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“Happiness” is Finding Ways to be H.A.P.P.Y....



Autumn is such a beautiful time of year. That beauty is punctuated by colorful leaves, chrysanthemums, and pumpkins. Pumpkins, Pumpkins, Pumpkins! Everywhere you look those bright, mostly orange orbs are part of the scene. We see them in grocery stores and roadside markets. They are used to make decorations for Halloween and just decoration for autumn in general. Those of us who like to cook enjoy using the “meat” for spicy delicious concoctions that we bake in the form of breads and puddings and pies. But, have you ever cut open one of those beauties and discovered what is inside of it. Before you can get to use that pumpkin for something good, you have to get rid of lots and lots of “ookie gunk” and separate the useful seeds from it too. Now we have gotten to the meat of the pumpkin and to what this message is all about.

Pilot clubs and its members can be like pumpkins. They can radiate a warmth and glow and be part of the beautiful autumn scene. They can be good for a whole long list of things too. Communities are “fed” by the spirit of goodwill, service and education about our focus on Anchors, Brain Safety and Fitness, and Caring for others. Inside of our clubs we find a gazillion seeds of kindness, new ideas and dreams. But, inside of our clubs we may also find some “gunk” that needs to be removed before the club can live up to the potential that is there; and, for it to be attractive to other people who might just want to join it.

Now Pilots, I am not pointing fingers so please don't get upset with me. I just know that no person or club is perfect. There is always room for improvement everywhere. The only way we can make any kind of improvement is for the individual member to see for him/herself that something needs fixing. So... what is the “gunk” that needs to be removed from our clubs? Think about the things that hurt the workings of your club. Take a good hard look at yourself in a truthful, constructive way to see if you contribute to the build up of the “gunk” that can ruin a club. For example – clubs do not need – bad attitudes! e.g. Negativity, uncooperativeness, criticisms, cliquishness, bossiness, disharmony, inflexibility, laziness, nonparticipation and disinterest. Replace all that bad stuff with enthusiasm, cooperation, helpfulness, friendliness, acceptability of another's ideas, happy faces and joyful togetherness. I think the catchphrase “Don't Be A Debbie Downer” fits a lot of situations.

One more thing - when a pumpkin is not put to good use and just left to sit, you know what happens. That's right, it rots! Clubs do that too. If your club is not busy doing good things, watch out, it might just be rotting and you don't even know it.

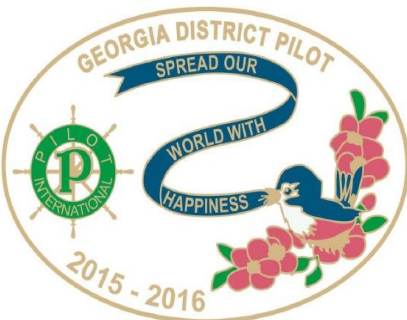
Pilots, put on a beautiful autumn orange glow and fill your communities with good Pilot activity. Every day “Spread Our World with Happiness!”

Looking forward to seeing you in a few days at Fall Council.



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Grace Crittenden
GA District Governor

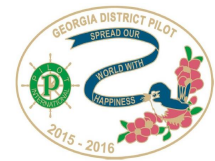


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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

September 30

\$25 International Ambassador to PI

October 1

Grant Applications due to PIFF Jo Farish

October 2-3

Fall Council
Doubletree by Hilton
Atlanta-Marietta

January 6, 2016

Newsletter Competition due to your Region Lt. Governor

February 3, 2016

District Officer Nomination Form Due to Doretta Broughton, District Nominating Chair

February 26 – 28, 2016

Anchor Convention
Lake Lanier Islands

February 16, 2016

District Awards due to Gail Sharber, Awards Chair



"Happiness" is giving to a good PIFF cause!...

Hello Pilots, Esther Foster and I would like to say it is a pleasure to represent the Georgia District as your Co-Representatives of the Pilot International Founders Fund.

A reminder that postmark deadline for Grant applications to be sent to me is October 1, 2015. Information on Grants can be found at www.pilotinternational.org - PI Founders Fund. Please mail all grant applications to me at 736 Bankhead Ave, Carrollton, GA 30117. The earlier you get them to me, the better. Esther and I will review for completeness and provide feedback that might allow you to "tweak" your submission. Grant Application Categories are Anchors-Youth Development, Brain Safety & Fitness and Caring for Families in Need.

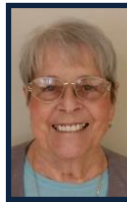
Remember to type your application. Also, make sure you include a press release assuming you have received the Grant from PI, giving credit to Pilot International and explaining what PI represents.

A minimum of \$25 contribution to PI must be postmarked by September 30th for inclusion of your Pilot International Ambassador (formerly Sweetheart) in the Pilot Log.

See you at Fall Council.

Jo

Jo Farish
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This hand carved Olive wood Nativity will be raffled by PIFF in memory of Pilot Club of Atlanta member Lori Langland who passed away at District Convention. Her family was very nice to donate this item for Pilot.

Past Governors

Evelyn McCain
October 18

Hazel Sweger
October 23

Myrna Warner
October 28



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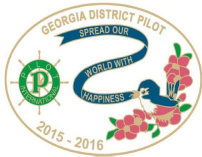
Anchor member Taylor Thomas won the new Pilot International Anchor Bob King Scholarship for \$1000.00. She was sponsored by The Pilot Club of Eastman. Taylor was also awarded a \$1,500.00 Anchor GA District Pilot Foundation scholarship. She will attend Liberty University and plans to pursue a degree in Pre-med. We congratulate Taylor in winning these scholarships and wish her the very best as she starts college.

(L-R Nylan Hinson, Taylor Thomas & family, sister Jesse Thomas, mother Betsy Thomas and dad Ben Thomas)



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Tribute to Margaret Johnston

In August, Georgia District lost a special Pilot. Margaret Johnston, Georgia District Governor in 1981-82, was a charter member of the Classic City Pilot Club of Athens, GA. She served her club and Georgia District in many capacities. Prior to being Governor she served as her club's president and later as East Region's Lt. Governor. After serving as Governor she served as Lt. Governor two more years from 1995-1997. She is remembered and loved by many of you. Unfortunately, I did not have the privilege of knowing her. Some of you who knew her shared the following comments.

Some Pilot tributes:

Sherry McDuffie: "Margaret's passions were her church, her teaching, her cats, Pilot and Georgia Football."

A former student wrote a tribute to her that can be found by going to this website. http://grady.uga.edu/news/view/remembering_margaret_johnston#.Vd960Nq9KSM

Pat Jarvis: "What a beautiful tribute to a beautiful and knowledgeable lady. We have been blessed by her willingness to share with us and help all of us reach potential."

Linda Buffington: "...she was a special lady and a special Pilot! She will truly be missed."

JoAnn Akers: "What a special lady...I too have fond memories of her"...from a later time when asked to help her at various conventions...."she was a very private lady and never wanted anyone to know that she might be having some difficulties,"

Georgia District has made a gift to Pilot International Founders Fund in her memory.

The Classic City Pilot Club and the First Baptist Church Women's group are having a memorial service for Margaret Johnston Sunday, Sept. 27 at 2:00 pm. Send any memories or anecdotes of Margaret to Sherry McDuffie (sherrymcduffie@charter.net). There will be refreshments after the service.

First Baptist Church of Athens
355 Pulaski Street
Athens, GA 30601

We will miss you Margaret..... *Governor Grace*



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Cochran Pilots, Julia Lucas, Patsy Washburn, SE Lt. Gov. Maureen Stoy, President Amanda Locke of Evans Co., and friend from Cochran Carol Stokes. Pilots Supporting Pilots at the Apple-touch-icon-precomposed 3rd Annual Claxton/Evans Co Brain Power 10k 5k and 1 mile run, Parker Family Life Center



Newnan Pilots had a great day with the Princesses with a Purpose. The princesses are young girls who volunteer their time. The charge is donations to them of toys to be given to St. Jude Hospital patients.



Marietta Pilots put Pick-Me-Up baskets together for two Pilots who are caregivers for their love ones.

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“Happiness”

is Finding Just the Right Size Project for Your Club ...

Fall is almost here, and typically most Pilots are either set up at a Fall Festival selling our wares or just enjoying the goodies, the cool weather or atmosphere of just being there. For some, this is the favorite season of the year, while for others anxiety of the soon- to-be-here holiday season begins to start creeping up. Well Pilots, I'm here to tell you, there is no need to worry. Our giving comes in all sizes.

As in life...we do what we can, with what we have. I used that as my theme when I made the Projects Division presentation at District Convention earlier this year. I thought this was the perfect time to talk about our club projects, maybe even give you a few new ideas.

Here's what I did: I recorded the projects that all clubs listed on their Quarterly Report from July – Dec 2014. There were 5 pages, listing the project title and the Club(s) that did it. While some of our clubs are involved financially in the larger project like Project Lifesaver, I was amazed by the types of projects other clubs did with little or no financial obligation either on their own, with others clubs in their region, or in support of other groups throughout the state. Yes, I did say with other clubs in their region. Here are just a few! Have you ever thought about just reading at local schools or even nursing homes? Our Macon Club does. Believe me, our seniors smile just as much as the children do. Have you considered donating Care Hours, like our Baxley Club did? What about collecting paper and scraps for local animal shelters, like our Heard County Club did? What about just going to play Bingo with the vets or seniors like our Milledgeville and CSRA Clubs did? We know most Pilots are great bakers (it's almost a pre-requisite), why not provide some homemade goodies for other organizations' local charity events like Royston-Franklin Springs Club did for a local cancer-support group? Or “bell ringing” with the Salvation Army, or provide cleaning supplies to homeless shelters or nursing homes like many of our clubs do. The point is, our projects don't always have to require financial obligation or contributions. We are Pilots...We DO More, because we CARE More, making us BE More. If you would like to receive the full list of the projects and the clubs who did them, just email me and I will be happy to send it to you. Rwlms55@yahoo.com

And finally, I look forward to seeing everyone at Fall Council, Oct. 2-3, where we will be conducting our hands on **Stop Hunger Now** project. In case you haven't heard, we will make 10,000+ pre-packaged meals to be distributed to the hungry. Your \$3.00 per club member donation means that each member paid for 10 meals. Where else can you do that?

See you there, and don't forget to sign up for the Stop Hunger Now project on-line before coming to Fall Council. Ask your Club President for the details she received in a communication from Governor Grace.

Robin

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GA District New Members.....

PILOT	CLUB NAME	SPONSOR
Doris Murphy	Atlanta	Jacquie Foster
Chanta Whitlow	Peachtree	Robin Williams
Alicia Jackson-Simmons	Eastman	Mallory Guyton
Lynn Belch	Jefferson	Reinstated
Glenda Hicks	Haralson Co.	Ruth Fambrough
Susan D. Granich	Milledgeville	Patricia Wilkinson
Heather Culpepper	Ocilla-Irwin Co.	Melba Veazey
Sharon Knight	Statesboro	Helen Winstead
Connie Tousley	Statesboro	Helen Winstead
Charlene Doyle	Statesboro	Helen Winstead
Patricia Ann Hein	Statesboro	Helen Winstead
Sharon Ledue	Covington	Cynthia Spearman



“Happiness” is an orderly meeting ...

The dream of every presiding officer is an orderly meeting. The desire of every member of any organization is an orderly meeting. So--let's see, how can we ensure we have an orderly meeting??? One of the first things the presiding officer does to assist in having an orderly meeting is to prepare and plan the meeting agenda prior to the meeting. Review the last minutes and have your secretary assist if information is needed. After the agenda is prepared and the meeting has begun, follow it! It is very easy to get off task, so refer to the agenda, check off items when completed and move to the next item. This is never to discourage discussion, however, the presiding officer is the one to assist in keeping the discussion on track. This is often where your Parliamentarian comes in. The Parliamentarian assists the presiding officer in keeping orderly meetings. The responsibility of the Parliamentarian is to know and understand the rules of conducting a meeting and assist the presiding officer as necessary. During the meeting, this will ensure that there is a level “playing field” for all members and all members will have their voices heard.

Pat

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Parliamentarian
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Honorary membership conferred upon Arthur Vaughn

By unanimous vote and with resounding applause, the Pilot Club of Conyers recently conferred honorary membership to Arthur Vaughn. This honor is granted to a non-Pilot for meritorious achievement and now in its 54th year, the Conyers Club has named Arthur as its first honorary member recipient.

Arthur is a quiet hero who has faithfully assisted the club for more than 22 years. With a sweet spirit of humility, Arthur sets up and takes down meeting space; he and wife Cathy, who is also a Pilot, hosted the Pilot Christmas brunch for a number of years; he has worked at many fund raisers over the years and works alongside Pilots at some of the local projects, such as the Rockdale Cares dances, to include boutonniere/corsage making for the developmentally delayed consumers. One never has to ask Arthur .He just seems to know and takes care of whatever is at hand. Perhaps, most important is seeing Arthur as a caretaker when Cathy went through several months of medical challenges. He faithfully transported her to meetings and waited for her so that she could be in attendance.

Arthur is a blessing to many and the Pilot Club members are grateful for his service.



Cathy Vaughn, Arthur Vaughn and Micki Smith, President bestowing the honorary member status.



Pilot Club of Macon participated in the Tubman African American Art and History museum's International Taste of Soul fundraiser. Carolyn received a lot of compliments on the meatballs that she prepared.

Left to right, Pat Vickers, Carolyn Glover

“Happiness”

is Making Money for Our Projects ...

Fall is a perfect time for Fund Raising! Lots of towns and communities hold fall festivals and other types of community events, which offer great opportunities for our Pilot Clubs to get our message out...and maybe earn a little money.

Long before you consider fundraising, your organization needs to know how much money it needs to earn.

Here's what your budget should include: Income Revenue. Itemize every source of income you expect to have.

Detail of anticipated expenses. These should include participation in District and PI projects such as Goals for Grants and Scholarships, Pacesetter and GPF's Anchor Scholarships.

Ask these questions: How are we going to spend money? How much money do we need to cover our anticipated expenses? And When do we require the money? The main one to ask is What is the goal \$\$ amount we need?

Once you have the above information you can create a dependable budget and determine your actual fundraising needs. Then plan effective fundraisers to meet your goal.

Keep up the good work and remember to support not only your Pilot Club, but ALL Pilot Clubs!

Here is an opportunity to do just that and help a sister club. The Pilot Club of Greene Co. is sponsoring a special community event to raise some money:

Meadowcrest Arts and Crafts Market
November 7, 2105
9 am to 4 pm
Greene County High School
Main Street, Greensboro, GA 30642
Pilot Café open
Door Admission \$2.00

Kate

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Past Governor & Membership Co-Coordinator Helen Winstead's address **2531 Willow Hill Road,**
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"Happiness"

is Anchor Clubs Making a Difference ...

Happy Georgia Anchors are busy preparing for an exciting new year! The Anchor Board met in Macon to plan their Convention and accomplished much in just a few hours! They will be walking the Red Carpet at Legacy Lodge with their theme; Anchors Under the Stars. Service projects, speakers, workshops, menus, games and prizes were all organized and duties assigned by the Anchors for their special weekend. Mark your calendars for February 26 – 28, 2016, and spread the word to Anchors throughout the District. You won't want to miss the fun!

We have been busy updating the Anchor Club Information list and coordinating our records with Jack Henson's at Headquarters. Please make sure we have correct info for your Coordinators and Advisors, and if you have Advisor positions to fill, work with school administrators to find a sponsoring teacher. Jack has updated all Anchor PI forms, including Membership and Dues, please find them on the website: www.AnchorClubIntl.org. Anchor Club International membership dues of \$14.00 per member must be in by November 1st. The GA District Anchor dues are \$8.00 per member to Treasurer Shelby Holland, also by November 1st. This form is available on the GA District website: www.pilotgeorgia.org. Click on Anchor, then Resources for District forms. All necessary forms are attached to the Anchors Aweigh Newsletter as well. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at sherylmerrey@gmail.com. A special thanks to Kirsten Jorgenson for the many hours spent updating the lists and bringing the Anchor Newsletter to press. She truly burned the midnight oil for this edition!

Proud Grammy, Past Governor Linda "Miss Buffy" Buffington and proud Mom, Ginger Fogler both Pilot Club of Gainesville members attended the Senior Ring Ceremony and banquet at West Point, NY at United States Military Academy for their son & grandson Zeke Henderson. No other ring will be made like this one because it also includes iron from the World Trade Center. Zeke will graduate in May 2016 and will go on as Second Lt. and service to our country.

Congratulations! Zeke and thank you so much for your service!

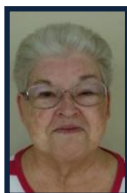
"Happiness" is Being inspired....

"God smiles when we praise and thank him continually. Few things feel better than receiving heartfelt praise and appreciation from someone else. God loves it, too. He smiles when we express our adoration and gratitude to him.....An amazing thing happens when we offer praise and thanksgiving to God. When we give God enjoyment, our own hearts are filled with joy!" The book of Psalms says, "The righteous are glad and rejoice in His presence; they are happy and shout for joy."

Excerpt from "The Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren

Joan

Joan McCannon
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Local Anchors plan to help with the STOP HUNGER NOW packaging event at Fall Council. I was called out at a recent Anchor meeting by NW Region Chair Matthew Jones. When listing their upcoming service projects, I failed to mention Fall Council and Matt asked, "Didn't Governor Grace ask us to help with that event? She's counting on us!" Matt and Friends will be on hand to do the heavy lifting.

As Anchors swing into high gear with service projects and activities, please continue to share your news and photos. We are so inspired by Anchors and their good works!

Sheryl

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

PILOT	CLUB NAME
Sally Wehr	Atlanta

PILOT	CLUB NAME	RELATIONSHIP
Erin Kett	Atlanta	Father
Margaret Perkins	Carrollton	Brother-in-law
Ann-Margaret Perkins	Carrollton	Uncle
Jeanette Robinson	Carrollton	Husband
June Robertson	Classic City	Nephew & Great-Great Niece

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Our Georgia ECR.....

What a great month for Pilots—Founder's Day on October 18, Membership Month, and Make a Difference Day on October 27! Let's celebrate by inviting both new friends, as well as those we've known a while to join us for a service project and at a meeting. Don't stop with one invitation for your prospective members; several will show that you really value them and would love to have them in your club.

Fall is also a great time to wear your Pilot shirts and name badges and go out and volunteer, walk, and uplift others in the name of Pilot. Why not salute your club Ambassador by having her/him lead your group of Pilots in a Brain Walk, Alzheimer's Walk, or Relay for Life? It's also a special time to get together at Fall Council to affirm our mission, learn, and serve together. Attend your District Fall Council and take back the energy and enthusiasm to your clubs!

A few club reminders for Presidents and Treasurers: Please return the 501c3 intent form to Sharon Brooks by September 30 at her email or address at the bottom of the form. File your 990n with the IRS before November 15. Most clubs are a 501c4 at this time, unless they have a letter from the IRS to show that they have been granted an individual club 501c3.

Pay your annual incorporation fee to your Secretary of State's office (if required in your state). Keep your original articles of incorporation and all amendments, along with your Tax ID number in both the President and Treasurer's files. These should be passed from President to President and Treasurer to Treasurer each year.

Begin documenting in club minutes and newsletters your Projects which show your educational and charitable work. Remember that Projects are the service, education, and charitable work our club does that are necessary components for a non-profit and must be documented for possible IRS audits. Both the Secretary and President should keep this documentation electronically, along with the Projects Plan of Work. Fundraising and membership activities are important newsworthy items, but are separate and are not documentation of our work as a non-profit.

Continue to transform your communities by developing youth, providing service and education, and uplifting families! Remember the wisdom of Jon Gordon who wrote *The Energy Bus* and *The Carpenter*, "To achieve genuine success, you must help others. The most successful people stand out by finding unique ways to show they care. Let people see that you care in every detail of what you do from start to finish by giving your very best to the project at hand."

In Pilot Friendship,

Karen

Karen Cupit
PI Secretary & GA District ECR
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The Pilot Club of Winder was proud to be able to present checks to Ellen Petree, Barrow County School & Community Relations Specialist, in the total amount of \$550 to help support the Food2Kids program in Barrow County. The Pilot Club is glad to be able to help support this program and sponsor two of 226 Barrow County students this school year

Pictured are Ellen Petree (left) and Pilot Club President, Gloria Wall (right).



The Pilot Club of Carrollton met one hour prior to its regular September meeting to pack 40 Pick Me Up bags for the Dept. of Family and Children's Services caseworkers who work with foster care. Members baked cookies for the bags and included other snacks, tea bags, coffee singles, and a Fall magnet. The club also took a large basket of home baked cookies for other DFACS employees. Pilots working on the bags are (l to r) Kathy Gore, Jo Farish, Jane Carroll, Deborah Wilson, Cecilia Padgett, and Deborah Cogburn.



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