



"Anchors Aweigh"

2013 - 2014 DISTRICT OFFICERS

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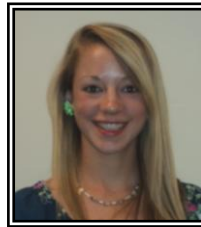
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"A Message from our President"

Welcome back everybody!!! I hope everyone enjoyed a great summer. Now it's time to get back in the swing of things which means going to bed by ten, doing your homework, and not forgetting to make time for your community service! 😊 Anchor has got many things planned for this year and I hope you are ready to jump in! Anchor's newest project is the competition to raise money for the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA). Our goal is to reach 8,000 dollars and I know we can do it! We might even make to national news! I hope all of you are excited about Anchor this year as I am and I can't wait to see the accomplishments we are going to make this year.

Let's get to work!

Megan Houston



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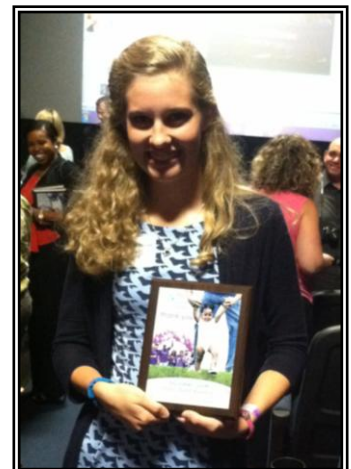
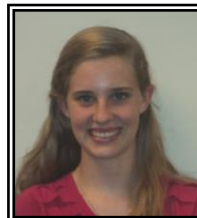
Realizing that in unity there is strength, we, as members of the Anchor Club, are resolved:

To work together in friendship and loyalty; to render service to our home, school and community, knowing this course will take us over a sea of happiness; to steer our ship of life by the bright stars of Hope and Faith; to follow words of guidance from parents, teachers, and Pilot friends, for those, as gleams from the Lighthouse of Truth, are of wisdom, to set full sail through channels of achievement which lead us to the port of success; and, when our ship of life is tossed by the tempests of misunderstanding and the angry winds of injustice we will cast our Anchor of courage, wisdom, and trust to hold us fast.

"ANCHOR PRESIDENT-ELECT"

Hi! I am Mary Stuart Shannon, your 2013-2014 Georgia District President-Elect! To tell you a little about myself I am currently a junior at Roswell High School and I am the president of my school Anchor Club. Some of my interests/hobbies include hiking, cooking, hanging out with friends, and making hats for preemies. I am looking forward to a great Anchor year and I am excited to hear about your service in the community! A couple weeks ago the Roswell Anchor Board got together to start planning our events for this fun and busy year! I hope everyone is having a great school year so far and I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at convention! 😊

Mary Stuart Shannon



Mary Stuart at the March of Dimes for Babies Award Ceremony.





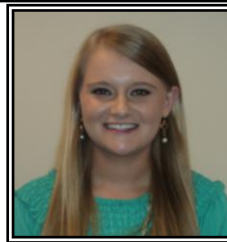
Let's Meet Our New Anchor Board...



ANCHOR SECRETARY
HARLEIGH BASS

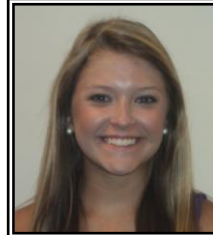
My name is Harleigh Bass; I have gone to John Milledge Academy for 5 years now where I have cheered for competition and football for 4 years. I have been an anchor for 2 years and have enjoyed every bit of it! I have really enjoyed John Milledge Academy and getting to know new people!

This year's school season will be full of meeting new people and helping others in our community. Our anchor club at John Milledge has many great things planned for this year. The 2013-2014 Anchor Board also has great things planned for anchor convention this upcoming year. I am looking forward to a great year with some amazing people. The John Milledge Academy Anchor Club looks forward to servicing our community to the best of our ability in any way possible. It's going to be a great year and I look forward to sharing it with you.



ANCHOR CONVENTION CHAIR
RAEGEN RENFROE

It's a new year anchors with a lot of excitement ahead. Every year in each of our school clubs, we do individual service projects to help our community but this year we are going to raise the bar and make this the best year yet! This year's convention will be held **February 28-March 2 at the Legacy Lodge and Conference Center** with the theme of the "Amazing Underwater". We have lots of fun events planned for the weekend and even new workshops for everyone to enjoy and get involved in. We are all very excited for another great year of helping others and having fun doing it!



ANCHOR NE REGION CHAIR
MCKENZIE HARPER

Hey Yall! My name is McKenzi Harper; I am 16 years old and in the 11th grade at Elbert County High School. I am big sister to Jake and daughter to two parents who have molded me into who I am today. At ECCHS I am actively involved in Anchor, Friends Helping Friends (organization created to assist special needs kids), National Honors Society, Alpha Beta, Yearbook, and Interact. My faith is an important part of my life; I have attended First United Methodist Church since I was a baby. My grandmother, mama, and aunt have been involved in Anchor in some way during their high school year. My Grammy was an Anchor advisor through Pilot, my aunt was an active member in her Anchor club, and my Mama was President and Anchor of the Year for her club. Needless to say, I am super excited about serving as Northeast Region Chair and President-elect of the Anchor club here in Elberton!



ANCHOR SW REGION CHAIR
TAYLOR COLON

Hi! My name is Taylor Colon and I will be serving as the Southwest Region Chair for the Georgia District Anchor Club this year. I am a Junior at Bainbridge High School in Bainbridge, Georgia where I am currently serving as the President-elect for the BHS Anchor Club. I have been a member of Anchor Club for two years. As a member of Anchor Club, I am involved in many service activities throughout our community such as One on One mentoring at Hutto middle school with at risk, special needs students and Special Olympics. I am also actively involved in my church youth group and enjoy participating in church activities, as well as, going on mission trips. In addition to my Anchor Club duties and church involvement, I play percussion in the BHS band and run for the cross country team. I am also an active member of the National Honor Society and Interact Club. I really enjoy being involved in a service oriented club such as Anchor Club. I am looking forward to serving as the southwest region chair this year and getting to know and work with my fellow anchors.





Let's Meet Our New Anchor Board...



ANCHOR WC REGION CHAIR
JASMINE KING

I live in Macon, Georgia and a junior at Jones County High School. I am 16 years old. I have been in Anchor Club for two years and currently the president of Beta Club, Vice President for Anchor Club and the Peoples Communications Officer for HOSA. I am an Honor Roll student. I do a lot of volunteer work within my community. I am very dedicated. When I put my mind to do something, I do not stop until the task is accomplished. I look to having a WONDERFUL year with every one of you.



ANCHOR EC REGION CHAIR
ASHLEY PERRY

Hello Anchor friends, my name is Ashley Perry. I am currently the Anchor President at West Laurens High School and I am this year's 2013-2014 GA Anchor East Central Region Chair. Community service holds a dear spot in my heart and caring for others in need is my passion. I am beyond lucky to hold positions at the local level and the state level to represent an organization so personal to me. I wish you all the very best this school year. I hope that through participation and service in the Anchor Club you will receive much joy and humility.



ANCHOR NW REGION CHAIR
SAM JESSEN

My name is Sam Jessen. I am the northwest chair for this year. I have been in anchor club for 3 years. I hold a secretary position at my school. I also play basketball and lacrosse on top of my anchor duties.

"Anchors Aweigh"

The Georgia District Newsletter "Anchors Aweigh" is published 4 times a year in September, November, January and March.

We would like to spotlight your club in our next edition of "Anchors Aweigh." Please send us your news on special awards, projects, fundraisers or other activities of your Anchor Club. Photos are also welcome.

Send articles to turnerma@elberton.net and copy to kajorge@yahoo.com. Articles for the next issue of "Anchors Aweigh" should be submitted by November 1.

Please make copies and share "Anchors Aweigh" with your Anchor Club members. If lack of money for photocopying is a problem, print a few copies and pass around at your next meeting.



Anchors, Sam Jessen, Savannah Dumont, Roslyn Wilsey, Mary Stuart Shannon & Morgan Jones recruiting new members at Roswell High School Club Fair.





"DISTRICT ANCHOR COORDINATOR"

Welcome to a new Anchor year! Schools have been in session for a month for most of you. I hope that you have been busy making plans for the year. Governor Patricia Whatley has as her theme this year "True Course Ever to Friendship & Service" using a riverboat for the logo. I am always astounded at the quantity and quality of projects that all the Anchors do in your communities and schools. Be sure to share with us what you are doing throughout the year.

Your District Anchor Board met July 27th at Pilot Headquarters in Macon for a day of discussions and planning for the year. The main topic of discussion was the convention next February. They came up with some great ideas for speakers, programs, workshops and fun activities. The theme will revolve around Sea Life. You'll hear more about this in the November issue of this newsletter. Be sure to hold the dates and plan to attend. This will be an Anchor Convention you won't want to miss!

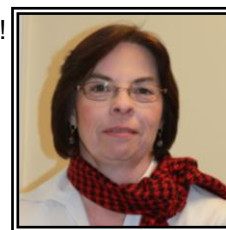
I would like to remind the club officers and sponsors that Pilot International requests a list of your officers as soon as possible. Please also copy me on that list. A blank form is attached to this newsletter. Also, November 1 is when Pilot International and Georgia District dues are due. This year each club needs to include \$4.00 per member with their PI dues. This \$4.00 will cover liability insurance. Advisors/Sponsors, please request those checks early so no Georgia Anchor Club has to be reminded to pay their dues. Both of these forms are also attached to this newsletter.

Please remember that this year each Anchor should complete the Pilot International Youth Protection Policy. This consists of a Parental Waiver and Release of Liability, as well as a Photo Release Form. These forms should be kept on file with the advisor. They will need to be completed each year. Please do not send pictures of students to be included in the newsletter or the Pilot Log without having a Photo Release Form. This information is attached to this newsletter.

The Anchor Advisor/Sponsor is usually appointed by the school principal. The Anchor Coordinator is a member of the Pilot Club that sponsors the Anchor Club. This person is appointed by the Pilot Club President and is the liaison between the Pilot Club and the Anchor Club. Both of these people are critical to the success of any Anchor Club. They need to communicate constantly. It would be a good idea if the Anchor Advisor could attend Pilot Club meetings and if the Anchor Coordinator could attend Anchor Club meetings. It is also good to have some joint Anchor/Pilot projects and social events throughout the year. It is important that we have your current "Anchor Advisor" and "Anchor Coordinator" information so the proper people can receive the newsletters and other correspondence to keep you updated.

Be inspired this year!

Mary Turner



"GA DISTRICT GOVERNOR"

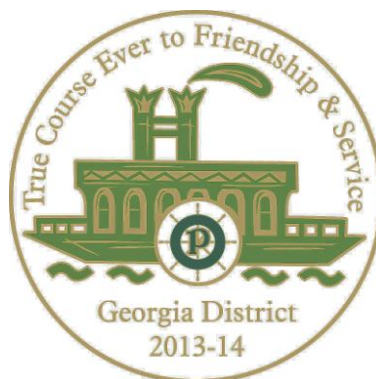
Ahoy Anchors,

It is time to set our course for the new Anchor year, making plans for your service projects and your time together. Explore your community and find the needs that will best suit your resources as Anchors. Enlist new members if you need more help. Extra hands always come in handy and besides we want to share our service for others.

There are many new ideas on the Pilot International website. Contact your local Pilot Club and help out with their projects also. BrainMinders is always a fun way to help people of all ages. There are skits for pre-K to senior citizens. Everyone loves puppets. They can be used for safety programs, health issues, teen issues and anti-bully training; just to name a few. Whatever you decide for your club, remember you are changing lives with your Anchor work.

In friendship and service,

Patricia Whatley



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Your District Anchor officers are ready and willing to provide assistance to your Anchor Club.

Please contact your Region Chair (see e-mail addresses on list of officers on front page) with activities your club is doing.

**Attention:
Anchor Sponsors/Advisors
Anchor Coordinators of
Pilot Clubs**

In order to get information timely to the Anchor Advisors and Pilot Anchor Coordinators, We need your correct information. If you have not already done so, please e-mail your updated e-mail address, mailing address and phone number to Mary Turner at turnerma@elberton.net.



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Georgia District Anchor has a Facebook page. Please go and like us on Facebook. This is a place where you can share your service projects and programs.



"ANCHOR SUMMIT"

By Anchor President Megan

Anchor Summit at Louisiana hosted by Pilot International was amazing. There are no words to describe how exhilarating it was or how much you learned. Summit this year focused on being a leader and what it means to be a leader. Pilot invited many special guests to come and talk with us like dosomething.org on how to be successful and how to involve the world! I left the Anchor Summit changed with a new perspective on how people look up to me and how I can lead them in the right direction. While at summit we also made blankets for veterans, made a video on fundraisers for our new partnerships, and toured Louisiana! While doing all these exciting activities, I met so many people from around the world that are truly wonderful. From the Bahamas to Japan, we made friends and learned about each other and how we live by doing surveys, the cultural exchange, and simply hanging out. I wish everyone could go to Anchor Summit and enjoy the fun activities and learn about how to make a difference. It was definitely a life changing experience and I can't wait to go back. 😊

Anchor President Megan at Anchor Summit



"MEET ASSISTANT ANCHOR COORDINATOR"

I have been a member of the Pilot Club of Madison County since 2004. I knew that I would soon be retiring from the University of Georgia and was looking for a volunteer position or something to keep me busy, but would still be an asset to my community. I found that in the Pilot Club of Madison County. I have been President of the Pilot Club twice, most recently 2012-2013; Anchor Coordinator for three years 2008-2011 as well as other positions in our local club. During my years as Anchor Coordinator, I became very excited to be involved with the students of the Madison County High School Anchor Club and very proud when members of our Anchor Club received \$1500 scholarships during those three years. I have attended the Georgia Anchor Convention at Lake Lanier for the past three years and I probably was as excited as any of the students that were there. I believe that the Anchor Club members of today are Pilot members of tomorrow and I would like to think that I have been a small part of creating outstanding future Pilot members.

Audrey Spivey





New Anchor Awards and Criteria



Children's
Healthcare of Atlanta
Foundation

2013-2014 GA ANCHOR FUNDRAISER

Dear Megan,

Thank you for selecting Children's Healthcare of Atlanta as a beneficiary of the Georgia Anchor Club fundraisers in 2013. The financial contribution your event raises will help many families during a very difficult time. We are truly fortunate to have groups like yours get involved and help support the patients treated at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Your support continues to help us carry out our mission to make kids better today and healthier tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Abby Marcinko
Program Coordinator
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

New Anchor Awards and new awards criteria are coming soon for members and clubs. Here is a sneak peak at the proposed changes for Anchor Club of the Year:

- Criteria is being streamlined with less emphasis on creating huge scrapbooks that are timely and costly for clubs. Clubs will still be able to be creative in their submissions with pictures and artistic elements. Award criteria will also include required participation in International partnerships and initiatives. Due dates for submissions to PI will be pushed back to later in the spring to allow for district conventions and for clubs to include
- Spring activities! Districts are welcome to continue to follow their own timing for submissions for district awards.
- **Two** Anchor Club of the Year Awards will be presented for 2013-14. One will be for clubs with 40 members or less and one for clubs with 41 or more members. We believe this change takes into account the differences inherent in club size and will encourage more submissions for the award.
- Each winning Anchor Club of the Year will receive \$250 toward an Anchor Leadership Summit registration fee to send a member to accept the award on the club's behalf and participate in the Anchor Leadership Summit in Chicago next July!
- We do encourage districts to follow the same or very similar criteria as the International award criteria to make it easier on clubs to participate at both the district and International levels for this award.

All of the new awards and awards criteria will be detailed in the September issue of The Anchor!

Attached to this Newsletter are the following documents:

- **GA District Dues Form**
- **Anchor Officer Form**
- **Community Service Application**
- **Criteria for Judging Scrapbooks**
- **PI Parental Waiver**
- **PI Anchor Photo Release Form**
- **PI Dues Form**
- **Freedom's Foundation Brochure**
- **PI Youth Protection Policy**

