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# Georgia Governor's Bulletin



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## Message from the Governor

Pilot International, across the organization, has renewed its focus on increasing membership. While we continue to recruit new Pilots to join us, we are also continuing to lose

members. As your clubs continue to plan Share Pilots and other activities to encourage growth, remember to re-engage current members who have become less active and may be in danger of leaving.

When you are looking for people to invite to meetings and to become members, don't forget to invite men! Pilot was begun as an all-female organization, but the PI convention body in 1988 voted to allow men as members. And while the PI membership database doesn't track members by

their gender, I estimate that we have fewer than 30 male members in our district. If we want to continue to thrive as an organization, we need to continue to embrace change. President Faith has asked us to "Explore the Possibilities" this year. I ask you to explore who you can invite to be a part of Pilot, thinking outside of the "usual." There are future Pilots (women *and* men) just waiting to be invited!

*Do More. Care More. Be More.*

*Katharine*

## Message from the Governor Elect

### BREAKING NEWS!

Calling for your Pilot Club's newsletters!

Your club's newsletter serves as a great tool for improving communication and generating excitement and motivation among club members by promoting friendship and service. It assists in keeping club members informed of updates regarding activities of your club, the district, and Pilot International. What a wonderful way to display your club's accomplishments!



I hope that your club is planning to enter the 2017-18 Georgia District Newsletter Competition! Judges are eagerly anticipating increased newsletter entries and learning more exciting news about your club! Thank you in advance to every Newsletter Editor and Pilot members who assist with compiling newsletter.

Please see some helpful reminders below:

1. All entries must be postmarked on or before January 6, 2018.
2. Send one copy of three consecutive newsletters, dated

between February 2017 and January 2018, with the entry form to your 2017-18 Region Lt. Governor.

3. Newsletters will be judged on format, content, layout and general suitability to Pilot and individual clubs.

Visit [www.pilotgeorgia.org](http://www.pilotgeorgia.org) to find the Georgia District Newsletter Award 2017-18 Entry Form, guidelines and suggestions!

*Doretta Broughton*

Lavonia City Council issued a proclamation designating October 2 - 6 as Pilot Club Week, in recognition of the Pilot Club of Lavonia being awarded Outstanding Pilot Club Green Level. City Manager stated "I hope each of you realize what an asset the Pilot Club is to our community." The Pilot Club of Lavonia would like to thank the City Council for honoring us in such a way.



Pilot Club of Eastman members pinning newly installed Pilots. Pictured: Mallory Guyton, Quintanna Gordon, Mandy Adkinson, Kayci Godfrey, Alicia Simmons, Juaquita Williams

Battlefield Pilot members with just a portion of the towels and sheets donated at Fall Council. These items will fill the linen shelves at Safehaven.



Thank you, Nancy and Ann Margaret, for sharing your club projects with us. These are two wonderful examples of how Pilots make a difference in their communities! Please email me ([jtippins57@gmail.com](mailto:jtippins57@gmail.com)) and let us know what your club is doing to make a difference in your community. It is never too early to begin building a list of ideas for next year or maybe a club is looking to add a project for this year. Sharing ideas is one way we can all help to "Shine the Light of Service."

*Jane Tippins*  
Projects Coordinator

## Projects

Thank you to all who participated in or supported the Georgia Artists With Disabilities exhibition and luncheon in September. Please be on the lookout for the art tour in your area. There are still opportunities to support GAWD and to help these special artists "shine their light" throughout the state. Information can be found at [www.georgiaartistswd.org](http://www.georgiaartistswd.org) or on [www.pilotgeorgia.org](http://www.pilotgeorgia.org) (look for GAWD on the menu).

The Pilot Club of Jones County helps with bingo at a local nursing home two or three Saturdays per month. Pilot members volunteer several hours each time to conduct the games with residents. Winners are given "bingo bucks" that they can use in the nursing home's "store" to purchase items. The club also collects and donates items for the store, including personal care items, jewelry, scarves, socks, hats, blankets, and snacks. Nancy McCook, of the Jones County club, states, "This project is very special because it gives the patients entertainment by way of playing the

games and independence by giving them the opportunity to buy things at the store. The residents truly enjoy the games and they enjoy having the Pilot Club ladies as visitors on Bingo days."

Ann Margaret Perkins of the Carrollton Pilot Club shared a project their club helped to start in their community. Ann Margaret wrote, "Several years ago we partnered with Ken Koon and the non-profit he started, Armed Forces Mission, to sponsor the "I Will Intervene Challenge," a one-day workshop to teach everyday people how to identify a person at risk of suicide and steps to take to intervene. We were the first local organization to get behind Mr. Koon's efforts. That initial workshop was a great success, training more than 50 people. Since we first stepped up, other groups in our community have now gotten involved and help sponsor Mr. Koon's workshops, meaning more people are being trained and more lives saved. Our club still believes in this project and participates by sponsoring lunch for one of the workshops during the year."



The Pilot Club of Atlanta held their October meeting and Founders Day celebration at Pilot International Headquarters on October 21. Several members of the Pilot Club of Macon and PI Executive Director Nancy White were also in attendance. While there, the Atlanta club presented a quilt designed and sewn by the late Dottie Adams, a dedicated Pilot, to be hung in the headquarters building.



Members of the Pilot Club of Oconee walked in the Walk to End Alzheimer's, held in Athens on October 21. This is the second year the club has made a donation and participated in the walk. Pictured: Rosanne Smith, Rosa Hall and Judy Marable.



Please join the  
**Pilot Club of Greene County**  
at the  
**Meadowcrest Arts and Crafts Market**  
**November 18**  
**9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
Free admission  
Handmade items  
Lunch at the Pilot Café  
**Greene County High School**  
**1002 South Main Street**  
**Greensboro, GA 30642**

Members of the Pilot Club of Cochran participated in the Cochran CountryFest on October 21. BrainMinders puppet shows were presented to the crowds of children throughout the day. Pictured: Marsha Rambo, Daphne Jones and Jackie Jones.

*Do More.  
Care More.  
Be More.*



Members of the Manchester-Warm Springs Pilot Club held a successful bike helmet giveaway on October 14. Pictured: Sabra Zautke, Carol Morrison, Cheryl Summer Shohfi, Sallie Rudderman, Michelle Shohfi and Duffey Gill.



**Anchors Update**

This is an exciting time for Pilot, and especially for Anchors. We just chartered 9 new clubs in north Georgia! Wow! One of the initiatives we have been supporting is Partnerships for Success. This is an organization that reaches out to groups to help them find ways to include individuals with special needs. This organization lost their grant funding and reached out to

Anchor and Pilot to create an avenue where these individuals can continue their quest to be acknowledged and involved. Students that find value in themselves find confidence. Partnering with Anchors has been fundamental in keeping this journey going. This could only be possible through your love and dedication to Anchors. The only way to have a friend is to be a friend. Reach out to your Anchors! Plan joint projects — they love the



interaction and wisdom you can provide. Remember, Anchors are our future... Make it a priority to start an Anchor club in your area. If you aren't involved with an Anchor club, you just don't know what you're missing!

*Kerrin Daniel*

Anchors Coordinator



*Georgia District Pilots making new friends during the Pilot Scavenger Hunt at the 2017 Fall Council*



*Georgia District Pilots working on "Wishing Ornaments" during a workshop at the 2017 Fall Council*

*Past Governors Ann Adams and Louise Shimer at the 2017 Fall Council*



**Georgia District Awards**

What a great Pilot year we are having. All of us are busy with our projects and fundraisers and the months are just flying by. It is time to start thinking about completing the Georgia District Award forms. They can be found on the Georgia District Pilot website ([www.pilotgeorgia.org](http://www.pilotgeorgia.org)) under "Forms."

Newsletter Award entries must be postmarked on or before January 6, 2018, and sent to your Region Lt. Governor.

February 15, 2018, is the deadline for the Ann Adams Award, Edwina Gill Growth Award, Nancy Henrick Friendship and Service Award, and Vivian Hartman

Memorial Award. These award entries should be sent by U.S. Mail to:

Louise Shimer, Awards Jury Chair  
4046 Bethelview Road  
Cumming GA 30040

A copy of these four entries should be sent to the Governor, Governor Elect, and Region Lt. Governor. Please make sure you follow all guidelines and requirements. Remember, if you don't enter, you will not win. Good luck to all of you.

*Louise Shimer*

Awards Jury Chair

## Message from our ECR

November is traditionally a time to give thanks. As we celebrate our blessings, remember those less fortunate, those affected by hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, and those who have suffered a loss. Your continued donations to the Safe Harbor Fund will help Pilots affected by disasters.

The second week in November is Care and Kindness Week, created and supported by Pilot International. This week brings awareness to how a simple act of kindness can change a day, a life or a world by showing someone you care. Small acts such as offering assistance, complimenting someone, writing a nice note, buying a coffee, preparing a meal for a shut in, taking snacks to government offices, or doing a Pick-Me-Up will lift someone's spirits. There are many ways you and your

club can make a difference. Your efforts will be appreciated and remembered.

On November 28, Pilot International will participate in our first #GivingTuesday, an International day of giving. #GivingTuesday is an opportunity for Pilot International to expand our outreach to communities around the world. We encourage every Pilot to make a donation!

All U.S. Pilot Clubs are required to file the IRS form 990, 990EZ or 990N by November 15. The correct filing form depends on the financial activity of the club and may be found at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). Be sure to use your club's EIN number and not that of Pilot International. Print copies of your completed form and confirmation of filing for your records. Changes to the IRS 1023EZ

application to become a 501(c)(3) were made on January 1, 2017. All existing clubs within PI's 501(c)(4) nonprofit subgroup are no longer eligible to use the EZ application for 501(c)(3) because of the IRS addition of #11 on the application worksheet. These clubs must now use the longer and more expensive 1023 application. This change does not affect clubs that have already received their determination letters. Newly organized clubs who have never been a part of PI's 501(c)(4) may still use the easy online application if they wish to apply to become a 501(c)(3).

This November, give thanks for your blessings, remember others, be kind and caring, and celebrate with family and friends.

*Collett Cross*



*The Pilot Club of Cochran distributed 100 goody bags to city and county employees, hospital staff and downtown merchants on Friday, October 27, for Make a Difference Day. "We thanked them for making a difference in our community with the services they provide. Just part of the Pilot's part to Do More, Care More, and Be More for our community." Pictured are Melinda Bryant and Jackie Jones from the Pilot Club of Cochran.*

*The Pilot Club of Eastman and several Anchors visited the Heart of Georgia Nursing Home. Pilots gave the patients new socks, and spent time visiting with them. Pictured are Andrea Yawn, Nylan Hinson, Quintanna Gordon, Madelyn Wright, Jersey Wilkes, Mandy Adkinson and Mallory Guyton.*

*The Pilot Club of Macon recognized Louise Shimer for her 30 years of membership and her many contributions to their Club and to the District.*



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## Thank You

### New Members

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Steven Black       | Clayton     |
| Terry Blackstock   | Clayton     |
| Michael Crockett   | Clayton     |
| Cheryl Cook        | Clayton     |
| Rita Gipson        | Clayton     |
| Marcia Ranney      | Clayton     |
| Sharon Reeves      | Clayton     |
| Lynn Talley        | Clayton     |
| Elizabeth Brummett | Hogansville |
| JoAnn Massengale   | Hogansville |
| Susan Windom-Cain  | Hogansville |

Dear Georgia Pilot Friends,

Attending your Fall Council was a wonderful experience and real treat! Thank you for the warm hospitality you extended my Pilot friend, Rheta Ann West, and me. In addition to pickles, soaps, lotions and jewelry, we came back with wonderful memories and ideas to share.

I want to commend you again on the new members you have recruited since July 1. Keep up the good work! Continued growth is critical to Pilot International.

Planning is underway for the 2018 Pilot International Convention. A pre-convention survey has been emailed to club presidents and all Pilots are asked to complete it. The seven questions can be answered in about five minutes. Take advantage of this opportunity to be involved in the convention planning process.

Watch for a Save the Date announcement around mid-November. It will give you preliminary information about early registration, which will begin the end of January. Nashville is considerably closer for most Georgia clubs than some convention sites. I hope many of you will attend.

Again, thank you for the many courtesies extended me during Fall Council. Please continue to share your newsletters and special events with me. I look forward to being with you in April.

*Collett Cross*

### Chaplain's Message

*You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.*

—2 Corinthians 9:11

Thanksgiving Day is a time to offer thanks, a time of family gatherings and holiday meals. The act of gratitude reminds us of our blessings and reinforces the beauty of life on earth. Let us take time from our busy holiday schedules to give to those less fortunate and give thanks for all the ways God has blessed our lives.

*Carol Stokes*

### Pilots:

Vivian Thompson  
(Gainesville)  
Jan Adams (Elberton)  
Martha Arnold  
(Covington)

### In Memoriam

#### Family:

Leone Jones, sister of  
Diane Hughes  
(Brunswick)  
Dr. Thomas Lucik,  
father of Judy Bledsoe  
(Jones County)  
Mike Jones, brother of  
Vickie Etheridge  
(Jones County)



## Thanksgiving

*Count your blessings instead of your crosses;*

*Count your gains instead of your losses.*

*Count your joys instead of your woes;*

*Count your friends instead of your foes.*

*Count your smiles instead of your tears;*

*Count your courage instead of your fears.*

*Count your full years instead of your lean;*

*Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.*

*Count your health instead of your wealth;*

*Count on God instead of your self.*

~ Author Unknown