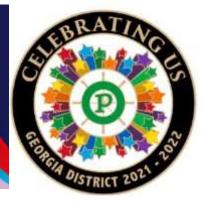
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#### GOVERNOR ROBIN'S MESSAGE

Hello Stars!!

WOW...what a great time we had at PICON! If you were unable to attend the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention and Leadership Conference, you missed a well-organized week of renewing friendship with other Pilots, celebrating the rich history of Pilot, as well as fun and informative workshops. We know you wanted to be there, but indeed for many of our Pilots, it was cost prohibitive. Our DAC/DEC members were requested to attend (2) workshops that they would report back on. I know they each attended 4. We will compile the information they took from the workshops and share it with the district in the months to come. I know that Volunteer Hours reporting and MemberClicks were of great interest with many Pilots. I also want to publicly thank the members of our DAC/DEC who helped me after my back injury.

Next up on your agenda, leadership should be receiving your club Plans of Work. These are due to Durrett, your Regional Lt. Governor and me, by August 15th. You can find the templates on the website, under the Forms link. Your club financial audit documents are due to audit committee by August 15<sup>th</sup> as well. And for those clubs who enter into the Governor's Cup competition (every club should), your entries are due to our Districts Awards Chair, Beth Coon by August 15th. Check the Forms Submission Guideline on the website for Beth's address. Beth is a member of the Pilot Club of Jones County.

If you are a club with poor or inconsistent internet access, (this is mostly in our southern regions and a few well north), please send me an email or call to let me know, and I will create and mail your club president a flash drive that contains the forms needed throughout the year. This way you can simply print out the forms and mail back by the due dates. I will include District Standing Rules and other important district information. Your regional Lt. Governors will keep you updated on other information via phone calls or mail moving forward.

Plans are underway for a fun filled Fall Conference, scheduled for Oct 1-2, at Sea Palms Resort on St. Simon's Island. Yes, our location changed from Epworth by the Sea due to contract obligations they had with the ship removal company, but thankfully Sea Palms was able to accommodate our dates. I am grateful for PGs Susan and Jayne and Gov-Elect Durrett and Secretary Avaline for making the initial site visit. More information will be coming soon. The resort has recently been renovated and the team reports we will be pleased. The NE Region is in charge and I know they are working hard to ensure an enjoyable conference.

Until next month...Keep shing brightly...who better to Celebrate Us than Us!!!

Robin



Governor Robin being installed as a member of the International Administrative Council with Pilot International President, Collett Cross



Governor Robin with Jones Co. Club President Fav Matthews





#### INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE



A very wise little bear once said:

"When you see someone pulling on her Big Boots, you can be pretty sure that an adventure is going to happen.".....Pooh

Are you ready for your Pilot Club's adventures to happen?

With all the clubs voting on their plans of work and working on such wonderful things like the budget!!!! ... an adventure is right around the corner! Your plans of work are simply that..plans ..to guide and help you with the work and the Pilot love that you are preparing to shower on your respective communities. So......

"When you are pretty sure that an Adventure is going to happen, brush the honey off your nose and spruce yourself up as best you can, so as to look Ready for Anything." .....Pooh

Get ready for those adventures!!!!

JoAnn

JoAnn Akers Inspirational leader akersjoann@gmail.com



## Welcome New Members

<u>Pilot</u>	CLUB NAME		
Marie Moreno	Cochran		
Amy Hagler	Cochran		
Pamela Healy	Jefferson		
Katelyn Greer	Hartwell		
Penny Willingham	Hogansville		
Cindy Foley	Hogansville		
Cheryl Comfort	Hogansville		
Mary Louise Barron	Hogansville		
Yvonne Benham	Hogansville		
Linda Howell	Hogansville		
Beth Copeland	Transfer to Greene Co.		
Shirley King	Transfer to Greene Co.		

Georgia District, Pilot International 2021-22 Memorial Forms need to go to:

> Robin Williams GA District Governor rlwgapilot@gmail.com

JoAnn Akers Inspirational Leader akersjoann@gmail.com

Lt. Governor (for your region)

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

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Ruth Ann Holcomb (Sister)

Sue Askerzada (Husband)

#### Club

Chatsworth

Americus (Disbanded)

DEC

Beverly Garner (NW Lt. Gov.) Aug 7

Past Governors

**Louise Shimer** 

**Aug 11** 

Frances McKibben

**Aug 20** 

DAC

**Durrett Moerman** 

Aug 10

Lea Judson (NE Lt. Gov.) Aug 11

## MESSAGE FROM OUR DISTRICT SECRETARY

It is an honor for me to serve a second term as your District Secretary. I want to thank all of the Treasurers for providing me with a copy of your Annual Dues Report and a current club roster - a great starting point for the year. It is our goal to have an accurate count of all members, which includes, Dues Paying Members (Regular), Emeritus, 50+ year and students. With the help of all club Secretaries and Treasurers we can do it!

Don't forget that anytime you have a change in membership (new member joins, resigns, death, changes in addresses (home and email), their phone number or membership status) that you are to complete the Notification of Change in Membership Form and send to Pilot International Headquarters, Governor Robin, Durrett Moerman, Governor-Elect, Genia Mitchell, Treasurer, Avaline Adams, Secretary and your Lt. Governor. This fillable form can be found on our District website at https://pilotgeorgia.org/pilot-forms/.

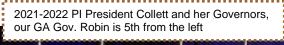
Let's make this the best year yet of keeping an accurate count of Georgia District members! I am looking forward to a great year of "Celebrating Us".

Avaline

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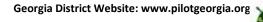












#### LET'S MEET OUR GA DISTRICT ECR



Pilot International Treasurer, ECR Nickola "Nicki" Dawkins, has been a Pilot in the Pilot Club of Nassau for twenty years and has held the position of Treasurer, Club Director, Vice President, President Elect, President and Fundraising and Pick Me Up Coordinator. At the District level, ECR Nicki has held the posts of Fundraising Coordinator, Governor Elect and Governor. She also served as the Membership Coordinator of Pilot International.

As Governor, ECR Nicki reinstated the official visits to the clubs in the District and as President, she revitalized the Pilot Club of Nassau's Pool Project which would provide a pool for persons with disabilities. A major part of our ECR's goal in being a part of the Executive Committee is to help in increasing the membership, attracting younger members and increasing the automation in Pilot International.

A service-oriented person, ECR Nicki is an active member of the Community and her Church. She has served as a Girl Guide Leader, Girl Guide Commissioner and Trustee in the Bahamas Telecommunications & Public Officers Management Union. At Church, she has served as Usher Ministry President, Secretary of the Vestry, People's Warden and is currently a member of the Parish Youth Council, Usher Ministry and Advisor to the Junior Ushers.

ECR Nicki is the third child of Patrick and Jeanie Gomez. An avid science student, she holds an Associate's Degree from the College of the Bahamas in Biology and Chemistry, a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Computer Science with a minor in Accounting from Mankato State University in Minnesota and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Miami. She is also a Fellow Life Management Institute (FLMI).

ECR Nicki is President & CEO of her own IT and Project Management Firm, IBIIS, Ltd. This is a position she now holds after working at the Bahamas Telecommunication Company for 20 years, retiring as the Vice President responsible for the IT Division.

ECR Nicki has one daughter, Dr. Gabrielle Dawkins and her Co-Pilot is Dale Minnis.



Pilot Club of Macon at Pilot International Convention

Left to right: Joan Burney, Dyann Moore, Surelle Pinkston, PG Louise Shimer, Kathy Jones, President Pat Vickers, Carolyn Glover and Deborah Searles



#### "CELEBRATING SHOOTING STARS IN MEMBERSHIP"

"Myrtle, why don't you ask Lavinia if she wants to go to the Pilot meeting next week?" Maude asked from the swing on Myrtle's front porch.

"Maude, why don't you ask Lavinia because she's your neighbor across the street?" Myrtle asked her back.

"But Myrtle, she's your neighbor right next door," Maude replied. "And you've known her longer."

"Well, you've known her almost as long, maybe twenty years," Myrtle quipped.

"Okay, look, she's in her backyard, so let's both go ask her," Maude suggested.

Minutes later Lavinia asked, "what's Pilot club?" The two friends explained Pilot and even offered to take her with them the next week.

At the meeting no introductions were required because everyone knew and greeted Lavinia, who was amazed that she never knew all the things her friends were doing in their community through Pilot.

But seriously, how many of us are Myrtles or Maudes who know a Lavinia?

Do we invite new people in town we've gotten to know? Do we invite people who present a program at our meeting? Do we invite people we work with, go to church with, or know from our children in school or sports? Do we invite people we know in other organizations or in positions in the community? Do we invite friends and family? Do we invite people who've had a change in their life and need to become busy or need some new friends to be good listeners.

Now, do we make our friends feel comfortable and welcome? Do we let them know about Pilot and focus on the activities we think they would like to be involved in with us? Do we make them feel they can make a difference in our community? Do we have information ready for them to join if they are ready? Are we ready to mentor them?

We know our membership has dropped from its peak a number of years ago. We know in this 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary we would like to increase our membership in each of our clubs, especially in our GA district. So, maybe this will give us some food for thought to get those Lavinias into our plan of friendship and service.

#### Karen

Karen Fitzpatrick Membership Coordinator busyblondie\_68@hotmail.com



Linda
Linda Miller
Membership Co-Coordinator
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## THE MISSION OF PILOT INTERNATIONAL IS: Pilot

International's mission is to influence positive change in communities throughout the world. To do this, we come together in friendship and service, focusing on encouraging brain safety and health and supporting those who care for others.

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### August 15, 2021

Financial Records Audit Audit Committee (Club & District)

#### August 15, 2021

Plans of Work

Governor, Governor-Elect, Region Lt. Governor

#### August 15, 2021

Governor's Cup Awards
Beth Coon
(Awards Jury Chair)
135 Ridgecrest Place
Gray, GA 31032
Copy to: Governor, GovernorElect, Region Lt. Governor

#### September 1, 2021

Club Budgets & Standing Rules Governor, Governor-Elect, Region Lt. Governor

#### October 1-2, 2021

Fall Council Sea Palms Resort 515 N. Windward Dr. St. Simons Island, GA 31522



All Forms are on the GA
District Website under Forms
www.pilotgeorgia.org

Gary Jarvis (Elberton), Tammy Dalton (Madison co.) & PIP/PG Pat Jarvis (Elberton)



## "CELEBRATING ANCHOR... YOUTH LEADERSHIP IN ACTION"

I hope everyone is ready to start a new school year with their Anchors. Please make sure that you let Kirsten Jorgenson and I know if you have a new coordinator at your club or if you have a new advisor at the high school. The new Anchor forms will be on the district website. The forms will also be e-mailed to advisors and the Anchor Coordinator. Pilot International and Georgia District Anchor dues are due by November 1, 2021. Pilot International dues are \$14.00 and district dues ate \$8.00 .I know some clubs were not allowed to meet during the 2020-2021 school year, but I hope that all clubs will be able to meet this year.

Start making plans to attend the annual Anchor Convention which will be held February 25-27, 2022. We will be at Great Wolf Lodge in LaGrange. Please encourage your clubs to attend Anchor Convention. Convention is a way for Anchors to get to know other Anchors, and see what other clubs in the district are doing.

I am looking forward to working with each of the Anchor Clubs this year. I would also like to see us try and start some new clubs. Please let me know if there is anything that I can help you with. My e-mail address is <a href="mailto:turnerma@elberton.net">turnerma@elberton.net</a>. My phone number is 706-498-2318.

Mary

Mary Turner Anchor Coordinator turnerma@elberton.net





Cochran Pilots Neta O'Berry, Sandy Jarrett, President Melinda Bryant, Julia Lucas, Nam Anderson, and Maureen Stoy



Pilot Club of Gainesville members, Lesley Congdon (Club President) & Lea Judson (NE Lt. Gov.) making fidget blankets at PI Convention



PI President Collett Cross with the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cake



### Georgia Artists with DisAbilities, Inc.

Georgia Artists with DisAbilities is BACK! The 36th annual GAWD exhibition will be a virtual one! Artwork is to be submitted by photographs and will be judged virtually by professional jurors on September 11, 2021. The Call for Art has been mailed out to artists, and if you or anyone in your club has a new artist that they would like to sponsor, please go onto the Georgia Artists with DisAbililties website to download the Call for Art. Each artist may submit photographs of three pieces of art

There will be 20 Honorable Mention, 15 Distinguished Merit and 10 Best of Show awards and the artists will receive a monetary prize. Winning pieces of art will go on a state wide tour and that schedule of where the art will be will be posted later.

Let's Celebrate!!! On September 25 there will be a virtual exhibit of all artwork submitted with announcements of the winning artwork. This will be a time to honor and recognize all artists. Stay tuned for more to come on that celebration!

JoAnn Akers





### Spotlighting the Northwest Region



<u>Pilot Club of Sweetwater</u> will be handing out cards to Benton House for our Care Giving Project this month. Recipients will be able to sing along!





Members of the Pilot Club of Sweetwater held a Planning meeting for a Brain Damage prevention program for called Shaken Baby Syndrome.

Left to right: Patricia Whatley, Deborah Wilson, Sher Harris, Joyce Nelsen, Irene Neumann-Klosson. (Photographer: Pat Garner)



Installation of 2021-2022 Officers by NW Region Lt. Governor Beverly Garner in Chatsworth

Left to right: Sher Harris (Director), Pat Garner (Director), Charles Whatley (Treasurer), Irene Neumann-Klosson (President), Patricia Whatley (Secretary), not in picture - Gail Smith, President Elect.

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*Pilot Club of Carrollton* celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> year, last year, even though the celebration had to be in 2021. The club is busy with their 2021-2022 Plans of Work, which are full of wonderful, new ideas. Members are using their sewing skills again, this year, to make adult-sized bibs for memory care units. Last year, the members made fidget quilts for three different memory care facilities. Some of the members are continuing to make more homeless mats out of the plastic grocery bags which the club collects throughout the year. The club will hold their Second Annual Beef Raffle in September and October, which was a very successful fundraiser in Fall of 2020. There will also be some new FUNdraisers, which will attract prospective members to the club. We are excited about are Pilot year!

Deborah Wilson, President

<u>Pilot Club of Chatsworth</u> in May gathered 125 children's books for "Community of Hope" after May speaker expressed the need for the start of the summer program. The club gave a scholarship at each of the three high schools in Murray County.

Pilot Club of Chatsworth sponsored a "Share Installation of Officers" in June for GA NW Region where Lt Governor Beverly Garner performed the installation for the attending clubs of Sweetwater, Peachtree and Chatsworth. Members of Beverly's Newnan club joined her. Governor Robin Williams was also in attendance. Chatsworth highlighted Eugenia Cavender who has been a member for 56 years and celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. After the luncheon there was time for visiting and pictures. Everyone enjoyed visiting with friends from other clubs after the previous canceled events in this long pandemic.

The Chatsworth club also completed a 10-day fundraiser in July of working the gate at the "Wagon Train" event for the local saddle club. Four to five shifts everyday selling buttons/tickets, checking people in, and checking horses for Coggins netted the club over \$3870 toward supporting various community projects for the year

<u>Peachtree Pilot Club of Atlanta</u> began working on 2021-2022 planning activities during the May club meeting. Plans were finalized at the June club meeting which also served as our Officer Installation meeting. Club members were very excited to fellowship in-person with friends and guests and enjoy home cooked food as plans were developed for upcoming projects, membership growth and fundraising.

Left to right: Glynice Hayes, Sandra Austin, Chanta Whitlow, Angela Gillis, Genia Mitchell, Robin Williams

(front row): Genia Mitchell, Marcelle Watkins, Chanta Whitlow and Margaret Williams-Blanding; (back row): Robin Williams, Angela Gillis, Carla Tatum and Glynice Hayes









## Spotlighting the Northwest Region

Pilot Club of Newnan will celebrate 75 years of Friendship and Service in October and will be attending the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pilot International at the luncheon on October 18<sup>th</sup> at the train depot in Macon. Four of our members attended the celebration of this anniversary at the Pilot International Convention and Leadership Conference in Atlanta. Our plans are to continue donating school supplies, Pick Me Ups, fidget quilts and support for the citizens of our area by donating and volunteering to help recover from the devastation of the tornado. Applications for \$2000 scholarships to each of the three county high schools will be collected and awarded next spring. A special project in late November is for individual Pilots to choose a name from APS-DFACS to get gifts and necessities for elderly clients for Christmas.

Pictured (Front) Pam Awbrey, NW Lt. Gov. Beverly Garner, (Back) Peggy Millians, PG Nancy Miller



Pilot Club of Atlanta



Hearts Everywhere Reaching Out for Children, Inc. (HERO) is a non-profit in Georgia with the mission to improve the quality of life for children infected with and affected by HIV and AIDS through enriching programs, unforgettable experiences, and connections with the community. Pilot Club of Atlanta has showered HERO with support, with financial, in-kind, and volunteer aid for Camp High Five, Back-to-School Bash (school supplies), and Holiday of HEROS (Christmas gifts) interventions.

<u>Battlefield Pilot Club</u>: Thank you snack packs for Walker County Sheriff deputies.

Betty Geary, Kay Cooke, Patsy Holsonbeck & Barbara German





<u>Pilot Club of Haralson County</u> had a great time this morning passing out bike helmets at Jones Elementary School in Bremen GA!!!



