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“Happiness” is Loving to be a Pilot....

February, the month of LOVE, is the beginning of the second half of the Pilot year. It is the time of checking our progress with our Plans of Work to see what we still need to accomplish; the time of choosing nominating committees to secure the officers for the new year; and the time to plan for Spring Convention and your clubs support of the PIFF and GPF fundraisers. The Newsletter competition deadline has passed but it is still time for your club to send your entry in for a shot at winning one or more of the District Awards. Love is in the air because I love receiving all those Notifications of Change in Membership showing the new members your club has attracted.

LOVE--A small word with big important meaning. So much so that other languages have multiple words to describe it. Scientists tell us that the feeling of love makes our brains produce dopamine which make us have those good feelings of energy, excitement and exhilaration. It just puts a glow on the faces of those who feel it. It starts by thinking of others as persons to love and then being loved in return.

There is something very special about the Pilots who feel love. They seem to have a special need for doing good things for others. All of this loving and giving and caring is doing marvelous things to make others want to join in and be members too. With your little acts of kindness called "Pick Me Ups" you are seeing what love can do. Did you know that when a person is most unlovely, he needs loving the most? I wish I could remember who said that. It is something I read years ago in a psychology course I was taking. I try to keep it in mind when another person is acting "unlovely." It is a good time to try some love and patience instead of reacting in the same manner as, we'll say, Grumpy Greta. The song says, "Put a little Love in your heart." It surely makes you feel good.

In the Bible, Paul writes about love in 1 Corinthians 13:1-13. He ends with, "...and now abides Faith, Hope, and Love. These three. But the greatest of these is Love." Nothing says it better.

Pilots, just keep on Doing What You Love and Loving What You Do and you will make a world of difference as you spread your world with Love and Happiness in service to others.

Wishes of Love and Happiness to all,

Grace

Grace Crittenden
GA District Governor



Past Governors

Melodie Smith
February 8

Esther Foster
February 20

GA Governor

Grace Crittenden
February 8



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

February 1, 2016

Deadline for Pacesetter, 250 Club & member contributions for recognition at District Convention

February 3, 2016

District Officer Nomination Form Due to Doretta Broughton, District Nominating Chair

February 14-20, 2016

Random Acts of Kindness Week

February 16, 2016

District Awards due to Gail Sharber, Awards Chair

February 26 – 28, 2016

For information and applications see attachments to the Anchor Newsletter, *Anchor Aweigh* Anchor Convention Lake Lanier Islands

April 8-10, 2016

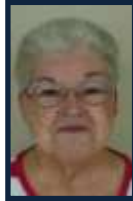
District Convention Hilton Atlanta Northeast

“Happiness” is Being inspired....

“Enjoy the small things in life for one day you will look back and realize they were the big things.” --- Unknown

Joan

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

PILOT	CLUB NAME
Theresa Hopson	Heard Co.

PILOT	CLUB NAME	RELATIONSHIP
Laura Lipham	Heard Co.	Son

Retraction: It was a mistake in the January newsletter of June Spence of Atlanta's death. Apparently, the facility she was living misspoke that she had passed when she was just moved to another facility.

~~District Convention~~

Your personalized group web page has been approved and has been published to the web.

Your web page address is:

http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/A/ATLHPHF-PILOT-20160407/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Group Name: GEORGIA DISTRICT PILOT CLUB

Group Code: PILOT

Check-in: 07-APR-2016

Check-out: 10-APR-2016

Hotel Name: Hilton Atlanta Northeast

Hotel Address: 5993 Peachtree Industrial Blvd.
Peachtree Corners, Georgia
30092-3416



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



Brittany Pittman, Pilot Club member and Commissioner of Murray County, conducted the officer installation for Pilot Club of Chatsworth at the June meeting held at Little Rome Restaurant in Chatsworth.

The officers, left to right, are the following: Cecilia Desilets (treasurer), Dottie Langham (director), Paula Adams (director), Sonya Jones (secretary), Jan McNeill (president), Eugenia Cavender (president-elect), and Brittany Pittman (parliamentarian) [not pictured is Beth Thornbury, Director].

Brittany is the first female sole commissioner -and the youngest! -elected in Murray County and we're very proud to have her as a member of our Pilot Club! We're all ready for a great year in Pilot!

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“Happiness” is Pilots Working Together...

When Pilot club members unite in friendship and service, it can bring about exceptional projects and such a feeling of accomplishment. Many can share the experience and reap the benefits. Working together can make the impossible a reality, but there are a few simple steps to being successful!

Brainstorming with committee members can produce fabulous ideas! Whether it is for fundraising, a community service, or membership recruitment, it is important to get input from several committee members and present a positive proposition to the entire membership. Every member should have a stake in the project! Then the fun begins:

1. Having an organized chairperson is a must!
2. Time tables for accomplishing tasks and extra meetings to discuss details, such as decorations, bring about times for friendship and makes working on a project much more fun.
3. Set a goal, but always have a Plan B and C.
4. Have members share their “connections” with community people or groups and invite them to participate, donate, or sponsor the project.
5. Let someone be in charge of keeping a journal of the project...you may want to duplicate it.
6. And learn from your mistakes. Lessons learned are an important part of that journal.

Working together on a project can bring out the worst and the best in people. The mix of different personalities can be challenging but knowing that all are working towards the same goal can also unite members. Sharing time and talent, and working through hard times to produce a fantastic project is the Pilot way...through friendship and service. That brings happiness to all!


Maureen

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DO YOU JUST BELONG?

Are **YOU** an active member
The kind that would be missed?
Or are **YOU** just contented
That **YOUR** name is on the list?
Do **YOU** attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock?
Or do **YOU** stay at home,
To criticize and knock?
Do **YOU** take an active part
To help the work along?
Or are **YOU** satisfied
To only just belong?
Do **YOU** work with your committee
And get right in and mix?
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the “cliques?”
Think this over member,
YOU know right from wrong!
Are **YOU** an active member
Or do **YOU** just belong?




The PI Executive Committee recently met in Macon for its mid-year planning meeting. On the morning they were leaving, they met Manchester/Warm Springs President Elect, Valerie Haskins (front row, center), by chance, in the hotel Breakfast area. The EC enjoyed meeting Valerie and she was excited to meet PI President Shannon and the PI officers who were in the area.

Pictured are (front row, left to right) Faith Stamps, PI Vice President; Karen Cupit, PI Secretary and GA ECR; Valerie Haskins; Shannon Clegg, PI President; Judy Jackson, PI Treasurer and 2014-2015 GA District Governor.

Second Row: Elena Lara Ramon, PI Director; Deb Hayes, PI Director; and Andrea Babb, PI Director. Not pictured are Connie Moore, PI President Elect and Peggy Benton, PI Director, who had already left on their trip home.

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“Happiness” is Loving Fund Raising!...

Some people love to raise money for your club, others, not so much! For a Pilot Club to be successful, hopefully you have a mix of both. Winter can be a hard time to do serious fund raising for your club, but Spring is just around the corner, so planning should be in full swing.

Once again, there will be a Marketplace at Spring Convention. This is a wonderful opportunity for your club to reach out to other Pilots in Georgia and raise some money as well. Is your club selling anything, cookbooks, jewelry, crafts, and homemade goodies? Do you have an upcoming raffle or are you selling tickets for a prize? Are you selling something mail-order, wrapping paper, cheesecakes, flowers, knives?

Even if you don't have something physical to sell, having a base (table) to sit and interact with other Pilots, and pitch your fund raiser...what better way to raise money for your Club! Our Georgia District leaders have made this a wonderful (and easy!) way to reach large numbers of people in a small amount of time.

It is very important that group participation is stressed during your fundraising project. A unified group will always result in increased individual effort, and thus greater sales for your fundraiser. It's in our nature to support something to which we really feel we are closely connected. If a large number of individuals within your fundraising group begin to feel unimportant or disconnected, they will silently bow out, leaving your seller base smaller, and much less effective. Think of ways to give recognition to those who excel with their sales efforts. We all enjoy pats on the back for a job well done.

Good luck and please let me know if you need any assistance. Don't forget to send me information on any upcoming fund raisers your Club is having, they may be featured in the April or June Governor's Bulletin.

Kate

Kate Caswell
Fundraising Coordinator
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GA District New Members.....

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLUB NAME</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Kayla Davis	Carrollton	Deborah Cogburn
Linda Hale	Carrollton	Judy Jackson
Charlotte Pritchett	Chatsworth	Sandra Ellis
Kayla Haire	Ocilla-Irwin	Heather Culpepper
Elsie Earnest	Bainbridge	Gail Sharber
Jordan Kay	Bainbridge	Mary Jane Wells
Randy Christian	Oconee Co.	Bebe Reed
Donna Hinely	Johnson Co.	Alison Harrison
Lynn Shields	Johnson Co.	Janice Waters
Jane Harding	Greene Co.	Rosa Sides

A reminder to all club treasurers, please send me any remaining Swap Pin money that has not been turned for the **2015-2016 administration**.

Thank you,

Shelby

District Treasurer



\$500.00 each to be awarded to qualified applicants. In addition, the GA Pilot Foundation Scholarship of \$1,500.00 will be determined. One Anchor from each club may apply.

Anchors will be electing new officers at convention for the upcoming year. We had an exciting election last year, and hope for many Anchors to run for office. Serving at the district level will help develop leadership skills for life. Past President Mary Stuart Shannon successfully ran for Class Secretary at her college in Florida. She credits her Anchor experience for the confidence to seek office and serve. We are so proud of her and all of our Anchors, continuing their good work throughout the world.

Thank you Pilot clubs across the state for sponsoring Anchor Clubs. It means so much to the young people who participate in them.

Sheryl

Sheryl Merrey
GA District Anchor Coordinator
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“Happiness” is Anchor Clubs Making a Difference ...

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays with family and friends. As we ring in the New Year, we welcome Eric Malmquist as the new Anchor Specialist at Pilot Headquarters. He has the advantage of Anchor experience, having served as Jack's assistant for the past year. Let's help ensure a smooth transition for him by being current with PI dues and forms. A few clubs also owe GA District dues. These need to be paid in order for your Anchors to attend convention.

Anchors will be returning to Legacy Lodge and Convention Center at Lake Lanier Islands for their convention, to be held February 26-28, 2016. Look for the upcoming issue of Anchors Aweigh for information on reservations and deadlines. Encourage your clubs to prepare a scrapbook for competition, bring books for Zambezi, and pop tops for the new Ronald McDonald House in Atlanta.

Scholarship applications were also included in the January Anchor newsletter. There are 4 GA District Scholarships in the amount of

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“Happiness” is giving to a good PIFF cause!...

LET ME THANK ALL WHO SUBMITTED GRANT APPLICATIONS. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO PI CONVENTION WHEN ALL THE RECIPIENTS ARE RECOGNIZED. This will be an exciting time for all!

We are awaiting your 250 Club and Pacesetter contributions. We ask each club to contribute \$250 to Grants and Scholarships and \$10 per member per club for Pacesetter.

Also, I hope everyone is remembering the Georgia District PIFF Project "Dimes Into Dollars" during your monthly club meeting. Be creative at your meeting to raise extra dollars. Each division could alternate providing a raffle item, such as baked goods. Who can resist a delicious homemade cake? Be prepared to return your water bottle filled with dimes and lots of bills on the side!

I hope you are having a lot of fun and good luck selling the chances on the Sky Valley Resort one-week vacation. This is our PIFF Fundraiser to be drawn at our District Convention, April 8-10, 2016. The winner does not have to be present to win, but we sure do hope a lot of you will be present. Make sure we have a phone number and address on the ticket stub and that I receive them before the convention for the drawing.

GEORGIA DISTRICT PACESETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Due February 1 - Amount - \$10 per active member, dues-paying member

Recognition: Certificates are presented at District Convention to those clubs who choose to support the Foundation with a Pacesetter contribution by the deadline.

“Happiness” is “Sharing the Love!” ...

This is the time of the year when we typically promise ourselves that we will “finish those projects we started last year”. But just think about it for a minute...what better time to start a few new projects. The beginning of the year offers many possibilities to do little things that can mean a lot to someone else. You know...a way to share the love. Here are a few quick suggestions for some very simple projects that almost any size club could do.

February – flowers – candy, some of the traditional Valentine’s Day goodies. How easy it is to make or purchase some simple “Be my valentine” cards, and tie it to a single rose or other flower and deliver them to a local senior citizens facility, or nursing home.

Why not consider donating clothing and other items to homeless or a women’s or children’s shelter in your community. It might even be church or other facility that serves the under-served. I’m sure we all have clothing items that could be donated. I know I do. Items I just don’t wear, like how they look, or maybe they just don’t fit like they did at one time. Not just winter seasonal, but all seasons. Think about those items that you can hand over...you know... the ones that you can’t hand down, to someone who could really use them. Shoes, clothing, toys make great items to donate to shelters. Why not call your members and have them bring the items to your next meeting. Call your local shelter and ask if they could pick up from a specified location, or make arrangements to get the items delivered.

Mail to *Pilot International Headquarters, 102 Preston Court, Macon, GA 31201*

"250 CLUB" CONTRIBUTIONS

Date Due: February 1 to be recognized at the Georgia District Convention

Amount: \$250 per club or individual for '250 Club' recognition For: PIF's Matching Grants, Emergency Response Grants, Grants for Very Special Arts Festivals and Scholarship Programs

Mail to Pilot International. Please make sure if you mail both contributions in one check that the intended fund is marked clearly. Please designate how much each fund should receive.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Date Due: Postmarked by March 1

Applications can be found at www.pilotinternational.org under Founders Fund.

Mail to me, your PIFF Representative
Jo Farish
736 Bankhead Hwy
Carrollton, GA 30117

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at jo@farishrealty.com

Jo

**Jo Farish
PIFF Representative**



Another great idea is to collect backpacks and gently used luggage. Donate it to your county DFACS office to be used for foster children services. In and around the state, there is an annual campaign called Totes 2 Tots that does just that, as a service project in honor of the Martin Luther King Holiday. Not a Day Off but a Day On in Service to Others.

This is also a great time of year to start organizing and looking for grant opportunities. Your club members and Projects Coordinator could begin thinking about Projects for the new Pilot Year. Many independent grants are awarded mid year, which means you want to start your research now. Narrow down your list.

Remember...we do what we can with what we have.

Robin

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Our ECR...

Time surely does fly. It is hard to believe that it is already February. How many of your New Year's resolutions have you kept? Hopefully one that you made and have kept involves service. Every year we make goals. These goals need to be ones that we can live up to. Find the motivation to serve your community through Pilot. There are so many people who need our support.

You may be called on to serve as an officer on the club level, district level or international level. We need strong leaders. This year, just say YES.

The Awards Committee has worked hard to update the Pilot and Anchor Awards. There is a new Anchor Award and a new Anchor Scholarship. The Anchor Club Star Award recognizes graduating Anchors who have served as leaders in their club and who have served their community through service projects. The Anchors receiving this award will be recognized at their District Anchor Convention or District Pilot Convention with a certificate from Pilot International. The Anchor Achievement Scholarship will provide financial assistance to graduating seniors who have actively participated in volunteer service through Anchor Club and who have shown outstanding leadership ability.

The criteria and applications for the awards and scholarships can be found on the Pilot International website. For Anchor Awards, select "I'm an Anchor" at the top of the screen and then awards and scholarships. For Pilot Awards, select "I'm a Pilot". Under Pilot International on the left side of the screen select Pilot International Awards. Deadlines are on each award so be sure to check the website. Don't miss out. Let's recognize Anchors and Pilots who shine for our wonderful organization.

"Success has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It's what you do for others." Danny Thomas

In Pilot Friendship and Service,

Karen

Karen Cupit
PI Secretary & GA District ECR
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The Georgia District officers take a break from their snowy weekend of mid-year planning at the Hayesville, NC mountain vacation home of Maureen Stoy. Lt to Rt: Pat Wilkerson, SW Lt. Gov.; Maureen Stoy, SE Lt. Gov.; Cynthia Spearman, Gov. Elect; Grace Crittenden, Gov. Back row: Patsy Stickle, Secretary; Ileana Slocum, EC Lt. Gov.; Katharine Banning, NW Lt. Gov.

GEORGIA ARTISTS WITH DISABILITIES RECEPTION

Saturday, February 13
11:00 a.m.

Come join us for a chance to celebrate these artists and to view their exhibits on display at
Ephesus Library
 Please RSVP to: 770-854-7323

Ephesus Public Library, 200 Rogers Street, Roopville, GA 30170
 770-854-READ

For Additional Information Contact: West Central Lt. Governor
 Karen Rogers, Pilot Club of Heard County. Cell:
 770.854.5957 Home: 770.301.2909

Judy Walters was presented a Pick-Me-Up bouquet by the Pilot Club of Lavonia in November. Avaline Adams, Eleanor Ragsdale & Barbara Eavenson presented Judy with the flowers as a way to show she is appreciated for all her hard work, love and devotion she shows as a caregiver for her husband, Ron.



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Spotlighting Our Clubs...

Tammy Dalton-Pilot Club of Madison County Anchor Coordinator, Linda Hazinski-Pilot Treasurer, Christie Haggard-Anchor Advisor, Jayne Lackey-Pilot President, India McElroy-Student Pilot, Karen Fitzpatrick-Pilot Vice-President, and Sue Stone assisted Madison County Anchors with their annual Winter Scarf project. Over 75 scarves were made and distributed at Advantage Homeless Day Service Center and Veterans Medical Clinic.



Pilot Club of Carrollton members baked and served cookies and hot chocolate as they collected 144 toys for needy children in the community on December 5 at White Crest Farm.

Pictured (l to r): President-Elect Deborah Cogburn, Past-President Deborah Wilson, President and Past GA Governor Jo Farish, Santa, Pilot Cassie Wright, PI Treasurer and Past GA Governor Judy Jackson



Ladies of the Pilot Club of Jefferson assembling Blessing Bags to give to the homeless.

Left to right: Helen Gunnels, June Murphy, Connie Lynn, Virginia Aultman, Sue Whiddon, Rita Redd, Janis Mangum, Libby Wilkes, Cathy Brown, Jean Bullock,

Back row: Marion Mahaffey, Wendy Cox and Guest Linda King



Pilot Club of Elberton enjoyed a night of handing out cookies to the children of Elberton who came to the lighting of the Christmas tree. The children were entertained by visiting with Santa Claus, riding a train, and helping Santa light the tree

Pictured: Connie Dixon, Laura Lewis, Beth Dunn, Mary Turner and Joy Stratton.



Eastman Pilots presented a bike safety program at North and South Dodge elementary schools on Thursday, Dec 17, 2015. Local biker Phil Bearden was on hand to share about bike safety and the importance of wearing a helmet while biking. Grade K students were presented a bike helmet by the Pilot club of Eastman. Pictured are Eastman Pilots with biker Phil Bearden.

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**2016 DISTRICT CONVENTION REGISTRATION
 GEORGIA DISTRICT PILOT INTERNATIONAL**

HILTON ATLANTA NE-5993 Peachtree Industrial Blvd., Peachtree Corners, GA. 30092 - April 8, 2016 - April 10, 2016

Name (as it will appear on name tag): _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone No. _____ Work Phone No. _____

Email Address _____

Pilot Club _____ Region _____

Special Dietary Restrictions _____
 and/or ADA Needs _____

<u>Check One Only</u>
Pilot _____
Past Gov. _____
Past PI Pres. _____
Current Dist. Officer _____
Co-Pilot _____
Other (write in) _____
PI Officer _____

<u>Check if First time to DC:</u> (additional information)
First Timer _____

**Mail this form and your club or
 personal check to:**

*Shelby Holland, Treasurer
 Georgia District PI
 225 Crawford Circle
 Toccoa, GA 30577*

Make check payable to:

GEORGIA DISTRICT CONVENTION

**MUST BE POSTMARKED BY
 FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2016
 Late fee after March 18th \$15**

DISTRICT CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Full Registration	\$135.00 _____
(Friday night Welcome Party, Materials, Continental Breakfast and Saturday Lunch, Banquet & Sunday Breakfast)	
Awards Luncheon Tickets (EXTRA)	_____ x\$28 _____
Banquet Tickets (EXTRA)	_____ x\$42 _____
Late Fee IF POSTMARKED AFTER 3-18-16	\$15 _____

Hotel Reservations can be made by calling **1-800-445-8667**.
 or the hotel phone # - (770) 447-4747
 Ask for the **GA District Pilot Club** rate for this weekend which is
 \$89.00 plus applicable tax.
 Or you can use their website.
[Special registration information is in the bulletin](#)
 Deadline to obtain special rate is 3-17-16.

Registration refunds available by contacting Governor Grace via email or US mail prior to April 1,2016. After that date, any other requests will be handled by the District Administrative Council as the situation arises and may not include a full refund.

Market Place Reservation Form



**Atlanta Hilton NE
5993 Peachtree Industrial Blvd.
Peachtree Corners, GA 30092
April 8 and 9, 2016**



Market Place Hours - 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. (Sat.)

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____
Email _____
Pilot Club _____
Product _____

**Table Rental is \$25.00 which includes table, cloth, skirt and two chairs.
Clubs must have paid their registration fee before a table will be reserved.
Tables can be set up after 4 p.m. on Friday the 8th.**

Please mail check to:
Shelby Holland, Treasurer
Georgia District PI
225 Crawford Circle
Toccoa, Georgia 30577

Make Payable to: [Georgia District Convention](#)



2016 Georgia District Swap Pin Order Form



Make checks payable to Georgia District, Pilot International. Please indicate “for swap pins” on check. Mail order form and check to:

Shelby Holland, Treasurer
Georgia District, PI
225 Crawford Court
Toccoa, GA 30577

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone # ____ (____) _____

Pilot Club of _____

Number of Pins _____ @ \$1.35=\$ _____

Amount of enclosed check \$ _____