



# "Anchors Aweigh"

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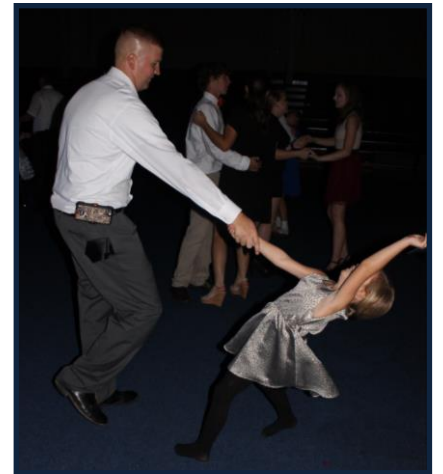
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ANCHOR PRESIDENT

Hello everyone! I hope your year has been going great so far. The Anchor Board has been working hard to come up with new ideas that we hope will make convention an unforgettable experience. Our theme this year is "Anchors Go to Hollywood". I'm really looking forward to seeing and getting to know all of you at convention. Until then, I hope that all of you are being more, caring more, and doing more for each other and the community. The John Milledge Academy Anchor club has just finished hosting our first annual Father-Daughter dance. The event gave little girls a memorable night with their fathers. By hosting this dance, the club has made over \$1800 that we will use to help our various service projects. I hope that all of you and your clubs are actively serving the community and making a difference as well. Remember Anchors, spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.

Now get out there and turn someone's frown into a smile. Happy Holidays!

*Erika Reddy*



John Milledge Anchors held a big fundraiser in October. They had a Father-Daughter Dance for all girls in their Elementary and Middle school. They had over 60 girls come and bring their dads. It was so exciting to see them with their hair done, nails polished, new dresses, wrist corsages and to walk out during the lead-out to be recognized for the audience to ooh and ah over. It was so rewarding to see how those little girls were so excited to be dressed up and having a date with Daddy. Many of them even went to dinner with Dad before the dance. To help with expenses, we asked local businesses to make a donation of \$50. They put their logo on a t-shirt that we sold to the girls. They served light refreshments and decorated with stars that had the names of each girl written on and balloons. Their DJ knew just how to get everyone on the dance floor from beginning to end. It was a huge success for the JMA Anchor Club.



# GA District Anchor Convention

February 26 – 28, 2016

Legacy Lodge and Convention Center  
Lake Lanier Islands

### WHAT TO BRING TO CONVENTION

#### Refreshments for Convention

**East Central Region** - Chips, muffins & fruit

**Northeast Region** – Canned drinks, please remember to include some diet drinks and water

**Northwest Region** – Granola Bars & Fruit (Clementine's)

**Southwest Region** - Little Debbie Snacks

**Southeast Region** – Individually wrapped candy, chocolate



## Theme

***"Anchors Go to Hollywood"***

### WHAT TO BRING TO CONVENTION

**Door Prizes** – Each club needs to bring two door prizes around \$5.00 to \$10.00 each. If you do not know what to bring you may bring gift cards.

**Pop tops contest for Ronald McDonald House by the milk jug**



**Bring Books for the Zambezi Project**



The Anchor Board has been working very hard to make this year's convention fun and memorable! The theme is "Anchors Go to Hollywood", and we have planned great workshops, games, speakers and events for you all to enjoy! This year we have worked to include the most popular workshops from past years as well as incorporate new ones into the mix. As the Zambezi Schoolbook Project was such a success last year, we have continued it this year, as well as introduced Blessings in a Backpack, so be sure to be collecting books and child friendly canned/package food items! We will be having a photo contest this year: the club that submits the most pictures during convention wins, so get your cameras ready!

We hope to see you at convention!

*Anahit Mehranian*

**ANCHOR CONVENTION CHAIR**



### WORKSHOPS

Self defense

Zumba

"Educational" (Resume, ACT/SAT prep, Leadership/Personality)

Packaging (Books for Africa, Blessings in a Backpack with handmade cards)

First Aid/CPR





DISTRICT GOVERNOR

It has been a busy fall for our Anchors and Advisors and I would like to pause for moment to thank you for all your good work in your schools and communities. You truly are making a difference, with your selfless service, with every book donated, with every kindness extended you are making this world a better place. We will celebrate your many accomplishments at convention in February!

The Georgia District Anchor Convention is planned for February 26 – 28, 2016. We are returning to Legacy Lodge and Convention Center at Lake Lanier Islands. Please note the convention registration form (\$100 per person), the convention regulations, permission forms, (required of each Anchor), hotel reservation info (129 plus 13% tax- note the cut-off date). Up to 4 Anchors can share a room, so that helps make it more affordable for attendees.

The Anchor Board chose "Anchors go to Hollywood" as their theme this year, so get ready to walk the Red Carpet on Saturday night! Special awards will be given to the clubs who bring the most books for the Zambezi Book Project, and pop tops for the new Ronald McDonald House in Atlanta.

In addition to bringing a club scrapbook to convention, please submit entries for Anchor Club of the Year, Anchor Advisor of the Year, and the Community Service Award.

We will be electing new Anchor officers at convention for the 2016-2017 Anchor year. Please think about running for an office. We had quite an exciting election last year, with several candidates running for key positions. The Anchor Standing Rules are attached to the newsletter. Please review them and if you see something that needs to be addressed, let me know by January 1, 2016. We will need to send any proposed changes to clubs for consideration before convention.

Lots of good information is included with this newsletter; awards, scholarships, and district officer nominations. Please look at everything, and be mindful of the deadlines. Freedoms Foundation info is missing this year, as it falls on our convention weekend. Don't hesitate to reach out to your district Anchor officers or me, if you need help or have any questions. Enjoy your Holidays, and I look forward to a great time with everyone at Anchor Convention!

Sheryl Merrey



Centennial HS Anchors helping at Oakland Cemetery's Sunday in the Park

# "Happiness"

is Being Thankful & Giving....

This week I took a few days off to visit with family in the mountains of North Carolina. On the Blue Ridge Parkway we stopped to enjoy the scenery along the way. I felt a renewal of spirit as I looked out over the cloudless blue sky surrounding the majestic mountain tops clothed in the glorious colors of autumn foliage. I never get tired of looking at this vast beauty that seems to magnify my sense of gratitude for all of life's blessings. My list is long and includes the blessing of having many Anchor club members sharing my love of being a servant to others. What overwhelming joy and happiness this brings to life!

In a recent article, Dr. Hal Brady, retired Sr. Pastor of St. Luke UMC in Columbus, GA wrote that happiness is not a goal in itself; but, it is a by-product of something else. He lists these things as -

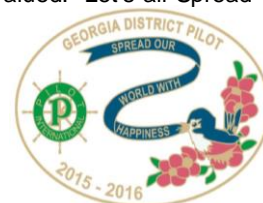
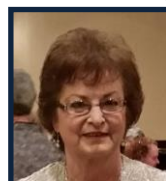
1. Happiness is a by-product of a life of meaning.
2. Happiness is a by-product of a life of service.
3. Happiness is a by-product of right relations.
4. Happiness is a by-product of a vital faith. It seems to me that this about sums up the blessings of being a Pilot.

Anchor most definitely gives meaning to our lives and the opportunity to serve others. It gives opportunities for close and meaningful relationships with other Anchors who share a similar commitment to doing for others. And, through our work in Anchor we exemplify what Jesus meant when He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

During this November and the season for Thanksgiving, we celebrate with hearts of gratitude and that prompts us into action as we Be More, Care More and Do More to make this a world where all are valued. Let's all Spread Our World with the Happiness of Thanks and Giving.

Grace

Grace Crittenden



DISTRICT GOVERNOR

### 2015-2016

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Our Vision: Pilot International envisions a world where all is valued.

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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 Sheryl Merrey at [sherylmerrey@gmail.com](mailto:sherylmerrey@gmail.com).



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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.



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Hello Anchors! So far this year, Bainbridge High School has been busy with many service projects! This year we have served our school community by passing out water at the annual BHS cross country meet. We also helped serve at the annual breast cancer awareness luncheon. Every year we sell homecoming shirts. The proceeds will go towards needy families during the holidays to help give them a better Christmas. We also stay active in the different elementary schools in our community. We have been helping with their yearly fall festivals. We are currently collecting canned goods for the less fortunate in our community during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. We are also helping the Friendship House make and sell apple pies. The money from the pies helps the homeless in our community. In December, we will be helping ring the bell for the Salvation Army and collecting toys for Toys for Tots. In the spring of every year we set up a tent for Relay for Life. This year we will partner with the Pilot Club to help walk for a cure!

*Emilee Poppell*



Anchors from Brentwood School & Washington County High School helping with the S.K.I.P. (Special Kids in the Park) Day for special needs children



**“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, fund-raisers or other activities of your Anchor Club. Photos are also welcome.

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**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.**





**ANCHOR CREED**

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.



John Milledge Anchors painted pumpkins for the Life Enrichment Center's dining hall. The Center serves adults with disabilities and they loved our pumpkin decorations during the month of October. For their Fall Festival/Halloween party, they provided wrapped candy for goodie bags. They also helped bag 40,000 pounds of potatoes to feed the needy in the Middle Georgia area one Saturday morning in October in a big community-wide project.



Roswell HS Anchors at Roswell Youth Day



Brentwood HS Anchors and Pilot Club of Washington Co. Pilots at Car Seat Safety

**Attached to the email with the Newsletter are the following documents (Forms 2):**

- 2016 GPF Scholarship Application
- PI Anchor Dues Invoice
- GA District Club Treasurer's Report
- Community Service Application
- Anchor Parental Waiver
- PI Anchor Photo Release Form
- PI Youth Protection Policy
- Criteria for Judging Scrapbooks

**Attached to the email with the Newsletter are the following documents (Forms 1):**

**2016 Anchor Convention Information**

- 2016 Anchor Convention Registration Form
- Hotel Information
- Parent Permission Form

