

Governor's Bulletin



GOVERNOR CYNTHIA

I hope everyone is getting excited about District Convention! It's hard to believe that it is only six weeks away. We will have some very special guests- Connie Moore, P.I. President and Elena Lara-Ramon, our ECR. On Friday night, our Welcome Party will have a 50's Beach Party theme with games and photo opts. The refreshments will remind you of being on the Boardwalk at the beach. We are working on having 6 or 7 speakers. I hope we can have 5 workshops. Of course, usual District business will be conducted, which includes the election of District Officers. We have two candidates for Governor Elect. The Budgets and Bylaw changes will be brought before the delegates. Governor-Elect Katharine Banning will be in charge of the Awards Luncheon. Who is going to receive the Governor's Cup???? The Installation Banquet will also be one of the highlights of the weekend. The District Chaplain, JoAnn Akers is working on the Memorial Service. We have lost a lot of Pilots this year so you better have your box of tissues with you. The GPF and PIFF raffle winners will be announced. I would love to win a hummingbird wing or the gorgeous ruby necklace. Have you bought your tickets yet? The Southwest Region Pilot Clubs are working hard to make the weekend very special. So, send in your registration, reserve your room in the beautifully renovated Hilton NE, and make sure you have your money to spend at the Marketplace. Get ready to have some FUN and fellowship time with your fellow Pilots from across the Georgia District.

See you soon as you Soar into Convention.

Cynthia



Atlanta Club Anchor Coordinator Sheryl Merrey, District Secretary Patsy, Governor Cynthia, District Anchor Coordinator Mary Turner, District Anchor Assistant Kerrin Daniels & District Treasurer Shelby at the Anchor Convention Installation Banquet.



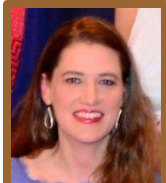
GOVERNOR-ELECT KATHARINE

The first day of Spring is rapidly approaching, and soon after our Georgia District Convention. I hope that every club is making plans to send delegates to conduct the annual business of our district. But it won't be all business; we have some fun planned, too! The MarketPlace tables offer lots of goodies, and the chance to support our sister clubs across the district. Whether it's your first convention or you're an experienced attendee, the workshops always offer an opportunity to learn something new. On Saturday night I will be installed as Governor for the 2017-18 year, and I look forward to seeing many of you and celebrating with you. Please join us as we prepare for "Shining the Light of Service"!

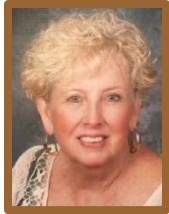
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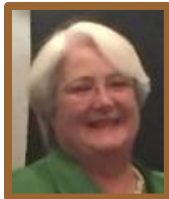
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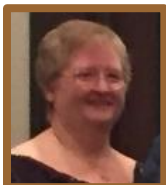
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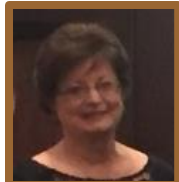
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THE MISSION OF PILOT INTERNATIONAL IS: to influence positive change in communities throughout the world.

TO DO THIS, WE: come together in friendship and give people an outlet for service.

WE FOCUS ON:

- Preparing youth and young adults for service.
- Encouraging brain safety and health.
- Supporting those who care for others.



CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

To all Pilots:

When I first read this poem, I immediately thought of all my Pilot friends - sisters and brothers - whom I have been blessed to know ...so I share this with each of you.

Special People

Perry Tanksley

*There are some special people
 Who are so outgoing,
 So self-giving,
 So in-self centered,
 So full of good humor
 So interested in others,
 And so enthusiastic
 That when we see them coming,
 We go toward them
 For they bring us gladness
 And our hearts grow merry
 And the day grows brighter
 And trees seem greener
 And birds sing sweeter
 And the sky is bluer
 And our cares diminish.*

Thank you for all that you do in your communities in the name of Pilot and for being one of those special people! Friendship and Service: the cornerstones of Pilot!

JoAnn

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

PILOT	CLUB NAME
Anita Sadowski	Brunswick
Sara Pope	Winder
Neddie Eitel	Cochran
Dottie Rodgers	Classic City

PILOT	CLUB NAME	RELATIONSHIP
Donna Coleman	Monroe	Brother
Tammy Dalton	Madison Co	Father-n-law
Deborah Wilson	Carrolton	Mother
Gina Chappellear	Lavonia	Mother
Vashti Carr	Jones Co	Son
Connie Dixon	Elberton	Husband
Amanda Robb	Kettle Creek	Son

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 7-9, 2017

District Convention
Hilton Atlanta NE

April 29, 2017

NW, SW, EC Workshops

May 6, 2017

NE, SE Workshops

July 6-9, 2017

96th Annual Convention
Leadership Conference
Paris Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas



It will be soon time to start working on Governor Cynthia's scrapbook. Please send your pictures with description to Emily Jorgenson (emiljorg@bellsouth.net) or if you would like to mail her pictures, her address is:

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We would like to have ALL clubs represented in her scrapbook. Please email Emily if you have any questions.....

Thanks...



GA District New Members...

PILOT	CLUB NAME	SPONSOR
Casey Mellor	Atlanta	Sheryl Merrey
Buffi Jackson	Jones Co	Pat Jackson
Fay Mathews	Jones Co	Beth Coon
Edna Murphy	Jones Co	Beth Coon
Rosemary Jackson	Lavonia	Eleanor Ragsdale
Wilma Rogers	Lavonia	Eleanor Ragsdale
Lynn Baker	Hartwell	Donna Greer





HUMMING ALONG WITH PROJECTS & VISIBILITY

Pilot Visibility. What can we do to increase the visibility of our clubs in our communities?

People love to hear or read a good story. People remember a story when it connects with a common interest or experience. People will retell a good story when they read one. Our clubs have many stories to tell.

We can record stories of our club and use these for publicity in flyers, and in personal encounters to attract members. Each member has many experiences which can be shared with others. Ask each member to write an experience that illustrates their reason for being a Pilot. Why did they become a Pilot? Why do they continue to participate in Pilot activities? These collected experiences can be shared with prospective members as an illustration of our joy of being a Pilot.

When we share our joy of community service with others we inspire this same joy and commitment with them. We are sharing our mission "to influence positive change in communities throughout the world." Because we share this mission, we "come together in friendship and give people an outlet for service." This is our Pilot mission.

Pilot International Mission Statement

*The mission of Pilot International is: to influence positive change in communities throughout the world.
To do this, we: come together in friendship and give people an outlet for service.*

We focus on:

- Preparing youth and young adults for service.
- Encouraging brain safety and health.
- Supporting those who care for others.

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Past Governors

Lothair Allen
March 8

Linda Buffington
March 17

Patti Klein
March 23

Lynda Goodwin
March 27



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Motivating Members to Say "YES"

Are you trying to attract new members? Or are you just trying to get old members to accept positions as club officers? Sincerity wins out over techniques every time, so be yourself and tell them what motivates you to be a Pilot.

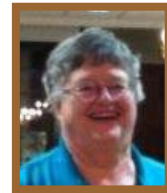
Identify and express the benefits of Pilot to a prospective volunteer. Every job has its benefits and the best volunteer to recruit is one that can receive the benefits as well as give them. Explain to them why you decided to ask them for their help and what traits or skills would make them a good candidate for the job. Most people will be flattered that you think they would be a good member or officer.

Be honest about the time and effort that it takes to be a good member or officer. Job descriptions can help define the work ahead and what is expected. Explain the training and supervision or support available for the projects. If they know they will not be alone, but everyone will work as a cohesive group, the fear of the responsibilities will lighten.

Volunteering should be fun, so when describing Pilot, be positive. Make sure they know that you are giving them the opportunity to participate in an important cause. Reach out to new people, explain ongoing projects, and make people feel important to be asked to be part of the group. You will be surprised at how many people will say "Yes!"



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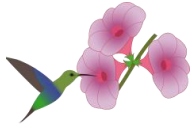


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Pilot Club of Carrollton initiated new member Julie Warren(center) at its January meeting. Secretary Cassie Wright(l) and Lt. Gov. Karen Rogers(r) welcomed Warren to the club and the GA District. Karen Rogers of the Pilot Club of Heard County was visiting the Carrollton club and shared news from the District.





EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Hello Pilots,

The calendar tells us that we still have a few weeks of winter. However, about this time of the year our thoughts start turning toward spring, which leads us to think about District Convention. Indeed, it is an exciting time for Pilot! However, before we turn the calendar pages too quickly, let's consider some opportunities that are available to us now.

March is a perfect time to focus on the B (Brain Safety and Health) of Pilot's ABCs by observing Brain Awareness Week. Organized by the Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives and the Society for Neuroscience, March 13-19, 2017 has been designated as the official week to promote the public and personal benefits of brain research. Neuroscience for Kids is an excellent website with many activities that can be used in presenting programs or with your own family members.

Since 1992, Pilot International has worked in the area of brain related service and narrowed its focus to Brain Safety and Health. Realizing the need to promote awareness for brain-safe practices, injury prevention and mindful behavior, Pilot International developed the BrainMinders educational program. Over the years, Pilot Clubs have presented countless programs and thousands of children have learned safety tips from BrainMinder Buddies.

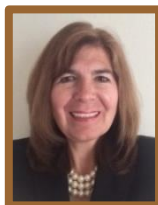
PI President Connie Moore appointed a BrainMinders Committee at the PI Convention in Montreal. The committee has worked diligently this year researching current information, needs, and ideas for brain injury and prevention. Utilizing their findings, BrainMinder scripts have been revised and new ones created. The program has also been expanded to include bullying and a BrainMinders for Seniors component.

The revised BrainMinder program will be rolled out during the 2017 PI Convention in Las Vegas. While still working, the committee hopes to provide each club with a copy of the new primary and intermediate BrainMinder Books at convention. The BrainMinder workshops are going to be an exceptional opportunity for Pilots to meet new BrainMinder Buddies, Charlie Chicken, Bully Bulldog, and Diego Dog and learn what is available for club use.

Pilot is about Friendship and Service. BrainMinders is one of the many ways Pilots can make new friends and strengthen existing friendships while providing an invaluable service. Be an involved Pilot. Involved members are better Pilots. Better Pilots attract more members! More members can Do More, Care More, and Be More!

Elena

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PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

During the fall we heard so much about elections and candidates. That time is over, but it is now time for us as Pilots to elect officers for the 2017-2018 year. Nominating Committees should have been named and contacting Pilots for offices within the club. When you are contacted, please say "Yes" as it is an honor to serve your club and other Pilots.

District officers have been nominated. Our responsibility is to review the nomination information and send three delegates to our District Convention, April 7-9. Our delegates represent all Pilots and vote for officers, budget, and any proposed changes to our standing rules. Please have delegates attend so you are represented in these votes.

In July we will elect Pilot International officers when we gather for Pilot International Convention and Leadership Conference in Las Vegas. Again, each club has a responsibility to have one delegate to represent them and vote for 2017-2018 officers, budget and any proposed Bylaw amendments.

There is much Pilot information also presented at GA District and Pilot International Convention in order to assist clubs with projects, membership and fundraising as well as other areas effecting clubs. Hope to see you in Atlanta in April and Vegas in July.

Pat

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CSRA Pilots, Peggy Schlichter, Beth Copeland, Mary Ann Rivera & Mac Copeland doing one of their BrainMinders programs. To date they have presented the program in 6 schools with a total of 2616 children viewing the program. They have also distributed 631 bike helmets.





WC LT. GOVERNOR



Even though the "Pick-Me-Up" program is only a few years old, Pilots have been doing pick-me-ups since the organization was chartered in 1921. The projects we do are a pick-me-up to someone in our community. Remember when Pilot's rebuilt that little town in France that was bombed during WWII? That was certainly a "pick-me-up" for those citizens.

The Georgia District has two district-wide Pick-Me-Ups. What are they? They are Georgia Pilot Foundation (GPF) and Georgia Artists with DisAbilities (GAWD). How did they become district-wide? GPF was started in 1996 and GAWD started as a district project in 2005.

All clubs have been asked to support these projects with an annual contribution from their budgets. GPF provides scholarships to kids across the state. Clubs have been asked to donate \$100 to GPF annually. GAWD provides disabled artists a platform for showing their art. Each of these projects provides support throughout the state. Club support is vital to their success.

What a great Pick-Me-Up for the artists and students, as we see their smiles and the boost in their lives. It's not too late to send in your club's support for these worthwhile projects. Individual Pilots can also send in support for these projects. If you don't have the money in the bank- pass around the piggy bank.

Now is the time to send in your registrations for District Convention. Hope to see you there!

Karen

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Newnan Pilot members Beverly Garner and Peggy Millians delivered school supplies to Western Elementary School. I know they appreciated and will make good use of the donations.



GEORGIA PILOT FOUNDATION

We hope each club has had success with selling your GPF raffle tickets. Tickets are \$10 each or 4 for \$20.

The drawing for the eight "Hummingbird Wings" will be at the Awards Luncheon at Pilot District Convention on April 8th. We will be drawing for eight \$250 awards.

Several of our clubs pass a basket around at their meetings to collect money and use the funds to buy the tickets in their club's name. If you still have tickets left to sale try this at your next meetings. Every year we have Pilot Clubs that win raffle money to help fund their club's service projects.

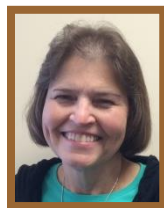
If you have sold your tickets and would like to get your checks cleared before April you can mail the tickets and stubs to me at PO Box 1427, Dublin, GA 31040. Sending your checks in early saves you from standing in line to turn in the money at convention and it also keeps you from forgetting to pack them when you come to convention. Each year we have a club president who forgets and leave their money and/or tickets at home.

In order to be able to fund all nine of our GPF scholarships this year, I am hoping each Pilot Club has included a GPF donation in your club budget. This month is a great time to remind your treasurer to mail in your club's donation. Clubs who have made donations will be recognized in the Governor's Bulletin after convention. The GPF donation form is available on the Georgia Pilot website – pilotgeorgia.org.

We have received 27 GPF scholarship applications and the 4 members of the scholarship committee are currently scoring the applications. The Anchor Scholarship recipients will be announced at Anchor Convention at their Awards Luncheon on February 25th. The Lynda Goodwin Volunteer recipients will be announced at District Convention at our Award Luncheon on April 8th

Robin

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"Spotlight Our Clubs"



Pilot Club of Lavonia honored members who have more than 25 years of service. Those honored were given a pin and certificate. Two charter members, Tiny Frances Andrews and Dianne Mauldin, were included in the recognition. The Pilot club of Lavonia was organized February 3, 1975. In the Photo (L-R) Frances Andrews, Dianne Mauldin, Louise Cochran, Betty Farr, Susan Harbin, Sue Maret, Barbara Bowers, Virginia Richey.



Pilot Club of Newnan's Elaine Landers delivered the Club's Valentines to the staff and clients at Ansley Park Rehab.



Gainesville Pilots President Lea Judson, Gina Miller, Cherry Lobo & Susan Wigginton at the Arts Council with artwork from GA Artists with Disabilities,



Pilot Club of Cochran partnered with the Cochran/Bleckley County Chamber of Commerce with a brand new award: **Professional Woman of the Year**. The chamber solicited nominations from businesses in the local community. The 2017 recipient, Tammy Johnson, received a plaque and monetary award from the pilot club. Citizens Bank presented her with a floral arrangement. Tammy Johnson is a banking officer with Citizens Bank of Cochran and 16 year employee.

Pictured: Melinda Bryant, President of Pilot Club of Cochran, Tammy Johnson (center) and Lindsay Dykes, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Cochran/Bleckley Chamber of Commerce.



Pilot Club of Cairo at their Annual Valentine Party for Grady County Senior Citizens

