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GAIL SHARBER - GA DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Georgia District Convention was Wonderful ! My heartfelt thanks to the Northeast Region for an outstanding job in hosting the event. Thanks to the DAC/DEC for planning the Friday night "Pilots Got Talent" and thanks to all the participants. What great talent we have in Georgia. We had 232 registered, with 219 in attendance. If you add in the different members and guest attending the Awards Luncheon and Banquet we had 268 different people attending. Congratulations to the clubs receiving a Georgia District Award during the Awards Luncheon. The installation ceremony of Patricia Whatley and the incoming DAC/DEC reflected the true spirit of Pilot.

Judy Langley, ECR, provided a very informative Leadership workshop. I have enjoyed her friendship and support of Georgia District this year. We were also honored to have Melanie Schild, PI Executive Director with us this weekend. I trust you took the time to meet with Judy and Melanie.

Region Workshops are being prepared. I encourage new club officers and members to attend. The Club Manual is available on PI's website to download. I would encourage Clubs to download/print the manual to bring with you to the Region Workshop. There are several changes you will need to be aware of.

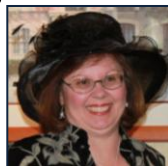
New Club Officer Forms are Due May 1. Copies can be found in the Club Manual. Copies should be sent to PI, incoming Governor Patricia Whatley and incoming Governor Elect Judy Jackson, your new region Lt. Governor, and District Secretary Elaine Landers.

2013 Pilot International Annual Convention and Leadership Conference will be held in New Orleans, LA July 10 - 14, 2013. Start making your plans now. "Summer of Lagniappe" (Just a little bit MORE... A Little something Extra..) fundraiser is available on PI's website. In lieu of being asked to provide items for the raffle -this year- Pilot Clubs are encouraged to participate in the raffle by purchasing at least \$50 in raffle tickets. NEW Yellow Rose Tree - (replaces the Pilot Walk) Members will purchase a sticker to honor another Pilot. There are many new and exciting things happening at the Conference that you will not want to miss.

Pilot International has a new marketing and branding logo. The new logo will show the togetherness of Pilot and Anchor.

Do More. Care More. Be More. Georgia District I know we will meet the challenge.

Yours in Pilot Friendship, *Gail*



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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.



“MAY YOUR TEA-KETTLE SING”
ERA HALL
DISTRICT CHAPLAIN

Dear Georgia District Pilot Club Members,
It was such a treat to see each of you at the conference last weekend. It is a pleasure to make new friends and visit with others who pour their love into their communities and the lives of those who face times of hardship and loss. There are needs that take the effort of someone just like you. To illustrate, I would like to tell you about a card that was written on folded notebook paper from an 11 year old girl who was a guest at a church in Savannah that offers a place to stay overnight for homeless families. The little girl drew a picture of an angel on the front and as she gave the card to my friend she ran off because she was embarrassed. The card read, "Thank you for talking to us when no one else wanted to.

You are my family's angel this week. Thank you."

We all have opportunities to be someone’s angel. Keep doing the work of Pilot this month, and know that what you do is appreciated by those you may never meet.

Love always,
Era



P.S. Since I mentioned church, I thought some of you would get a chuckle out of this announcement made in bulletin: **Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.** Now, don’t tell anyone, but that reminds me of some of the “talent” we all heard at the conference... what a hoot!

“The grand essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.” -Joseph Addison

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 27

Region Workshops:
Northwest, East Central,
Southwest

May 1

New Club Officer Form due

May 4

Region Workshops:
Northeast, West Central,
Southeast

July 10-14

PI Convention
New Orleans, LA

October 5

Fall Council
Callaway Gardens

Clubs: We want to highlight special events in your club in our newsletter. Please send your pictures and a brief description to Governor Gail at gsharber@gmail.com.



Pilots from 3 clubs (Cochran, Eastman and Warner Robins) met Saturday, Feb 23rd to make blankets for the VA hospital. Some 15 Pilots participated in this project that day. Eastman Pilots sent 7 blankets that were made before by members who could not attend. Eighteen blankets were finished that day and another 18 more have been cut out ready to be tied. Pilots plan to put name tags on the blankets saying, “Lovingly made by the Pilot Clubs of Cochran, Eastman and Warner Robins.” Blankets will be taken to the VA hospital in Dublin.

Pilot Clubs.....
Joan McCannon is looking for pictures from your club to put in Gov. Gail’s scrapbook. Please contact Joan (mcc46@bellsouth.net) if you have any questions. Joan will present Gov. Gail with her scrapbook at Fall Council October 5th.



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“MAKE IT STRONG”

NANCY MILLER
LEADERSHIP COORDINATOR

Hello Pilots,

It sure was wonderful to see so many of you at our District Convention. I know I had a great time seeing all of my Pilot friends from all over the State.

For those of you who were able to attend, did you notice all of the Leadership that was *occurring*? The way our meetings were conducted, the Governor was following her agenda. Everything had a reason for happening in the order that occurred. When the Parliamentarian instructed us in how the voting for new officers was to take place, she was following Robert’s Rules of Order. This too is part of Leadership and how you conduct business in your club. Did you notice the motions and seconds? All of these aspects of conducting a meeting are relevant to your club meetings.

How about the Workshops those who were leading these were also using their leadership skills. I hope that many of you will take away not only the great ideas for membership, projects and fund raising, but how to go about running your club meetings in an orderly fashion. There is still room for fun and fellowship and I hope all of you will not leave this component out! That is what helps to make a positive meeting experience.

Our time together is coming to a close very soon, and if you would like for me to come and share with your club about Leadership skills, please do not fail to contact me.

Nancy



“YOUR CUP RUNNETH OVER WITH MEMBERSHIP”

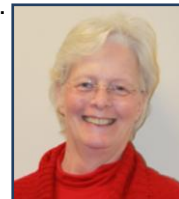
NORMA MCKELLAR
MEMBERSHIP CO-COORDINATOR

Didn’t we have another wonderful District Convention? It was sort of like a “Pilot revival”. We came away feeling more connected and excited to greet the coming club year. One of the several workshops was our ALL ABOARD GEORGIA DISTRICT Membership Workshop. Attendees shared many ideas and feelings and some actually took a quick survey. Here are a few of the survey results:

1. All clubs, large and small, have issues and concerns. About one third reported they have a viral member. All clubs have members who experience burn out, but the numbers are greater in small clubs.
2. The smaller clubs fear they are at risk. They also feel their clubs are just “getting by” and are cash poor.
3. A very small number of larger clubs do not recycle officers, but an overwhelming number of Pilots report that their club recycles officers.
4. Most clubs are happy with the communication within the club and feel that they have interesting program meetings.
5. Fifty percent of members feel their clubs have a membership growth plan and adequate mentoring of new members.
6. Close to a third of those surveyed were dissatisfied with their clubs’ projects and fundraisers.
7. The most exciting result of the survey was that 24 of the 26 surveyed say they are committed to being a lifetime Pilot!

Surveys look into the feelings, thoughts, observations and opinions of your club. By knowing what’s going on with your members you can better plan for the future. If you are unsure about questions to use in a survey there are many samples on the web. I’d be happy to share my questions with you. Just let me know.

Norma



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“CUP”...COULD U PLEASE
GLYNICE HAYES
PROJECTS COORDINATOR

This month’s project is about awareness: The second Tuesday night in April was the Peachtree Pilot Club’s Semi-Annual Dinner with the Emory Brain Injury Support Group. This group consists of brain injury survivors and caretakers and they are so appreciative of our support and they tell everyone we are fantastic cooks. Our Pilot club enjoys this project very much and what a blessing we receive every time we serve and fellowship with this wonderful group.

During the meeting one of the members was compelled to speak about his feelings of loneliness and how he feels abandoned by friends and family members. Several survivors and caregivers stated it felt like they were being treated as if they have a plague. The support group members said “believe it or not, it is not contagious”. Some are self-conscious of how they look, talk, walk or maybe cannot walk. They also spoke about becoming isolated and longed for familiarity in their lives.

So let’s keep in mind that we could suggest they keep that line of communication open with their friends and family members. Also, recommend to the survivors and caregivers to invite their former friends and family over for camaraderie.

Have a cup of tea day,

Glynice



PI President-Elect Judy Langley, Governor Gail and PI Director Melanie Schild



2013-2014 GA District DAC/DEC & Appointees



Past Governors

- JoAnn Akers**
May 3
- Edwina Gill**
May 15
- Pat Kesler**
May 15
- Jo Farish**
May 30



“OPERATION SUCCESS
DORETTA BROUGHTON
FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR

I hope that “Trolling for Treasure” Workshop provided some fun, supportive information, new ideas and identified ways to enhance your club’s already successful fundraising events. Thank you for your active participation and donations (proceeds from workshop raffle) given to GPF (\$200.00). Do not forget to share information learned with your Pilot Club. Also, remember to seek the “hidden treasures” and thank club members and patrons for their donations, time, talents, skills and energy spent in making fundraising events successful and sought after from year to year.

Doretta



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Georgia District Convention Awards Jury Report

WOW!!! Our District should be very proud of all the hard work that our Clubs have done this year. It was so uplifting to see all the great things that our Pilots do around their communities to support the work of Pilot. Also, the excitement from the clubs that won was great. A little friendly competition helps out all out communities with some great Service. I would like to thank each club that submitted their awards and would also like to remind the ones that did not, that you cannot win if you don't enter.

Governor's Cup

1. Madison County
2. Elberton
3. Statesboro

Elizabeth Greene Safety Award

1. Madison County
2. Eastman

Vivian Hartman Memorial Award

1. Battlefield - Total Contribution \$ 1567.58 (average 111.97 per member)
2. Macon - Total Contribution \$ 1495.00 (average 65.00 per member)
3. Elberton - Total Contribution \$ 2350.00 (average 54.66 per member)

Ann Adams Attendance Award

1. Madison County - 98.75%
2. Oconee County - 98.17%
3. Classic City - Athens - 94.46%

Edwina Gill Growth Award

1. Americus
2. Dublin

Nancy Henrick Friendship and Service Award

1. Gainesville - Total hours - 6175.25 (average 257.31 hours per member)
2. Fitzgerald - Total hours - 3424.50 (average 244.61 hours per member)
3. Newnan - Total hours – 1557 (average 97.32 hours per member)

Newsletter District Winners

1. Lavonia
2. Atlanta
3. 3 way tie - Warner Robbins, Statesboro, Moultrie

Congratulations to all the winners and lest keep working for Pilot!!

Carolyn

Awards Jury Chair



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

PILOT	CLUB NAME
Brenda Holcomb	Chatsworth
Marcia Clanton	Eatonton



PILOT	CLUB NAME	RELATIONSHIP
Joy Elder	Oconee Co.	Uncle
Nancy Brewer	Dublin	Sister-in-law
Melissa Belcher	Bainbridge	Aunt
Linda Buffington	Gainesville	Aunt
Ginger Folger	Gainesville	Great-Aunt



District Convention Friday Night Talent Show



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE (ECR)

JUDY LANGLEY

Greetings, Pilots!

What a fantastic convention, filled with Pilot friendship, fun, information, and business! The memorial service, installation ceremony, and guest speakers were all very moving. The GPF Scholarship recipients were a truly outstanding group of young people! Thank you to all who planned, assisted, attended, and participated to make it a successful convention. It was exciting to have Pilot International Executive Director Melanie Schild with us on Saturday and Sunday, and she appreciated the opportunity to speak with many of you. Thank you all for your hospitality and gifts of friendship. It was an honor to be a part of your convention and to present news about Pilot International as we work together to honor our traditions and yet move our great organization forward.

I hope you are excited about the new official Pilot mark and tagline above! This new branding emphasizes the important relationship between Pilot and Anchor Clubs. The tagline, “Do More. Care More. Be More.” will connect us with new initiatives that clubs can use to boost their level of service, growth, and visibility. You will learn more about these initiatives at the international convention.

Speaking of convention, be sure to join your fellow Pilots as we “Celebrate Excellence” at the 2013 Pilot International Annual Convention and Leadership Conference July 10-14, 2013! On Wednesday, the Opening Night Celebration, in Mardi Gras style, will add local flavor and excitement to the friendship and service we will share throughout convention! After the opening celebration, each district will have their meeting. Thursday we will elect our new

international leaders and conduct the business of Pilot. Friday we will “Celebrate Excellence” at President Winnie Brewer’s luncheon, with keynote speaker Suzy Toronto! Saturday is our day of service as we learn about new exciting initiatives and join together with President Elect Judy Langley at “The Brilliance of Service. The Gift of Self” luncheon. After an early evening of dinner on your own, we will have the installation of our 2013-2014 International officers, followed by an “Installation Celebration” with entertainment and dancing.

Be sure to register for convention as well as the extra events to benefit Pilot International’s Founders Fund. At Tuesday night’s “What’s Cooking With Pilot” at the New Orleans School of Cooking, you will hear from the Executive Committee regarding what’s new at Pilot International to benefit YOU as a Pilot! Friday night’s evening out at Mardi Gras World will be an evening you do not want to miss!

So much is planned for Pilots. Why? So you can get excited and get educated about the great new materials and resources available for Pilots and Anchors!

Hope to see YOU in N’Orleans!

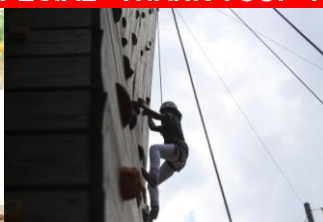


Because I care,

Judy

Judy Langley, Pilot International President Elect
Georgia District Executive Committee Representative
judy.langley99@yahoo.com

A SPECIAL “THANK YOU!” TO GA PILOTS FROM HERO FOR CHILDREN, INC.!



To my fellow Pilots,

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You! to everyone who donated items to my organization, H.E.R.O. for Children, Inc., at this year’s Georgia District Conference (special thanks to Governor Gail Sharber for allowing me to request these much-needed supplies). Your support was overwhelming (the gifts provided almost filled the floor of one of our offices! - see photo above) and greatly appreciated. As you may know, 90% of the children we serve come from impoverished backgrounds; though we do not charge a fee for any of our programs, many of them often cannot afford to bring basic necessities to Camp each year. Your generous contributions will help them have ‘unforgettable experiences’ this summer. We also received numerous school supplies, and will distribute these to the children either at Camp or our annual Back-to-School Bash. Thank you, once again, for your benevolence. I hope the kindness you have demonstrated towards the children we serve will be returned to you many times over!

Donna M. Drakes
Executive Director
Proud to be a Pilot!

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Pilot International Website: www.pilotinternational.org



GA District New Members.....



“BREWING THE FUTURE”
PATRICIA WILKINSON
ANCHOR COORDINATOR

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLUB NAME</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Karen Kilgore	Haralson Co.	
Diane Lusk	Haralson Co.	
Amanda Kent	Haralson Co.	
Betty Jo Bailey	Royston-FS	
Rachel Sorrow	Royston-FS	
Wanda Peace	Madison Co.	
Judy Froelich	Washington Co.	Stellar Jackson
Barbara Autry	Battlefield	Betty Geary
Minnie Hattaway	Statesboro	Virginia Yarber
Lynne White	Perry	
JoAnne Belanger	Chatsworth	Eugenia Cavender
Brittany Pittman	Chatsworth	Ruth Ann Holcomb
Terri Craft	Cuthbert	
Diana Payne	Oconee Co.	

What a great Pilot Convention we had. At the award luncheon on Saturday we announced the winner of the Georgia District Anchor Scholarship. We had a total of 31 applications for four scholarships. We were able to have four because of the extra money that was raised at Fall Council. Thank you to each of you that made that possible. The winners are:

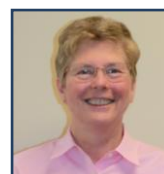
- Abby Jessen from Roswell High School she plans to attend UGA and major in Journalism/mass communications.
- Brooke Parker from West Laurens High School, she plans to attend UGA and major in Biology/Psychology.
- Caroline Warren from Wests Laurens High School, she plans to attend UGA and major in Nutrition Science.
- Shelby Watson from Winder-Barrow High School, she plans to attend University of North Georgia and major in Business Management. We were honored to have Shelby and her parents to be at the luncheon on the same day as her Senior Prom.

I hope we have even more applications next year. Every senior anchor can apply for this scholarship.

We have placed the Hospital Art that was painted at the Anchor Convention; one went to Lynn Haven Nursing Home in Gray, GA. The other went to the Life Enrichment Center in Milledgeville. Thank you to all of the anchors who painted on the art at convention.

In Pilot Friendship,

Patricia



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2013 Pilot International Annual Convention & Leadership Conference



SPECIAL EVENTS



Celebrate Excellence at Mardi Gras World! • Friday, July 12 • 7:00 PM

Since 1947, the artists and craftsmen at Mardi Gras World have been designing and building the biggest and best Mardi Gras parade floats on the planet, constructing and decorating over 500 floats each year! Join us as we Celebrate Excellence in this amazing venue, complete with its stunning antebellum mansion and larger than life Mardi Gras floats. Your evening at Mardi Gras World will include an overview of the history of the New Orleans Mardi Gras tradition while you walk through the float den where the artists work feverishly to build the parade and float props. After the tour, you'll enjoy dinner in a beautiful New Orleans style setting and afterwards, an evening of fun! Actual events and amenities vary depending upon ticket level purchased (two levels available). Come join us for this once in a lifetime event, and support the Pilot International Founders Fund at the same time! This experience is sure to be one you will never forget! **To purchase your ticket(s), download and complete the 2013 PI Annual Convention & Leadership Conference Special Events Registration Form - available now on the Pilot International website at <http://www.pilotinternational.org/convention/>**

\$150 Basic Level Ticket

Includes climate-controlled transportation. Ticket for MGW tour. Admission to mansion for dinner and evening of events. One glass of wine included with ticket. Cash bar available.

FUN-raising Activities at MGW will Include:

- **Silent Auction**—Silent Auction items will be on display in the marketplace during the convention starting July 10th.
- **Heads or Tails**—A fun and quick game with prizes utilizing Mardi Gras beads sold prior to the event as a fundraiser possibly by and for our Anchors! The more beads you have, the better your chance to WIN!
- **Crazy Auction**—Smaller items (not include in the Silent Auction) will be auctioned off LIVE at the MGW event. Participants can purchase as many numbers as they want until the bidding ends. Person with the winning number gets the item. For example: Participant A says "I'll take \$20." She is assigned numbers 1-20. Participant B buys \$10 and is assigned 21-30, and so on... When a number is drawn, the person assigned that number wins. Each person leaves their money on the way out.

\$1,100 President's Club Level Ticket

Includes admission to pre-event cocktail party in president's suite. Admission into the President's Circle for 2012-13 including pin. Special seating with the President and President Elect. Special photo opportunities with President, President Elect, EC members and other Pilots of your choice. Drinks with dinner (2 drinks included). \$1000 tax deductible contribution counted toward your PI donor level giving. Name listed in PI convention program.



Want to know "What's Cooking With Pilot?"

Those in-the-know will want to arrive to international convention early! Tuesday attendees will be given the exclusive opportunity to participate in Pilot's first "What's Cooking With Pilot" event. Staged at the rollicking and oh-so-tasty New Orleans School of Cooking, this limited-seating engagement will be your chance to have one-on-one time with the Pilot Executive Committee, to hear all about what is new and what has been going on with Pilot, to give your feedback and suggestions and find out just what is "Cooking" with Pilot International all while being educated, entertained and FED by the charismatic instructors at the New Orleans School of Cooking.

Since opening in 1980, The New Orleans School of Cooking has introduced countless visitors from around the world to the wonderful food and rich culture of Louisiana and New Orleans. Classes are held seven days a week in their beautifully renovated 1830's molasses warehouse, located at 524 St. Louis Street, between Chartres and Decatur in the French Quarter – an easy walk from the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel. NSOC instructors (all well-known local chefs) teach the basics of Louisiana Cooking in a way you'll never forget. Fun is a primary ingredient in their kitchen! At NSOC, Creole/Cajun experts teach New Orleans specialties such as Gumbo, Jambalaya and Pralines, and season them with history, trivia and tall tales. It's a "ga-ron-teed" good time for all.

So join us, won't you? This is your once in a lifetime opportunity to be a part of the process that is guiding Pilot into the future. Come be a part of the change.

Tuesday, July 9, 6:30 PM

\$52 per person. Limited seating available.

To reserve your seat(s), download and complete the 2013 PI Annual Convention & Leadership Conference Special Events Registration Form - available now on the Pilot International website at <http://www.pilotinternational.org/convention/>



SUMMER OF LAGNIAPPE



Just a little bit MORE...A little something EXTRA...

Like a baker's dozen. It's expected in New Orleans. If you buy some veggies from a vendor you might get some chili peppers thrown in for free! That's the theory behind PI's new "Summer of Lagniappe" raffle!

\$1 tickets are now available from your PI Representative.

\$25 gets you 30 tickets. For every \$25 purchased you get an extra 5 tickets for free. *See...just a little bit more!*

In lieu of being asked to provide items for the raffle - this year - Pilot Clubs are encouraged to participate in the raffle by purchasing at least \$50 in raffle tickets.

Prizes will be announced at the luncheon on Saturday, July 13.

- 1st Prize is \$4,000 (1 winner)
- 2nd Prize is \$2,000 (1 winner)
- 3rd Prize is \$1,000 (1 winner)
- 4th Prize is \$500 (4 winners)
- 5th Place is \$200 (5 winners)

Additional Marketplace Fundraisers Include:

- **Raffle**—Donated items (not included in the Crazy or Silent Auction) including exciting finds from our Pilot friends around the globe!
- **NEW Yellow Rose Tree** - [Replaces the Pilot Walk] Members will purchase a sticker to honor another Pilot. The Pilot receiving the recognition gets the sticker to wear on their name tag. \$5 per sticker to honor a Pilot friend.
- **Calcutta Drawing**—Sponsored by Co-Pilots. Winners announced on Saturday

All proceeds benefit Pilot International and the PI

