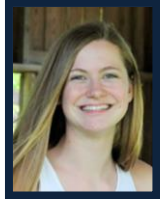




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"Anchors Aweigh"



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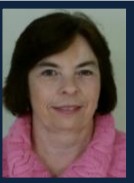
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Anchor President

Hey Anchors! Convention is closer than it was last time I wrote to you, and that's so exciting! I hope everyone has had a great first semester in school and has been able to do a lot for the community. Don't forget that we are having a pull tab and book collection contest at convention. I encourage those interested in running for district office to do so. Being president has benefited me in more ways than one. I have made better friends with anchors from different schools, learned how to be an organized leader, been blessed with the opportunity to go to the International Anchor Convention, and gotten better at planning and delegating. On top of all that, this district position has been profitable to me because it holds high esteem on college applications. I'm grateful for the opportunity to be yall's president!

Back at home, the Roswell Anchors have been doing a lot to support children with food insecurity problems by donating food for Blessings in a Backpack.

We have also been successful in collections for Books for Africa. See Cynthia's article for more about what we've been up to this fall and winter.

Sincerely,
Cathleen Mellor



Anchor President Cathleen with Roswell HS Elves at Santa's Secret Shop

Anchor President-Elect

Happy New Year fellow Anchors! Over the past year, my Anchor club in Rabun County has done many things together, and we have had a lot of fun doing it! We started this year off hosting Challenge Air at our local private airfield. Leading up to the new year, we concluded the quarter with helping one of our town churches with a Stop Hunger Now food packaging drive, and we paid a joyous visit to one of our neighborhoods long-term living facility of Traces of Tiger in which we played bingo with the residents and conversed over puzzles. From these meaningful experiences that I have had the pleasure to share with my club, I am more excited than ever for the upcoming convention! As I am sure you have heard, there will be lots of fun activities that will not only serve to fill each day entertaining moments but also to bring all of us Anchors closer together. I am looking forward to this year being even better than the last, including the convention!

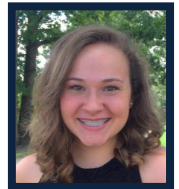
See you all there!

Susanna Grafton

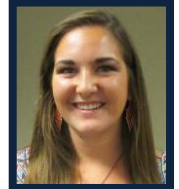
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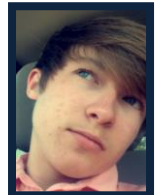
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Roswell Anchors Hannah & Abigail introduce Carla; newly arrived Exchange Student from Spain, to Halloween festivities.



**ANCHOR EC REGION CHAIR
SACHEN PILLAY**

Hello all Anchors and Pilots!

This is a friendly message to all who will be attending the Georgia District Anchor Convention. There are many fun and interesting activities planned to both break the ice and entertain the attendees. One such activity will include dramatic arts and improv comedy class instructed by yours truly. Throughout my own high school career I have found the performing arts to be a fundamental character builder, and overall great way to get to know the personalities of other participants. I find it important to recognize the performing arts as the catalyst for community service and communal synergy; this taps into the very essence of the Anchor Club itself, and what better way to introduce this art to the club than through convention! Many group games are scheduled for this activity. They are designed to teach those not learned in drama, how to act on stage, and how to think and perform on the spot. Those who have acted before can show off their skills and steal the show!

Yours truly,

Sachen Pillay

John Milledge Academy Anchors for Christmas donated candy canes for the Pilot Club Christmas Tree Lighting on First Friday. Anchors dressed up as Elves and passed them out during the event.



Are you a leader in your club? Do you want to learn leadership skills? Then YOU are needed to run for District Office. The current President Elect will automatically become President at the convention in February. The following officers will be elected to serve July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018:

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| President-Elect | East Central Region Chair |
| Secretary | Northeast Region Chair |
| Convention Chair | Southeast Region Chair |
| Southwest Region Chair | Northwest Region Chair |

The President-Elect must be a 10th grader when elected and will serve as President Elect in 11th grade, the President in 12th grade. All other officers may be in any grade. The delegates all vote for President-Elect, Secretary and Convention Chair. Region Chairs are elected by their own Region's delegates. Many times we get to convention without nominees for some offices. Let's don't let that happen this year. **The date has been extended to February 1, 2017 to GA District Anchor Coordinator Mary Turner.**



Centennial Anchor Volunteers helped with Community Fun House- Face painting, bounce houses, games, crafts, hayrides, Trick or Treat booths & snack bar. Lots of spooky fun for all!





Anchor Convention

February 24-26, 2017

Legacy Lodge - Lake Lanier Islands:



Theme:



Swinging ON A STAR

2016-17 Service Project

Pull Tabs

Please save your pull tabs. We will have a competition to see which Anchor club can bring the most to convention. Please place the tabs in gallon jugs and label them with your club name. The club turning in the most full gallon jugs of pull tabs will win. These will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House.



DRESS CODE

Friday Night

School Anchor Shirt/Jeans

We will be judging to see which school has the best Anchor Shirt

Saturday Morning

Business Casual

After Lunch you may change into comfortable clothes for the workshops

Saturday Banquet

Semi-Formal

Friday registration begins at 5:00, and the activities for the night begin at 7:30.

WORKSHOPS

Self defense

Zumba

Internet Safety Class

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

Improv Class

Fleece Blanks

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.

Fleece for the Fleece Blankets

Bring Books for the Zambezi Project



ZAMBEZI
SCHOOLBOOK
PROJECT
REACHING ISOLATED
CHILDREN





ANCHOR NW REGION CHAIR
CYNTHIA RODY

Hey Anchors! I hope everyone is as excited for convention as I am. My Anchor Club did an amazing job with pecan sales this year to help raise money for everyone to be able to attend! Throughout the semester, Anchor Clubs throughout the state have been collecting books for the Books for Africa drive. We have been pushing this in our local club, and I can't wait to see how many books the Anchors have collected! I had the blessing of being able to Skype some of the volunteers that help distribute the books in Africa, and it is amazing how beneficial this drive is.

On a more local scale, the local Anchor Clubs in my region have been active leaders in collecting food for Blessings in a Backpack. This is another amazing donation based drive Anchor participates in. We provide food directly to kids in need. Some of the non-ongoing events my Northwest Region Anchor Clubs have helped spearhead include various local events such as the Marietta Fun Run. Having volunteered at the run was the perfect way to promote a healthy lifestyle while also giving back to the community. As well as the run, we have volunteered at numerous local events such as the Youth Day Parade and a High School Clean Up Day. These service activities allow us to put smiles on people's faces through caring for our city while also having fun.

Most recently we have been extremely active at various holiday events! Starting way back in October members of my regional Anchor Clubs volunteered at 4 different Halloween parties/funhouses. We also got to transform into elves for a day while helping with a Santa's Workshop which allowed kids to pick out holiday presents for their loved ones. Overall, I am super proud of my region for participating in so many different events this past semester. Whether it be international or local, ongoing or just an hour-long event, through Anchor club we have been able to brighten lives and benefit others.

I can't wait to meet all of you this February to hear about the amazing work you all have been doing as well!

Cynthia Roby

Anchor Coordinator

It's hard to believe that it is already January! Anchor Convention is just around the corner. I hope that you are working on attending convention this year. The Anchor board has been working hard planning convention and we hope to see many of you at convention. Please encourage members to run for district office.

I hope that your club is working hard on scrapbooks. It would be nice to have a scrapbook from every club in attendance. I also hope that you are working on the other awards. For the last two years we have not awarded an Anchor Club of the year at district convention. I hope this year we will have several entries. Please look closely at the newsletter because it has important information about convention.

We have several opportunities for your club to participate in service projects at convention this year! Remember that we are collecting pull tabs for Ronald McDonald house. Please bring the pull tabs in gallon jugs. We will award a certificate the clubs bring the most to convention. We will again collect books to send to Africa.

Please encourage your Anchors to apply for scholarships! You should have received an email with an updated address for the Georgia Pilot Foundation Scholarship. Please make sure that you sent that application to Robin Perry! The Anchor Scholarship will still be mailed to me.

Hope to see you in February at Anchor Convention where we will be "Swingin on a Star!"

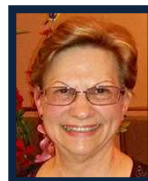
Mary Turner



GA District Governor

Anchor Convention is coming and I hope everyone is excited! Conventions are a fantastic way to renew old friendships and make new ones. It's also a great way to get new ideas for Projects and Fundraisers. Your Anchor Officers have been working hard to make the weekend a fun and productive gathering. I'm looking forward to attending your workshops. Saturday evening will be exciting when the scholarships and awards are announced. Remember to bring your enthusiasm!

Cythnia Spearman





Have You Heard?

West Laurens Anchor Club helped to sponsor 5 children through the CASA Christmas Program and here are some of the items that were donated.



ANCHOR NE REGION CHAIR
ELIZA KATE FLOYD

This year, my club, Franklin County High School, is helping out with a Night to Shine sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, a prom night experience for people with special needs. On February 10, 2017, churches all over the world will host these proms for these very special people. Our club is going to be helping out a local Night to Shine location. There are many ways you can help with a Night to Shine, volunteering is a huge help. Many volunteers come to the church to help set up, serve food, punch, and clean up, etc. Another way volunteers help is to be a buddy. A buddy is kind of like a chaperone for one person attending a Night to Shine. The buddy will stay with their assigned person the whole night! They dance together, eat together, and have a good time! You can learn more about a Night to Shine and donate to the Tim Tebow Foundation by going to www.timtebowfoundation.org



Anchors from Stephens HS bought gifts for an underprivileged family and had a wrapping party with pizza. It's a good time for fellowship.



Madison County HS Anchor Club assists the Pilot Club of Madison County with serving Advantage Behavioral Health Systems Fine Finish Developmental Disabilities program a Holiday Meal. After serving lunch to the participants, the Anchors assisted with caroling and playing the role of Santa's elves by handing out gifts provided by the Pilot Club.

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.

