



Governor's Bulletin Georgia District

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"Pilots Touching the Lives of Others"

I hope each of you had a special time with family and friends during the Christmas holidays. December was a very busy time for me. We were fortunate to have Jason, our son, and his family with us for the month. He is in the military and currently stationed in Okinawa. We enjoyed this time with his children, ages 5 and 9. We were also happy to have all our children and grandchildren with us on Christmas Day.

It is hard to believe that we are six months into the Pilot Year. It is now time for us to make nominations for District Officers...Governor Elect, Treasurer and six Lt Governors. January 31st is the deadline for getting all required paperwork to Nancy Henrick, Nomination Committee Chair. We encourage any Pilot who feels qualified to let your club know you are interested so they can make the nomination. It is a very rewarding experience to serve at the District level.

Plans are underway for our District Convention scheduled for April 1-3, 2011...more information will be coming soon. Begin now making plans to attend. You will not want to miss it!

Georgia District Clubs have published interesting and attractive newsletters this year which I have truly enjoyed reading. I encourage each club to consider entering the Newsletter Competition. Please send your Newsletter Award Entry Form along with three (3) consecutive newsletters for the period July 2010 to January 2011 to your Region Lt. Governor by January 8, 2011. They must be postmarked by this date to be considered for judging. Remember, you can't win if you don't enter.

Nominations for Anchor Advisor of the Year are due by January 15, 2011. Also, club contributions to PIF must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2011 for Pacesetter recognition at District Convention.

It is not too soon to begin thinking about electing club officers so they will be able to attend one of the Region Workshops scheduled for April 30 and May 14. Also, begin reviewing your club's Plans for Work...modifications may be necessary for making plans for the 2011-2012 Club year. Early planning leads to success in meeting our goals.

Thanks to each of you for your faithfulness and dedication to Pilot this past year. We look forward to many opportunities for service during 2011. *BELIEVING... we will continue making a difference by touching the lives of others in our communities and world!*

Esther Foster, Georgia District Governor

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The **Vision of Pilot** is to achieve universal awareness and prevention of Brain-related Disorders and Disabilities.



FROM OUR GOVERNOR-ELECT

Happy New Year Pilots,

I hope all of you have experienced a blessed Christmas season and celebrated in your own way to usher in the New Year!

As we look forward to the second half of our Pilot year together, it's time to start thinking about folks to nominate for the District offices that will be open, Governor-elect, Treasurer and Lt. Governors. So please talk it over in your club meetings and hopefully you will be able to nominate a worthy person to a position.

I have enjoyed reading your newsletters. It gives me such a high to read about your wonderful service projects and fund raisers. You all have been doing a terrific job in both areas and in recruiting new members! We really do appreciate all that you do for your clubs and the District.

Make sure your newsletter editor's mail in their **three** top newsletters with the submission form to your region Lt. Governor no later than January 8, 2011.

You will also find the District Pin order form for my year as your Governor. There is a deadline date on the form, so please try to get your orders in by that time along with your check. This form should be copied so that members within your club may also place an order.

I have been making visits to our Lt. Governor's home clubs and it has been a joy to meet with all of you and have some fun. In closing, thank you all for your dedication, enthusiasm and just plain hard work within your clubs. You all make me very proud to be a Georgia Pilot!

Nancy Miller, Georgia District Governor-elect



FROM OUR CHAPLAIN.....

Happy New Year! As we begin 2011 and start making resolutions, let us also remember to Count our Blessings.

1. Family- the love and care we give each other is always a constant in our lives. Cherish each moment!
2. Friends- these Special People are like our family, always there when we need an extra HUG.
3. Our Pilot Club- the members are part of our **CIRCLE** of family and friends. We work together to help our communities to "Touch the Lives of Others".

May the Angels keep watch over each and everyone as we begin this New Year.

Our District Prayer Chain: cynthiaspearman48@gmail.com

Cynthia Spearman, Georgia District Chaplain



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A NOTE FROM OUR ECR...

Winnie Brewer, ECR

Happy New Year! I hope this message finds you rested and looking forward to the New Year with positive thoughts and energy! For me, the New Year brings many things, a time to reflect on the past, but also to look forward to the future with much excitement, anticipation, and oh so much work to do.

We have had many challenges this past year, but these challenges have allowed our true Pilot resolve to shine forth, as we continue making a difference in our communities. I am so proud to be a Pilot! This organization is a great one, and let us all work together as we transition to making this organization the best that it can be.

In closing for this writing, I will share a quote from Mother Teresa, "Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. My hope is to help us remember, more often than not, that the people around us, those we've allowed to be in our lives and those that have allowed us in theirs, deserve our care and attention. That's where everything begins. And it's in those small, day-to-day interactions where we have the opportunity to make things better for all of us."

Blessings Always,

Winnie Brewer, 1st Vice President

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LEADERSHIP

Louise Shimer, Leadership Coordinator

(As we begin the process of selecting our leaders for the coming year, this message from our Pilot International Leadership Coordinator, Linda Covington, is so important. Each club has the responsibility to take part in the process of selecting our leaders, not only at the club level but at the district and international level)

Leadership at All Levels of Pilot

This is the time of year in our Pilot organization that we begin the process of selecting leaders for the coming year for our districts, our clubs, and our international organization. Each club has the obligation and responsibility to take part in the process . . . to think about who would make the best leaders for your club, your district and for Pilot International . . . to ask them to serve or nominate them for office. So, how do you decide who would make a good leader?

That is not an easy question to answer because leadership is a complicated topic. There are as many definitions of leadership as there are leaders. Over time there have been many qualities and characteristics of

leadership that have been identified and written about by many experts. And, as we all know, no one person embodies all the qualities and characteristics that have been identified. But, all leaders have one thing in common . . . they have developed their leadership style around their own personalities and values, and, in the end, they usually take action consistent with what they truly believe.

As you think about Pilots to nominate for club, district and/or international office, you might keep the following in mind:

- **Do they “walk the talk?”** - Are their actions and words congruent?
- **Are they direct and consistent in their communications?** – We teach others how to respect and treat us by the way we communicate.
- **Do they listen to the thoughts, ideas, and suggestions of others?** – Do they make time to listen to all sides of a problem, issue or situation?
- **Are they flexible?** – Do they take into consideration that there is more than one way of approaching an issue or doing something?
- **Do they take responsibility for their actions?** – If they make a mistake, do they admit their error or do they blame others?
- **Do they celebrate success?** – Leaders should take time to celebrate the successes of their organization **and** their fellow members.
- **Do they make a difference?** – Are they trying to make a difference whenever and wherever they can?

I hope that if you are asked to serve in a leadership position this year . . . that you will say yes with enthusiasm. If you are not elected or appointed this year, then make it your goal to be the best follower you can be . . . because followers are just as critical, if not more so, than leaders . . . for without followers, there can be no leader.



LIVE AUCTIONS YIELD SUCCESS

Judy Jackson, Fundraising Coordinator

Live Auctions can be great fun and yield great success! Specify a project or charity the auction is to benefit and ask all members to start soliciting very nice items

of value from local merchants, such as jewelry, 3 nights at someone's condo, piece of furniture (interesting side chair or table), gift baskets, spa gift cards, paintings, lamps, decorative accessories, etc. The very nice items bring more money, thus making your auction successful. Other popular auction items are cakes, cheesecakes, etc. from a popular and experienced baker, either members or non-members. These can be auctioned by coupon and made for the buyer's requested date and delivered. Try to avoid small items of low value, unless you plan to have a silent auction prior to dinner and reserve the after dinner hour for the live auction.



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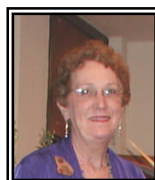
There are only a few jobs to do in preparation for a live auction, other than getting the items. Have someone make the numbered bid paddles using poster board and paint sticks; these can be reused for several years. Have one member in charge of writing each person's name on the list of paddle numbers for the treasurer and her helper who will keep track of who purchased each item and the amounts. Start advertising the auction ahead of time within the club so that members can invite guests well in advance and make reservations. Having it at a regular meeting following dinner is best; then you have a captive audience and your guests can enjoy dinner and Pilot fellowship prior to the auction. Line up a real auctioneer who will donate his time and services, or one who doesn't do it full time who will come for the experience/practice.

Our members have a lot of fun outbidding each other for popular items in our club's Live Auction for Christmas presents for needy families/children in the schools. We bring or have delivered all items one hour early the evening of the auction (our regular November dinner meeting) and we have an entertaining young auctioneer who donates his time. It's a lively evening of fun for everyone! We raised \$2451 and purchased toys and gifts for 7 families which included 20 children from two of our elementary schools. We went through the school counselors who gave us wish lists and sizes. After helping our assigned families, any remaining money is donated to Toys for Tots.

If your club hasn't had a Live Auction, you may want to try it for great fun and great results. Members must come with their checkbooks, generous hearts, and guests who bring theirs, as well. It is truly a blessing to help others. **New Year's greetings to Georgia Pilots and friends! May yours be a new year of health, happiness, and generous hearts.**

MEMBERSHIP

Joanne Akers, Membership Co-Chair



2011 has arrived! Start the New Year off with sharing the Pilot story - and the story of your club - with others. Those that you invited to come to projects,

fundraisers, club events - invite them again and spread the good news of the fellowship that your club offers while doing volunteer work in the community. You never know when that spark might be ignited and the person that you invited decides to join! On a personal note, that just happened with a friend of mine who had come to some of the events this past year that we had in support of a couple of our projects. When I invited her to our Christmas luncheon, she reached over and said to me "how can I join?".....so hopefully in January we will be gaining a new member! So may each of you have a blessed and joy filled New Year and may each of your clubs grow and grow!



PROJECTS ACROSS THE STATE

Era Hall, Projects Coordinator

Hi, Pilots! Try this! I am a poet, but who would know it!
May your holidays be merry and your new year be bright!

The GA Pilots in December

T'was the month of Christmas and throughout all the state,
All Pilots were stirring while many just ate!
There were meetings, banquets, parties, and balls,
And music, and auctions, and bells in the malls!
There were blankets, and jackets, and toys for the tots.
There were fashions and opportunities to buy on the spot!
Giving to others is the thought in their minds.
Keeping up friendships and the fun in being kind.
To the north to the south to the east and the west
Communities benefit from efforts of PI's best!

On Georgia Pilots to your 2011 projects give a start.
It is in giving that joy will set in your heart.
To the elderly, the needy, to those hurt from a fall,
Now dash away, dash away, help them, now, ya'll!



PIF SCHOLARSHIPS REMINDER

Brenda Walker, GA PIF Representative

If you haven't already done so, it's time to get serious about advertising the scholarship opportunities that PIF offers. I hope each club has at least one application in a scholar's hands by now. It takes a while to complete the forms and the completed scholarship application must be reviewed by your club and mailed to me with a postmark no later than March 1. You just can't imagine how badly I want the Georgia District to be represented in the competition for PIF Scholarships. I know the competition is tough but we have some tough and bright deserving scholars statewide. Georgia Pilots have been great participating in the joint PIF/GPF fundraising activities the last few years and PIF scholarships is one of the benefactors of the proceeds of those fundraisers. (By the way, get those Dream Basket tickets sold for the drawing at District Convention in April.) Please help your local scholars! Application details were discussed in my November 2010 Governor's Bulletin article and should answer any questions you may have, but feel free to call me if you need to discuss the process. Good luck!



FROM YOUR SOUTHEAST REGION **LT. GOVERNOR**

Beverly McKenna, Lt. Governor

January is a time for reflecting on our accomplishments for the past year. Which projects and fundraisers were successful and why were they successful? Do we want to continue with these or try something new?

The Southeast Region of Georgia had many successful projects in 2010. Over 7,000 dictionaries were presented to third-grade students. Most clubs made several BrainMinder presentations to children to remind them to protect their brains for life. Some clubs did BrainMinder presentations to older adults to remind them to keep moving to keep their bodies active and to keep reading, doing puzzles and playing games that keep their brains active. Other successful projects included making blankets for cancer patients, giving helmets to kindergarten and first-grade students, making cards and gifts for nursing home residents, sending cards and gifts for military personnel, having a Fall Ball for special needs children and having a Christmas party for special needs students.

There were also many excellent guest speakers who attended our monthly meetings and shared information on developmental brain-related topics, such as Alzheimer's, and mental illnesses, such as bipolar disorder, ADHD, and autism. One guest speaker offered suggestions about how to contend with stress and anxiety. Another spoke about Joubert Syndrome, which is a structural nervous system disorder. There was even a special presentation for anchors on the topic of safe relationships for teenagers. Inviting members of the community to these meetings can be a great way not only to share useful information with other people but to encourage membership as well.

We could not have had these projects and guest speakers without some successful fundraisers, and the Pilots of the Southeast Region had a very busy year. Some of the many fundraisers included several golf tournaments, food booths at county fairs, craft fairs, raffles, fashion shows, garage sales, wrapping gifts at Christmas, a tour of homes, jewelry sales, booths at conventions, an Old Town dinner, and a chili cook-off. These could not have been successful without the hard work of Pilot members and their friends and relatives, who were often called in to help.

Many of the clubs in the Southeast Region are small in number but mighty in the work they do for their communities. I am sure that the accomplishments for 2011 will be just as impressive. Happy New Year!



GEORGIA PILOT FOUNDATION

Happy New Year! Please don't forget about selling our tickets for the upcoming Dream Basket Drawing with the proceeds to be split between GPF and PIF. It will be here before we know it.

The drawing will be at district convention being held April 1-3 at Gwinnett Place Marriott. There will be seven baskets with a total of \$3,000 in cash. This will be taken from the ticket sales. We will have 1 with \$1,000, 2 with \$500 each, and 4 with \$250 each. There will also be baskets with gift cards and cash to be donated by the clubs and individuals. We are asking each club to donate two gift cards valued at \$25 each or \$50 cash and we



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would like for all clubs to participate. The drawing will be held Saturday, April 2, 2011 at the District Convention Installation Banquet.

The tickets will sell for \$10 each or 4 for \$25. Last year it raised almost \$10,000, but we can do much better this year. We need to start now. You have plenty of time to sell tickets and have mini fundraisers in your clubs to raise the money. Please make checks out to GPF. Last year some of the clubs passed a basket around at each meeting to collect money and bought tickets in their club's name. We really like that idea. Why don't we all try it?

Tickets were picked up at Fall Council by your president or someone in attendance. If you would like more, please contact Robin Perry.

Also, be sure and send your two \$25 gift cards or \$50 cash to Brenda Walker, PIF representative. See her contact info below. When you purchase your gift cards, please make sure they are activated by the store clerk. They should give you an activation ticket with your purchase. We had a few last year that were not.

We are all really excited about this fundraiser and all the potential it has for both GPF and PIF. We hope that you will be too.

Again, thanks for your continued support for our Georgia Pilot Foundation.

We'll see you in April 2011.

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WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

The Georgia District would like to welcome all the newest members to our organization! WELCOME!!

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Julie Orr	Washington Co.	Ann Lastinger
Marianne Ethridge Bivins	Jones Co.	Vickie Ethridge
Sandra V. Rathel	Cairo	Hazel Burbridge



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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



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Linda Jones – January 2
Barbara Wright – January 17

Past Governors

Nancy Henrick – January 8
Gwen Yarbrough – January 10
Sherrie McDuffie – January 29

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



Pilot	Pilot Club
Juanita Billingsley	Jones County
Lola Downs	Peachtree
Mildred "Mimi" Lavvorn	Carrollton – Charter Member

Pilot	Pilot Club	Relationship
Leslie Livesey	Conyers	Father
Joan McCannon	Conyers	Mother

DATES TO REMEMBER

Newsletter Award Entry Forms – January 8
Anchor Advisor of the Year Competition – January 15
District Officer Nominations – January 31
PIF Contributions due (for recognition at DC) – February 1
Freedom's Foundation – February 24-27, 2011 (for Anchors)
Anchor Convention, Legacy Lodge, Lake Lanier Islands – March 4-6, 2011
District Convention, Marriott, Atlanta Gwinnett Place, Duluth, GA – April 1-3, 2011
Region Workshop (SE, NE, WC) – April 30
Region Workshop (EC, NW, SW) – May 14
PI Convention, Sheraton Hotel, Dallas, TX – July 13-16, 2011

New Year's Reflections

Looking back on the months gone by,
As a new year starts and an old one ends,
We contemplate what brought us joy,
And we think of our loved ones and our friends.
Recalling all the happy times,
Remembering how they enriched our lives.
We reflect upon what really counts,
As the fresh and new year arrives.
And when we ponder these things,
We immediately think of you,
Thanks for being one of the reasons,
We will have a Happy New Year!
--Joanna Fucks

**2011 GEORGIA DISTRICT
SWAP PIN ORDER FORM**



Make check payable to Georgia District, Pilot International. Please indicate "for Swap Pin" on check.

Mail order form and check to: Barbara Wright, Treasurer
Georgia District, PI
4012 Five Bridges Road
Blakely, Georgia 39832

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone # (____) _____

Pilot Club of _____

Number of Pins _____ \$1.25

Amount of Check enclosed \$ _____

**DEADLINE TO PLACE ORDERS IS MARCH 15, 2011.
PINS WILL BE DELIVERED AT DISTRICT CONVENTION IN ATLANTA AND AT REGION
WORKSHOPS.**



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Georgia Pilot Foundation, Inc.



CONTRIBUTION FORM

The Georgia Pilot Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit, charitable foundation, which currently provides post secondary education scholarships to Georgia District Anchor Club members, as well as to benefit people with disabilities and brain related disorders.

Please send your gift, along with this completed form to: **BARBARA WRIGHT**
2010-11 GA DIST. TREASURER
4012 FIVE BRIDGES ROAD
BLAKELY, GA 39832

Enclosed is a gift of \$_____ as a:

- Memorial Gift in Memory of _____
- Honorarium Gift in Honor of _____
- Special Gift _____
- Other Gift _____

Please send an Acknowledgement to:

Name _____

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Pilot Club _____



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Please e-mail articles to Esther Foster at estherfoster@windstream.net.

Every effort will be made to publish news by clubs.

Articles may be edited to fit space.

Club Presidents: Please pass on a copy of the Governor's Bulletin to EACH member of your club. If lack of money for photocopying is a problem, bring a few copies of the Governor's Bulletin to your meeting and pass them around for everyone to read. Have each member initial it when he/she has read it.



Esther Foster

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