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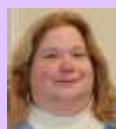
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNOR

I must say the year 2023-2024 for Georgia District has been very memorable for me and a remarkable year! I have learned more in the last two years than I ever thought possible about leading and serving people. The teams that I served with as Governor Elect and Governor were amazing. Past Governor Durrett taught me so much by allowing me to work by her side and I have an amazing Governor Elect that has worked by my side this year soaking up everything in preparation for her upcoming year. As I prepare to leave my year as Governor, I feel confident that I am leaving Georgia District Pilot in very good hands. I would like to thank the DAC/DEC and Appointees for all your support and help this year. Any time you were asked to participate in a workshop, write an article for the GB, try out a new fundraiser that we had never tried or create a skit just to please me, you were always willing. What more can a Governor ask for!

Pilots, thank you for supporting the district with your attendance and participation at Fall Council in Helen and District Convention in Augusta. I think we can say that both of these events moved us away from our traditional way of holding conventions. This was accomplished by people thinking outside the box.

One of the best parts of my year was seeing and hearing about your projects and fundraisers! I saw "Pilots truly Serving with a Passion" and I thank you from the bottom of my heart! Thank you for a great year and thank you all for being the very best!

It's now time for the gavel to pass to incoming Governor Maureen and for us to give her our full support as she leads us into "Caring for Our Community".

Avaline

Some more Convention photos of our Governor Avaline....

Thank you for your leadership and dedication to the Georgia District Governor Avaline and the great job you did for the 2023-2024 Pilot Year....





INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE



Pilots, these 6 stories have a lot of meaning within each story. Take some time to reflect on the meaning in each story and remember to treat each Pilot - and each person you come in contact with - as that special jewel that has come into your life if even just for a moment...(like the grocery clerk or the bank teller, etc.)

May each day bring you joy and happiness. Blessings to all.....

Six little stories with lots of meanings

1. Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all of the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.
2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.
3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. That is hope.
4. We plan big things for the tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.
5. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.
6. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 years old: I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." That is attitude.

So be sure and have a happy rest of your day and live your lives like these six stories. Remember -good friends (and I would add good Pilot friends) are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!

JoAnn

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Members of the Pilot Club of Lavonia provided biscuits and fruit to the teachers & staff of **Lavonia Elementary School** this morning as a small thank you for all the love and support they pour into our children. We hope they all have a restful and amazing summer!

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.

Pilot

Billie Jean Ball

Club

Cuthbert

Pilot/Family

Cheryl Thomas (Mother)

Club

Jones Co.



MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNOR-ELECT

Regional Workshops

What a wonderful district convention we had! Joy rang through the air and peacock feathers were flying and now we need to get down to business of training our officers to be even better Pilots.

Our Lt. Governors will be working on finding a good time and place for your region to hold its workshop sometime in August or September. Please be open to the invitation and help them to make their workshops productive. It is especially important to encourage your team to go to the training, but it is also a good time for all of your members to enjoy the comradery of your region's clubs. Think of it as "Platter Chatter" with extra frills. Even if you have held your position in the club before, we are never too old to learn and always want to have lunch with a friend.

Hope to see many of you in Denver next month. Safe travels and keep earning your peacock feathers!

Maureen

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Past Governors

Nancy Miller
(2011-2012 GA Dist.)
(2004-2005 KY/OH/WV Dist.)

June 4

Susan Harbin
(2020-2021)
June 11



**MEMBERSHIP****Reflecting on a Year of Growth and Unity: A Message from the Membership Division**

Would you agree this summer is coming in HOT, but it sure was cool serving in our community with our friends who seems more like family. As the year draws to a close, it is a time for reflection, gratitude, and celebration within the Membership Division of Pilot International. Throughout the past months, we have embarked on a journey filled with challenges, triumphs, and above all, unity. I am immensely grateful to have been chosen to share my passion for inspiring positivity, fostering growth, and empowering our team.

This year has been marked by incredible growth and innovation. We have adapted and thrived in the face of adversity from implementing new outreach strategies, new ideas and programs. Our willingness to embrace change and embrace new ideas has propelled us forward, enabling us to connect with members from all corners of the globe and make meaningful contributions to society. Throughout the past months, we also have been reminded repeatedly of the profound impact that friendship and service have on our organization and the communities we serve.

Friendship is the cornerstone of our division. It's the bond that unites us, transcending distances and differences to create a sense of belonging and camaraderie that is truly unparalleled. Whether it is lending a listening ear to a fellow member, offering words of encouragement during challenging times, or celebrating each other's successes, the spirit of friendship permeates every aspect of our work.

But friendship is just the beginning. It is what fuels our passion for service and drives us to make a difference in the world around us. Service is the heartbeat of our division, guiding us as we strive to uplift and empower those in need. From organizing community events to volunteering our time and talents, we are committed to making tangible and lasting impacts in the lives of others.

Despite obstacles and the distance that separates us physically, we have remained united in our shared vision and purpose. Whether it is supporting one another through challenging times or celebrating each other's successes, the spirit of camaraderie that defines our division has been uplifting every step of the way. As we look ahead to the New Year, let us carry forward the lessons we have learned and the bonds we have forged. Let us continue to embrace change, foster innovation, and work together towards a brighter future for Pilot International and the communities we serve. Let us continue to build bridges, forge connections, and make a positive difference in the world around us.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to each and every member of the Membership Division for your dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment to friendship and service. Together, we are truly making a difference, one member at a time. Together, we are a force for good, and I am honored to have stood beside you in our shared mission.

Here's to a year filled with continued growth, unity, and success, but most importantly friendship and service.

Always Serving with Passion,

Vickie

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Building bridges, forging connections, and making a positive difference in the world around us

**ANCHOR**

Time sure flies when you are having fun! I have thoroughly enjoyed my past year as your Anchor Coordinator! These Anchors have been amazing- and have kept me young! I have been blessed to watch timid youth become secure, and confident leaders with a heart for service! I'd like to think that you and I as Pilots had a little something to do with that...

Thank you, Pilots, again for showing up and showing out at Anchor Convention. It was truly a blessing for them to have you there guiding them, interacting with them, and investing in them...They see you...I see you... As I said before, Anchors are the future of Pilot. We must continue to make them a priority... Many of our Anchors grew up around Pilot and became Anchors- and hopefully future Pilots! Many of our Georgia District Anchor Advisors were in Anchor as youth. The positive impact you make will be lasting... and will secure Pilot has a future...

Speaking of future...our incoming Governor Maureen has chosen Caring for Communities as her theme this year. How appropriate! And what a wonderful opportunity for Pilots to continue their support of Anchor. Go ahead and reach out to those Anchor advisors and plan a fall and spring joint community event! Maybe you can do an Alzheimer's Walk Team together! Or maybe encourage Anchors to be your fall guest for a Bingo or Bunco night! You can make cards for local caregivers! What a great way to have fun and get to know each other! And a perfect opportunity to reach out to those Anchor parents as future Pilots!

Anchors have been heavily involved with Mental Health Awareness this year! Maybe you can help sponsor a walk or event with your Anchors... or go play BRAINO jointly with Anchor at an assisted living or local nursing home...I can't think of a better way to invest in our Anchors as well as embracing our Pilot theme!

As Mrs. Kris Harden comes on board as your new Coordinator, make sure you reach out to her! She has a heart for Anchor- and truly cares about her community! She has a plethora of ideas I'm sure will help both Anchor and Pilot continue to grow! I know she will do AMAZING things this year!

If you ever need me, I'm just an email or phone call away! See you all soon!

Forever Passionate for Anchor!

Kerrin

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Annual health and fitness fundraiser for Sweetwater PC, led by member Sher Harris and attended by NW Region Lt. Governor Angela Gillis (Peachtree), & incoming NW Lt. Governor Deborah Wilson (Carrollton), and Carla Tatum (Peachtree).



**DATES TO REMEMBER****June 26, 2024**

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

July 1, 2024

PI & GA District Dues are due

July 15, 2024

Deadline for the quarterly Pick Me
Up BrainMinders & Helmet Grants is
due.

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

**OUR GEORGIA ECR**

Dearest Georgia Pilots,

June is usually associated with the start of summer and the summer solstice, which occurs each year between June 20th and June 21st in the Northern Hemisphere. This year, the summer solstice is June 20th, which is the longest day of the year.

For Pilots, June marks the end of the Pilot year, the time when international dues are to be paid to Pilot International Headquarters (PIHQ), and the time for the Pilot International Annual Convention and Leadership Conference.

Regina Brett said it best, "No matter how you feel, get up, dress up, and show up!" Let's see "What's Up?" for Pilot...

End of Pilot Year – Wrap-Up!

Most clubs will install their new slate of officers during June, and the new team will prepare for the new Pilot year. During this month, the Governor must notify the Youth Specialist at PIHQ of all information concerning Anchor Representative(s) attending the Anchor Leadership Summit no later than June 1st. Please check to make sure this has been completed.

Fifty days following the District Convention, the approved minutes should be distributed.

Pilot International Dues – Pay Up!

Pilot International dues, \$60 per member, are due to PIHQ (Headquarters) on July 1st, 2024. Please remit District and Club dues in a timely fashion.

Pilot International Annual Convention and Leadership Conference – Gear Up!

By now, everyone should know that the 102nd Pilot International Annual Convention and Leadership Conference will be held in Denver, Colorado from July 17th – 20th, 2024.

Here are the key events to remember, especially if you are going for the entire week:

- The hotel is the Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center. Parking is free, and renting a car is a great option.
- Pre-convention excursions take place on Monday and Tuesday, July 15th and 16th.
- The Council of Leaders will meet from Monday, July 15th, at 5:30 p.m. to Wednesday, July 17th, at noon.
- Our "First-Time" Attendees session is on Wednesday, July 17th.
- The Budget and Bylaw Forums are on Wednesday, July 17th.
- The Anchor District Coordinator Meeting is on Wednesday, July 17th.
- The Convention opens on Wednesday evening, July 17th, at 6:00 pm.
- Thursday, July 18th, is the Business session and Friday and Saturday, July 19th and 20th, are General sessions with workshops.
- District lunches will be on Thursday and Friday, July 18th and 19th. Check the program!
- The Anchor Cultural Exchange is on Friday, July 19th.
- The PIFF Fundraisers are on Thursday (PIFF Comedy), July 18th, and Friday (Bingo), July 19th.
- The President's Breakfast is Saturday morning, July 20th.
- The Anchor/Compass Panel and Awards are on Saturday, July 20th.
- The Installation Banquet is on Saturday night, July 20th.

Wow! There are so many events occurring. I hope that you are "psyched up" for the great things happening in the World of Pilot!

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Executive Committee Representative.

Best wishes for a successful year!

Yours in Friendship and Service,

Joseph

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Welcome New Members

New GA District Pilots

Cynthia Smith (Sweetwater)
Claudette Jones (Sweetwater)
Bernice Frederick (Sweetwater)
Hilda Hutchins (Sweetwater)
Patsy Maclin (Sweetwater)
Carol Ann Walton (Sweetwater)

**GOVERNOR'S SCRAPBOOK**

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April

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