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"STEERING YOUR CLUB"

**GA DISTRICT GOVERNOR** 

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When spring approaches you know it is time for us to get ready for District Convention. There will be fun to have, old friends to meet, training and business to attend. I am always amazed at the talent found in our Pilot Clubs. You will be amazed as well when you attend the "If You've Got, Flaunt It" talent show. Perhaps you will want to "flaunt it". Saturday will be the time we vote for our officers for the upcoming year and install them Saturday evening. Workshops are so valuable to everyone to share and learn new ideas. Guest speakers offer new information for us to take back to our clubs.

This is just a sample of what we do at Georgia Pilot District Convention. If you have not been before, you should come and if you have come before you know to come back. I look forward to seeing each of you April 4, 5, and 6 at Marriott Macon City Center. Make your reservation and mail in your registration today.



Pilot Club of Carrollton member Martha Sanders(r) welcomed her friend and neighbor Mary Ellen Newsom(I) to the Club's January meeting and recognized her as a special Caregiver. The Pilot Club of Carrollton has been recognizing one or more Caregivers at each meeting this year by treating them to the dinner meal and giving them a gift basket. Mary Ellen's husband Mickey has Alzheimer's and was admitted to The Oaks, a care facility, several years ago when she could no longer manage his care at home. Most of her days are centered around being with him. Pilot Martha Sanders spoke to her club about Mary Ellen, "She is usually with her husband for his evening meal, so it's a treat for us to have her here tonight. She is constantly doing good things for others, but she goes about it quietly and humbly. I admire her courage and her faithfulness; I'm grateful for her friendship, and I love her."

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The Mission of Pilot is to serve by furthering Pilot International's humanitarian efforts through charitable, educational, and research programs in communities throughout the world.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 28, 2014 – March 1 Anchor Convention Legacy Lodge, Lake Lanier

GA District Convention April 4-6, 2014 Macon Marriott City Center

PI Annual Convention & Leadership Conference July 2-6, 2014 Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers

#### Spotlight Pilots.....

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We would like to spotlight your club in the Governor's Bulletin. Please send us your news on special awards, projects, fundraisers or other activities of your Club. Photos are also welcome.

#### SHANNON CLEGG GA DISTRICT ECR

#### DO YOU KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS? IT'S DISTRICT CONVENTION TIME!!!

**QUESTION:** Where can you go to: Get Motivated; Be Inspired; Gain Knowledge; Network; and rekindle old friendships and start new ones?

**ANSWER:** The Georgia District Convention being held April 4-6, 2014 in Macon

Here are some of the reasons to attend the Georgia District Convention:

#### Learn the latest about Pilot

You will listen to important discussions on Pilot, salute Pilot's excellence in service, welcome first timers and new club members, participate in club officer training, hear what's to come at Pilot International Convention is the **WINdy City of CHICAGO**, and much more!! Learn how to make your club stronger and better as it moves toward GREAT!!! Most importantly your club will benefit from all you bring home.

#### Get involved

Your district values your vision and welcomes all attendees to voice your thoughts as leaders of your clubs at the annual district convention. Important issues will be discussed and there will be an open microphone for those of you that want to share or ask questions. Voting delegates will have their voice heard as they elect district officers.

#### Expand your Pilot network of friends

Mix and mingle with Pilot friends from different clubs. Join your Pilot friends for opening ceremonies, business meeting, fun events, and the installation ceremony of new district officers.

#### Broaden YOUR horizons

We Pilots spend our year in service to others, but once in a while we need to revive our minds and spirits. Your district convention is a wonderful time to pamper yourself and focus on ways in which you can grow. Convention allows you to see how other Pilot Club's operate, and are succeeding, but also it may spark ideas for your club in the future. You will have the opportunity to meet with old friends and make new ones, participate in personal development sessions, and more!! What better service to offer Pilot than a rested, refreshed, rejuvenated, INSPIRED, AND MOTIVATED YOU!!

I am looking forward to meeting many of you when we join together in Macon.

In Pilot Service,

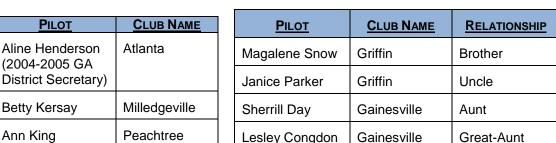
Sharon



ECR Georgia District Pilot International Vice President

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





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JUST Stay

A nurse took the tired, anxious serviceman to the bedside. "Your son is here", she said to the old man. She had to repeat the words several times before the patient's

She had to repeat the words several times before the patient's eyes opened. Heavily sedated because of the pain of his heart attack, he dimly saw the young uniformed Marine standing outside the oxygen tent.

The Marine wrapped his toughened fingers around the old man's limp ones, squeezing a message of love and encouragement. The nurse brought a chair so that the Marine could sit beside the bed. All through the night the young Marine sat there in the poorly lighted ward, holding the old man's hand and offering him words of love and strength. Occasionally, the nurse suggested that the Marine move away and rest awhile.

He refused. Whenever the nurse came into the ward, the Marine was oblivious of her and of the night noises of the hospital - the clanking of the oxygen tank, the laughter of the night staff members exchanging greetings, the cries and moans of the other patients. Now and then she heard him say a few gentle words. The dying man said nothing, only held tightly to his son all through the night.

Along towards dawn, the old man died. The Marine released the now lifeless hand he had been holding and went to tell the nurse. While she did what she had to do, he waited. Finally, she returned. She started to offer words of sympathy, but the Marine interrupted her.

"Who was that man?" he asked.

The nurse was startled. "He was your father," she answered. "No, he wasn't," the Marine replied. "I never saw him before in my life."

"Then why didn't you say something when I took you to him?"

"I knew right away there had been a mistake, but I also knew he needed his son and his son just wasn't here. When I realized that he was too sick to tell whether or not I was his son, knowing how much he needed me, I stayed."

I came here tonight to find a Mr. William Grey. His son was killed in Iraq today, and I was sent to inform him. What was this gentleman's name?

The Nurse with tears in her eyes answered, Mr. William Grey.....

The next time someone needs you...just be there. Stay.

Chaplain Jo

josprayercorner@gmail.com





Past Governors

Lothair Allen March 4

Linda Buffington March 17

> Patti Klein March 23

Lynda Goodwin March 27



Pilot Clubs.....

Joan McCannon is looking for pictures from your club to put in Gov. Patricia's scrapbook. Please contact Joan (jmcc47@icloud.com) if you have any questions.

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*"ALL ABOARD GA DISTRICT"* <u>PAT GARNER</u> MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

Just what is it you do, again? Well, at last look there were 1,430,000,000 definitions of "service" on Google, so you know it is a word that is used in many contexts. What a privilege for us as Pilots to be able to share our definition of service with a history that helps define us and that we keep expanding each year by our many acts of kindness and caring.

Our collective history and each club's legacy enables us to reach out with pride and enthusiasm as we invite others to join us in our service to others, and we should always remember that part of the beauty of Pilot is not so much the big projects that we undertake but our ability to focus on needs wherever we find them.

When talking about your club and its projects, don't be shy about sharing the little things you are doing because for some people that can have great meaning in helping define our level of sensitivity to others. Membership is all about caring -- about what we do and who we are as Pilots -- and simply inviting others to learn about us: whether you are bringing in speakers, or having a special event, inviting potential members is all about allowing them to discover who we are and what our organization has to offer them as individuals. Whether their interest is in training for service, learning about leadership, or understanding and helping to meet the needs of your community, Pilot is an organization with a heart for service strengthened by friendships. And our friendships help strengthen and energize us in our service to others, like lights in darkness that fill a room with warmth and comfort.

As Pilots, we know what it means to come together in friendship, to gather together in planning and projects, or to look at the impossible and begin to sort it out and break it down into manageable pieces, or to be "out and about" on our daily errands, ever watchful for something that might need a Pilot "touch" ... because in addition to the strength and uplift of our friendships and camaraderie together, we have a heart to serve others. What a true gift is kindness when it runs deep within us. Truly Pilots are the gift that "keeps on giving." Help share that gift with someone today by inviting them to become a member of your Pilot club!



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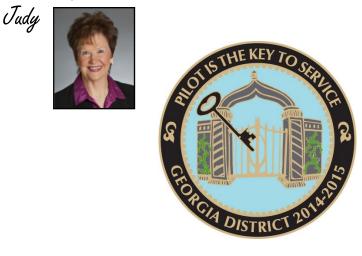
#### "NAVIGATING THE COURSE" JUDY JACKSON GA DISTRICT GOVERNOR-ELECT

Georgia Pilots, our District Convention will soon be here! You don't want to miss it—we will have fun and entertainment, great workshops and a black and white glitzy Installation Banquet with music and song. So, break out your black, white, silver, or gold dressy dresses, long or short, add some bling, and come join us. I hope you can bring a big group from your club and come enjoy the Macon Marriott City Center and all of the fun and fellowship of Georgia Pilots.

If you can come early on Friday afternoon you are invited to visit PI Headquarters; they will be open until 5:00. The hotel check in time is not until 4:00, so come early or enjoy Sunday afternoon shopping. The Shops at River Crossing has a very nice Dillard's and Belk's, plus many more. There's a Bass Pro Shop and Sports Hall of Fame in Macon, also.

Don't forget to bring a talent act for the Friday evening Talent Show; last year's Talent Show was a big hit and we know this year's will be! Send your Talent Act form to Carol Stokes, Pilot Club of Haralson County, or email her with the title of your act, club name, participants, and brief description.

My theme for next year, 2014-2015, is "Pilot is the Key to Service." Our new Georgia District pin depicts a stately garden gate with a key to unlock opportunities for Pilot service, caring, and sharing. I look forward to our convention and all of the friendship, fellowship, and fun that come with it. See you in Macon on April 4-6!





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"TROLLING FOR TREASURE" KATHY BERRY FUND RAISING COORDINATOR



So, you think you're ready to tackle the Silent Auction Basket idea? This article is dedicated to just basket ideas to get you started. Anyone can Google for ideas and see lots of pictures with cute ideas of packaging your basket. Some basket titles I made up or reworded for fun and some came from other sites. Here they are!

Wine Lover, Life's A Beach, Family Night, Let's Get Physical (include a trial membership to a local gym), Spa-tacular, Golf Lover, Parents Night Out, Gardening, I'm A Chocoholic, Sew Crafty, Scrapbook 101, Coffee and Tea Please, Redneck Picnic, For the Baby, Puppy Love, Get Well Soon, Sporty (the sky's the limit here, any team and sport), Game Day, Art 4 Art's Sake, It's the 4<sup>th</sup>!, Christmas, (any holiday), Baker's Secret, We All Scream 4 Ice Cream, Grillin' and Chillin', Luv 2 Read, Go Fish, Clean Machine (cleaning products), Car Kit,

#### <u>Pat Jarvis</u> GA District Parliamentarian

Parliamentary procedure is to a meeting as oil is to a machine. In order for a machine to run smoothly, it must be properly maintained with oil. The same is true for a meeting, in order for a meeting to run smoothly, good parliamentary procedure must be utilized.

March is generally the month for electing club officers and appointing Pilots to serve for the ensuing year. As a Parliamentarian is selected, it should be determined that the appointee has knowledge of parliamentary procedure. A good reference book is <u>Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th Edition</u> which can be purchased or viewed on line.

During a meeting, the club Parliamentarian is the "goto" person when a question arises as to correct procedure in conducting business, i.e. properly obtaining the floor, making motions, ensuring the speaker is clear and concise and that rules of debate are obeyed. Following these procedures will assist the presiding officer in conducting a smoothly run meeting.

Thank you, Pat



Mama Mia (Italian things), Tailgate Time, Bath and Body, Gift Wrapping, Sundae Best, Rainy Day

Remember, the container you use does not have to be a basket. It just needs to go with your theme. Try these for starters: all kinds of coolers big or small, toy wagon, wire dish drainer, a bag chair opened, Rubbermaid tub, metal tub, laundry basket, stackable storage bins, garden planter, turtle sandbox, a blow up pool, paint cans, tote bags, tool box, and tackle box.

Hope these ideas get your juices flowing for thinking of other ideas. The list is endless. Pilots are priceless.

Until the Next Tide,

Kathy kberry\_@hotmail.com



Bring several containers for each member of your act to help collect votes (\$\$ for PI Grants & Scholarships). Be sure the name of your act is on each container. All Pilots Please Bring Dollars to Use as Your Votes (You may vote as much and as often as you like!) Entry form due March 21st, 2014.

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#### <u>VIRGINIA SMITH</u> SOUTHWEST LT. GOVERNOR

District Convention is just around the corner. This has caused me to reflect on our convention last spring when I was elected Lieutenant Governor for the Southwest Region. In my vision statement, I encouraged Pilots to be more involved in recruiting members and serving in the local club; being more involved in the Region and the District. I envisioned a time when each club would have members representative of the Ethnic groups in their community; a time when there would be competition for District Office and where all clubs would have mega representation at District and International Conventions. Because of other obligations that I have, I have chosen not to run for re-election in the Southwest Region. This vision is still just as fresh in my mind as when I spoke it last year.

Please commit to keep this vision ever before you. Let's make Pilot this best ever.





GA Dist Gov Patricia was special guest at the PC of Eastman's regular meeting Tuesday, Feb 18, 2014. Patricia commended the club for all their efforts in Pilot and encouraged each member to continue to support this great organization.



"CHART OUR COURSE" ROBIN PERRY GPF REPRESENTATIVE



#### **GEORGIA PILOT FOUNDATION**

We have received GPF applications from 27 clubs for this year's scholarships. The scholarship committee is currently working on the difficult task of scoring these applications. I hope all clubs have had success selling their GPF raffle tickets. Since each club is only being asked to sale 40 tickets this year, we are depending on all clubs participating. If you still have unsold tickets, pass a basket around at your March meeting and use the funds to purchase the remaining tickets in your club's name. For the last couple of years, we've had clubs win raffle money that they've been able to use to help fund one of their local community projects.

We have already received ticket stubs & checks from several of the Pilot Clubs. One of our newest clubs, The Pilot Club of Evans County was one of the first clubs to send in their stubs & funds. If you have already sold your tickets and would like to get your checks cleared before April just drop the checks in the mail to me at Robin Perry, GPF Rep, PO Box 1427, Dublin, GA 31040.

To be able to fully fund both the GPF Anchor Scholarships and the new Lynda Goodwin Volunteer Scholarship we depend on our clubs making a scholarship or memorial donation to GPF. With so many qualified applications received this year it would be great if we could fund more than the six scholarships that were awarded last year. If you have included GPF in your budget, Presidents please check with your treasurer to make sure she has sent in your donation this year. Susan has received scholarship donations from the PC of Bainbridge, Classic City PC, PC of Cuthbert, PC of Dublin, PC of Eatonton, PC of Eastman, PC of Hartwell, PC of Heard County, PC of Milledgeville, PC of Lavonia, PC of Oconee County, PC of Toccoa, PC of Washington County, We would also like to thank the clubs or individuals who have made memorial or honorarium donations in honor of Cindy Tatum. Paula Baker, Myrtice Henson, Martha Mitchell, Dianne Nesmith, Faye Pinson, Amy Wester, Kenneth Schrum, Past Governor Helen Winsted, and Governor-Elect Judy Jackson.

Looking forward to seeing you at District Convention.



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"STEAM AHEAD WITH SERVICE" JUDY VENDRICK PROJECTS COORDINATOR



March is usually a very busy month for Club activities and I know all of us will celebrate the "official" spring on March 20!

PI has been encouraging local clubs to join forces with other national organizations for increased visibility and greater community recognition. In case you are looking for a last minute project this month, I am listing some organizations that are celebrating their special causes in March. Any one of them would probably welcome a partnership with your Pilot Club.

Brain Injury Awareness Month Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month Irish-American Heritage Month Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month Mental Retardation Awareness Month Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month Nutrition Month Red Cross Month Social Worker's Month Women's History Month

In addition, Brain Awareness Week (BAW) this year is March 10-16. I suggest you contact the Dana organization who will provide publicity products and information to help you with a project in your community.

So, if you are looking for some "new" project ideas – look no further. This should help you "steam ahead" with service in March!

#### Judy -- judyingeorgia@comcast.net





"DON'T DROP THE ANCHOR" MARY TURNER ANCHOR COORDINATOR



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I hope everyone has enjoyed the snow. At this year's Anchor Convention we will have some very informative workshops and some fun workshops. I have received 25 applications for the Georgia District Anchor Scholarship. This year thanks to the generous donations from Pilot's at Fall Council we will be able to award 5 scholarships. We are once again participating in Hospital Art. We have two pictures that Anchors will paint during convention. If you know of a hospital or nursing home that would like to receive a painting please let me know.

If there is anything that I can do to help with your Anchor club please let me know.

In Pilot Friendship,

Mary

### Welcome!

#### GA District New Members.....

<u>PILOT</u>	CLUB NAME	Sponsor
Betty Austin	Atlanta	Karen Walker
Frances Bethel	Atlanta	Sheryl Merrey
Nina Lee	Atlanta	Jacquie Foster
		Sheryl Merrey & Irene
Erin Kett	Atlanta	Neumann-Klosson
Candace R. Martin	Fitzgerald	Teresa Paul
Jane R. Hunter	Fitzgerald	Gail Campbell
Debra Mathis-Wilcox	Fitzgerald	Teresa Paul
Connie Jean Broe	Covington	Mary Barnes
Marlene Yvonne Sharp	Statesboro	Virginia Yarber
Mary Coyle Barden	Elberton	Nancy Hill
Janice Pattillo	Elberton	Laura Lewis
Pam B. Brown	Elberton	Nancy Hill

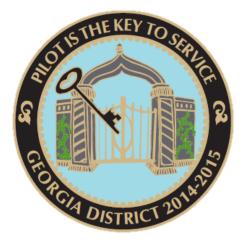
PC of Carrollton recognized its PI Founders Fund Sweetheart, Angela Mehaffey(I), at the January Program meeting. President Elect Deborah Wilson (c) introduced Erica Studdard(r), Executive Director of Friends of Carrollton Greenbelt, who presented the program on the progress and use of the project. The Carrollton GreenBelt is a 16-mile trail system designed for pedestrians and non-motorized uses. Once it is complete, the trail will connect existing neighborhoods with the city school campus, the University of West Georgia, the city parks, and several commercial shopping areas. The Carrollton GreenBelt is the largest green space and greenway conservation project that the City of Carrollton has undertaken. Once complete, it will also be the largest paved loop trail system in the state of Georgia.

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#### 2014 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:

	Susan Harbin, Treasurer
	Georgia District, Pl
	P.O. Box 421
	Lavonia, GA 30553
Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone #()	
Pilot Club of	
Number of Pins	@ \$1.25=\$
Amount of enclosed check \$	

Deadline to place orders is March 15, 2014. Pins will be delivered at District Convention.

### **OSC** PROJECT service and friendship. Growing Pilot through

As an organization dedicated to the principles of Friendship and Service, Pilot International has created the Yellow Rose Project to help PI extend Pilot's Yellow Rose of Friendship around the world. With a long tradition of building and sustaining lasting friendships through dedication and service to others, what better symbol to guide us than the Yellow Rose, the emblem of friendship worldwide!



#### What is a Yellow Rose?

When you purchase a yellow rose to honor someone, you also are making a donation to the Founders Fund. Each \$5 yellow rose purchased gives you the chance to honor the recipient. They receive a yellow rose sticker to proudly wear on their nametag or on special ribbons available for purchase at convention. Recipients will also receive a card telling them that you are thinking of them and honoring them with your gift. What a wonderful opportunity to show your support, thanks, appreciation or friendship while supporting the Founders Fund.



#### Who gets a Yellow Rose?

You can purchase a yellow rose for ANYONE...PI members, family, club and district officers, friends and more! You can honor someone with a yellow rose whether or not they will be at convention. For those recipients that will not be attending convention they will receive a postcard, after convention, letting them know of your gift.



#### How to Purchase Yellow Roses:

Yellow Roses can be purchased at the Yellow Rose table at convention or by filling out the attached form. Yellow Rose donation forms can also be downloaded from the 2014 PI Convention>Convention Fundraisers section on the Pilot International website.



### Why Purchase Yellow Roses: It is amazing what \$5 can do when all Pilots join together in honoring special

friends and loved ones.

The PI Yellow Rose project helps make the charitable and educational endeavors of PI possible. A little bit can truly go a long way!

Honor your PI friends, family and PI officers and volunteers!!

*Stop by the Yellow Rose Booth at the Georgia District Convention to make your donation or* complete a Donation Form. All Yellow Rose donations are tax deductible and will be credited to PI donor levels.

See you at the PI Founders Fund Booth in Macon. Look for the Yellow Roses in the Market Place. Can't wait to see you! Glynice

## IF YOU'VE GOT IT FLAUNT IT!

#### TALENT SHOW APRIL 4TH, 2014 @ 7:30PM

Individuals or Clubs are invited to show off their talent! Including Skits, Singing, Dancing, Juggling, etc... <u>ALMOST</u> all talents accepted!



Club or Individual Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of act: \_\_\_\_\_

*Type of act*: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Number of persons: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information:

Bring several containers for each member of your act to help collect votes(Dollars for PI Grants & Scholarships). Be sure the name of your act is on each container.

Limit act to 5 minutes or under. No rehearsal time. Bring your own music (CD player available, however no IPod or Mp3 connections, so if needed, please bring)

#### All Pilots Please Bring Dollars to Use as Your Votes

(You may vote as much and as often as you like!)

Entry form due March 21st, 2014

Email or mail your entry form to:

Carol Stokes, <a href="mailto:carolystokes@bellsouth.net">carolystokes@bellsouth.net</a>

514 Luckie St, Bremen, GA 30110

