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## Message from the Governor

My apologies to you all for the late issue this month. Fall Council planning took up much of my time.

I hope all of you who attended enjoyed your time last weekend. If you didn't attend, I hope to see you at District Convention or Fall Council next year. Attending our District meetings is a great way to meet new friends, find new ideas for club projects and fundraisers, and learn more about the work that our clubs are doing in their communities.

Our guest speaker at Fall Council was Vickie Hodge, CEO of the Jimmy Simpson Foundation, which operates a facility for individuals with

severe brain injuries. She was a wonderful speaker, and is very passionate about what she does. As we were eating lunch, I talked with her about her organization and about Pilot International. She expressed how impressed she was with our group, and how exciting it was to see a group of women who were dedicated to serving their communities across the state.

I am proud to be a leader in such an organization, and I look forward to hearing the news of more projects across Georgia, as our clubs continue "Shining the Light of Service."

*Do More. Care More. Be More.*

*Katharine*

## Pilot International Founders Fund

Hi, Pilots! Wouldn't you love to travel to your next destination using the pictured Anuschka purse with matching wallet? You could become the proud owner of these beautiful, hand-painted items for as little as a \$5 donation to Pilot International Founders Fund.

Tickets were distributed at Fall Council in the Marketplace. If a representative of your club was not able to pick up your tickets,



they will be mailed to the club president.

The drawing will be held on April 8 at District Convention. Please make every effort to sell your tickets, so that our district can reach our goal!

*Jo Farish*

Georgia District PIFF Representative



## Leadership

Leadership is a skill that needs to be developed. As a member of the Pilot Club of Covington for more than 29 years, I can say that I have been to a lot of training seminars developed by Pilot International. In addition, I have worked with a lot of people through the years that have truly been inspirational leaders. Yes, there are individuals that seem to be born leaders, but even they had to hone the skills needed for their position. True leaders have five principles that are necessary to guide their team.

The first skill is **Communication**. This is a powerful tool that is often difficult to manage and

needs constant attention. Any breakdown of correspondence with the Club members could affect the activities that have been planned for the year. A phone call, an email, a text message. These are all simple ways to stay in touch with everyone.

Secondly, it is important to be an **Inspiration** to your Club members. You need a positive attitude and certainly a winning smile, to let everyone know that you believe in the goals your Club has set down in your Plans of Work.

Next, **Celebrate** your members, as individuals and as a group. Everyone needs a pat on the back to let them know how important they are to the outcome of all the activities the Club has planned.

Then, **Unify** your members to think as one team on behalf of Pilot.

Everyone needs to know the common goal so that all the pieces of the puzzle, the Plans of Work activities, go together. At the end of the year you can say, "Well done, my friends!"

Finally, make sure your members have been **Empowered** to bring new ideas to the Club of their Divisions. Especially, make sure new members feel comfortable voicing their ideas. A Pilot Club belongs to all the members, not just one individual of small group.

Remember to Lead with a kind heart, a positive attitude, and a loving spirit for everyone. With these principles, your Pilot Club will be a Beacon of Light in your community.

*Cynthia Spearman*

Leadership Coordinator

## Message from our ECR

Harvey and Irma. Names we had rarely seen, but won't soon forget. We begin the month of October thinking of our members and all those affected by the recent hurricanes. Please remember that your donations to the Safe Harbor Fund go to assist Pilots recovering from disasters such as hurricanes, earthquakes and floods. For those Pilots who have been affected by disaster and need assistance, please go to [pilotinternational.org](http://pilotinternational.org) (Member Resources / Founders Fund Resources). Or, call PI Headquarters and ask for Sierra, our Founders Fund Specialist, at (478) 477-1208.

What do we need? Members! When do we need them? Always! But especially during Membership Month — October! If your club doesn't have a Share Pilot scheduled for October, please think

about inviting potential members to a meeting, fundraiser or project. Let them see just how much they are missing by not being a member of this great organization. Then, provide them with the information they need to become a member and ASK!!! All too often we forget the most important part of the equation: asking the person to join. Always give your guest the opportunity to become a Pilot by asking if they would like to join the club. You rarely get what you don't ask for, and you'll be surprised by how often the answer is, "Sure, why didn't you ask me sooner?"

And don't forget the Fall Membership Drive! Your club can win CASH prizes! For details, check out the PI Headquarters Facebook page or the September 14 blog entry on the PI website.

Finally, October is also the month that applications for matching

grants from the Founders Fund are due. Don't forget to include a proposed press release mentioning the grant and a total itemized budget for the project with your application, and please make sure your application is properly signed (electronic signatures are acceptable). You must submit your club's application to your District PIFF Representative for approval before sending it to PI (postmarked or time-stamped by October 15). And if you don't have time to complete the process for this year's grant cycle, it isn't too early to begin working on a grant for next year!

Let's work hard this Membership Month to give everyone the chance to Do More, Care More, and Be More, by becoming a Pilot! Have a great month of October!

*Collett Cross*



During Founder's Month, the Pilot Club of Cochran awarded Lisa Chastain with the Pilot International Club Ambassador Award. Lisa is generously giving of her time to assist in service projects and helping to influence positive change in our community. The Pilot Club of Cochran is proud to have Lisa as our Ambassador during

our 40th year of service and friendship in the Cochran community.

Pictured (l-r): Maureen Stoy, President; and Lisa Chastain.



The Pilot Club of Eastman held a prospective new member brunch on August 19. During the brunch, 3 new members were obtained.

Pictured (l-r): Gloria Northcutt, Mandy Adkinson, Kayci Godfrey (new member), Alicia Simmons, Juaquita Williams (new member and former Anchor), Mallory Guyton (President), Quintanna Gordon (new member), Latasha McKay (guest), Andrea Yawn, Nylan Hinson.

The Pilot Club of Madison County recognized one of their own with a Pick Me Up. Ann Rowe (pictured 2nd from left) served as President when the club was chartered.

She is a very devoted to Pilot, but at this time, she is a caregiver.



The Pilot Club of Bainbridge delivered Pick Me Up bags to the



### *Treasurer's Message*

I feel honored to serve as your Treasurer this year and I look forward to getting to know everyone and making new lifelong friends. A dear friend and fellow choir member, Faye Tye, invited me to join the Pilot Club of Lavonia in 2009. It has been one of the best experiences in my life. I love helping to meet needs in our community by serving as a volunteer. Since joining, I have served as the Club Treasurer for two years, Club President two years, Membership Coordinator two years and Georgia District PIFF Representative.

My husband, Larry, and I live in the small town of Carnesville, located in the foothills of Northeast Georgia mountains. We have five children and six grandchildren in our

blended family. When we are not enjoying time with our family, we are involved in our church, where I am a Choir member and a Co-Travel Planner for our Sunday School class. For our latest adventure we traveled to Ontario, Canada, while making stops along the way.

After twenty years of employment with First Citizens Bank I retired on September 1. So now I will have more time to devote to Pilot, traveling and my family!

**Reminder to all Anchor Coordinators** – Georgia District Dues in the amount of \$8 per Anchor member should be sent to Georgia District Treasurer, Avaline Adams (4940 Hwy 145, Carnesville, GA 30521). Pilot International Dues (including \$4 for insurance) in the

amount of \$14 per member are to be sent to PI Headquarters with their corresponding forms, found on Georgia District and PI websites. The deadline is on or before November 1, 2017.

**Reminder to all Club Treasurers** – All clubs are required to file the 990 series returns with the IRS by November 15 (for the fiscal year 07/01/2016 - 06/30/2017). You may find the form online at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or <http://epostcard.form990.org>. Plan to take action on this immediately to beat the deadline.

If I may be of help to anyone please feel to call or email me.

*Avaline Adams*

**New Members**

Scott Crain	Gainesville
Will Crain	Gainesville
Lisa Shows	Gainesville



The PI Executive Committee packed bags of toiletries on August 25, as a service project during the Executive Committee meeting held in Macon at headquarters. 125 bags were delivered to Daybreak, a nonprofit serving the Macon area. The sorting was done by the Pilot Club of Macon.

This year's Stand Up For Stand Down project was a resounding success! So many toiletry items were donated that the organization was able to send some of the items to Operation Rally Point. This veterans-focused nonprofit delivered the toiletries to hurricane affected areas in Florida and Charleston.



Pictured above: boxes of toiletries sorted by Atlanta-area Pilots and volunteers.



Pictured left: Robin Williams (Peachtree Pilot Club of Atlanta member) and volunteers with the truck of supplies sent to Operation Rally Point.

**Chaplain's Message**

**Unity is strength.**  
**Knowledge is power.**  
**Attitude is everything.**

— Author Unknown

Unity is built from a shared goal, hope or vision. On October 16, 1921, the forty Charter members of Pilot International had a goal and vision as they signed the original Pilot Charter. We celebrate the birthday of this powerful organization each year on October 18 as Founder's Day. As a united force, we have expanded into the worldwide service organization that we so proudly serve today. Pilot programs continue to provide knowledge for people in all walks of

life. Our BrainMinders program educates the young about brain safety and injury prevention. Anchors receive leadership and development skills while providing service to others. The Founder's Fund provides education opportunities through many different scholarships. One lesson I learned from my grandmother, a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade schoolteacher, was the one thing no one can ever take away from you is your education and the knowledge you gained from that education. There is power in that knowledge and Pilot programs provide educational opportunities for so many people in our local communities and the world.

Positive attitudes lead to positive outcomes, as proven by Pilots throughout the world. Pilot members have commitment, optimism and shared goals that allow us to make a difference in the world as we work together. Our attitudes create an atmosphere of enthusiasm and cooperation that empower us to be the Pilot International that was envisioned by the founding members 96 years ago.

Let us unite to celebrate our Pilot birthday in October as we strive to Do More, Care More and Be More!

*Carol Stokes*