

# Georgia District

# Governor's Bulletin

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## GOVERNOR DURRETT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!! February is the month of LOVE! It is a time to show others how much they are cared for and loved. Pilots do that all year long by Making A Difference and sharing Rays of Sunshine. January, I visited several clubs, participated in our mid-year planning, and installed a group of incoming Anchors. It was and is amazing to see all the work you do – individually as a Pilot, together as a club and even more collectively as a District. Pilots, you outshine yourselves constantly. I am so proud to be part of this organization.

Your DEC met on Sea Island for a weekend of work, work, work. Ask any of them and they will tell you so! Along with the work, we laughed, we ate, and we laughed some more. We did take time for a walk on the beach and managed to get a couple hours sleep. Truly your DEC did work diligently going over the budget, standing rules, policies and procedures, as well as planning parts of the District Convention. We burned the midnight oil both figuratively and for real!! Yes, a weekend of work, but also one of camaraderie and fellowship.

District Convention is right around the corner. I hope you are ready!! Our registration form is attached. I would strongly urge you to take advantage of the "early bird" and save some money. A link is provided for the hotel rooms. Grace and Katie are very accommodating and willing to help. If the link does not work for you, they have given us a phone number and email to use. If you find a less expensive rate for the hotel, let them know you are coming to Pilot and the hotel will still add you to our room count! The hotel cut off is March 13<sup>th</sup> so don't delay!! We have some super plans for you – from a sock hop and bunko on Friday night to workshops for all on Saturday to voting on your new officers to going over the budget with a couple of surprises thrown in the mix! Plus, we have Avaline's installation which promises to be a show stopper!! Legacy Lodge is a beautiful place to enjoy and the entire convention is under one roof!

*Durrett*



Mid-Year Planning from District Officers



Madison County Anchor Club installed the 2022-23 Anchor Officers. L-R Governor Durrett Moerman, Nathaniel Berryman Secretary; Jackson Bost-President; Julianna Bost set n for Evan Lekat-Treasurer; Samuel Cox President Elect; Linda Hazinski- Madison Co Anchor Coordinator; Jayne Lackey-President Madison Co Pilot Club; Johnathan Harris Madison Co High School Interim Principal; Dr. Sharon Black- Anchor Advisor; and Tammy Dalton-GA District Anchor Coordinator





INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE



I saw this on the internet several years ago and I thought I would share it with you in February, since it is the "Love Month". This is copied from Kymberly Ann on "How to Lover Harder".

11 Real and Easy Ways to Spread More Love and Make a Difference

All of this sounds great, but it's a lot harder to practice in everyday life. Here are some ways I've found to love harder on those around you.

1) Compliment more. This comes naturally to a lot of people, but I personally find it really awkward to stop someone and compliment them. However, this is such an easy way to show love. I'm trying to live by the motto if you're thinking nice things, say them out loud! This often involves telling strangers that I love their hair or outfits. It's easier to compliment those that we know, so I try to go a little deeper. I try to compliment the people in my life not on their appearances, but on traits that I admire about them. For example, if someone handles a challenge in life really gracefully, I make sure to tell them. These are a little harder than appearance-based compliments, but they mean so much more.

2) Pass along compliments. If someone else tells you something great about a person, be sure to tell them! Just today my boss told me that one of the students I tutor told her how much I was helping her, and that was really good to hear. Just be sure that you're only passing on compliments, not anything negative.

3) In fact, refuse to speak negatively. This is so hard, I know. If you refuse to be the person who speaks badly about others, though, you're spreading love and positivity into the world. It might seem like no one will ever know if you're mean to someone behind their back, but things have a way of getting out. Also, the people around you will notice if you're always positive. It really does make a difference.

4) Be appreciative and recognize others. If someone does something nice for me, I try to make a point to recognize it, and more importantly, verbally express my appreciation. If I appreciate someone taking time to help me out, putting up with me when I'm in a bad mood, or doing something for me, I make sure to tell them. People love to know the things they do aren't going unrecognized.

5) Do small acts of kindness. Doing little things for people is usually really easy. Hold the door open. Let someone take your seat on the bus. I try to take it a little farther by getting out of my comfort zone, or going above and beyond. One of my favorite things to do is to anonymously leave treats on people's doors. It doesn't take a lot of effort to bake some cookies (plus, you get some too), but it can really make someone's day.

6) Reach out. I'm so guilty of forgetting about things that I don't see regularly. Unfortunately, this applies to people. To combat this, I try to text first, and randomly reach to my friends that live far away. I also like to schedule hang outs with those who live nearby but I don't get to see often enough because of school. This is probably my worst area. I have a dear friend who will randomly text me or send me cards in the mail, and it always makes my day! My goal is to be that kind of friend.

7) Be inclusive. Don't just reach out to the people you know well. Try to include new people in your life. Sit next to someone you don't know in class, or invite your neighbors to come over and play games. Everyone likes to feel included. It can be painfully awkward to do this when you're shy, but you can make someone's day and you might even become close friends. I met my best friends because they were willing to knock on my door and invite me over.

8) Listen to people. This takes a lot of effort on my part because I worry so much about what I'm going to say that I forget to truly listen to people. But people love to feel heard, and really listening to someone can make all the difference. Take the time to have real conversations with people. Try to ask them questions about themselves and their experiences instead of relating everything back to yourself.

9) Remember the little things. Make a real effort to remember your friends' birthdays, favorite colors, favorite treats, etc. If someone in your class mentions a big test or other event coming up, be sure to ask them how it went the next time you see them. People will love that you take the time to remember the little things about them.

10) Bring extras and share. If you pack yourself a snack for your classes, pack an extra and offer it to the person next to you. Better yet, always carry a snack on you and offer it to anyone who complains about being hungry. It's amazing how happy a little granola bar can make someone.

11) Smile. This is so simple, but take the time to smile at people. A little smile can go a long way. It's definitely a challenge to turn these into everyday habits, but it's so worth it. How do you spread love?



Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 1 John 4:8

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

Table with 2 columns: Pilot, Club. Rows: June Robertson, Classic City Athens

Georgia District, Pilot International
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Table with 2 columns: Pilot/Family, Club. Rows: Rosa Hall (Sister), Oconee Co.





**REJUVENATE SERVICE PROJECTS WITH PILOT SUNSHINE**

Hello Pilots!

As we approach the halfway point of our Pilot year, we are likely in need of refreshing, renewing and recalibrating project goals for the remainder of the year. I would recommend this month's meeting(s) be used to reflect on past activities and evaluate project growth, decline, and opportunities to elevate your future projects.

**Discuss project questions with your clubs:**

What projects were completed? Celebrate successes!

Which projects are still outstanding? Are you prepared for these projects?

What were the roadblocks experienced in past and what can you do to overcome roadblocks?

Funding (are you in good financial shape to carry out remaining projects? Explore additional grants/sponsorships for large projects)

Keep up the fantastic work Georgia Pilots!

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**MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNOR-ELECT**

Greetings Georgia District Pilots,

I want to express my sincere thanks for the support and encouragement that I have received as I prepare for my year as Governor of the Georgia District. I look forward to a great year!

I have chosen the theme, "Pilots Serving With A Passion", using the emblem of a purple Iris. The definition of passion is having, showing or expressing strong emotions or beliefs. What better way to describe a Pilot! In the new Pilot year, let us serve our communities with a new and refreshed Passion.

Please join me at the Georgia District Convention on March 31-April 2, as I am installed as the 2023-2024 Georgia District Governor and again at the 2023 Pilot International Annual Convention and Leadership Conference on June 28-July 2 in Bellevue, WA.

I look forward to beginning our journey on July 1 of *Serving with a Passion* in our district, our club and community.

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Pilot Club of Jones County presented BrainMinder Puppet shows to 70 Kindergarten students, 91 First Grade students and 73 Second Grade students at Gray Elementary School. We enjoyed sharing Pilot International's signature program, BrainMinders, to teach brain injury prevention to children.



**Past Governors**

**Grace Crittendan**  
(2015-2016)  
Feb. 8

**Melodie Smith**  
(1997-1998)  
Feb. 8

**Esther Foster**  
(2010-2011)  
Feb. 20

**NE Lt. Governor**

**Mary Turner**  
Feb. 6



**Welcome New Members**

**New GA District Pilots**

- Beverly Stanley (Bainbridge)
- Christina Richardson (Chatsworth)
- Susan Miller (Chatsworth)
- Genny Wallace (Oconee Co.)
- Michelle Hankey (Cochran)
- Denise Carter (Adel)
- Samantha Allen (Adel)
- Taylor Key (Haralson Co.)





**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**

**February 15, 2023**

District Awards  
Ann Adams Attendance Award  
Edwina Gill Growth Award  
Nancy Henrick Friendship & Service Award  
Vivian Hartman Memorial Award  
Due to: Lori Hull  
Awards Jury Chair  
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**February 24-26, 2023**

GA District Anchor Convention  
Great Wolf Lodge, LaGrange

**March 20, 2023**

Q3 Club Report  
Governor, Governor-Elect,  
Region Lt. Governor

**March 31-April 2, 2023**

District Convention  
Legacy Lodge & Conference Ctr.  
Lake Lanier Islands, Buford, GA

**June 26, 2023**

Q4 Club Report  
Governor, Governor-Elect,  
Region Lt. Governor



All Forms are on the GA District Website under Forms [www.pilotgeorgia.org](http://www.pilotgeorgia.org)



PC of Toccoa met on the 5th Monday to sign Valentines cards and make door decorations for the local nursing and assisted living facilities in Toccoa. 9 members and 2 Anchors made quick work of the project. We will be delivering and decorating doors in the next few days

PC of Madison Co. Pilots and guests enjoyed their annual "Sack Lunch" where they donated what they would pay for lunch for GPF/PIFF! Also, we enjoyed playing BrainO to sharpen our brains. It was a great time to have lunch, friendship and donation to GPF/PIFF.



Pilot Club of Hartwell installed two new members. Pictured left to right: Beth Brewer, Katelyn Greer (president), and Carol Burch



SE Region's third Luncheon. Thank you, Washington County, for being excellent hosts!





MESSAGE FROM OUR ECR

Wow! At this halfway point, we reflect on the months that passed that were filled with challenges and missed opportunities. We also look forward to the next half of this Pilot year which has undoubtedly sailed into calm waters with new shipmates at our Headquarters office in Macon, Georgia. The rest of the months ahead of 2023 are filled with endless possibilities and opportunities to grow our organization locally and globally. Your Executive team encourages each Pilot, Compass, and Anchor member to keep telling our stories. Post your service projects and involve everyone from the young to the young at heart to do more, care more, and be more. Network with other non-profits and your area Chamber of Commerce to build your brand and increase your visibility. 2023 is off to a fantastic start; let us finish strong with focus energies on reclaiming, sustaining, and appreciating each Pilot's unique gifts and talents.

The countdown is on to the 101<sup>st</sup> Pilot International Convention and Leadership Summit in Bellevue, Washington, and your Executive Committee and Convention Committee, along with new Headquarters COO/CEO Will, are busy planning new training opportunities and tours, preparing for all of the convention aspects to ensure there are fun elements between it all! Our planning weekend was a resounding success in a somewhat soggy, but spectacular Seattle!

In the meantime, here are some reminders about upcoming events...



**Anchors:** They are truly the future of Pilot International and require our hands-on guidance and support to ensure their development as leaders continue to flourish. Anchors around the globe will host their District Conventions in person and virtually due to logistics. Anchor clubs are asked to submit applications for the Anchor Club of the Year (ACOY). Entries are to be sent to your District Awards Jury Chair. Application details can be found on our Pilot International website. <http://www.anchorclubintl.org/awards>



**Compass:** Have you seen the Compass Newsletter? If you haven't, check online to read up on the exciting service projects Compass clubs are rendering in their communities. Even more exciting is the first Compass Awards recognizing Compass members who have served with distinction. The awards will be presented at the 2023 Pilot International Convention. Grants and scholarships are available for Compass members and clubs, our next grant deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>, and most of our scholarships have the same deadline, so now is the time to start getting your forms and items together to apply. We also have our Dreams Ahead Award that both Anchors and Compass Club members are eligible to apply for and that deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>! <https://www.pilotinternational.org/grants-and-scholarships/>



**BrainMinders Month:** One new and exciting project the BrainMinders Committee is working on is the development of BrainMinders stories. It is their dream to publish storybooks for children! Anchors will assist the committee by working on creating and submitting reports for this international project. Email your submission to [brainminders@pilothonq.org](mailto:brainminders@pilothonq.org) March is BrainMinders month and is the perfect time to start planning school visits to make BrainMinders presentations. Be sure to post your pictures to, tag Pilot International and submit your service hours online. Our website has much information, including videos, handouts, and activities that can assist your club in planning an event, whether big or small. For example, you could host a BRAIN-O night at a facility, reminding others about brain safety, even for adults. Did you know there are three new fabulous colors of helmets available through Pilot International? Don't delay ordering your helmets today and help get info out about safety while riding! <https://www.pilotinternational.org/brainminders/>

**Brain Awareness Week:** March 13<sup>th</sup> – March 20<sup>th</sup> is Brain Awareness week. Pilots, Anchors, and Compass, let's get fired up to promote and advocate for Brain safety. Public Service Announcements, brochure handouts, and pictures showing how you can protect your brain are great ways to spread the word regarding brain health and safety.



We love all that you do for our Pilot International organization. We hope you are energized regarding the events ahead for our organization. Awarding grants, scholarships, and numerous awards are available; remember, the most significant emphasis is on our core mission, Brain Safety! Remember you are the first love of Pilot International, as together we can Do more, Care more, and Be More while Spreading Pilot Sunshine! Counting down the days to meet with you in person at your District Convention!

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