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A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

What an exciting year I have ahead of me as Governor of the Georgia District! Thank you for putting your trust in me as I guide the clubs in our state along the path of friendship and service. Together, we are going to have fun, make friends, and take care of our community! And we are going to be as pretty as a peacock in our blue shirts at PI Convention in mid-July! We will bring back the ideas for success and share it with you at our August Division Leader's Workshops.

This year's symbol is the peacock and like the beautiful feathers of a peacock, we are called to shine brightly and spread our wings of compassion. The peacock symbolizes dignity, progress, love, and compassion—qualities that resonate deeply with our mission to teach adolescents leadership and volunteerism, protect young minds with knowledge of brain safety, and care for caregivers. Don't the colors of the bright peacock feathers just radiate joy! That is what I hope all of our clubs can do for our communities...spread joy! Just a small pick-me-up to say thank you to a caregiver that is forgotten or invisible can make their day. I would love to give a peacock feather to every club that finds that unique person. Take a picture, tell me about the person, and send it to me. Using the peacock I have given to each president, see how many peacock feathers your club can accumulate during the year.

Let's have a great year spreading joy and taking care of our community!

Maureen

Governor Maureen on some Pick me ups with some of my new team of officers.

P1: Gov.-Elect Mary Turner, EC Lt. Gov. Donna MacPherson

P2: Jones Co. President Wanda Bush

P3: Newnan President Kate Caswell



The Governors would like to know if you might be interested in having a view like this at a GA District Convention?

Governor Maureen, PG Durrett Moerman & PG Avaline Adams on a site visit

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INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Gov. Maureen's symbol is the beautiful peacock....so I decided to do a bit of research on this bird. My google search first pulled up "peacock feather meaning"....and listed the following:

1. Good luck, prosperity, and abundance
2. Renewal, rebirth, and growth
3. Fertility
4. Royalty and power
5. Divine protection
6. Love

Let's take a minute and combine those meanings with her motto: **Caring for Our Communities:**

- 1 and 2. Good luck and abundance combined with renewal, rebirth and growth.....can mean striving to grow your individual Pilot club and regaining those former members
3. Fertility ---I will leave that one to your imagination!
4. Royalty and power....does that mean that we all need to learn the proper way to wave???? No, it means treating each member - and person - with kindness and making him/her feel like a king or queen.
5. Divine protection - for each person
6. Love - Love and kindness for all members as well as all members in the communities that each club serves - plus reaching out to those members that are no longer able to be active participants.

Thought to carry with you from the U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. Vivek Murthy:

"When we help other people, we establish an experience or a connection with them...but we also remind ourselves of the value that we bring to the world."

JoAnn

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PC of Sweetwater Pick-me-up for July was for Station 1, Lithia Springs. They said they needed water as they dash around in the heat. Ms Carol Walton, presented the water with the help of Sher, Patsy, and Hilda, admins for the club. All smiles as they collected this well-deserved reward of water!!

Georgia District, Pilot International 2024-25
Memorial Forms need to go to:

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Fellow Pilots, if you wish to be included on the prayer and praise emails that go out periodically from the inspirational leader, do let JoAnn know at 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>
Mary Eleanor Conaway	Brunswick
Janet Ponsell	Brunswick

<u>Pilot/Family</u>	<u>Club</u>
Nan Anderson (Sister)	Cochran



LEADERSHIP

"Leadership is a process of self-development. No one can teach you how to lead. You need to be willing and able to learn how to lead. Mostly we learn from our experiences and facing adversity. Stepping outside of the spaces where you feel safe -- is a powerful teacher."

My safe place has always been working behind the scenes. So, when I was offered the opportunity to become the bank manager where I was working, it was exciting and scary. I knew I had the knowledge of banking, but did I have the managerial skills to manage all the operations of our bank? Just as, when I was nominated for Governor -Elect it was what I had dreamed of. I had served as District Treasurer, Lt. Governor and Secretary in preparation of becoming Governor Elect and stepping into the role of Governor. I had the knowledge, but did I have the leadership skills? Not totally, but I was afforded the opportunity of having some great mentors, Past Governors, help from great DEC teams and friends.

In summation, do not wait until you feel totally confident to step out to serve in a leadership position. You gain confidence in serving. Whether you realize it or not, if you are active in your club and community, you have already taken the first step to being a leader!

Avaline

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Past Governors/Past PI Presidents

Pat Jarvis
(2001-2002 PG)
(2009-2019 PIP)
July 3

Ann Adams
(1979-1980)
July 16

Past Governors

Jacque Hatcher
(2000-2001)
July 9

Cynthia Spearman
(2016-2017)
July 22





Meet your 2024-2025 District Officers



Maureen Stoy

Governor
Pilot Club of Cochran

After a beautiful installation in Augusta, most of you know me, have met some of my family, and know that I am excited to be an officer in Georgia District Pilot. I am anxious to meet many of you and get to know you and your community. And I am ready to travel to any of your meetings, projects, or fundraisers and help you succeed in having a wonderful Pilot Club year.

For those of you that do not know me, I was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, but consider myself a Georgian now after moving to the Albany area in 1989. My husband, Mike, has worked in the University System taking us to several Georgia locations. I have worked at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital and Northeast Georgia Medical Center after getting my BS degree in Cincinnati in Dietetics/Consumer Science at Edgecliff College (now Xavier University). I completed an internship at Good Samaritan Hospital, received my MS in Food and Nutrition in Fargo, North Dakota, and always worked part-time while raising three beautiful children, Jeff, Michael, and Kati. My career led me to certification in Diabetes Education and Cardiac Rehab which became my passion. I truly loved my job!

It was not until moving to Cochran in 2009 that I retired, became a full-time grandmother of 5 wonderful grandchildren, and discovered Pilot International. With all of my children married and located in Charleston, Savannah, and Nebraska, when we are not traveling, I am being a Pilot and love my Cochran Pilot friends. I am truly honored to serve as Governor this year, making you my Georgia family, and serving our communities with joy.



Shelby Holland

Treasurer
Pilot Club of Toccoa

I have been a Pilot member since 2005 when a dear friend, Betty Poole, invited me to join the Pilot Club of Toccoa. I was honored and thrilled to become a club member where I served as Club President during 2013-2014. I also served as Georgia District Membership Coordinator during 2014-2015 and as Georgia District Treasurer in 2015-2016 and 2016-2017. As I will serve again as Georgia District Treasurer during 2024-2025, excitement is in the air as I look forward to fulfilling my duties as well as meeting new Pilots and making new friendships.

My husband Ron and I have been married for 48 years and are enjoying retirement life and are thankful for each day together. We are blessed with our daughter, Hilliary, and son-in-law, Joshua Bentley. However, we are totally wrapped up in the love-of-our-life granddaughter, Lillian Mae, who is seven years old and has just finished First Grade. G-Pa and GiGi stay involved and support her activities that include dance, basketball, and children's choir.

For day-to-day activities, my life is centered on being involved with my church family and activities of my church. Another area that I enjoy being involved is the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs where I served as State President during 2020-2022.

I am proud to be a Pilot and honored to be a part of an organization that actively serves others through volunteer service in the community.



Mary Turner

Governor-Elect
Pilot Club of Elberton

Welcome to a new Pilot year! Let me introduce myself. I just finished up 30 years of teaching Pre-Kindergarten. I am excited to start a new chapter in life. I retired at the end of the school year, I am excited to see where this chapter takes me. I have been a member of Pilot Club of Elberton for 23 years. I have a Bachelor's of Science degree in Family and Consumer Sciences, and a Master's degree in Early Childhood Education from the University of Georgia. I have an Education Specialists degree from Piedmont University in Early Childhood Education. I have one daughter Gerianna Moon who is also a member of the Pilot Club of Elberton. I have three grandsons,

In my free time I love spending time with my family. I love to read, work in the yard, and craft. I am an active member of Fork Creek Baptist Church. I am excited about to serve the Georgia District as Governor-Elect this year. I look forward to working with everyone over the next two years. I would love to be able to visit every club in the Georgia District over the next two years.



Mary Sue Ward

Secretary
Pilot Club of Adel

I have been a member of Pilot International since 1990 with the Pilot Club of Adel, where I have served two terms as president. I've spent the majority of my career in the public school system, starting as a band director, then earning my Doctorate in Education and moving into administration. I have also been active with my church choir for many years, including ten years as the Music Director.

I have two sons and currently reside in Adel. I love my work with Pilot and the opportunity it gives me to serve my community, as well as the wonderful friendships I have gained.

I am happy to be serving as your District Secretary.





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April Rowland
NE Region Lt. Governor
Pilot Club of Lavonia

One thing is for sure, the Toby Keith song that goes "I want to talk about me..." is definitely NOT my theme song. The last thing I like to do is to talk about myself.

I am the loud, sometimes opinionated, caring, loyal, passionate friend that you either love or hate. My name is April Dawn and I was named, by my daddy, after an April sunrise and my parents first date. For the last seven years, I have worked as a bookkeeper, human resources and whatever else gets thrown at me for a local Little Caesars franchise, owned by a fellow Pilot. Prior to that, I have worked in food service, banking, office settings, and retail. In my free time, I like to knit, cross stitch, read, research my family tree and play computer games. My strengths lie in organizing things, anything computer related, and the ability to multi-task.

I have been a member of the Pilot Club of Lavonia for 13 years and have served in multiple positions, including several years as the Anchor Coordinator and the last three as Club treasurer. In addition, I am our club's newsletter editor and serve on various committees. As a child, I was able to serve others when I was a Girl Scout. With Pilot, I have been able to rekindle that passion of serving for my local community. Along the way, I have discovered more about who I am and made lifelong friendships that are dear to my heart.

I look forward to the coming year serving as NE Region Lt. Governor and with the clubs of the Northeast Region as we continue *Caring for our Communities!*



Deborah Wilson
NW Region Lt. Governor
Pilot Club of Carrollton

Welcome to an exciting new year in Pilot! Pilot Club Plans of Work remind me of a new school year because each club starts off with a new slate of creative ideas which become engaging projects to perform in their community. I have looked forward to the beginning of the Pilot year for twenty-six years as a member of the Pilot Club of Carrollton. Each year reminds of why I joined Pilot; I want to serve my community and participate in projects which focus on brain-related disorders and diseases and support caregivers as they carry out their daily tasks for people who need them.

I am a former teacher of 2nd - 7th grades (including French, inclusion, and gifted) and church preschool. Georgia Southern and Georgia State are my alma maters. I am a recent widow with two sons, Ryan and Paul, a daughter-in-law, Claire, and have two sister dogs and 3 cats as grand fur babies. Tampa, FL is my hometown, but I have resided around the metro Atlanta area for most of my adult life. Villa Rica has been my home for thirty-one years. Sometimes, friends refer to me as a professional volunteer because I like to stay busy by serving others at my church and in my community. I love music, so I am a member of my community chorus, sanctuary choir, senior adult choir, and praise team. I have been involved with GAWD and First Readers of Carroll County for several years. I love to travel and have just completed two of eight trips I will take with Pilot and my church, this year. I am serving with my church on two mission trips this summer, in Guatemala and Montana. My wonderful husband, Hal, was always there to support me in my endeavors (48 years). He passed away from Parkinson's last August.

Pilot has given me the opportunity to meet and make new friends who think as I do about Pilot and our communities. As I serve as your Lt. Governor, I look forward to promoting and supporting Pilot and its mission of "spreading volunteerism and serving the varying needs of communities throughout the world and recruiting youth." I love fundraisers and projects, so invite me to your club's events. Wishing you and your club a remarkable year filled with new memories!



Donna MacPherson
EC Region Lt. Governor
Pilot Club of Oconee County

It is an honor to serve as your EC Region Lt. Governor.

I joined the Pilot Club of Athens in 1999 following an invitation from a coworker, friend and former Pilot Dottie Adams. I am currently a proud member of the Pilot Club of Oconee County. Dottie had included a Pilot International brochure with her invitation to a "Tea" at a member's house. I was intrigued that there was a service organization that served my career's population of the developmentally, multiply handicapped and behaviorally challenged. I worked with these infants to seniors in VA, MD and GA.

Later I worked at Belk's then my parents used book store and currently the antique store since 2011.

I grew up in the southeast in a military family (Dad was a career Marine) and am the oldest of seven children.



Theresa Shields (Covington) & Deborah Wilson (Carrollton) at the GA Artists with Disabilities Exhibition at the Alpharetta City Hall



2024-25 Pilot Club of Dublin Board Members





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.

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Ann Lastinger
SE Region Lt. Governor
Pilot Club of Washington County

It is with a lot of pleasure that I begin my tenure of service as Lieutenant Governor for the Southeast Region in the Georgia District. For the past 18 years I have enjoyed being a member of the Washington County Pilot Club. During this time, I have served in many different capacities including three terms as President. Our club is an amazing group of friends who have the same goals in mind as we strive to serve our community. When I first became acquainted with the Pilot Club, I did not know very many people in Sandersville. My husband was well known throughout the County because of his career responsibilities, and my identity was only known as 'his wife'. Yes, you guessed it, The Pilot Club was my map to meeting many new people and gaining identity of my own. I had no idea how much fun and how rewarding this new journey would turn out.

After only being a member for a few short months, my sponsor invited me to drive her & some other 'seasoned' members to Atlanta, GA for a Pilot International Convention. Needless to say, that is when I fell in love with Pilots! The Convention was so impressive with all of the organization of activities, enthusiasm of all the members and overwhelming amount of information. I came back to our local club all "pumped" up and ready to take on whatever was being planned. As the saying goes, 'the rest of the story is history'.

Since that first Convention, I have attended many more but the awesomeness and excitement has not changed. The Magic is still there!!

In the weeks & months ahead, I hope to be able to visit each club in the Southeast Region. I look forward to meeting even more new friends and finding out more about each club's activities and events. We all can learn from each other and sharing ideas is key to motivation of our creativity. May we all continue to *Serve with Passion and Make a Difference* in each of our communities!

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



DATES TO REMEMBER

July 1, 2024

GA District Dues
2022-2023 District Treasurer
Shelby Holland
Copy to District Secretary
Mary Sue Ward

July 1, 2024

PI Dues & Form
PI Headquarters

August 15, 2024

Financial Records Audit
Audit Committee (Club & District)

August 15, 2024

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

August 15, 2024

Governor's Cup Awards
Glynice Hayes
(Awards Jury Chair)
131 Caldwell Rd.
Lawrenceville, GA 30046
Copy to: Governor, Governor-
Elect, Region Lt. Governor

September 1, 2024

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

September 20, 2024

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

September 30, 2024

Club Ambassador Selection
Pilot International Headquarters
\$25 Fee



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



Pilot Club of Lavonia third year in a row
being Best Civic Club in Franklin County



Bennie Mattox
SW Region Lt. Governor
Pilot Club of Cuthbert

Serving Pilot in the Southwest Region as Lt. Governor this year is an honor; this is the first time I have served Pilot at the District level. I joined the Pilot Club of Cuthbert in 1980 when I was 30 years old...42 years ago! Serving as President for my club 3 times and other offices. I am a Christian first and Pilot second. My career life has been everything from owning a florist/frame business to Licensed Clinical Social Worker. I returned to college and earned my Bachelor of Psychology when I was 50 and my Masters of Social Work 2 years later. I retired from Andrew College as director of the Focus Program, which is a support program for students with learning disabilities. Traveling as a Fulbright Scholar to China and Korea is one of the highlights of my life. I enjoy anything associated with the ocean; SCUBA diving, fishing, just anything! I have flown in hot air balloons and even dumpster dive on occasion. I love to go thrifting and rescuing most anything from furniture to candle holders so I can restore them and sell in my booth at an antique mall. I have three sons and a step daughter, 6 grandsons, and a wonderful husband, Walter. And of course, Boo! He is my rescue dog and companion.

The Southwest region is not as big as other regions but we are POWERFUL! We have strength in the dynamic members who work faithfully for Pilot and I am proud to be a part of this region.





Meet our 2024-2025 Appointees



Nancy Miller
Nominating Committee Chair
(Newnan)



Durrett Moerman
PIFF Representative
(Brunswick)



Genia Mitchell
GPF Representative
(Peachtree)



Angela Gillis
GPF Co-Representative
(Peachtree)



Avaline Adams
Leadership Coordinator
(Lavonia)



Esther Foster
Membership Coordinator
(Jones County)



Sandy Jarrett
PIFF Co-Rep.
(Cochran)



Kris Harden
Anchor Coordinator
(Dublin)



Gerianna Moon
Assist. Anchor Coordinator
(Elberton)



Pat Jarvis
Parliamentarian
(Elberton)



JoAnn Akers
Inspirational Leader
(Atlanta)



Vickie Hammond
Projects Coordinator
(Oconee Co.)



Jacque Hatcher
Fundraising Coordinator
(Washington Co.)



Kirsten Jorgenson
Governor's Bulletin Editor
(Gainesville)



Glynice Hayes
Awards Jury Chair
(Peachtree)



Katharine Banning
Website Editor
(Atlanta)



Diane Davie
Audit Committee Chair
(Washington Co.)



Teresa Bryant
Governor's Scrapbook Editor
(Cochran)



Tammy Dalton
District Photographer
(Madison Co.)

