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"KEEPER OF THE KEYS"

JUDY JACKSON

GA DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Happy New Year! 2015 will be a great year—I just know it! We have had a strong beginning in GA District Pilot and have accomplished much to help our communities and to brighten the lives of others. Let's work hard to complete our 2014-2015 Club year with the same strength and enthusiasm! Let's continue to invite prospective members and go the extra mile to welcome our new members, making them feel valued and accepted as special Pilot friends.

Get ready for an inspiring and fun-filled District Convention at the Hilton Atlanta NE in Norcross, so mark your calendars for Friday, April 10. You do not want to miss the Friday Welcome Party—music and entertainment is planned and we will have a dance floor.

Continue to involve your community in helping collect gently used books for children and teens for the Zambezi Book Project and bring your books to District Convention. We will have Pilots and signs to direct you to our collection room, near the Ballroom, so that you can unload them when you arrive.

I would like to congratulate Evans County Pilot, Britnee Kinard, on being tapped for a prestigious national award, the 2014 Lincoln Awards, which will be presented in Washington, DC by The Friars Foundation with special events and the Awards ceremony to be held on January 6 and 7 (see article in this issue). On behalf of all Georgia Pilots, our special congratulations to Britnee for her work to improve the lives of veterans.

Britnee will be one of our featured speakers at our District Convention, April 10-12. We are excited to have this opportunity to meet her and hear her story.

Happy New Year everyone!

Judy



Past Governors

Nancy Henrick
January 8

Gwen Yarbrough
January 10

Sherry McDuffie
January 29

WC Lt. Governor

Linda Jones
January 2



**ZAMBEZI
SCHOOLBOOK
PROJECT**
REACHING ISOLATED
CHILDREN

Continue to collect gently used leisure reading books for Books for Zambezi for ages 5-13. Bring your books to District Convention on April 10.

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"KEYS OPEN DOORS TO THE LIGHT"
STEPHANIE RICHMOND
DISTRICT CHAPLAIN



The Light of the World is Jesus and by following him we have the key that can open many doors/areas in our lives to bring success and peace in our lives.

Two thousand and fourteen.....Where did you go?
 Pilots, you're special, just wanted you to know.

The keys of service have been implemented without costing a cent,
 By providing service to others while half our Pilot year has come and went.

We started in July with a new Governor for the year,
 She's a real "people person" whom we all hold dear.

In August, we got busy with audits and plans of work,
 Also, with the Governor's Cup, which we did not shirk.

September kept us occupied by completing club yearbooks,
 Planning for Fall Council and all of the details that it took.

The Doubletree Hilton was flooded with Pilots in October,
 Fall Council was awesome and a true success when it was over.

We learned how to turn our Dimes into Dollars,
 To provide grants to Anchors who are worthy scholars.

Soldiers to Angels Projects allowed veterans to receive tube socks,
 And inexpensive Pick-Me-Ups for caregivers were taught at workshops.

Books for the Zambezi Schoolbook Project, we did retrieve,
 So kids who had to walk miles for one would be able to receive.

Toiletries for Veterans, we gathered galore,
 For those less fortunate who could use a lot more.

Keep our troops in your prayers and our caregivers, too,
 They're there 24 – 7, for me and you.

We're blessed with health, family and friends,
 God bless you and yours – "Love you!" – The End.

Hope everyone has a successful and prosperous New Year!
 Isaiah 43: 18-19 states, "Do not remember the former things;
 neither consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing!
 Now, it springs forth; do you not perceive and heed to it? I will even
 make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Let God do a
 new thing in you. He will make a way when you can find no way.
 Get out of your comfort zone and invite a friend to become a Pilot.
 Have new beginnings in this New Year!

Stephanie



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

PILOT	CLUB NAME
Virginia Hall	Gainesville

PILOT	CLUB NAME	RELATIONSHIP
Nancy Miller	Milledgeville	Father-in-law
Gail Sharber	Bainbridge	Father
Linda Everett	Monroe	Mother-in-law
Donna Coleman	Monroe	Mother
Lynne Goins	Monroe	Mother
Denise Williamson	Peachtree	Father



Hartwell Pilot Club members Susan Knighton, Darlene May, Ann Adams, and Myra Cook enjoyed caroling at two area nursing homes in December.



Pilot Club of Oconee County hosted three Halloween parties in two hours for memory care and assisted living residents at St. Mary's Highland Hills Village/Memory Care. Pilot members and many residents came dressed for the occasion. One of the residents is a former Pilot and enjoyed talking about projects her Club had done.
 Pilots pictured left to right: Judy Murrow, Rosa Hall, Club Pres. Mary Mattocks, Joy Elder, Darlene Adams, Gayle Christopher, and Judy Marable. Not pictured: Ann Giles and Sandra Glass.

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

Important DATES

January 6, 2015

Deadline for Newsletter Competition submissions to your Lt. Gov.

February 1, 2015

Deadline for Pacesetter and "250" Club Contributions to Lia Smith at PI Headquarters

February 3, 2015

Deadline to submit District Officer Nomination Form to Jacque Kristoff

February 14, 2015

Deadline for District Awards Entries due to JoAnn Akers

February 28 – March 2, 2015

Anchor Convention
Lake Lanier Islands

April 10 – 12, 2015

District Convention
Hilton Atlanta NE, Norcross

May 2, 2015

Region Workshops
NW, EC, SW

May 16, 2015

Region Workshops
NE, WC, SE

July 8-12, 2015

PI Convention
Disney Swan & Dolphin Resort
Orlando, FL

**GRACE CRITTENDEN
GA DISTRICT GOVERNOR-ELECT**

Region Workshops

The New Year is arriving and Pilots all over the District have completed their wonderful holiday projects and fundraisers. Spring will be here before we know it with lots of activity as we Care More, Do More and Be More. Clubs can begin looking ahead--it is not too early to select your nominating committee to choose the officers for the new club year. These officers need to be elected before the middle of March. Clubs should send as many of these officers as possible to the District Convention so they can attend the training workshops being planned. In addition to the things to be learned at the convention, each region will be holding a Region Workshop for officer training in May. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at these upcoming training opportunities.

Mark your calendars for the Region Workshops.

May 2nd – East Central workshop will be held in Washington, GA hosted by the Pilot Club of Kettle Creek; the **Northwest** workshop will be held in Whitesburg, GA hosted by the Pilot Club of Sweetwater; and, **Southwest** workshop will be in Americus hosted by the Pilot Club of Americus.

May 16th – Northeast workshop will be in Winder hosted by the Pilot Club of Winder; **Southeast** workshop will be in Cochran hosted by the Pilot Club of Cochran; and, **West Central** Workshop will be in Warner Robins hosted by the Pilot Club of Warner Robins.

The host clubs will send out invitations with all the pertinent information you need to know.

Thank you Pilots for all the time you give helping others because you are truly "Spreading Your World with Happiness." Look for swap pin information in the February Bulletin.

Grace



The Pilot Club of Elberton made pick-me-ups at their October meeting for the Senior Center in Elberton. They had fun making them and later delivering them.

Club photos needed for Governor Judy's Digital Scrapbook

This year Joan McCannon is doing a digital scrapbook for Governor Judy's year. This means that only emailed photos can be used. Please email photos of your club's major service projects/events with a few sentences identifying your club, the project/event, and the Pilots pictured. There will not be room for paragraphs or articles. You can email your photos to Joan at mcc46@bellsouth.net.

You may begin sending her photos when you have good ones; be sure to identify your club and the event. There should be room for about 6 photos per club; be selective and send those that represent your club year best.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

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"THE KEY TO THE FUTURE"
MARY TURNER
ANCHOR COORDINATOR



I hope everyone had a great Christmas and is looking forward to a wonderful New Year. We still have some clubs that have not paid their Georgia District dues and Pilot International dues. I will be contacting these clubs soon.

The Anchor officers have been busy working on convention. Watch for the Anchor Newsletter for more information. The deadline for making hotel reservations is January 28, 2015. Please make sure your Anchor Clubs are aware of this deadline. Please encourage your Anchor club to submit a scrapbook. We would love to have a scrapbook from every club in attendance. A scrapbook is a wonderful way to showcase what your club has accomplished during the year.

Please encourage Anchors to apply for the Georgia District Anchor Scholarship. We will be giving four \$500.00 scholarships this year. The Georgia District Scholarship is open to all seniors who meet the qualifications. Please encourage one Anchor from each club to apply for the Georgia Pilot Foundation Scholarship.

At Anchor convention we will elect officers for the 2015-2016 Anchor year. Please encourage Anchors to run for an office. We would love to have more than one candidate for each office. This is a great way to gain leadership skills that they can take with them through life.

Mary — turnerma@elberton.net



Each year the Pilot Club of Eastman sponsors bike safety training for all kindergarteners at North and South Dodge Elementary Schools. They solicit the help of Phil Bearden, an avid biker, for bike safety training for the children. All kindergarteners receive their own bike helmet when they leave for Christmas break.

Bike safety training is a follow up program to BrainMinders which the Pilot Club presented in November at both schools. BrainMinders and bike safety teaches the children how important it is to protect their brain from injury for life by wearing helmets while biking, using a skate board, riding a scooter, etc.

Pictured are the children with Pilot members and biker Phil Bearden, at the bike safety training program at both schools on Dec. 12, 2014.



MAUREEN STOY
SOUTHEAST LT. GOVERNOR



Welcome to the New Year of 2015! Time for resolutions to do better...and time for something new or different. Does that word "new" scare you sometimes? Many times "new" means change and with that comes a learning curve. All of us have some resistance and some fear of going from the familiar to the unknown, but conquering those fears could lead to a brighter new year.

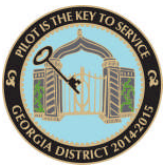
Pilot Clubs are full of imaginative and innovative individuals from all walks of life. Pilots are people who want to share that ingenuity with others to make their community a better place to live and to make a difference in other peoples' lives. Years of Pilot friendship and service have resulted in numerous successful projects and our future is unlimited when we use our gifts of talent and time for the good of others. We have opportunities to partner with other clubs and non-profit organizations to make even bigger projects. Open up your ears and listen to your members' ideas for new projects, increasing membership, and fundraisers.

The internet has shown us what social media can do to grow and meet our needs in an evolving society. Facebook allows clubs across the country to see other clubs' successes and gather new ideas. Our Pilot web portal is an example of a positive change for our clubs. It is a better form of communication that allows a single place for all Pilot information and updates. Email is instantaneous communication and although many think of it as impersonal, it allows us to wait until the last minute to submit forms, register for meetings, or just shout out a hello at any time of the day or night. There is no need for change just for the sake of change, but embrace new technology and use it to your advantage. Evaluate your club's activities and keep what is working...brainstorm to find more successes. Do not be afraid to try something different this year...after all, it is a New Year!

Maureen

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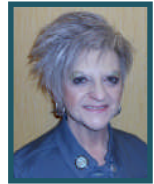




"UNLOCKING THE VAULT"
AMANDA MCCOY
FUND RAISING COORDINATOR



"KEYS FOR KINDNESS"
JAYNE LACKEY
PROJECTS COORDINATOR



Happy New Year's! Time to make our New Year's resolutions. What are you thinking? I think this is a great opportunity for your clubs to make resolutions. Contact your members ahead of your January meeting and ask them to start thinking. Use this in every part of your Pilot Club – Membership, Anchor, Fundraising, and Leadership. What if the resolution is for your club to raise more money on fundraisers? Well, let's do it! Start by brainstorming on fundraiser ideas. Do you want a big or small fundraiser? You don't even have to create new ideas. Revamp your existing fundraisers. Change them up a little bit to keep them fresh. After you make a decision, start writing down the steps your club will need to take to make those fundraisers happen. Do not allow one person to do all the work. Appoint a team. Teamwork is key to a successful fundraiser. Then start putting it together. And always, have fun! We should look at every Pilot event with excitement and aspiration.

Amanda



Joint Effort from Clubs Yields Soup for Cochran

The Cochran Rotary, Woman's, and Pilot Clubs provided 45 bags of soup for families with students in the Bleckley County Elementary School after a successful project known as "Soup Cans for Cochran". The project began as part of Pilot's International Care and Kindness Week (November 9-15) when Pilots provide little "Pick Me Ups" for strangers, friends, and neighbors to show how much they care. Pilot Lt. Governor Maureen Stoy challenged the Cochran Rotary Club to collect more soup cans than Pilot. Later, the Woman's Club joined in the challenge. Pilots and Woman's Club members decorated the bags for the soup and the children took them home for the weekend. When the total ounces of soup collected was tabulated, the Rotarians had collected 2,136 ounces in 239 cans and won the challenge. In total, 478 cans of soup were distributed as part of Care and Kindness Week. Rotary President, Mike Stoy, stated that "the Rotarians were up for the challenge and glad to help the community."

Pictured are Woman's Club and Pilot member Nan Anderson, Rotarian Mike Stoy, and Principal Janet DeLoach.

As we start the New Year, continue to keep your projects going strong and share with other clubs what exciting things you are doing.

Now is a great time to continue and/or start your Brain Minders projects. We can only imagine how many bikes, scooters, play sets, and other outdoor items children received for Christmas presents; we need to make sure they know how to stay safe while enjoying these items. If you need Brain Minder Buddies coloring books, the order form is in the Pilot Log.

If your club does not have a Brain Minders program, this is a wonderful asset to your Pilot Club and a great time to get started forming one. For further information go to the Pilot International website and talk with other clubs currently working with Brain Minders for ideas. This is a project your club will not regret getting involved with; it is most rewarding.

Please remember to continue collecting gently used books for children and teens for the Zambezi Schoolbook Project to be brought to District Convention in April.

As we work toward continuing our goals for the remainder of this Pilot year, think on this:

"It's human nature to think about ourselves. It's human relations to think about others". -- Bob Moawad

Jayne



The Pilot Club of Oconee Co. recently kicked off their fundraising campaign for their 6th Annual 5K Run/Walk to be held on January 10, 2015 at Veterans Park.

Pictured (l-r) are Pilot Club members Elaine Whitmire, Mildred Bell, Ann Giles, Joy Elder, Mary Mattocks, Lt. Gov. for the NE Region Jenni Overbey, Jan Thomas and Dennise Grayson.

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GA District New Members.....

PILOT	CLUB NAME	SPONSOR
Susan Harper	Eatonton	Charlotte Green
Bernyce Stickle	Atlanta	Moved from Florida
Lori Langland	Atlanta	Sheryl Merrey
Crystal Bailey	Dublin	Kim Cook
Libby Lester	Dublin	Kim Cook
Kristen Sweat	Dublin	Lynn Wyatt
Selene Sapp	Dublin	Elsie Stevens
Milissa Stephens	Dublin	Elsie Stevens
Meleigha Haskins	Dublin	Maria Thompson
Sandy Cox	Dublin	Beth Bozeman
Kim Walker	Dublin	Elsie Stevens
Amy Thompson	Dublin	Denise Creel
Jodi Scarboro	Dublin	Kim Cook



FAITH STAMPS
GA DISTRICT ECR

Happy New Year!
Wishing everyone many blessings!

Take a look around...future leaders are all around you. Pilot International needs professional leaders to step forward and share their passion and talents with our organization. Consider nominating a qualified Pilot for District Officer, or better yet, International Officer. For Pilot International to continue to impact our communities through our mission to Do More, Care More, and Be More, we need passionate leaders who are willing to help take the organization to the next level. Are you that qualified member?

A leader has the ability to inspire and to achieve the unachievable. A leader is always striving to improve the organization. A leader has vision and integrity which can transform goals into reality.

The 2015-2016 Governor Elects are busy putting together their appointees and coordinators. This is a perfect time to accept a volunteer position to lead within your district. This is the first step many District Officers took on their journey as a leader.

Lia Smith of Pilot International Founders Fund would like to remind everyone to be sure to get your club contributions submitted by February 1st to Pilot International HQ in order to be recognized at District Convention as well as International Convention. These contributions support the programs and services brought to you by Pilot International. Lia can be reached at lia@pilothq.org and the forms can be located on the Pilot International website www.pilotinternational.org by clicking on the DONATE tab.

Faith



Congratulations!!!

Pilot Club of Monroe recently celebrated its 60th year (chartered in 1954)



THEN

August 1954: Charter Night of Pilot Club of Monroe



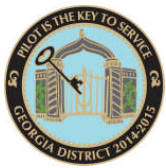
AND NOW

August 2014: Current Pilot Club of Monroe Members



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"OPENING THE GATE TO THE FUTURE"
JACQUE KRISTOFF
NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR



"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way".-- John C. Maxwell

Pilots, are you looking around in your clubs and regions for potential leaders of the Georgia District for the upcoming 2015-2016 Pilot year? We want our District to shine as bright as we have since the beginning of Pilot International – and, we can only accomplish that with dedicated leaders.

EVERY Pilot is a potential leader...some have been leaders of their local clubs (possibly more than once!) and would be GREAT leaders for the Georgia District. We, the Nominating Committee, are waiting on your nominations for ALL the offices of the District except Governor. As I stated in December, Grace Crittenden, current Governor-Elect, will automatically assume the role of Governor on July 1, 2015. All other District officers are to be elected by the voting body of the Georgia District – that is you, the members!

I can't wait to start receiving your letters nominating someone for the various offices of the District. Remember, I gave a 'nutshell' of the qualifications to be a District officer in my December article – refer back to that if you have questions, or feel free to call or e-mail me with any questions you may have.

You need only to send your letters of nominations to your potential nominee (of course) and to me. I will see that the respective member(s) of the Nominating Committee receive copies. And, do feel free to e-mail all letters and any other forms – I will gladly accept that as well as regular mail.

Remember, ALL nominating letters, qualification forms, vision statements, etc. MUST be postmarked no later than February 3, 2015! This gives us the time we need to disseminate the nominations and to follow up if something has to be re-submitted. Please don't wait until February 2 to start the process.

I look forward to a number of nominations for each office in the Georgia District. Following is my address, e-mail address and telephone number where to send all information.

Jacquie

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Georgia Pilot Receives National Recognition

Britnee Kinard, Evans County Pilot of Claxton, GA has been tapped for the 2014 Lincoln Award, a prestigious national Award and honor for her work for disabled veterans and children. It will be presented in Washington D.C. by The Friars Foundation, the charitable arm of the legendary Friars Club. The Lincoln Awards event will take place over the course of two days, with honors awarded in ten categories at a special ceremony on January 6, 2015 and an All-Star Concert, taking place on January 7, 2015 at the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts Concert Hall.

The Lincoln Awards: A Concert for Veterans & the Military Family will be the first event of its kind to recognize outstanding achievement and excellence in providing opportunities and support to our nation's veterans and military families. The event will be packaged for national primetime broadcast to coincide with the March 4, 2015, 150th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's landmark Second Inaugural Address, where he stated America's commitment "to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan."

BRITNEE KINARD (GA Pilot from the Pilot Club of Evans County, Claxton, GA)

Caregiver Award for outstanding achievement and excellence in providing care to veterans

Kinard founded the SD Gunner Fund in 2014 to assist Veterans and disabled children with the financial expense of owning service animals. Kinard worked with the Department of Veterans Affairs for more than 15 months to get her husband's service animal – SD Gunner – approved.

Georgia District Governor Judy Jackson states, "The Georgia District is very proud of Britnee and her contributions to better the lives of disabled veterans and children. We are especially excited that Britnee has been selected by the Lincoln Awards Committee and we congratulate her on this recognition for her contributions to others. We will be watching proudly on March 4 when the Awards Concert will be broadcast nationwide. "



Britnee Kinard and her husband Douglas and his service dog Gunner

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