



## Christmas Joys

Evergreen boughs that fill our homes  
With fragrant Christmas scents,  
Hearts filled with the loving glow  
That Christmas represents;  
Christmas cookies, turkeys stuffed,  
Festive holly berry,  
Little faces bright with joy,  
Loved ones being merry;  
Parties, songs, beribboned gifts,  
Silver bells that tinkle,  
Christmas trees and ornaments,  
Colorful lights that twinkle;  
Relatives waiting with open arms  
To smile and hug and kiss us;  
These are some of the special joys  
That come along with Christmas.

*By Joanna Fuchs*

Happy Holidays  
from your  
Georgia District Officers

# Governor's Bulletin



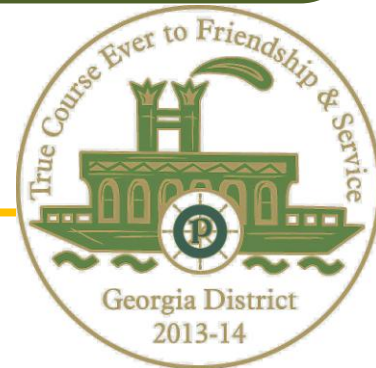
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**"STEERING YOUR CLUB"**  
**PATRICIA WHATLEY**  
**GA DISTRICT GOVERNOR**



Thanksgiving has come and gone and here we are in December. Family and faith are our focus for this month. As we go to the parties, church services and office Christmas parties, remember that we should share the joy and happiness of the season. Often times we get too wrapped up in gift buying and cake baking to remember our family and friends. Those small acts of kindness are just as important during the Christmas season. Relax, keep smiling and speak to everyone you meet. The stranger you give a smile will have their heart warmed with your love. Make every life you touch know that you are filled with friendship.

Thanking, remembering, sharing and giving are all important. Remember to do the same for yourself. Wishes for a wonderful holiday season, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*Patricia*

## Past Governor

**Gail Sharber**  
**December 21**



## DAC/DEC

**Judy Jackson**  
**(Governor-Elect)**  
**December 17**

### **"Message from Past Georgia District Governor, Helen Winstead"**

Thank you, Pilots and Friends, for your phone calls, e-mails, cards and even Facebook for wishing 'Get Well Soon' messages to me. Through prayers, warm thoughts and love, I am healing and will be back ready to resume many of my activities. Again many thanks and Happy Holidays to All!

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Georgia District Website: [www.pilotgeorgia.org](http://www.pilotgeorgia.org)



Pilot International Website: [www.pilotinternational.org](http://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.



**Happy Holidays  
From  
Shannon Clegg  
Georgia District ECR**



At this time of the year, our thoughts are always full of our homes and our families. We strive to come together from near and afar, even if in spirit or Skype. So, as we become busy with the holiday festivities, let’s take time to enjoy those things that are most important. As Pilots, you’ve created joyous memories for many persons in your community. Thank you for sharing your gifts of love and compassion to those around you.

Wishing you and your family a joyous holiday season! May the New Year bring you peace, love, and joy!

**Eight Wonderful Gifts that Don’t Cost a Cent**

**The Gift of Listening**

***REALLY listen. No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning your response. Just Listen.***

**The Gift of Affection**

***Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and handholds. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.***

**The Gift of Laughter**

***Clip cartoons. Share articles and funny stories. Your gift will say, “I love to laugh with you.”***

**The Gift of a Written Note**

***A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime, and may even change a life.***

**The Gift of a Compliment**

***A simple and sincere compliment... “You did a super job,” or “That was a wonderful meal”, can make someone’s day.***

**The Gift of a Favor**

***Every day, go out of your way to do something kind.***

**The Gift of a Cheerful Disposition**

***The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone***

**The Gift of Love**

***Love is a Gift we can give every day!!***

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**January 6, 2014**

Newsletter Awards Entries to your Lt. Governor

**January 7, 2014**

Deadline for proposed Amendments to our Georgia District Standing Rules to Gov. Patricia

**February 14, 2014**

Award entries to Louise Shimer

**Feb. 28, 2014 – March 2**

Anchor Convention  
Legacy Lodge, Lake Lanier



**Georgia District**



The Cochran Membership Division sponsored the Pilot Founder’s Day Luncheon and Tea on October 22nd and it was a huge success. Each member was asked to invite a friend to join us in the celebration and 8 prospective members and Lt. Gov. Virginia Locke attended the program. Decorations made the day festive along with good food on china, fresh flowers in tea pots, and hats on the Pilots!

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WORLDWIDE COMMUNITY

Dear Lord,

Every single evening  
As I'm lying here in bed  
This tiny little prayer  
Keeps running through my head.

God bless all my family  
Wherever they may be,  
Keep them warm and safe from harm  
For they're so close to me.

And God, there is one more thing  
I wish that you could do.  
Hope you don't mind me asking,  
Bless my computer, too.

Now, I know that it's not normal  
To bless a mother board,  
But listen just a second  
While 'splain it to you, Lord.

You see that little metal box  
Holds more than odds and ends.  
Inside those small compartments  
Rest so many of my FRIENDS.

I know so much about them  
By the kindness that they give  
And this little scrap of metal  
Takes me in to where they live.

By faith is how I know them  
Much the same as you.  
We share in what life brings us  
And from that our friendship grew.

Please, take an extra minute  
From your duties up above  
To bless those in my address book  
That's filled with so much love!

Wherever else this prayer may reach  
To each and every friend,  
Bless each e-mail inbox  
And the person who hits 'Send'.

When you update your heavenly list  
On your own CD-ROM,  
Remember each who've said this prayer  
Sent up to God.com.

Amen

**NOBODY CARES IF YOU CAN'T DANCE WELL.  
JUST GET UP AND DANCE!**

May God Bless each and everyone and keep Christ  
in Christmas!

*Chaplain Jo* — jo@farishrealty.com



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



PILOT	CLUB NAME
Cindy Tatum (1999-2000 GA District Governor)	Toccoa
Mavis Fulford (Charter Member)	Cuthbert
Elva Gomillion (Emertius Member)	Eastman

PILOT	CLUB NAME	RELATIONSHIP
Diane Hughes	Brunswick	Brother-n-law
Catherine Catledge	Bainbridge	Niece
Pat Neely	Conyers	Brother
Joe Neely	Conyers	Brother-n-law



The PC of Eastman presented a BrainMinders program for their members and guests at the Nov 19th meeting. The program focused on brain safety and protecting your brain for life.

L-R Eastman Pilots: Virginia Locke, D'Lynn Rogers, Doris Joiner, Alice Coffee, Pat Stuckey, Kathy Ward, Moniece Moore, Nylan Hinson



Pilots from Cochran visited the North Georgia Mountains for a November weekend retreat. Corn mazes gave our brains a challenge; and colorful leaves provided beauty for the senses. There is nothing like fresh air, travel, and friendship to bring good ideas to the surface.

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**“ALL HANDS ON DECK”**  
**GAIL SHARBER**  
**LEADERSHIP COORDINATOR**



**12 WAYS TO KILL A MEETING**

1. Play “find the meeting” by changing the location and time constantly. Your members will have difficulty finding your meetings and your guest will decide it’s just too much trouble.
2. Start over or discuss what was missed each time a late comer arrives.
3. Wait to start the meeting because you know there will be few more coming.
4. Spend time trying to remember what happened at the last meeting.
5. Spend time arguing about the merits of a motion.
6. Come to the meeting without an agenda because you know what you need to discuss.
7. Read reports and handouts to the members.
8. Call on people for reports or roles in the meeting that they are not aware they are to give.
9. Give your personal feelings regarding every item on the agenda as it comes up.
10. Get sidetracked on conversations that are not part of the agenda.
11. Have guest speakers with no time limits.
12. Decide to check visuals, the sound system or any equipment when it is time to use it.

*Gail*



Eastman Pilots presented BrainMinders at both Elementary Schools in Eastman during November. Over 800 students and some 45 teachers and staff in grades K, 1st and 2nd were touched by these presentations which focused on brain safety.

**JUDY JACKSON**  
**GA DISTRICT GOVERNOR-ELECT**

The Swap Pins are now available for ordering. These are the 2014 GA District new logo pins which will be unveiled soon. The cost is \$1.25 per pin and can be ordered in any quantity from Joan McCannon by sending her a note and a check for your order. Joan’s address is:

Joan McCannon  
 2022 Merle Drive  
 Conyers, GA 30013.

Be sure that your name, club, and contact information is listed. If you’re not sure how many you want or need, you could start with 20 pins which would be \$25. All pins will be available for pick up at District Convention. Incoming Presidents, you could have one for each of your officers and for new members that you will initiate during the year. Pilots going to PI Convention in Chicago may want to take some to swap. Can’t wait for you to see them--they’re unique! I hope you enjoy them!

The warmest and merriest of Thanksgiving and Christmas wishes to each of you! I’m very thankful for GA District Pilots--you are a special group. Enjoy your family time, worship time, rest and relaxation time. May your new year be filled with caring and service to others through which you will be richly blessed.

*Judy*



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**“STEAM AHEAD WITH SERVICE”**  
**JUDY VENDRICK**  
**PROJECTS COORDINATOR**



Sue McConnell & Lynda Goodwin from the Cherokee Pilot Club with the club's BrainMinders' Tree at the Canton Library.

**TRUE COURSE EVER TO FRIENDSHIP and SERVICE**

Pilots work so hard all through the year with club meetings, fundraisers, and community service projects to help residents in our local area. As we close out 2013, I thought it appropriate to remember each other, our blessings, and our family relationships. This is my Christmas Wish For You.

**My Christmas wish for you, my friend, is not a simple one;  
 For I wish you hope and joy and peace and days filled with warmth and sun.**

**I wish you love and friendship too, throughout the coming year;  
 Lots of laughter and happiness to fill your world with cheer.**

**May you count your blessings, one by one, and when totaled by the lot  
 May you find all you've been given to be more than what you sought.**

**May your journeys be short, your burdens light; may your spirit never grow old.  
 May all your clouds have silver linings and your rainbows, pots of gold.**

**I wish this all and so much more. May all your dreams come true.  
 May you have a Merry Christmas friend, and a happy New Year, too...**

*- Author Unknown*

*Judy*

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**“TROLLING FOR TREASURE”**  
**KATHY BERRY**  
**FUND RAISING COORDINATOR**



**GA District New Members.....**

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLUB NAME</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Pamela D. Massey	Baxley	Lisa Pearce
Regina K. Stone	Baxley	Lisa Pearce
Ann E. Singer	Baxley	Lisa Pearce
Danny Nobles	Baxley	Lisa Pearce
Sandra Drake	Elberton	Pat Jarvis
Sheryl Farmer	Toccoa	Virginia Smith
Holly Thomason	Hartwell	Brenda Spears
Janet Vickery	Hartwell	Brenda Spears
Tara Young	Hartwell	Kathy Neal
Vicki Hollinshead	Hartwell	Teresa Shirley
Kathleen Deegan-Neal	Hartwell	Darlene May & Myra Cook
Ingrid Stout	Hartwell	Linda Wilson
Darlene Adams	Oconee County	
Connie Wheeler	Oconee County	
Carol Hurt	Royston Franklin	Kathy Beacham
Marie Cole	Royston Franklin	Evelyn Elrod

I have a list of Pilots I know, all written in a book  
 And every year when Christmas comes, I go and take a look,  
 And that is when I realize that these names are a part  
 Not of the book they're written in, but really of my heart.  
 Each name stands for a Pilot that I have met sometime,  
 And in the meeting they've become the rhythm in my rhymes.  
 And while it sounds fantastic for me to make this claim  
 I really feel that I'm composed of each remembered name.  
 For I am a total of the many Pilots I've met  
 And you happen to be one of those I prefer not to forget.  
 And whether I have known you for many years or a few  
 You've had a part of shaping all the Pilot things I do.  
 So every year when Christmas comes, I realize anew  
 The best gifts life can offer is meeting Pilots like you.  
 Until the Next Tide, *Kathy*

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# "Care & Kindness Week"



In keeping Pilot International’s new initiative, “Care & Kindness Week”, the Pilot Club of Catoosa County honored the 30 caregivers at Rosewood Assisted Living facility for their care and kindness to the residents there. The week’s activities consisted of remembering them all week - Monday as "Sweet & Salty" day, Wednesday as “Soup” Day for “super” caregivers, and on Friday the caregivers were given a gift card for a full-service car wash, compliments of Pal’s Car Wash along with a thank you note from the club which read “For the smiles you bring, the hearts you warm, and the love you give we appreciate you”.

*Judy Vendrick*



Jennifer Evans was honored with this month’s “CAREGIVER AWARD”. She has been care giving for over 20 years. She is pictured with Miss Margaret, her current client and Jodi Bellam, President Elect Pilot Club of Sweetwater.

The **Pilot Club of Carrollton** observed Care and Kindness Week, the second week in November, by recognizing five caregivers in their own club. President Angie Hall and Jo Farish presented a brief program and Angie Hall recognized the following club members who are presently caring for one or more members of their family by honoring them and presenting them with a gift basket: Deborah Wilson, Cecilia Padgett, Lisa Cothren, Carole Reeves, and Jo Farish.

President Angie stated that the club was delighted to observe Pilot International’s Care and Kindness Week by recognizing the club members who were caregivers at their meeting on November 14. The Pilot Club of Carrollton will be participating in the Pick Me Ups program by recognizing one or more caregivers each month at their regular meeting with dinner and a gift basket. The club’s projects division is also planning a special evening for a group of caregivers at a local church fellowship hall with Pilots preparing a home cooked meal and presenting each caregiver with a pick me up.

Governor Elect Judy Jackson said, “I was so pleased and excited that my club President Angie and past Governor Jo surprised me and most of our members with such a special Care and Kindness Week program and that Lt. Governor Carol Stokes, her daughter- in-law Amanda McCoy, and two co-Pilots were there to share in our observance.”



Pilot Club of Lavonia delivered homemade cookies to the fire, police and EMS stations.



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**“ALL ABOARD GA DISTRICT”  
PAT GARNER  
MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR**



The gift of giving. And we all have been so richly blessed by our giving, of ourselves, our time, and our talents. We have truly learned the adage that it is more blessed to give than to receive and unless someone gives, it is a mystery yet to unfold.

We keep seeing on Facebook our Pilot friends and families planning events and creating special memories together, and in that same affirmation is what membership is all about that reaching out to others and helping them become a part of something great, of something special, something we simply call "Pilot."

And over the years and after many gatherings, the word Pilot has come to mean so much more, it means friendship, kindness, and most of all caring for others. Simply knowing that where there are needs, we are part of an organization dedicated to help meet those needs gives us courage to reach out.

We know that by Pilot being in a community, there is a standard raised to excellence in service. There is an increased awareness of important issues, like the significance of caregivers, and the growing need for education of the importance for all of us to properly protect our brains, and the necessity of a Project Lifesaver for our senior population in need of special care. There are young people needing to be a part of an Anchor club helping to learn the importance of service and leadership skills as they grow through life.

That's what membership is all about: Giving a person the opportunity to grow in service; helping them to learn about their communities; providing them with skills to work effectively alongside corporate and government leadership; and the encouragement to meet new challenges with creativity and resolve and all the while enjoying the specialness and benefits of friendships along the way.

Membership ... that's what we are - members of a ship steering a "true course ever." Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas, everyone!

*Pat*



**“DON'T DROP THE ANCHOR”  
MARY TURNER  
ANCHOR COORDINATOR**



It is hard to believe that December is here. I hope that all clubs have sent in their dues to Georgia District and Pilot International. Please remind your advisors that they need to include \$4.00 per member to cover the cost of the liability insurance. The insurance is not optional.

I hope your clubs are making plans to attend Anchor convention this year. We will be having an “Underwater Adventure.” The Anchor board has planned informative workshops as well as some fun workshops. The hotel information and registration form can be found on the Georgia District website. It was also included in the November issue of Anchors Aweigh. Please make sure your advisors know that the cut off for rooms is January 28. This deadline is early this year. The service project for this year's convention is raising money for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. The Anchor board has set of goal of \$8,000.00. Please help our Anchor's reach this goal.

I want to encourage each Pilot Club that sponsors an Anchor Club to submit applications for the two Georgia District scholarships that are available. The Anchor scholarship is

open to all Anchors. The GPF scholarship is open to one Anchor from every club in the district.

All advisors and coordinators should have received the November Anchors Aweigh by now. If you did not receive one please let me or Kirsten know so that we can check to see if we have to correct information. Please check out the Pilot International website. They have all of the forms that are required for international.

In Pilot Friendship,

*Mary*



Statesboro: President Magina Bullock(center) and Vice President Elaine McDuffie(left) of the Pilot Club of Statesboro welcome Governor Elect Judy Jackson(right) to their October 19 meeting where she spoke on membership and serving in club leadership roles.

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