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HOLIDAYS

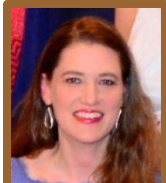


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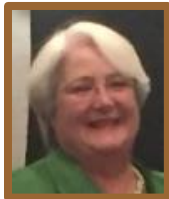
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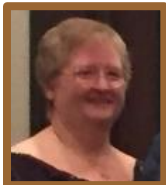
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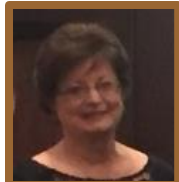
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GOVERNOR CYNTHIA

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to ALL! This is such a wonderful time of year. The beautiful decorations, lights, family gatherings to decorate the tree. The wonderful smell of baking from all kinds of goodies. Shopping for presents for family and friends- picking just the right gift for each one. This is also the time of year to be thinking of those who aren't so fortunate. Toys for Tots is a great way to make sure all children have something special for Christmas. Many churches and other organizations sponsor families and collect food and clothing for them. Pick-Me-Ups for policemen, firemen, shut-ins help us fulfill our ABC's of Pilot. If your Club sponsors an Anchor Club, get the Anchors involved in your Projects. Remember that we are receiving the true Blessing of Christmas in giving of ourselves to others.

Thank you to one and all for everything you do in our communities across the Georgia District.

Cynthia



Governor Cynthia (centered) presented the Founder's Day Program at Classic City Pilot Club. Pictured with the Governor is Winder members Trey & Jenni Overbey



2016-2017 DAC/DEC



CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

THE MISSION OF PILOT INTERNATIONAL IS: to influence positive change in communities throughout the world.

TO DO THIS, WE: come together in friendship and give people an outlet for service.

WE FOCUS ON:

- Preparing youth and young adults for service.
- Encouraging brain safety and health.
- Supporting those who care for others.

When I was a teenager (many years ago!!!) my mom gave me a scrap of paper that had a pretty powerful message on it. She told me to always keep it close and to follow the "instructions"...so at this special time of the year, let me share my mom's "message" with each of you.

The Mystery of Love

Love makes you feel special. It changes everyone for the better. It is the one commodity that multiplies when you give it away. The more you spread it around, the more you are able to hang onto it because it keeps coming back to you. Where love is concerned, it pays to be an absolute spendthrift. It cannot be bought nor sold, so give it away! Throw it away! Splash it all over! Empty your pockets! Shake the basket! Turn it upside down! Shower it on everyone..... even those who don't deserve it!

You may startle them into behaving in a way you never dreamed possible. Not only is it the sweet mystery of life, it is the most powerful motivator known to humankind.

So spread that love to all you come in contact with today and every day and may this be a joyous and blessing filled time of the year for you and yours.

JoAnn



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

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLUB NAME</u>	<u>RELATIONSHIP</u>
Nancy Shealy	Peachtree	Cousin
Esther Foster	Jones Co.	Sister-in-law
Betty Sartain	Madison Co.	Mother
Jean Ginn	Madison Co.	Mother
Jane Tippins	Madison Co.	Sister
Sandra Wilson	Elberton	husband

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan 6, 2017

Newsletter Competition
3 Consecutive copies to your Lt. Governor

Feb 1, 2017

Lynda Goodwin Scholarship Award (Non-Anchors) to GPF Rep. Jackie Jones

Feb 3, 2017

District Officer Nomination Form to Louise Shimer (District Nominating Chair)

Feb 16, 2017

Awards Due to Nancy Miller (Awards Chair)

Feb 24-26, 2017

Anchor Convention
Legacy Lodge
Lake Lanier Islands

April 7-9, 2017

District Convention
Hilton Atlanta NE



Pilot Club of Lavonia recognized the emergency responders from Lavonia by presenting platters piled high with homemade "Sweet Treats" The Volunteer Fire Department was excited to receive the platters and had ripped opened both as soon as the picture was taken.

Captain Scott O'Barr, Kalee Rowland, FCHS Anchor; Sue Heath, Virginia Richey, and Eleanor Ragsdale; Pilot Members; along with approximately 50 responders, including the Lavonia Police Department and EMT's were recognized during International Care and Kindness Week.





HUMMING ALONG WITH PROJECTS & VISIBILITY

As Pilots, we have a heart for caregivers and that is why it has become a major focus for our clubs. The Pilot Club of Jefferson has a project that other clubs may wish to try. In October, they sponsored a Caregiver Workshop with AARP. Their handout begins, "Every day a silent army of Americans perform a great labor of love: caring for older parents, spouses, children, the terminally ill, the injured, and other loved ones so they can remain at home – where they want to be."

AARP and the Pilot Club of Jefferson knows that family caregivers may be on call 24/7 and sometimes they can't even take a break. But, they wouldn't have it any other way. YOU ARE NOT ALONE. We understand that you need help and reassurance."

They used a program developed by AARP and modified it to their time frame. This is a joint project that exemplifies a partnership with other community organizations. They publicized it locally and provided refreshments. They also distributed Pilot Club pamphlets that increased visibility. Their announcement includes, "Sooner or later everyone becomes a caregiver. Quite often it is a job that is lonely, stressful, and unhappy. Please consider attending this workshop for special tips on: 1) Taking care of yourself, 2) Getting organized, 3) Learning how Medicare works, and 4) ways AARP can help you help your loved one."

For more information you may contact June Murphy, 706-693-2775. The strength of our organization is that we can share ideas with other clubs so we all benefit. Other clubs may also contact me to share special project ideas.

Beth

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KEEP FUNDRAISING HUMMING

Looking for another or different fundraiser? Think about one suggested at State Convention - a 5K Race.

The best time to plan a 5K Fundraiser is when your club, regardless of size, decides it is time.

Once the decision is made to conduct a 5K, contact the local Racing Association for advice and help. Together set a date and time mutually agreeable for the event. The Association can assist you with (1) securing a location, (2) publicity, (3) on-line registration of runners,(4) setting up the course the day of run, (5) providing time keepers, (6) presenting awards for each category of runners (medals/ trophies) provided by the club, (7) clean-up of course after run. If there is no Racing Association in your community these things will become part of your overall plan.

Decide on the levels of sponsorships for the 5K and begin contacting possible donors/sponsors as many businesses and corporations make decisions as early as January about their charitable donations for the year. Design a T-shirt logo and check T-shirt printing companies for prices. Sometimes a printing company will be one of your sponsors.

Print registration forms with all information needed for publicity and T- shirt sizes.

Select awards (medals, trophies or something unique to your area) for winners in each category of the race. Close to the date of race, place T- shirt order and purchase awards.

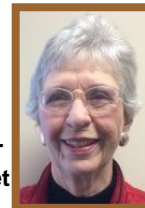
The day of the race many people are needed 1) to work registration tables to distribute runner numbers and to register late participants, 2) to keep runners on the established route of race especially if it involves lots of turns, 3) to provide water and healthy snack stations, 4) clean-up of area, take down signs and pick up trash and anything else not part of agreement with Racing Association.

If you sponsor an Anchor Club, involve them in as many aspects of the planning and implementing of race as possible. It will be a great learning experience with the added bonus of enthusiastic, energetic young people ready to help make your 5K a huge success.

This is a Fundraiser that will be a service in the community and generate a lot of interest because so many runners are looking for well-organized races. They are curious about Pilot and what it stands for and does in the community. A 5K will make Pilot more visible.

Joyce

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Happy Birthday!

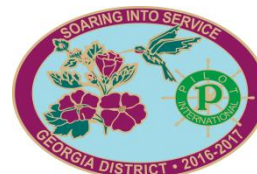
Katharine Banning
GA District Governor-Elect
December 30

Past Governors

Judy Jackson
December 17

Gail Sharber
December 21





GA District New Members...

PILOT	CLUB NAME	SPONSOR
Kimberly Young	Eastman	Mallory Guyton
Martha Ann Altman	Jones Co.	Beth Coon
Monique Butler	Jones Co.	Ann Shaw
Tharpe Green	Jones Co.	Jody Falkner
Martina Rober	Oconee Co.	Donna MacPherson
Rosanne Smith	Oconee Co.	Gayle Christopher
Katrina Cohen	Statesboro	Virginia Yarber
Fred Ruarks	Statesboro	Faye Ruarks
Ronnie Hight	Statesboro	Emily Hight
Tommy Daniel	Statesboro	Kerrin Daniel
Julie Warren	Carrolton	Judy Jackson
Susan Weems	Carrolton	Judy Jackson
Tonya Kelley	Adel	Kim Phelps
Pam Kullman	Chatham Co.	Reinstated/Beverly McKenna
Deb Winans	Chatham Co.	Bev Strausser
Darinda Collins	Eatonton	Pat Underkoffler



SOARING INTO ANCHOR SERVICE

It is hard to believe that December is already here! Anchor Convention is just right around the corner. We are excited about this year's convention! The Anchor Board selected "Swingin' on a Star" as the theme. The weekend will be packed with activities and informational workshops. I hope some of our Pilots will be able to attend and support our Anchors. If you are not able to attend the whole weekend maybe you can come for the day on Saturday! The dates are February 24-26, 2017. Please encourage your Anchor Clubs to enter the awards. We have several awards that are given each year at convention. All of the awards can be found on the Georgia District webpage.

The Anchors are planning on several service projects for this year's convention. They will be collecting pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald house. We are asking that clubs bring them in gallon jugs. The Anchors will once again be collecting books for the Zambesi Book project. The hospital art project will be back again this year. Since the theme is patriotic we would like to place them in a Veteran's facility.

Please check with your Anchor Club and make sure they have mailed their Anchor dues to Georgia District and to Pilot International! They were due November 1!

Please let me know if your Anchor club needs anything or if your Pilot club would like to start an Anchor club!

Mary

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who are less fortunate, and those who are unable to celebrate this season with their loved ones. Let us take time to remember all our Pilots who have passed on this year and the loss to their families. Send a simple card, even a call will brighten and lift their day!!

So this holiday season, look around and see that gift that can't be bought. Create a tradition with your children or maybe someone you love. Make someone's day and do the unexpected, let a friend know you care, or greet a stranger with a warm smile. Give the gift that keeps on giving. It is open twenty-four hours a day, three hundred and sixty-five days a year, it's a gift from your heart. After all, isn't that what the holidays are all about?

With Holiday Blessings!

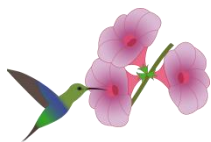
Elena

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Pilot Club of Madison members attended the Classic City's Founder's Day program at Jennings Mill

From left to right: Jane Tippins (President), Kathy Ferguson, Jayne Lackey (Lt Governor NE Region), Cynthia Spearman (Governor), Beth Holloway and Mary Hunt



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Greetings Pilots,

December is the busiest time of the year!! Everyone's busy preparing for the holidays and continuing family traditions. Has it every crossed your mind, as to how many really stop and think what the holidays really are all about? Are we teaching our children the true meaning of the holidays or how many gifts need to be bought? I like to see families create traditions all year long.

This is a wonderful time of year to remember those who are caregivers, those



"Spotlight Our Clubs"

Sandra Ellis, a member of the Pilot Club of Chatsworth, sends three boxes of items collected by her fellow-members for Marines who are stationed overseas. Pilots salute our troops!



Centennial HS Anchors and Pilot Club of Atlanta pilots, Club President Dene' Dixon, Donna Dixon and honorary Club member Spencer Burdett at family festival - Sunday in the Park at Oakland Historic Cemetery



Pilot Club of Winder member Linda Geiger was recognized for 40 years and also as their 2016 – 2017 Club Ambassador.

Picture: Linda Geiger and newest member being reinstated, Wanda Pentecost.

Pilot Club of Bainbridge members collected school supplies



Cochran President Melinda Bryant with Club Pilot Ambassador Dr. Julia Lucas



Pilot of Cochran celebrated their Founder's Day with Lt. SW Gov. Grace Crittenden (center).

