

# Georgia District Governor's Bulletin



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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNOR

March in Georgia is a beautiful time of the year. Daffodils, crocuses and snow drops have started blooming. This is a definite indication that Spring is just around the corner. These flowers symbolize rebirth, new beginnings and growth. As we move into Spring, let us renew our commitment to *Serving With A Passion!*

The DAC/DEC and our Convention Committee is busy making plans for our 95<sup>th</sup> Georgia District Convention on May 3-5 in Augusta, Ga. All the forms you need to prepare for the convention was emailed to your President/President-Elect on February 28<sup>th</sup>. These should have been forwarded to all club members. Please look at the deadline dates listed on the Registration Form. There is an Early Bird Registration deadline of March 15<sup>th</sup>. You don't want to miss it! A link has been provided on the registration form that will take you directly to the hotel site to reserve your room for your convenience or a phone number you may call.

Join us for a time of conducting business, learning and fun. You don't want to miss the convention and we don't want you to miss it either! It's not the same without you!

One more deadline: Early Bird Registration of \$400 for Pilot International Convention is March 15<sup>th</sup>. After March 15, registration is \$450. Our PI By-Laws require each club to send in a registration unless you are excused by PI Executive Committee.

The week of March 11-17 is designated as Brain Awareness Week. Be sure to send us pictures of your club promoting brain awareness, safety and education.

Last weekend the DAC attended the Georgia District Anchor Convention at Epworth By the Sea in St. Simons Island. We had 32 Pilots in attendance! What a great representation for our Anchors to see how Pilots support them! It was amazing to watch our Anchor Board in action. They were able to experience following Robert's Rules of Order. They had an actual election, where nominees had opposition and they also had Proposed Changes to their Standing Rules. This was a great opportunity for them to use their leadership skills. We are so proud of what our Anchors are accomplishing in their communities throughout Georgia. A great big thank you goes out to Kerrin Daniel for her leadership this year as Anchor Coordinator and Spencer Burdett as Anchor President. It has been a wonderful year for our Anchors!

*Avaline*



Governor Avaline came to visit the Toccoa Club and install Ann Hunt as President.





## INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE



Did you know that the birth flowers for March are the daffodils and jonquils?

Because they bloom in the early spring, they symbolize new birth, beginnings, happiness and joy. These little buds of sunshine are such happy flowers that's they're seen as a sign of good luck. New beginnings—like our last weekend Anchor convention. Attending this can brighten anyone's day especially when they take part in all that the Anchors have planned down by the sea!

Then District Convention..in Augusta for a change and no golf at this time! Sorry to golf lovers. But there will be time for re-connecting with fellow Pilots and going about the business of Pilot (with some fun thrown in!)

So let that little daffodil guide you and bring you some happiness and joy!

*JoAnn*

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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)

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/Family	Club
Fay Mathews (Mother-in-law)	Jones Co.
Cathy Moorhead (Mother)	Oconee Co.



### Past Governors

**Linda Buffington**  
(2003-2004)  
March 17

**Doretta Broughton**  
(2018-2019)  
March 18

**Patti Klein**  
(1994-1995)  
March 23



## MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNOR-ELECT

### Caring for our Communities

As this year as your Governor Elect progresses, I feel more and more honored to serve our Georgia District Pilot in a leadership capacity. The overwhelming support and encouragement from across the state truly humbles me, and I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all of our leaders and Pilot members.

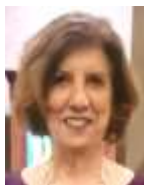
As we plan for the 2024-2025 Pilot year, I am thrilled to share my chosen theme: "Caring for our Community", symbolized by the majestic peacock. The peacock, with its vibrant hues and regal demeanor, embodies qualities of dignity, progress, love, and compassion. Its beautiful green and blue plumage evoke feelings of happiness and joy – a sentiment we aim to spread far and wide.

There exists a profound need for joy in our communities, and through our Pilot projects we have the power to bring smiles to those in need. Just like the captivating peacock, Pilot members are ready to radiate warmth through acts of friendship, compassion, and meaningful service. It is imperative that we actively engage in local events and take the time to recognize and appreciate the many types of caregivers in our community that often go unnoticed. Show them we care by extending our thanks for their invaluable service.

Much like the peacock that spreads its magnificent feathers, let us, as Pilots, spread joy and happiness by caring for our respective communities. Together, let us make a difference and leave a lasting impact on those we serve.

*Maureen*

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### GA PILOT FOUNDATION (GPF)

Pilots and Anchors are outstanding in the Georgia District. This year, we have received many Anchor and Lynda Goodwin Scholarship applications. The recipients will be announced at District Convention.

We hope all of the clubs have had success selling their "Pilot Serving with a Passion" raffle tickets and the Duck Derby. We are asking each club to participate in selling the tickets. Not only do they support the scholarships but they support the chances for the money being given away. You only have a chance to win if you buy at least one ticket.

If your club had a donation in your budget for GPF, please check to make sure your treasurer has sent it in to Shelby Holland, Georgia District Treasurer. Thank you to all clubs/individuals who make additional donations to support GPF.

We will have extra tickets with us at district convention if you want to buy more. If you need more tickets or want to turn in the tickets before District Convention, please send them to Karen Fitzpatrick (706-717-1996) or Genia Mitchell (678-327-6528).

*Karen*

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### PARLIAMENTARIAN

#### PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

While preparing for the NE Region workshop for Presidents and Presidents elect, some of the information concerning parliamentary procedure was deemed appropriate for ALL members.

While it is the duty of the elected officers to bring the business of the club to the members, it is the members who must listen and consider all information before voting for the best option for their particular club.

We are often somewhat more relaxed at meetings than in the past, but it is still important that we follow the rules of parliamentary procedure. This will ensure that ALL members have a part in the decisions within the local club. Therefore, when moving a motion, making a second and discussing, please remember to stand and speak distinctly in order that all members can hear.

As members of Pilot International as well as Georgia District and the local club, it is important to be informed at all levels of Pilot. Go to the web sites often in order to keep abreast of new information. The Georgia District web site is [www.pilotgeorgia.org](http://www.pilotgeorgia.org) and can be accessed without a password. Pilot International has a new web site which is <https://pilotinternational.org> there is ONE password—truecourse. You are also encouraged to sign up for MemberClicks so that you will receive up-to-date information from PI.

*Pat*

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Pilots Gail Edwards, Tammy Dalton, and former Pilot Audrey Spivey attend the Madison Co Senior Center Murder Mystery dinner event at Grant Hill Farms in Commerce, GA to support our Seniors!



Pilot Coffee & Conversation this morning at Diesel Donuts. Washington Co. members enjoyed brainstorming Pilot Club information. Good time had by all!



Lynnette Turns represented the Pilot Club of Chatham County by sharing pizza, laugh, and love with the staff and residents at The Oaks Memory Care Center.





### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### **March 1, 2024**

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

#### **March 2024**

BrainMinders™ Month

#### **March 11-17, 2024**

Brain Awareness Week

#### **April 1, 2024**

GA Secretary of State Corporate  
Registration for all Clubs

#### **May 3-5, 2024**

2024 District Convention  
Augusta Marriott at the Convention  
Center

#### **June 26, 2024**

Q4 Club Report due to:  
Governor, Governor-Elect, Region Lt.  
Governor



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



## OUR GEORGIA ECR

Salutations to my Georgia District Pilot Family!



March is a time of renewal as we welcome spring. After winter's refreshment of nature, spring brings the awakening of flowers, trees, and all the beauty our earth has to offer. Now is a great time to invite friends and acquaintances to enjoy the beautiful bounty of Pilot. In March, let us focus on our One Matters Initiative in which EACH Pilot is asked to actively try to recruit ONE new member. Plan to Share Pilot through an event or a recruitment effort to bring in valuable new members who will blossom in your club. Each Pilot that sponsors their ONE will be entered into a drawing for a CASH refund for their registration fee to the 2024 Pilot International Convention in Denver, Colorado!

Your district convention is just around the corner! Please make plans to attend and be a part of the fun and fellowship that is sure to be included as our Georgia Pilots come together to execute the business of the district. Your district leadership has been working diligently for months in preparation for YOU to have a fulfilling experience at the convention. Your convention experience will allow you to gain knowledge through speakers and workshops, it will allow you to provide service through a project or initiative and it will allow you to renew friendships as Pilots from all over your district attend the convention. Your voice will be heard through the election of District officers and the passing of your budgets. Come everyone and celebrate your accomplishments together.



Now is a great time to start working on Anchor Awards to recognize the outstanding work of our Anchors and those who support our Anchors. Nominations for Anchor Club of the Year, Anchor Community Service and Visibility Award for Pick Me Ups, and the Anchor Community Service and Visibility Award for BrainMinders are to be submitted by **April 15<sup>th</sup>**. Individual awards include the Outstanding Anchor Advisor of the Year, Anchor Club Star Award, the Ruby Newhall Anchor Service Award, and the Project LifeSaver Scholarship Award. These are also due by **April 15<sup>th</sup>**. The forms for submission can be found at the following address - [www.anchorclubintl.org/awards](http://www.anchorclubintl.org/awards) Award winners will be announced in Denver during the awards breakfast. I look forward to celebrating your outstanding Anchors, Anchor clubs, and Anchor leaders. You matter IN Pilot and you matter TO me!

*Joseph*

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Members of the Pilot Club of Oconee County spent Sunday afternoon putting together cookie plates for care givers around the county. Thanks to members who volunteered their baking skills to have 51 plates with a variety of a dozen cookies for each caregiver. Sweet treat thank yous were shared throughout Oconee County.







## GEORGIA DISTRICT FUNDRAISES WITH PASSION FOR PILOT...

Pilot fundraising is the foundation of Pilot Service as it affords us resources to aid and accomplish our goals and plans of work within our Georgia District communities. Our clubs have been busy playing bingo, bunco, Chicken Salad Sack Lunches, hosting chili, chicken mull, and salad dinners, fashion shows, etc. When the true spirit of Pilot friendship and service is mixed into fundraising, our inspiration can be elevated to a greater level within our clubs, district, and international levels. Working together outside of our club meetings adds an opportunity to get to know each other a little better, learn a bit more about each other and Pilot, share a few laughs, and simply have fun! It gives us opportunity to both share and hear others' views and perspectives which is valuable for success. Be encouraged to take the time to celebrate accomplishments your members make together along the way with fundraising and discuss those elements that may not be so celebratory for all. Thinking outside of the box and trying new things can be a chore, but also may prevent us from becoming stagnant. Talk about it, try different angles on ideas, include other community entities, when possible, see what results. Communication is an awesome tool and the key of growing both personally and as a club. Communicate your fundraising thoughts, concerns, and input with your fundraising coordinator and team as this gives growth opportunity to build upon.



Sweetwater Pilots at their "A Church Hat Tea Party"

Our fundraising highlight for this edition is new for the Pilot Club of Sweetwater. Sher Harris, Fundraising Coordinator, and her fundraising team hosted A Church Hat Tea Party. It was held on February 16, 2024. Members attended in their BIGGEST church hats along with gloves and bling. A Sam Cook comedian impersonator brought many doo whaps during the event. Ladies and Gents from the Lithia Springs Senior Center joined them and it was fun for all. We can see that this club enjoys dressing up as they hosted a Masquerade Ball in September and plan an upcoming White Out Ball in July. See, you just have to pick your passion and roll with it! Sweetwater's next fundraising event is an Easter Egg Hunt!

I encourage you to make your efforts intentional. Offer what you have, great or small, as it MATTERS in Pilot fundraising!

Serving with Passion for Pilot Fundraising,

*Tammy*

Tammy Dalton  
District Fundraising Coordinator  
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## Welcome New Members

### New GA District Pilots

- Joann Pick (Chatsworth)
- Lisa Back (Oconee Co.)
- Jackie Myers (Toccoa)

Pilot Club of Jones Co. members called & assisted with BINGO at Lynn Haven Health & Rehab on March 2nd, with 22 residents & five family members participating. Pictured: Terri Wiggins, Fay Mathews, Beth Coon & Penny Snyder.

