

# Georgia District Governor's Bulletin



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## 2023 – 2024 DAC/DEC



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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNOR

Traditionally when we think of February, Valentine's Day pops into our mind. People express their love for someone by gifting them with roses, candy or a card. These actions are wonderful between those we love. But February is also known as American Heart Month, a time when all people, especially women are encouraged to focus on their cardiovascular health. Small heart-healthy actions like adding more movement to our day or choosing healthy foods, can have a big impact on protecting our hearts. Remember, self-care is heart-health care. By taking care of our hearts, we set an example for those around us to do the same. Let's make this American Heart Month count! ♥

I hope everyone wore their Pilot shirt on the first Saturday of February. I'm looking forward to seeing a lot of pictures posted on FB or in your newsletter.

I promised in the January Governor's Bulletin more information to follow on our District Convention. The convention committee is planning something special for Friday night. We typically have a Welcome Party where we play games and fellowship. This year our convention will begin with an Opening Ceremony on Friday evening where we will have the "Parade of Banners". We are asking each club in attendance to bring your club banner. The President/President Elect or a club member will proudly carry your club banner to the front and it will be hung and displayed during our convention. This is not something new for the Georgia District, but it has not been done in a while. If your club does not have a banner or you need a new one, one can be purchased through Pilot International. They will need some weeks to have the banner made, so you need to go ahead and get yours ordered.

On Friday evening, after our Opening Ceremony, we are asking everyone to participate in our Service Project. This year we will be supporting the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Augusta. In just a few weeks, a flyer will be emailed with details and items needed for this project.

Presidents, emails will be sent in the next few weeks with District Convention information, along with Registration, Hotel Reservation, Service Project and more. Please share with club members immediately so everyone can begin to make their plans. The DEC and the Convention Committee are very excited and busy making plans. You will not be disappointed!

*Avaline*



PI Director/PG Jayne Lackey (R) with her Co-Pilot Randy & Governor Avaline attending the Pilot Platter Chatter held at Gina Belles in Danielsville.





## INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE



February is by traditions the month of the "heart".... Valentine's Day, chocolates, cards and all those beautiful red (and sometimes pink!) hearts. But it is also known as the month of love!!!

When I was about 16 my mom gave me a copy of "The Mystery of Love"...it was tucked inside a pink Valentine card. It still is a powerful motivator and I in turn give it to you...

### The Mystery of Love

Love makes you feel special. It changes everyone for the better. It is the one commodity that multiplies when you give it away. The more you spread it around, the more you are able to hang onto it because it keeps coming back to you. Where love is concerned, it pays to be an absolute spendthrift. It cannot be bought nor sold, so give it away! Throw it away! Splash it all over! Empty your pockets! Shake the basket! Turn it upside down! Shower it on everyone.....even those who don't deserve it! You may startle them into behaving in a way you never dreamed possible. Not only is it the sweet mystery of life, it is the most powerful motivator known to humankind.

Happy Valentine's Day...now go shake those baskets!

*JoAnn*

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNOR-ELECT

February is here, which means over half the Pilot year is gone and I still have so much to learn before becoming Governor! The DAC/DEC had their mid-year planning meeting and Governor Avaline is a great mentor. She has so many good ideas for the remainder of her year. Some of these will be discussed at my new appointees meeting in Macon on March 9<sup>th</sup> where ideas will be shared and plans for next Pilot year's committees molded into shape. It is never too soon to plan! Is your club starting to plan for next year?

Yes, it is time for your clubs to start thinking about next year's officers. So many of us groan when we think about that...volunteers are sometimes quite hard to get. How many of us have served as President, Secretary, Treasurer for more than one term? How many arms get twisted and how many members avoid the nominating committee calls when officers are sought? Why?

Fear is one answer. Lack of self-confidence, fear of failure, or never having experienced a leadership role can all enter into the picture. Sometimes a little encouragement, having a mentor, and having a clear outline of duties can make the job look manageable. Pilots love to help others and giving is our reward. Service to your club as an officer is another form of giving and can be quite rewarding personally as well.

It is a commitment to agree to become an officer in a club, but it is also a challenge and a privilege. It is a way to share your time and talent with others in what should be a non-threatening environment. After all, these are your friends!

*Maureen*

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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](mailto:akersjoann@gmail.com).



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

Pilot	Club
Vashti Carr (Emeritus Member)	Jones Co.
Margaret Perkins (Margaret would have had 70 <sup>th</sup> years in Pilot this year)	Carrollton
Helen Fay Lewis	Carrollton

Pilot/Family	Club
Dianna Armstrong (Father)	Washington Co.
Janis Stallings (Mother)	Carrollton
Gary Jarvis (Brother)	Elberton
Pat Jarvis (Brother-in-law)	Elberton



### Past Governors

**Grace Crittenden**  
(2015-2016)  
February 8

**Melodie Smith**  
(1997-1998)  
February 8

**Esther Foster**  
(2010-2011)  
February 20

### GA Dist. NE Lt. Governor

**Mary Turner**  
February 6

### GA Dist. SE Lt. Governor

**Ann Lastinger**  
February 26





## GOVERNOR'S SCRAPBOOK



As we move into the second half of our Pilot year, it is time to start submitting photos for Governor Avaline's scrapbook. Don't forget photos from District events such as Fall Council, Region Workshops, and the upcoming Anchor and District Conventions. Photos can be emailed to me at: [arowland0418@gmail.com](mailto:arowland0418@gmail.com). Help fill the pages with photos from the different ways your Club has been "Serving with a Passion" this year.

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Pilot Platter Chatter held at Gina Belles in Danielsville on January 24, 2024. Pic-top left is Ellen Waters from Pilot Club of Lavonia and Betty Sartain of Pilot Club of Madison Co who were winners of the drawing in which proceeds go to GPF.



## PROJECTS

With Springtime just around the corner and hopefully warmer weather, it's a great time for Pilot Projects! I know for myself that Springtime gives me a renewed sense of purpose and passion and it carries over to Pilot.

February is a great time to take a moment to look at your projects from the first half of the year, especially when starting to think about project planning for the upcoming year. Items to consider include:

- Did club members & participants enjoy it?
- Was there "buy-in" from club members?
- Did it fit in with club goals?
- Was there enough money budgeted for the project?

Don't forget to share photos from projects on Social Media, our Newsletter and your local Newspapers! Keep going strong and let the Spring vibes renew you!

*Lori*

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The school supplies that Pilot of Jones Co. members brought to the January Meeting were delivered to Clifton Ridge Middle School. Pictured are Pilot members Becky Darley, Fay Mathews, Cindy Jones and Beth Coon with Principal, Stacy Carr and Asst. Principal, Chance Scott. Thank you to all of our Pilots who participated in this project.



Pilot Club of Cochran rewarded classes of the Bleckley County Primary School with a Pizza Party for Pennies for Alzheimer's. Each class at the four grade levels which raised the most money was honored with a pizza party and thanked for their efforts. The total amount raised by BCPS, At Home Senior Living, State Bank, and Citizens Bank was \$1397.50 which will go to Alzheimer's to Find The Cure. Projects Division, co-chaired by Neta Oberly and Sandy Jarrett, facilitated this project.





### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### February 15, 2024

Ann Adams Award  
 Edwina Gill Growth Award  
 Nancy Henrick Friendship & Service Award  
 Vivian Hartman Memorial Award  
 Nancy Miller Awards Jury Chair  
 211 Michelle Rd.  
 Milledgeville, GA 31061  
 (Return Receipt at Postal Service Requested)  
 Cc: Gov., Gov.-Elect, Reg. Lt. Gov.

#### February 23-25, 2024

GA District Anchor Convention  
 Epworth by the Sea  
 St. Simons Island

#### March 1, 2024

Dreams Ahead Award  
 Opened to Anchors & Compass Awards money towards Leadership Summit in Denver

#### March 2024

BrainMinders™ Month

#### March 11-17, 2024

Brain Awareness Week

#### May 3-5, 2024

2024 District Convention  
 Augusta Marriott at the Convention Center



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



## OUR GEORGIA ECR

My Dearest Georgia Pilots,

Wow! It is already February and we have more than crossed our mid-year point of the 2023-2024 Pilot year. Pilot District Executive Boards, as well as our Compass and Anchor leaders, are busy preparing for District Conventions. Even your Executive Committee spent a long weekend planning and is now getting ready for new training opportunities and fun experiences for you in Denver, Colorado! There is a Convention tab on the PI website for you to start getting a peek. So, check it out and get ready, it's going to be an impressive Convention!

### **Anchor and Compass Updates**

Four Anchor Clubs and one Compass Club have been chartered since July 1, 2023! The Anchors and Compass members are growing! This is truly excellent news because we want Anchors and Compass members to be the future of Pilot International. Compass International made history on November 4, 2023, with its first virtual Compass International Fall Workshop. It was so successful that they are considering a late winter/early spring workshop. Congratulations to Compass! It's time for grants and scholarships. The first one, Dreams Ahead Award, is open to Anchors and Compass members and awards money towards the leadership summit in Denver, Colorado. The deadline for entry is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Other awards and scholarships have other deadlines, many on March 15<sup>th</sup>, and are available on the website. Encourage our Anchors and Compass members to check them out and apply.

### **BrainMinders™ Month**

Get ready! BrainMinders™ month is March, so now is the time to start planning. There is a lot of information available on the Pilot International website for BrainMinders™ and the Helmet People. Take a moment and explore. You may want to play BRAIN-O or perform a BrainMinders™ puppet skit for the children. Don't forget the seniors. They love to play BRAIN-O too. There is a 9-square version for seniors who are unable to handle the regular 25-square BRAIN-O. Plan ahead. The quarterly deadline for the new BrainMinders™ grant is March 15<sup>th</sup>. Grant money may be used for any BrainMinders™ materials obtained through Pilot International, such as coloring or activity books, stickers, posters, and bookmarks.

### **Brain Awareness Week**

Brain Awareness Week is March 11-17, 2024. This is the perfect opportunity to spread the word about brain safety and wellness through your community. If possible, set up a stand outside your local grocery store, organize a BRAIN-O night or BrainMinders™ presentation. The Helmet Coloring Contest is in full swing! Organize a local contest and submit the winners. Details are on the PI website under The Helmet People. Get the word out into your community!

Guess what? Our 2024 Annual Convention and Leadership Conference updates will be coming soon! Do you know what is making a comeback? Convention pins! Let's get excited and get ready to trade! A sneak peek is coming soon!

I am excited to see what the Georgia District has in store for 2024!

Yours in Friendship and Service,

*Joseph Cunningham, ECR*

*Joseph*

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Penny Bowen, Client Care Coordinator and Facilitator at the Women's Enrichment Center was the guest speaker at the Pilot Club of Chatsworth's monthly January meeting. This faith-based, life-affirming ministry educates, empowers and enriches clients and communities in Northwest Georgia. They provide women, men and families with the emotional help and practical resources needed to care for themselves during and after pregnancy. Pictured is Penny (L) and Project Coordinator Jan McNeill. Our club was honored to present Penny with a donation to this wonderful organization.

