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A MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNOR

October was a very busy month for Pilots. We welcomed the Fall season in while attending Fall Council in the mountains, we celebrated Pilot International's 102nd birthday, many of our clubs held Share Pilot events and fundraisers. I hope to see pictures of results from these events.

International Care and Kindness Week is November 13 – 19. We prepare acts of kindness to public servants in our community to express our gratitude for helping in various ways, but have you ever considered offering a random act of kindness to someone who is in need? Even the smallest act of kindness can go a long way, and you should never pass up an opportunity to help someone in need. As you are shopping for Thanksgiving and Christmas, simply pick up a few items here and there to share with someone that you know personally who may be struggling, fill a bag with groceries for your local food bank, leave a generous tip at the restaurant to a total stranger or pay for the next person in line at McD's. You may never know how you have touched that person's life by paying it forward.

Please remember Julia Lucas will be accepting nominations soon for our District Executive Council for 2024-2025. As you submit a nomination, please put a lot of thought and consideration into this nomination. The person you nominate will be representing Georgia District and will be helping to make decisions that are very important for our future as a district.

Governor-Elect Maureen will be making selections for her Appointee team for 2024-2025. If you are asked to serve, please consider doing so.

I would like to give a huge shout out to Kirsten Jorgenson who works behind the scenes to prepare our Governor's Bulletins each month. Kirsten does a fantastic job gathering and compiling. She gathers all the information and prepares our annual District Directory. She emails all our club communications out to help keep us in touch with each other. These are only a few things that Kirsten does each month. There is no way to mention each and every thing, but I want her to know from the bottom of my heart how much I personally appreciate all she does and I know each of you feel the same way.

Let's make sure we show Kirsten the love she deserves.

During this holiday season, we will have the opportunity to spend more time with family, to reflect and to be mindful of what every day means to us. Let us all be thankful this year for our many blessings. I hope you enjoy this Thanksgiving holiday with those you love very much!

Avaline



Anchor Club of Madison County participated in the GA District Fall Council Marketplace with tickets for a GA Quilt to be given away at the November 16th Pilot Meeting and Mental Health Well Wishes for the Anchor Mental Health Awareness Campaign.

GA District Kerrin Daniel in pic to the left and Governor Avaline Adams in pic to the right both offering support to our Anchors, along with Linda Hazinski-Madison County Anchor Coordinator and Tammy Dalton Madison County Anchor Co-Coordinator/Anchor International Coordinator.





INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE



Family now more than ever.....

Our vision of family has expanded. From the smoldering war that rages half way across the world in Ukraine and Israel...to all of the unrest that is here in our own country. We realize that we are all part of a family and that is why when we hear about a tragedy in our own communities this continues to move us because each of us knows those stories are our own. During this time of Thanksgiving let all of us come to honor family and all its extensions - brothers - in - law, half-sisters, cousins, sons, daughters, etc. plus ALL PILOTS. Because we know that the very definition of family - connection, trust, unconditional love - is what all of us yearn for and need to feel complete. Everybody needs somebody to count on, no matter what. Whoever that is, they are your family. Every phone call to a friend or a loved one just to let them know that you care is important. Sometimes we think we may be bothering that person so we just wait, but we need not to wait!. We need to take nothing for granted anymore. Especially those we care about. Take that time to make that phone call just to say "I care". Reach out to your fellow Pilots and especially to those emeritus members that you have not seen in awhile.

Use this Thanksgiving season to reach out in love, in kindness and let yourself receive love and kindness in return. I for one treasure my Pilot family and count them all as my friends!

May each of you have a blessed and happy Thanksgiving (and don't eat too much turkey!)

JoAnn

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MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNOR-ELECT

What's in the News?

Georgia District Newsletter Award Competition is in full swing. I have been receiving newsletters from several clubs around the state. All are excellent in content because it is all about Pilot!!! International, state, and local Pilot activities all make good stories for the local newsletter.

Why should your club do a newsletter? Many think that just reviewing the activities of the club at the meeting is enough and many times a report is adequate. But when club members work so hard to achieve success it needs to be shared with Emeritus members, state officers, and with Kirsten, our fabulous communicator with the Governor's Bulletin. We learn from other club's mistakes and we benefit from their accomplishments. Not only is it a motivational tool, but it is also rewarding to see what Pilots around the state can do.

Awards for the best regional newsletters for 3 consecutive months July through January will be due on January 6, 2024. They are to be snail mailed to your Lt. Governor no later than January 6th. Get a postal receipt so you know it got there! Your Lt. Governor will get the copies to me at our meeting in January and I will give it to an independent judge for the Awards Ceremony at spring District Convention. Your club can do this! Have some fun with it and remember content is what is judged. Check the guidelines at pilotgeorgia.org, Forms, Newsletter.

Maureen

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

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Lt. Governor (for your region)



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

Pilot	Club
Robin Perry	Dublin
Betty Dailey	Atlanta
Toni Earley	Atlanta

Pilot/Family	Club
Beth Bozeman (Mother-in-law)	Dublin
Lacey Baker (Father-in-law)	Dublin

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.



Past Governors

Jayne Lackey
 (2019-2020)
 November 4

Patricia Whately
 (2013-2014)
 November 28

GA District Treasurer

Shelby Holland
 November 12



Abril Avila, NW Region Anchor Chair & President, Milton Anchor Club and NW Region District Lt Governor Angela Gillis participated in the Georgia Artists with DisAbilities Bubblewrap Project protection wrapping of the 2023-2024 artwork as it goes on tour across Georgia.





NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Logging Nominations

Appealing to ALL PILOTS! Now is the time to begin the journey of logging nominations for District Officers for the 2024-2025 Pilot Year. At Fall Council, the theme of lumberjacks and Paul Bunyan was used by nominating chair. Therefore, "Logging Nominations."

Clubs, this is your opportunity to nominate qualified nominees for a district office! All clubs have outstanding leaders who would serve our organization well at the district level. Sometimes a person needs just a little encouragement.

Serving at the district level broadens one's perspective of Pilot, provides opportunities to further develop leadership skills, permits a greater view of clubs throughout the district, affords development of new friends, and helps the district reach its future goals.

Nominations will be accepted for the positions of Governor Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Regional Lt-Governors. For all positions EXCEPT the Regional Lt-Governors, the nominee may be a member of your club OR any club in the Georgia District. Regional Lt-Governors may be nominated only by a member (Club) within the region from which they are being nominated.

Your club president will receive an email soon explaining in detail, "Qualifications for Nominees for District Officers" and "Procedures for Nominating District Officers". You can also find the Qualification Form for District Office in your club manual. Duties of District Officers are outlined in the Pilot International Bylaws – Article XVII. Members of the Nominating Committee will also be included in the email.

All nominations from clubs, acceptance letters, and Nomination Forms need to be postmarked and sent directly to me by January 24, 2024. Email: jucas921@gmail.com or 193 S. 12th Street, Cochran, GA 31014. I will forward all information to the members of the Nominating Committee and the ECR.

If you are interested in being nominated for a position OR if you have someone in mind that you would like to nominate, PLEASE be sure that they read the bylaws describing ALL the job duties of the position and that they understand everything required to fulfill the requirements of said position.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me. Looking forward to seeing the **LOGGED NOMINATIONS** we have.

Julia

**Julia Lucas
Nominating Committee Chair
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AWARDS JURY

Hello Pilots, I want to talk about AWARDS! Let me share with you about the Awards program we have in Georgia.

The purpose of the Awards Program is to recognize outstanding Pilot and Anchor Clubs.

Each club president received probably through e-mail, the Forms Submission Guidelines. If for any reason you do not have a copy of the Guideline, you will find it on our pilotgeorgia.org website under Forms. Also, every Award form is on the same website. You can download them and fill out. I would encourage each club to select a person or persons to tackle this job. The president does not need to be the only one to work on the forms. She/he needs assistance and that is where you the club members are so helpful.

Please review the Guidelines as it contains every date/deadline the club needs to keep. It is to the club's benefit that we have this guideline. It helps the District officers and the Lt. Governor's to be informed of all that you have been working on already this year.

I have received 9 submissions for the Governor Cup awards! That is fabulous and I'm sure my team will be working hard to select the winners. I look forward to receiving your entries for the Ann Adams Attendance Award, Edwina Gill Growth Award, Nancy Henrick Friendship and Service Awards and the Vivian Hartman Memorial Award. Don't be shy, this is when your club can shine with pride for all of the hard work, I know you are doing in your communities.

So, will I be seeing submissions in my mailbox in February? Please they need to be postmarked by February 15 to be considered. Go back to your clubs and start prepping for submitting your entries to me.

Happy Fall!

Nancy

**Nancy Miller
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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.



MEMBERSHIP

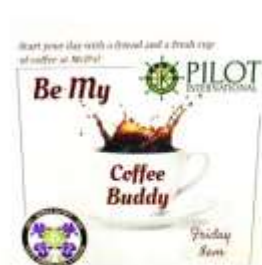
Too busy this holiday season to fellowship with your Pilot Sisters? Nonsense, connecting does not have to be a huge event or production for the community.

Communion with friends can be as simple as conversations over coffee. How pleasant it is when we fellowship in friendship as well as service. Our Washington County Chapter has started morning fellowships over coffee by meeting at our local McDonald's twice a month. This little thing has sparked an easy way for our members to learn about each other and invite someone new to meet our group by being our "Coffee Buddy". Our engaging conversations have opened the door for more meaningful relationships.

In the roughly 30 days that elapse between our Pilot meetings. The fabric of our relationships can either be woven stronger or frayed by neglect. It is in these intervals that we must consciously strive to nourish the ties that bind us. This season, let us prioritize maintaining the connections within our Pilot family and channel our collective energies to give life our utmost, to excel as individuals and as a united group.

I invite you to share innovative ways in which your club is nurturing membership relationships and how are you keeping the spirit of camaraderie alive. Whether it's through creative virtual meet-ups, thoughtful check-in calls, or letters, remember that it's the small gestures that often leave the most memorable impressions. Let's commit to these acts of kindness and togetherness, ensuring that the essence of our Pilot community remains vibrant and enduring. Remember it is the little things that make big waves.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

November 1, 2023
 2023-24 GA District Anchor Dues
 Due to: District Secretary
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November 1, 2023
 2023-24 PI Anchor Dues
 Due to: PI Anchor Specialist
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November 15, 2023
 990 Form (All Clubs)
 Due to the IRS

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

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



In October, Lavonia Pilots donated non-perishable food and paper items, along with monetary donations to Lavonia Food Pantry. Director Mitch Murphy was happy to receive the donations from Project Coordinator Karen Price.



Pilot Club of Washington County members joined in support of Alzheimer Awareness Walk on Nov 4th in Sandersville, Ga.



Toccoa Pilots Ann Hunt, Claudia McCartney and Darlene Johnson sold Belk Charity Sale tickets Saturday Nov3rd. We also gave customers a chance to win a \$50 Belk gift card.





PROJECTS

Happy Fall Pilots!

As we enter the upcoming holidays it's a great time to show how we are **Pilots serving with a Passion!** May of our Clubs recently sent in their Recipes for Projects! It made me stop and think about all of the ways that we as Pilots are able to impact our communities. We have such a creative district and I cannot wait to see what our PI Projects Coordinator, Barb Adkins is able to put together.

We may not think that some of these simple ideas of just taking time to visit with shut-ins, nursing homes, special needs classes at schools, etc. have much of an impact, but they definitely can. One of the many submissions I received included "Adopting a Family" for the holidays. Finding a family that includes a member with a brain injury or other needs and deciding how many times you will provide a meal. This demonstrates the caring nature of Pilots and may provide a small bit of relief for those struggling with all of the tasks life can throw their way.....especially during the holidays! This is also a great project for any time of the year.

Another great idea is to focus on those Emeritus and disabled members. Visiting, calling, sending a card or other Pick-me-up can absolutely make their day. Making a rotation of members to "prepare the ingredients" gives those members a continued sense of belonging.

Remember, projects don't have to be complicated or expensive to have an impact.

In Pilot Love & Friendship

Lori

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Carrollton Pilots and family members were joined by two Anchors and Anchor Advisor at the West GA Walk to End Alzheimer's. President Janis Stallings said "We had lots of fun as we walked at the Hobbs Farm Trailhead of the Carrollton Greenbelt. So proud of our Pilot Club of Carrollton Team which raised \$1,120."



Welcome New Members

New GA District Pilots

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| Patricia McDade (Eatonton) | Patricia Zeiss (Lavonia) |
| Lisa Cothran (Eatonton) | Pamela Lane (Heard Co.) |
| Josie Cothran (Eatonton) | Marti Caputa (Heard Co.) |
| Becky Davis (Jones Co.) | Theresa Smith-Brown (Washington Co.) |
| Danielle Fields (Jones Co.) | Vivian Jones (Washington Co.) |
| Terri Parrish (Jones Co.) | Kristina Jackson (Washington Co.) |
| Barbara Pruet (Jones Co.) | Tina Vossfeldt (Adel) |
| Lisa Smith (Jones Co.) | |
| Penny Snyder (Jones Co.) | |
| Terri Wiggins (Jones Co.) | |



Pilot Club of Covington welcomed Governor-Elect Maureen Stoy to their November meeting for an official visit. After a homemade spaghetti dinner, they discussed their various projects with Maureen.



Peachtree Pilot Club Pilots



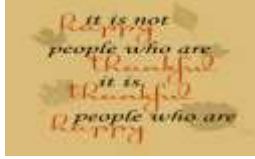
Pilot Club at Madison County gives candy, sensory toys, stickers and other treats during Halloween in the Park on Friday, October 27, 2023.





OUR GEORGIA ECR

To My Georgia District Friends,



Thanksgiving teaches us to be grateful for what we have and to share our treasures and, most importantly, our love with others. Our founding principles of Pilot International are friendship and service, so why not share the gift of friendship and build a lifelong bond? Gratitude teaches us to show our appreciation and return kindness. For over a century, the kindness and generosity of Pilots have been felt globally with every service project and through our youth development programs. We are thankful for the Advisors of our Anchor and Compass Clubs, who pour into our next generation of leaders, ensuring that the Pilot International legacy continues to sail into safe harbor. Remember, service is humbling and rewarding as you journey through this life. With a heart of thanksgiving, spread the joy of Pilot Friendship, and let us collectively grow and expand our beloved Pilot International organization. Remember, you Matter in Pilot!



International Care and Kindness will be celebrated on November 13th. World Kindness Day allows us to reflect upon one of the most important and unifying human principles. On a day devoted to the positive potential of both large and small acts of kindness, try to promote and diffuse this crucial quality that brings people of every kind together. During this week, Pilot, Anchor, and Compass Members, let us show everyone they matter. Simple acts of kindness, caring, and goodwill will impact people more than you know.



Giving Tuesday is all about celebrating every single act of generosity we have to offer. Whether it's making someone smile, helping a neighbor out, or showing up for an issue or people we care about, we each have something to contribute. Identify your gifts, pick a cause that gets you fired up, and give back – not just today but every day! November 28th marks a day of giving back. Our Giving Tuesday campaign will benefit the New Brain Minders, Pick Me Up, and The Helmet Grants! We are confident our 2023 goal of \$30,000 will be met this year with your help. Be on the lookout for information coming soon from PIHQ.



District and Club Treasurers, please remember that your club and district IRS 990 forms are due November 15th. A tax-exempt organization must file an annual information return or notice with the IRS unless an exception applies. Annual information returns include Form 990, Form 990-EZ, and Form 990-PF. Form 990-N (e-Postcard) is an annual notice. Form 990 is the primary tool of the IRS for gathering information about tax-exempt organizations, educating organizations about tax law requirements, and promoting compliance. Organizations also use Form 990 to share information with the public about their programs. Additionally, most states rely on Form 990 to perform charitable and other regulatory oversight and to satisfy state income tax filing requirements for organizations claiming exemption from state income tax. www.irs.gov/https://www.irs.gov/e-file-providers/e-file-for-charities-and-non-profitscharity_non_profit



Fully charged and on the move, Anchor members leave an indelible mark at their schools and churches, displaying altruism and influencing positive change! Anchor dues of \$14 per member are due to Pilot Headquarters on or before NOVEMBER 1. Please include the invoice, treasurer's report, and officer's form when you send in your dues. The Dues Invoice can be found here:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5464d956e4b00c7325c641db/t/63249d2acd0db66b0a5f74b2/1663343914891/Anchor%2BClub%2BDues%2BInvoice%2B%28f%29.pdf>



Compass Club members are navigating a new course of training and expansion. New clubs are being chartered, and the Compass membership numbers are steadily increasing. Remember, Compass dues are \$36 per member and are due to Pilot International Headquarters by NOVEMBER 1st. "I awoke this morning with devout thanksgiving for my friends, the old and the new" by Ralph Waldo Emerson.

YOU Matter IN Pilot! In Friendship and Service,

Joseph

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