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A MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNOR

These are President Holly's words, "If every member and club were to embrace recruitment efforts, and adds ONE, imagine the new talent, and support your club will have. Imagine the new ideas, relationships and community reach you will gain."

In our Council of Leader presentations based on the book, "High Performance Habits" by Brendon Burchard we were encouraged to develop six new effective habits; seek clarity, generate energy, raise necessity, increase productivity, develop influence and demonstrate courage. When we practice these habits, extraordinary things can happen in our Clubs and Districts. President Holly has adopted this idea for her leadership team. Let's accept her membership incentive and each one of us actively recruit one new member to Pilot this year. President Holly's focus for this year helps us to realize we All Matter IN Pilot!

I am looking forward to reading your Plans of Work due August 15. Please be prompt in sending the Plans of work to the Governor, Governor Elect and your Region Lt. Governor, as they will be used to help the DAC/DEC access your clubs.

We are full speed ahead planning Fall Council that is being held October 6-7 at Unicoi State Park & Lodge in Helen, GA. The Pilots of Southeast Region will be the host. This is our first visit to Unicoi. Unicoi is the ultimate mountain retreat located just a couple of miles from the Alpine Village of Helen in the gorgeous North Georgia Mountains. You will have the opportunity to experience a hiking trail that leads to Anna Ruby Falls, an array of outdoor activities, as well as OktoberFest in Helen. You will be able to experience Fall in the Mountains and capture some beautiful photos of the leaf changing season. Find your roommate and register. This is a great opportunity for enjoying your fellow club members.

Fall Council promises you a time of learning, information sharing, an opportunity to participate in a new Georgia District Fund Raiser and a time of fun. This year will include Saturday evening dinner with entertainment. We have been able to secure Emory Jones, a writer of books, documentaries, plays and columns. You will be enthralled by his humor. Emory is considered North Georgia's favorite story teller.

Registration and details of Fall Council will be sent in a separate email.

Pilot First Saturday: August 5 is the date; I encourage everyone to wear your shirt for the day, share photos on social media, send to our Governor's Bulletin (GB) Editor, Kirsten Jorgenson kajorge@yahoo.com. Be ready to tell folks about Pilot. Great opportunity to invite them to visit your club.

Thank you, Pilots for Serving with a Passion!

Avaline

Unicoi State Park
Fall Council 2023
October 6-7





INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE



One of the anchors of our Pilot organization is the friendships that we make along the way...those friendships that carry us through all of the good times as well as the not so good times, so just take a minute and reflect on this poem by Helen Steiner Rice.

FRIENDSHIP IS A GOLDEN CHAIN

Friendship is a golden chain
The links are friends so dear
And like a rare and precious jewel
its treasured more each year.

Its clasped together firmly
With a love that's deep and true
And it's rich with happy memories
And fond recollections too.

Time can't destroy its beauty
For; as long as memory lives.
Years can't erase the pleasure,
That the joy of friendship gives.

For friendship is a priceless gift
That can't be bought or sold
But to have an understanding friend
Is worth far more than gold.

Ant the golden chain of friendship
Is a strong and blessed tie,
Binding kindred hearts together,
As the years go passing by.

Cultivate those friendships as you go about Serving with a Passion in your clubs and your communities!

JoAnn

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MESSAGE FROM OUR DISTRICT SECRETARY

It is an honor to serve as District Secretary and to be "passionate" about preserving the history of Georgia Pilots. Accurate records are essential for our District (Georgia), our 5 Regions, and our 39 clubs.

Meetings and **membership** records are the responsibility of the Club/District Secretaries! It takes ALL of us working in concert/together to get and keep the accuracy that is needed. Minutes will be taken at all official District meetings and distributed as required. These record the history of our Georgia District and will be archived for future reference. Membership numbers seem to be a "floating variable" in Pilot. We, in Georgia District, want to be accurate and would like to match membership numbers with Pilot International. Our best friends in maintaining these records are located in the FORMS tab on the Georgia Pilot website (<https://pilotgeorgia.org/pilot-forms/>). There are two forms about membership that are important: Membership Information Form and Notification of Change in Membership Form. It is vital that these forms are sent as changes occur in our clubs' membership. Each form specifies where the form should be sent. Club secretaries are the **link** that communicates the membership numbers to both District and International officers.

Let us help each other from club to region to district as we serve with a passion this 2023-2024 Pilot Year.

In friendship and service,

Mary Sue

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Georgia District, Pilot International 2023-24 Memorial Forms need to go to:

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GA District Governor
aadamsgeorgia.pilot@gmail.com

JoAnn Akers
Inspirational Leader
akersjoann@gmail.com

Lt. Governor (for your region)

Pilots, a *Praise & Prayer* email board is being set up. So please let JoAnn know of any requests that either you or a fellow Pilot might have as together we can pray and or rejoice to lift each other up.

If you would like to be included in receiving those emails, send your email address to akersjoann@gmail.com.



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

<u>Pilot</u>	<u>Club</u>
Laverne Cranford (Emeritus Member)	Eastman



Past Governors

Durrett Moerman
(2022-2023)
August 10

Louise Shimer
(2009-2010 PG)
August 11

SW Reg. Lt. Governor

Bennie Mattox
August 31





AUGUST 2023 GOVERNOR'S BULLETIN



ANCHOR



Georgia Artists with Disabilities, Inc.



What an exciting and inspirational International Convention and Anchor Summit we had this year! I feel reenergized to start my role once again as your Anchor Coordinator. Our international motto is Matter in Pilot. All of you Matter in Pilot. Now I challenge you to invest your time and energy into our Anchors. What we do today shows them how to Matter in Pilot tomorrow. Our district motto is Pilots Serving with **Passion**. I can truly say I am extremely **passionate** about our Anchors. Watching these bright young adults develop and grow into productive members of our communities is exciting! This year we are also blessed to have our former Anchor Coordinator, Tammy Dalton, as the International Coordinator for Anchor. She has implemented a new project focusing on mental health awareness. I cannot say enough about this very important issue with today's youth. The statistics are shocking! Did you know one of Alabama's Anchors took her own life in July? I have committed our support to this very worthy cause. I hope you will, too. Start thinking of ways you can support your Anchor clubs in this international effort.

Speaking of **passion**, I encourage your Pilot Clubs to stay involved with your local Anchor clubs. If you do not have one currently, I urge you to take the steps to start one. I will be with you every step of the way to both guide and support your efforts. I challenge each Pilot to make it a goal to invest yourself in some way in Anchor Youth Leadership this year. Did you know that most Anchors said their favorite part of Summit was meeting and taking selfies with Pilots? Anchors love spending time with Pilots and are encouraged by your dedication to making the world a better place. Remember, they are the future of Pilot!

Passion is contagious! I want to be an active support system for you! Please make sure you let Kirsten Jorgenson and I know if you have a new Anchor Coordinator in your Pilot Club or a new Anchor Advisor at your high school. I will be reaching out to all Anchor Advisors and Pilot Club Anchor liaisons very soon. One of the biggest hindrances in chartering or keeping an Anchor Club active is the lack of willing advisors in our schools. They need to feel your support and **passion**. If Pilot Clubs are not familiar with the Anchor Advisors in your school(s), please make it a point to get to know them. Invite them to your meeting and attend their meetings. Take the time to build a relationship. It will be an investment in your club's future.

The current Anchor forms are available on the district website. The forms will also be emailed out to the advisors and coordinators. Pilot International Anchor dues are \$14 and Georgia District Anchor dues are \$8.00 per Anchor. Both are due by November 1, 2023. Please keep in mind that only clubs that pay dues will be recognized as active clubs. Pilots and Anchors alike are invited to start making plans now to attend the annual Georgia District Anchor Convention to be held at Epworth by the Sea, Saint Simons Island, Georgia on February 23-25, 2024. Now is the time to motivate your Anchors to begin fundraising to cover costs. Who doesn't love the BEACH?!!

I look forward to working together with you to grow our Anchor program and make this the best year yet! I welcome your input and feedback. Please feel free to contact me at kerrin.daniel@gmail.com or call/text me at 912-480-7780.

Serving with a **Passion** for Anchors,

Kerrin

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The Pilot Clubs of Georgia will present the 38th Annual Georgia Artists with Disabilities virtual exhibition on September 23, 2023. That is right - this will be the 38th year of recognizing and honoring those wonderful GAWD artists with their works of art! Do take a look around your community and see if there are artists within your community that would love to have their work recognized and even selected to go on a statewide tour. Professional, non-professional and group art projects will be accepted. The Call for Art entry form is available on the GAWD website ([goggle georgia artists with disabilities](http://gogglegeorgia.com)) and submission of the virtual artwork needs to be submitted to Chanta Whitlow at whitlow.chanta@yahoo.com. If you wish an official Call for Art letter by US mail or email, contact me directly - akersjoann@gmail.com.

Deadline to submit ALL photographed entries is by September 1, 2023. The statewide tour sites for 2023 -2024 are currently underway, so if you know of a secure site within your community that could host the art exhibition, please let Theresa Shields know at tarsa66@comcast.net.

JoAnn Akers

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MEMBERSHIP

Hi, my name is Vickie Lane. I am a proud member of the Pilot Club of Washington County and this year's Georgia District Membership Coordinator. I am also the PR and Marketing Manager for Washington County Regional Medical Center who loves to eat her dessert first. It is such an honor to serve in my community alongside so many seasoned women of society as we show the world together one person does make a difference.

Being the mom of four beautiful children is my greatest accomplishment alongside treating people like you want to be treated. I truly believe my mom planted a passion for serving others through her "golden rule". I often watched my mom prepare food to give away and donate clothes to those in need. She would also sit with the elderly most Sundays after long walks picking flowers in our neighborhood. She never complained or worried about running out of supplies and she always helped others with a smile.

Serving in my local Pilot Club has given me a way to share a part of my mom in my community. Never meeting a stranger and always making others feel valued and loved is what she demonstrated every day. This year as District Membership Coordinator, I plan to do three things: educate, empower, and ignite. Educate our leaders with tools to improve membership productivity, empower our leaders with the self-confidence to accomplish this goal in a fun way, and ignite a passion to connect with people past the numbers. This year, allowing the simple traditional ways of connecting to people to bloom a beautiful bouquet of new members that will take our communities by storm with service and friendship.

I have read somewhere that "a true friend accepts who you are, but also helps you become who you should be". Please feel free to reach out to me via email (lanevickie2016@gmail.com) or a regular call (470-309-3786). I hope to be that friend for all our state leaders as we have a fantastic Pilot year!

Vickie

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 Membership 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.



OUR GEORGIA ECR

Salutations to my Friends in our Gorgeous Georgia District! Our 2023 Pilot International Leadership Conference and Convention is now a part of our rich Pilot history. From start to finish, we had fun celebrating our year of Spreading Pilot Sunshine under President Rhona Espinoza and her outstanding 2022-2023 leadership team. The opening talent show, beautiful flag ceremony, inspiring speakers, insightful workshops, new website launch, and meaningful service project benefiting Bellevue children through Project LifeSpring were just a few of the week's highlights. Attendees also enjoyed sightseeing at Seattle Center and Pike's Market, delicious food, and the amazing weather in Bellevue, Washington.

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 15, 2023

Financial Records Audit
Audit Committee (Club & District)

August 15, 2023

Plans of Work
Governor, Governor-Elect, Region
Lt. Governor

August 15, 2023

Governor's Cup Awards
Nancy Miller
(Awards Jury Chair)
211 Michelle Rd.
Milledgeville, GA 31061
Copy to: Governor, Governor-Elect, Region Lt. Governor

September 1, 2023

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

September 15, 2023

Pick Me Up or Helmet Grant
First Quarter deadline 9/15
See ECR's Joseph's article for links.

September 20, 2023

Q1 Club Reports
Copy to: Governor, Governor-Elect, Region Lt. Governor

September 30, 2023

Club Ambassador
Minimum donation \$25
Sent to Pilot International



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



The convention's final day included an elegant President's Breakfast Tea, the excitement of our beloved Co-Pilot's Calcutta presentation, and ended with the Installation of our 2023-2024 Leadership team. Stay tuned for more convention highlights in the next Pilot Log and official convention photos. President Holly Baker's motto is "Matter IN Pilot," and she challenged us all to recruit one new member this year through her "One Matters" membership initiative. We are going to celebrate each and every new member! Your "one" will help us positively change our membership trends!

A great way to highlight all our members' dedicated service to influence positive change in their communities is to nominate and honor them as your club's Ambassador! The name of the Pilot International Club Ambassador and a minimum donation of \$25 should be sent to Pilot International and postmarked by **September 30th** to ensure listing in the Winter issue of The Pilot Log. More information on Club Ambassadors can be found at:

<https://www.pilotinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/Ambassador-Guidelines-.pdf>

Do you have a Pick Me Up or Helmet project idea that will positively impact your community? Let us help you reach your club goals with a Pilot International Matching Grant. Please plan to apply for a Pick Me Up or Helmet Grant this year. The first quarter deadlines are **September 15th**. Applications can be found below. Please take a moment to fill out the applications correctly and entirely. Ensure you send a summary and photos of your projects to Pilot International Headquarters so we can highlight your club this year!

<https://www.pilotinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/helmetmatchinggrant.pdf>

<https://www.pilotinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/pickmeupapplication.pdf>

In President Holly's vision, she stated, "No matter how small you start, start something that matters." As Pilots, you have the support and freedom to do just that. She also said, "Pilot International envisions a world where **ALL** are valued, and that starts now, with you!"

Our beloved Georgia Members Matter **IN** Pilot!

Joseph

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REMINDER: Our District has a Facebook page, so get your members to sign up.





Pilot Club of Toccoa served lunch to the Stephens County bus drivers on July 25th during their training class. 7 Pilots and 5 Anchors served; and several other Pilots and emeritus members helped provide the food. A Pick Me Up Grant from Pilot International helped provide the meat. Goodie bags of candy were given to the drivers, too



Covington Pilot members Eleanor Scarborough, Cynthia Spearman and Mary Barnes helping at Livingston Elementary School Open House. The Pilot Club of Covington is a Partner in Education with Livingston ES and enjoys working with them on various projects throughout the school year.

Your words matter.
Your contributions matter.
Your voice matters.
Your creativity matters.
You are so important.
WE THE URBAN



Pilot Club of Chatham County's Glow Zumbathon for Pilot 7/28. Our own Caroline Rekowski leading for a great cause!



Pilots welcomed Bleckley school employees with thank-you treat bags this morning. L-R: Sandy Jarrett, Diane Giddens, Nan Anderson, Dell Daniel, and Projects Chair Neta Oberry. Carla Herbert and Cathie Davis came after the picture!

