is a good possibility they know someone who can. Send out emails. Start with doing one email announcing your next fundraiser, one to ask for donations, and one to say there is still time available to contribute.

Be sure to use social media. I know there are a lot of you who utilize Facebook and Instagram. The most important thing to motivate me in a fundraiser is to stay focused. Remember all the projects your club does for the community and how you need those funds to continue those projects. Please do not forget to thank your contributors. Your club relies on them to keep your projects going.

Please remember, your club has touched lives throughout its existence through the many works that it does for the community. To those people, you are heroes. Please keep doing all the great works that you do.

Amanda - amanda.mccoy213@yahoo.com



GEORGIA PILOTS..

The Pilot Club of Eastman is selling tickets for a raffle/fundraiser for a beautiful Sapphire (2.85 carats) and Diamond (1/4 carat) ring. (Retail \$500.00) This is a beautiful ring and would make someone a great gift for Mother's Day. The ring is on display at Smith Jewelers in Eastman. The drawing will be held Wednesday, May 6, 1:00 p.m. at Smith Jewelers. Tickets are \$5.00 donation.

If you would like a ticket(s) sent to you please mail your check payable to PC of Eastman and send to **Nylan Hinson 801 Middle Ground CH RD, Eastman, GA 31023** and we will gladly send you your ticket(s). Please share this information with others on your local club e mail listing, Facebook page and other social media so we can spread the word. If you know someone that has (or has had) Alzheimer's, Autism, Parkinson's, Stroke, Brain injury, etc. please consider buying a ticket in their honor/memory. Tickets will also be on sale at District Convention.

Thanks so much for your support of this fundraiser for the Pilot Club of Eastman. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Gwen Yarbrough, PI Vice President; Governor Judy Jackson; and Cynthia Spearman (r), PC of Covington, are greeted by Joyce Reynolds (2nd from left), Pres. Elect of the Classic City Club of Athens at the club's 40th Anniversary Reception on March 22 in Athens. Pilots attended from five other Clubs to help celebrate the club's anniversary.

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"KEYS OPEN DOORS TO THE LIGHT"
STEPHANIE RICHMOND
DISTRICT CHAPLAIN



The Light of the World is Jesus and by following him we have the key that can open many doors/areas in our lives to bring success and peace in our lives.

Spring is really an amazing time of year. Coming out of a cold winter, I find myself more aware of the new growth occurring around me. The grass is starting to turn a fresh, green color. Trees have little buds about to bloom. Spring is always greatly appreciated after a cold winter. Springtime just makes you **feel** good!

Spring is a time of growth...a time of color...a time of renewal. The Pilot Club is really all about empowering women to **"bloom"** to their full potential through sisterhood, community involvement, and organizational development.

The last year was filled with many changes or seasons. A loss in membership and a lack of participation are some of the setbacks we have encountered. We have had to change our focus and concentrate on how we can improve our vision and get a better perspective on what our goals are for the Pilot Club.

But as one of my favorite whimsical artists, [Mary Engelbreit](#) says, "Bloom where you're planted." And that's just what we have to do.

God uses times of transition to prepare us for the seasons ahead. Our first instinct is to analyze and figure out this period of transition, but a simple verse applies. In Psalm 46:10 it says, "Be still and know that I am God."

I am blessed with the peace that only God can give us, and I can finally see the new growth of spring, as it has arrived. The new growth of spring is in all of us. Some of us need to have our soil fertilized...some need to get the weeds out of our garden...some need a little bit more rain. Or, maybe we just need a little more sunshine.

Enjoy these beautiful days of spring...drive with your windows down...take a walk right before sundown... or wear your favorite open-toed shoes. I invite you to join me on the journey of growth by becoming involved and committed to Pilot. Come and meet others in our organization who will help you to bloom! What do you get when you cross poison ivy? A rash of good luck! Hope to see you in Atlanta, April 10-12, at District Convention!

Stephanie



GPF Raffle Tickets

See your club President to purchase your raffle tickets for a chance to win one of the 8 \$250 prizes to be given at Convention. Monies benefit Anchor scholarships.

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



PILOT	CLUB NAME
Henrietta Mabry	Lavonia
Ina Carroll Albea	Elberton

PILOT	CLUB NAME	RELATIONSHIP
Sue Maret	Lavonia	Sister
Susan Harbin	Lavonia	Brother
Pam Rickman	Toccoa	Husband
Jan Reddish	Winder	Husband
Cheekia Cromer	Winder	Father-in-law
Marilyn Lee	Winder	Sister



"OPENING THE GATES"
SHELBY HOLLAND
MEMBERSHIP CO-COORDINATOR



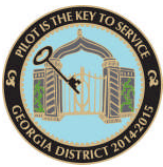
Spring Convention is a time to learn, get motivated and have a fun time with Pilots from around Georgia. Pilot meetings, projects, and fundraisers should be happy, pleasant events that members will not want to miss. Your current members are important. They have signed up and paid their dues. They are interested in helping provide support to people with brain-related disorders. It is up to you to keep them as members by interacting with each member, asking for their help with projects and fundraisers, asking them to serve on committees and valuing their suggestions. But, also remember that not all members can do all things. Showing respect and understanding will keep members from wanting to drop out. The Pilot Club of Chatham County has five new members under the age of 30. What does Pilot mean to them? What do they expect to gain from membership in a Pilot Club? What are their strengths and interests? These are questions we should ask all new members and we should listen carefully to their answers. We want them to renew their membership. Being a volunteer is a rewarding experience for people of any age and we must let everyone know that a Pilot Club is the best place to volunteer.

I hope to see lots of familiar faces and many new faces at Spring Convention. It will be a happy time for all who attend!

Beverly

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GEORGIA DISTRICT PRESENTS

"That's Entertainment"

Welcome Party

DJ, Dancing, Karaoke - April 10, 2015 @ 7:30 P.M
Clubs, Groups or Individuals are invited to show off their
"Entertainment"!!

Our Participants so far are:

- "Return to Sender" - Elvis
- "Yellow Submarine" - The Beatles
- "Chapel of Love" - The Dixie Cups
- "9 - 5" - Dolly Parton
- "Dancing Queen" - Abba



NO TALENT IS REQUIRED!! THIS IS ALL FOR FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT!!



Classic City Pilots (l to r): Denise Ricks, Treasurer Diane Roberts, and Recording Secretary Marilyn Montgomery were some of the host Pilots who prepared beautiful tables and delicious goodies for the event.

The Pilot Club of Lavonia, Inc.
cordially invites you to our

40th Anniversary Tea

Sunday, April 19, 2015
2:30 PM to 4:30 PM
Light Refreshments



At
The Lavonia Welcome Center
(The Lavonia Depot)
1269 East Main Street
Lavonia, GA 30553

A short program will begin at 3:00 PM

RSVP by April 1, 2015
Eleanor Ragsdale, 706-245-6304,
dawgs5@bellsouth.net



"LEADING THROUGH THE GATE"

PATRICIA WHATLEY
LEADERSHIP COORDINATOR



Why Do We Have Leaders?

The idea of having leaders is one that goes back to caveman days. The men would go out hunting and return with "the kill". To avoid a rush to feed, upon their arrival, order was established within the group. The hunters were given special privileges, like eating first, which came with the respect of the tribe. These privileges did come with a price, and in this case, it was the responsibility of providing food for the tribe and protection of the tribe.

If you wonder how this works today, well-- it is just about the same. We have leaders in our government, churches, families, and Pilot Clubs. Our leaders provide what is needed in each situation and we, in turn, provide the respect that is deserved. The advantages of the fame of leadership are things that must be earned. Unless someone is willing to make personal sacrifices for the good of others, then they are not worthy. Just acting the part is not enough.

Pilots are always making personal sacrifices to help others, being willing to "eat last" and to provide for others' needs. Our clubs need leaders, and now is the time to step up and chair a committee or become the President Elect. You are leaders, so why not take the responsibility and make your club the best.

Patricia

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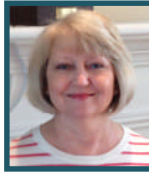




Key Resources

"KEY TO SHARING OUR RESOURCES"

AVALINE ADAMS
PIFF REPRESENTATIVE



Attention Everyone! The PIFF fundraiser **"Dimes Into Dollars"** deadline is almost here. If you have not filled your bottle, you still have some time left to finish. At District Convention on April 10 we will be collecting your dollars. The **"PIFF HONOR WALL"** will be open on Friday afternoon during registration to start presenting certificates and taking pictures of your club members as you turn in your donation. We will be very happy to accept your donation in any form, but would be even happier to accept bills or checks. We would like to be able to give a report on Sunday to let everyone know just exactly what we have accomplished as a District Team!

The date for \$250 individual and club contributions has been extended to March 27. Please send these to Lia Smith at Headquarters by March 27 to be recognized and receive certificates at District Convention.

All donations to Pilot International, whether large or small are greatly appreciated. These funds help sponsor the grants received by our local clubs.

I truly appreciate your support and enthusiasm for our *Dimes Into Dollars* campaign!

See you at District Convention!

Avaline

**Dimes to Dollars
for
PIFF Grants & Scholarships**



Please collect your Dimes to Dollars for PIFF Grants and Scholarships. Our District PIFF Rep. has challenged us to collect dimes in an empty water bottle at each meeting between now and convention and bring our bottle to the PIFF table at convention. Each bottle holds \$90-\$100 in dimes. Clubs may bring rolls of dimes or turn their change into bills or checks before coming to Convention on April 10.



"THE KEY TO THE FUTURE"

MARY TURNER
ANCHOR COORDINATOR

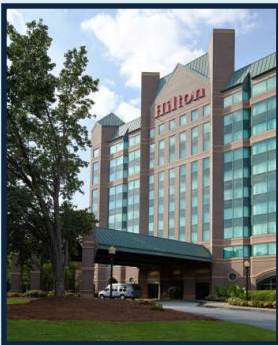


We had a wonderful Anchor Convention! This year we had 170 Anchors, Pilots, Advisors, and other guests in attendance. We had 37 Anchors apply for the \$500.00 Georgia District Anchor Scholarships. This year's recipients were: Maggie Hall, Elbert County High School; Shannon Malloy, Roswell High School; Karolyn Knickerbocker and Grant Dawson, Stephens County High School. The Anchors elected new officers during convention and Governor Judy installed the incoming officers using her theme, Pilot and Anchor are the Keys to Service.

We had something happen that I have never experienced before at a convention. The Anchors had two run-off elections for President-Elect. The new officers for 2015-16 are as follows: President-Sagarika Reddy, John Milledge Academy; President Elect- Cathleen Mellor, Roswell High School; Convention Chair- Anahit Mehranian, John Milledge Academy; Secretary- Rose Scoggins, Franklin County High School; Northwest Region Chair- Matthew Jones; Northeast Region Chair- Emily Bullock, Franklin County High School; East Central Region Chair- Presley Perry, West Laurens High School; Southeast Region Chair- Austin Barrow, Dodge County High School; and Southwest Region Chair- Emily Poppell. We are still looking for a West Central Region Chair.

Thanks for all you do for Georgia District Anchors!
In Pilot Friendship and Service,

Mary



2015 GA District Convention
Friday, April 10 – Sunday, April 12

Hilton Atlanta NE
5993 Peachtree Industrial Blvd.
Norcross, GA

You can still register and book your room at the Pilot group rate of \$89. if you reserve by March 27. You don't want to miss this beautiful hotel; the chef is wonderful. The restaurant is excellent and moderately priced.

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