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A MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNOR

In a just a few short weeks we will be gathering for our District Convention at the Augusta Marriott in beautiful Augusta, GA. I hope you have mailed your registration and made your hotel reservation. If not, you still have time! Registration deadline is April 11th, Hotel Reservation deadline is also April 11th. We have so much planned for the weekend. I am looking forward to seeing YOU! This year's Friday evening will be different. Our evening will be opened with a "Parade of Banners". Please do not forget to bring your club's banner with you. If you do not have a banner and would like to participate, bring a banner or sign with your club's name for the parade. The highlight of the weekend will be Maureen's installation banquet.

The Georgia District Nominating Committee has reported that the following 224-2025 District Officer Nominations have been confirmed. Maureen Stoy will be installed as 2024-2025 Governor with the following presented by the Nominations Committee: Governor-Elect: Mary Turner (PC of Elberton) Secretary: Mary Sue Ward (PC of Adel) Treasurer: Shelby Holland (PC of Toccoa) EC Lt. Governor: Donna MacPherson (PC of Oconee County) NE Lt. Governor: April Rowland (PC of Lavonia) NW Lt. Governor: Deborah Wilson (PC of Carrollton) SE Lt. Governor: Ann Lastinger (PC of Washington County) SW Lt. Governor: Bennie Mattox (PC of Cuthbert). As there is only one nomination for each office, these nominees will be elected by acclamation. Thank you to Julia Lucas for serving as Nominating Committee Chair, and to all the Committee Members: Faye Worthen, Janis Stallings, Gail Sharber and Karen Westbrook.

I hope to see you in Augusta!

Avaline



Pilot Club Lavonia Pilots at their Parade of Fashions

Front (LtoR): Katherine Garris, Barbara Bowers, Eleanor Ragsdale, Patricia Zeiss, Wilma Rogers, Dora Weaver

Back (LtoR): April Rowland, Kalee Rowland, Dianne Mauldin, PI Director/PG Susan Harbin, Governor Avaline Adams, Sue Heath



PI Director/PG Jayne Lackey, Club President Beth Coon & Governor Avaline at the Pilot Club of Jones County Spring Fashion Show





INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE



Pilots, let these words resonate all over you.....

You may think you are completely insignificant in this world, But someone drinks coffee from the favorite cup you gave them. Someone heard a song on the radio that made them think of you.

Someone opened the book that you gave them and plunged headfirst into reading it.

Someone smiled after a hard day at work because they remembered the joke that you told them today.

Someone loves themselves a little bit more because you gave them a complement.

Never think that you have no influence whatsoever Your touch, word and good deed which you leave behind cannot be erased.

Pilots, you do make a difference....each one of you in your own unique way.

Let me leave you with these words again from Jimmy Carter:

"The only things we can truly give to each other are the only things that we truly need.

A ear to listen, a heart to care, a word of encouragement and a hand to help.

JoAnn



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MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNOR-ELECT

Awards are coming soon! Is your club the winner of the Governor's Cup this year? We will find out soon...May 3-5, 2024 will be time and Augusta will be the place!

Part of being a club member is participation in events. That takes time and effort and commitment, but the reward is friendship and satisfaction in the giving of self for others. Georgia District Pilot knows the work involved and wants to reward you with awards that are named after past governors. Edwina Gill, Nancy Henricks, Ann Adams, and Vivian Hartman have made criteria that sets a goal for Pilots to achieve. At Georgia District Convention, we will reward those clubs that put in an extra effort to achieve greatness.

It wouldn't be a District Convention without a little education included and our workshops will definitely provide that. ECR Joseph will give us guidance in recruitment and retention while Avaline and Durrett will give newcomers the answer to Pilot questions. How can your club find the Project that is perfect for your Community? Vickie will provide several answers and discussions of what might work. And an expert on dementia will be sharing experiences for our caregivers.

Also, at District Convention we will have installation of our new officers and a joyful reception that I am calling an Irish Coffee Social. I hope you plan to attend the celebration and sample the many different desserts my club is bringing. Mingle with friends and share in the successes of the award winners and our current DAC/DEC team. And plan to welcome our new officers in a joyful setting!

It is a WIN WIN at the 2024 Georgia District Convention this year! Plan to attend!

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)

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/Family</u> | <u>Club</u> |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Cheryl Jean (Mother) | Jones Co. |



Past Governors

Cindy Weaver
(2005-2006 PIP)
(1995-1996 PG)

April 10

Robin Williams
(2021-2022)

April 12

Dene' Dixon
(1995-1996 FL Dist. PG)

April 12

All Club Presidents: Please let our inspirational leader JoAnn know of any Pilot deaths during this Pilot year (Jun. 2023 to now... akersjoann@gmail.com.)





ANCHOR



Wow! What an amazing convention we had at the beautiful Epworth by the Sea with over 100 in attendance! Pilots showed up and showed out for our Anchors! Thanks for being so visible and letting them know you care!

During the convention we elected new board members and amended the Anchor Standing Rules for the first time in over 13 years! Georgia District Pilot Parliamentarian Pat Jarvis guided them through the tedious process. Anchors were able to see firsthand parliamentary procedure at work! I was so proud of them! New Anchor Board Officers were also elected. They will have their annual planning meeting on Saturday, August 3rd! I can't wait for you to meet them all!

Anchor Club of the Year was awarded to West Laurens High School! Scrapbook Winner was Madison County High School! \$500 Georgia District Anchor Scholarships were awarded to Vraj Patel, Alex Arias, Mackenzie Antis, and Amelia Housley. \$1500 GPF scholarship winners included Emma Carter, Jackson Bost, and Cecile Hall. Lynda Goodwin Scholarship winners were Lauren Coley and Brynn Scott.

Anchors collected thousands of soda pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Savannah and made blankets and journal care bags for inpatients at the Lakeside Youth Crisis Center in Savannah. Attendees also participated in a mental health awareness workshop. Flank steak, crab cakes, and chicken tenders were the main dishes at the banquet...the food was amazing! Anchor Convention 2025 will also be at Epworth by the Sea! Start making plans to attend now and support your Anchors! Even if you do not currently support an Anchor club...your presence makes a difference in their lives!

I have really enjoyed working with such amazing students and advisors! I have watched them grow in leadership and develop such caring hearts for service! Anchors wouldn't be who they are without incredible advisors! Make sure to nominate yours for Outstanding Anchor Advisor of the Year! You can find the application on our district website!

Lastly, thank you Pilots for investing your time, talents, and donations in supporting Anchor this year! They are the **future** of Pilot! Letting them see you care has meant the world to them! Investing in them now means Pilot will live on in the future!

Forever Passionate for Anchor!

Kerrin

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LEADERSHIP

Deb Hayes sent out a "goodie" on Facebook that went something like this: No one likes the last paper on the paper towel roll or the toilet tissue roll. Most everyone does not want to take the time to use that last sheet of paper; instead it gets tossed in the trash.

However, if you think about it, that last piece of paper has glue to help it stick to the cardboard so all the other papers will hold to the shape of the tube to make it easier to use! She then equated that last piece of paper to grandparents.

I want to equate it to our seasoned members of Pilot. They "have been there, done that". They are the glue that holds us together. Yes, at times we want to throw them out the window because they are not willing to change or to give an inch when it comes to a new project or fund raiser. However, we need to remember they are the ones who raised a thousand to ten thousand dollars for a project in their time. They are the ones who wrote the standing rules that we lived by for several years and who put just as much thought and time into them as we are doing now with our changes.

It is time to move on, to try new ideas, to encourage newer and younger members, but as leaders it is also our responsibility to remember the wisdom with which our seasoned members brought into the club. You know they were the upstarts at one time. They were the ones who were told "we've already tried that, it won't work. They were the ones who wanted to quit because it seemed every idea they put out there someone booted down. BUT they persevered! They saw a leader making a difference by encouraging and serving with a passion. They wanted to be like that leader so they kept showing up! Now it is your turn! Be that person everyone wants to follow! Don't throw out the last sheet of paper just because it is stuck to the cardboard, use it! Know that it is the foundation for what came after -- it was the glue that began the journey.

You are the leader of your table, your committee, your group, your club, your organization. Show who you are by encouraging and supporting each member to use his/her gifts and talents in the best way possible. Be the last sheet on the roll to glue everyone together that begins a whole new year for 2024 of young and old working together making a difference by serving with a passion that only PILOTS CAN!!!

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Kris Harden (Assistant Anchor Coor.), Govenor Avaline, Tammy Dalton (PI Anchor Coor.), Kerrin Daniel (Anchor Coor.) with the Anchors at Anchor Convention





DATES TO REMEMBER

April 1, 2024

GA Secretary of State Corporate Registration for all Clubs

May 1, 2024

New Club Officer Form due to: PI & copy to Incoming Governor Maureen – mqstoy@gmail.com

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

July 17-20, 2024

2024 Pilot International Convention & Leadership Conference
Denver, Colorado



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



Welcome New Members

New GA District Pilots

Shayna Amerson (Jones Co.)

Margie Childs (Jones Co.)

Sherry Daniel (Jones Co.)

Sharon Studdard

(Washington Co.)

Leigh Anna Zaenlein

(Washington Co.)

Laurie Roth (Chatsworth)

Lindsay Dyer (Cochran)



OUR GEORGIA ECR

Georgia District Pilot Family, we are entering an exciting time of our Pilot year (which is going by so fast). This includes getting ready to attend the 2024 Pilot International Convention, preparing our Award entries, and submitting the 2024-25 club officer forms by the deadline.



The 2024 Pilot International Convention and Leadership Conference will take place from July 17th to July 20th, 2024 in Denver, Colorado. There will be pre-convention excursions to Pikes Peak, Garden of the Gods, and Manitou Springs. You will not want to miss out on those! The PIFF fundraisers this year are a Comedy Show including dinner and Ambasad Band, along with the ever-popular, Bingo. Be sure to get your registrations in for both events and the excursions when you send in your convention registration form. All convention information can be found at www.pilotinternational.org/convention-resources-2024convention. We are also excited to be making sensory packs as this year's 2024 International Service Project. Individuals, clubs, or districts can help sponsor this project, and sponsorship forms may be found on the convention website.



It is certainly time to begin thinking about and planning for your club to shine and the way to do that, is to enter your club in Pilot awards. There are awards for individuals: Elizabeth Leonard, Lucy B. Allen, and Pearl Sparks for club building, leadership, and service. Club awards are for Outstanding Community Service, Outstanding Pilot Club, Club Visibility, and Pick-Me-Ups.

Each of our clubs has done an outstanding job this year in Friendship and Service and we cannot wait to see how many submissions are received by the May 15th deadline! We want to see EVERY available award space filled. The award forms are posted on the Pilot International website under www.pilotinternational.org/members/awards. REMEMBER: *You can't win if you do not enter!*



Reminder: Compass Award submissions are due April 15th. We are excited and look forward to seeing submissions from our Compass Clubs this year. We know Compass members have been working hard to add clubs and members and we want to be able to highlight the wonderful work these members are doing. The award forms are posted at www.compassclubintl.org. You must go to the Compass Manual to find the forms. REMEMBER: *You must enter to win!*



It is the time of year that clubs are now choosing their incoming officers for 2024-2025. Your New Officer Form should be sent to Pilot International Headquarters and your incoming District Governor by May 1, 2024. Thank you to the Pilots who have stepped up to serve and take on a leadership role for your club. The club officer form can be found at www.pilotinternational.org/members/formsdocuments.

Looking forward to seeing you in the "Mile High City" in July.

In Pilot Friendship and Service,

Joseph

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Pilot Club of Jones County celebrated Easter at Autumn Lane Health and Rehab Center by providing cupcakes, drinks, and candy bags to residents and employees. It was a great afternoon visiting with the residents!



What (and who) does your club need? Look for a CREATIVE. The CREATIVE pushes the group to be curious and imaginative, creates projects with purpose, anticipates problems and looks for innovative solutions. Where can you find creative, innovative types? Invite them to join Pilot!



Pilot Club of Covington's annual "Dinner at the High Rise" project. Serving sandwiches and salads to residents of the low income senior living apartments



Pilot Club of Cochran learns to play pickleball. Wayne Scott, member Retia Scott's husband, offered to teach us. Wayne teaches and coaches pickleball and tennis. We enjoyed it so much that we have asked if we can hire him to continue with the lessons. Those participating are Stacy Leverette, Nan Anderson, Daphne Jones, Dell Daniel, Julia Lucas and Neta Obery.



PI Director/PG/Madison Co. Pilot Jayne Lackey delivered 10 balloons and birthday cards signed by our club members to Ms Riley at the Comer Health & Rehabilitation to celebrate 10 residents celebrating March birthdays.

