

# Georgia Governor's Bulletin



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## Message from the Governor

Winter hasn't officially started yet, but it is on its way. And if there was any doubt, some of us across the state received a reminder: Winter Storm Benji. A blanket of snow 9

inches deep surrounded my home this weekend.

While the snowfall was not unexpected, the extent of it was. This storm was my reminder to be thankful for my blessings. My Internet service went down for a few hours, and I was without electricity for 3 hours. But I was safe in my home with a fully stocked refrigerator, and when the furnace wasn't working, I had 3 cats curled up next to me to keep me warm. Candles and a flashlight provided enough light to read by. And my cell phone (and Facebook) provided me with a connection to the outside world.

In the midst of the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, and preparations for festivities, let us take time to

be thankful for all that we have been blessed with – and to share those blessings with others.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Do More. Care More. Be More.*

*Katharine*



## District Nominations Needed!

The process of electing 2018-19 District Officers is around the corner. District Officers will be elected and installed at the District Convention on April 6-8, 2018.

Has there been a club president within your own club or another who has inspired you? Sometimes it only takes asking one important question: "Will you serve as a District Officer?" Consider carefully asking that member who has inspired you.

All Clubs may submit a qualified nominee from any club for Governor Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. Only Clubs within a region may nominate persons for that region's Lt. Governor. The five regions are: Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, Southwest, and East Central.

Club Presidents will receive an email explaining "Qualifications for Nominees for District Offices" and "Procedures for Nominating District Officers."

All nominations must be postmarked by **February 3, 2018.**

*Gail Sharber*

Nominating Committee Chair

**Will You  
Serve?**

**Anchors**

I am so excited about District Convention coming up in February. Anchors are hard at work creating exciting workshops, dynamic speakers, and mouth watering menus. This year's convention theme is "Anchors in Paradise." Convention will be held February 23-24, 2018, at the beautiful Legacy Lodge at Lake Lanier Islands.

Anchor sponsors and club presidents have been sent registration forms, the convention regulations, permission forms

(required of each Anchor), hotel reservation info, awards forms, scholarship info, and District officer nominee info. We would love to have Pilots attend as well! Be an inspiration to these Anchors. You don't want to miss out on all the fun!

Also, don't forget to encourage your Anchors to start those scholarship applications now! We all know how special they are! See the PI and Georgia

district websites for more information. I am just a phone call or email away if you need assistance with the process. Also, encourage your Anchors to enter the competition for Anchor Club of the Year and Scrapbook. Don't hesitate to reach out to me with questions or concerns at [kerrin.daniel@gmail.com](mailto:kerrin.daniel@gmail.com)!

Keep inspiring others by shining the light of friendship and service!

*Kerrin Daniel*  
Anchors Coordinator

*New Anchors in Hall County*



*Pilots attended the chartering ceremony for 9 new Anchor Clubs in Hall County.*

**Build Trust Through Transparency**

Our Pilot year is speeding by! Everybody is fully involved in their fundraising activities at this time of year and as our world changes, the way your club reaches out to its audience might need to be reviewed.

Our traditional, tried and true ways of advertising worked well and still work, but to get the attention of our younger generations, the days are gone when we can rely strictly on word-of-mouth, knocking on

doors, and our local newspaper and radio stations to get the word out about our fundraisers. To get their attention, we need to explore the options, and employ the use of social media, YouTube videos, texting and a well-organized club website. If your club does not have anyone who is well-versed in these areas, perhaps someone has a family member, (i.e., grandchild) who would be willing to put something together for you. They LOVE being on the computer.

To entice younger members, your club

needs to emphasize transparency. Make sure your website details exactly where donations will go. Translate dollar amounts into tangible results, and provide proof of your work being carried out through photos and videos. Providing this essential information up front can help you build trust and win over our younger generations.

*Jenni Overbey*  
Fundraising Coordinator

## A Message from Our ECR

Dear Georgia Pilots,

I hope each of you had a blessed Thanksgiving with those you love. Each of us is blessed differently, but we are fortunate to share the blessing of being a Pilot.

It was my pleasure to attend the chartering of the eight Anchor Clubs sponsored by the Pilot Club of Gainesville. The Club is to be commended for this major

accomplishment. I know one or two other Anchor Clubs are being considered. It would be thrilling to return for another charter ceremony! Congratulations to the Pilot Club of Clayton for a 100% increase in members during the PI membership drive, and to the Pilot Club of Greene County for a 25% increase. Even though the membership drive has ended, let me encourage all Georgia

Pilots to work to attract new members to Pilot. It would be fantastic to see a new Pilot Club chartered in the Georgia District this year!

As we approach the Christmas season, I want to extend the happiest of holiday greetings to you. May your home be filled with love and laughter.

*Collett Cross*



During the month of November, the Pilot Club of Eastman presented BrainMinders to all kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades at both elementary schools in Dodge County. Approximately 800 students and 45+ teachers and staff were involved in these presentations.

## A Message from Pilot International

December is one of the busiest times of the year! It's a time when we may forget to pause and reflect on the things around us that truly need our attention. Like a friend who may need a little extra assistance during the holiday season, or a loved one that we need to catch up with. Set a time for reflection, a time for yourself, and a time for others.

This season is also a wonderful time of many different traditions. Who can you share those traditions with this year? Who can you invite to share in Pilot with you? Many clubs will gather to celebrate the

holiday and to reflect on the many accomplishments of the Pilot year. This time of year is also a great time to remember those who are caregivers, maybe even providing them with a little Pick Me Up.

As we enter the final month of 2017, and get ready to close the book on another year, let's all reflect on the wonderful things that Pilot does in all communities and for all people. It is that spirit of the holiday season, one of friendship and service, that truly makes this one of the most wonderful times of the year.

Make it your mission this month to not only do a kindness for someone you know, but also for someone you do not know. For as Pearl Sparks said in Pilot's Code of Ethics:

*To see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil, think no evil of a Pilot, but to be no more loyal to a Pilot in this respect than we are to every other person, for the genius of Pilot is in its kindness, and justice is the soul and substance of life.*





**New Members**

Ruthie Williams	Atlanta
Tina Lovern	Battlefield
Kaitlyn Daniel	Chatham Co.
Tammy Johnson	Chatham Co.
Kathryne Smith	Chatham Co.
Sherri Atterholt	Dublin
Crystal Bailey	Dublin
Brandi Brown	Dublin
Renee McCoy	Dublin
Janice Brown	Greene Co.
Georgia Rhoden	Greene Co.

**Membership**

My apologies to the new members who joined a few months ago and were not recognized before now. Please keep up the great work in recruiting new members for our fantastic organization!

Janette Bryant	Jones Co.	Christina Britlano	Statesboro
Kathryn Jackson	Jones Co.	Linda Sue Lovett	Statesboro
Gloria Seltzer	Macon	Jessie Moseley	Statesboro
April Few	Oconee Co.	Jennifer Nunn	Statesboro
Carol Gurley	Oconee Co.	James Revell	Statesboro
Vickie Hammond	Oconee Co.	Ina Ruth Smith	Statesboro
Jennifer Healen	Oconee Co.		
Cyndee Moore	Oconee Co.		

**Family:**

Dorothy Austin, mother of Susan Smith (Haralson County)  
Roy Crawford, father of Vicki Helton (Jones County)

***In Memoriam***



**Chaplain's Message**

Wishing you and your family peace and joy during this Christmas and New Year holidays. May the true meaning of the holiday season fill your hearts and homes with the many blessings of giving and spending time with family and friends.

*Carol Stokes*

**The Legend of the Candy Cane**

Many years ago, a candy maker wanted to make a candy at Christmas time

that would serve as a witness to his Christian faith.

He began with a stick of pure white hard candy; white to symbolize the virgin birth and sinless nature of Jesus;

hard for the solid rock, the foundation of the Church; firmness to represent the promise of God.



The candy maker made the candy in the form of a "J" to represent the name of Jesus, who came to earth as our Savior.

It also represents the staff of the Good Shepherd, with which He reached down into the ditches of the world to lift out

the fallen lambs who, like all sheep, have gone astray. Thinking that the candy was somewhat plain, the candy maker

stained it with red stripes. He used three small stripes to show the stripes of the lashes Jesus received, by which we are healed.

The large red stripe was for the blood shed by Christ on the cross

so that we may have the promise of eternal life.