

Georgia District Governor's Bulletin



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A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR



Take Care of Your Community

As I write this article, we are awaiting a devastating hurricane to hit Florida. Georgians know what kind of damage occurs from the wind and rain. As our Georgia communities are cleaning up from Helene, we pray for safety, courage, and strength for Georgians and our Florida neighbors.

Thankfully, our Fall Council met last weekend and was a success despite Helene. I hope all enjoyed the Who Dunnit? Welcome Party! Congratulations to our top ten winners - Denise Thompson, Lea Judson, Katharine Banning, Joni Crocker, Missy Belcher, Vickie Stanford, Lynn Smith, Chanta Whitlow, Cynthia Pitts, and Charlotte Green. Miss Scarlet was taken into custody by Detective Blue and the Pilot Bell was found in the Lounge!

Thank you to all my appointee speakers, DEC, and guest speakers. I know the information you shared will improve our community projects, meetings, and personal lives. We learned so much about dementia from Alexis Williams from the Alzheimer's Association and we walked the beautiful campus of Epworth thinking of our loved ones. Beth introduced our newest BrainMinder puppet and snippets to us. Ricardo is such a cute little autistic bunny!

And then there were the horses...not just the Dead Horse skit, but the poor abandoned horses, pigs, donkeys, goats, and cats we saw at The Farm. Thank you for being so generous with your donations and the love you gave to the animals.

Feathers were flying as I was the recipient of Pick-me-Ups just by looking out at the joyful faces of Georgia District Pilots. The Brass Band members were also given Pick-me-Ups from many generous Pilots as we enjoyed a relaxing evening listening to their music. Your club Peacock should be taking shape!

Pilots.... YOU made this Fall Council a success with your joyful faces, giving spirit, and loving hugs. Friendships in Georgia District came alive! Spread that joy to your club members and to your community. Schedule Share Pilot meetings and Founder's Day celebrations this month. Make a Difference on October 26th, take a picture and send to me, earn a peacock feather. Walk for Alzheimer's and pray for those in harm's way. Care for your communities!

Maureen

Governor Maureen at Fall Council. She won the PC of Madison Co. Peacock. Congratulations!



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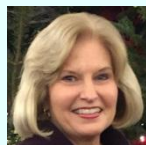
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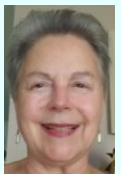
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INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

From the school shootings in the Amish Country to the recent school shooting in Winder, GA... some 40 plus school shootings! There are no words to express the sorrow that surrounds us all when we hear the news....so many lives have been impacted. Let these words from Susan Polis Schutz wash all over you:

When you interact with children

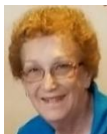
"You must keep in mind that everything you do and say has an enormous impact on their lives. If you treat children (and I would add the word youth) with love and respect it will be easier for them to love and respect themselves and others." Let us not forget the youth and the adults that were lost; but also, the person - and in the recent event - the youth that did the shooting. One of my friends that invests in our youth begged this question- "If we know someone is seen as a threat, why do we avoid them rather than investing in them to help them to know that they are loved."

So reach out to your anchors and to the youth around you and let them know that they are loved and valued...."Caring for our communities" is Gov. Maureen's theme and our youth are valuable members of our community.

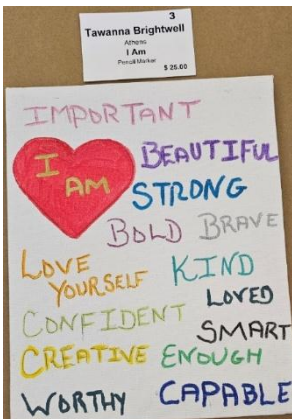
"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future." Franklin Delano Roosevelt

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Past Governors at Fall Council



New GAWD artists from Athens



PG/Lavonia Pilot Avaline Adams with Madison Co. President Karen Fitzpatrick

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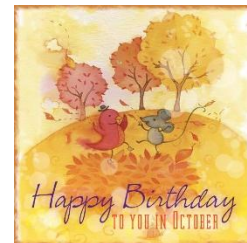
Fellow Pilots, if you wish to be included on the prayer and praise emails that go out periodically from the inspirational leader, do let JoAnn know at akersjoann@gmail.com. Please note when sending information re the death of a Pilot add in the number of years that person has been a pilot.



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

Pilot	Club
Bernice Bailey	Covington
Janice Thomas	Oconee Co.

Pilot/Family	Club
Betty Bailey (Mother)	Covington



Past Governors

Terri F. Anderson
(2008-2009 VA Dist.)

October 5

Mryna Warner
(1984-1985)

October 28

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



PG/Carrollton Pilot Judy Jackson with Co-Pilot Tom

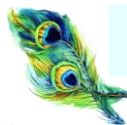


Pilot Club of Cochran attending Fall Council





GA ECR MESSAGE



DISTRICT TREASURER

Greeting Friends! As we put the sizzling summer days behind us, I am loving the variation of oranges and reds of the leaves. Yes, my friends fall or autumn depending on where you are on this big blue planet.

I would like to ask the question, "What are you envisioning for Pilot International?" Well, if you are like me, you are envisioning a global presence that expands around the world with rebirth of clubs in Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, South Africa and Australia.

What is your vision? In 1921 Elizabeth Leonard's vision was to create an organization where women could be of service like the men of the communities who had Rotary and Kiwanis clubs. I encourage you to write the vision down, make it plain. Our Code of Ethics says, "visions and dreams are the seedlings of reality." Dreams are our hopes and aspirations. It is when we put our thoughts into action, we get results. Let's be intentional about our vision, allow it to be the fuel that ignites our passion, thrusting us forward on a True Course, leaving no Pilot behind.

October 15 is the deadline for Pilot International Founders Fund (PIFF) Matching Grant. Apply today and change a life forever. For more details visit our Pilot International Website www.pilotinternational.org.

October 18 is Founder's Day. Remembering the charter members of the Pilot Club of Macon, they started the journey in 1921. For over 102 years we have been influencing positive change in our communities. We have collectively kept our business standards high, "never omitting an opportunity of doing a kindness or making a friend." Let us honor the past while celebrating our future. Share the gift of Pilot, promote Pilot International locally and globally. Submit an article in your local newspaper with the Pilot International proclamation and photos of the early years of our beloved organization.

Make a Difference Day is October 26. If you have ever wondered if your actions can make a difference, the answer is yes. On Saturday, October 26, let us join millions of volunteers worldwide to support others in need, be it a hot meal, a roof over their heads or a warm friendly smile. As Pilots we are called to influence positive change in our communities, we can start with random acts of kindness, at work, at school and in your community, we can impact the life of others.

November 1, Anchors and Compass dues and treasurer reports are to be submitted to Pilot International Headquarters.

In Pilot Friendship and Love,

Lisa

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With the month of October comes my quick reminder that goes to the Anchors as they prepare to meet the **November 1st** deadline for sending in their Anchor dues

The needed forms can be found on the Georgia District Pilot International website under www.pilotgeorgia.org and then click on "Anchor" in the menu on the left side that opens the Anchor International information page. Then scroll down page until you see the needed forms located under "Anchor Forms and Information". The forms required are:

- 2024-2025 Pilot International Anchor Dues Invoice
- 2024-2025 Pilot Annual Anchor Club Treasurer's Report
(Address is included on forms of where to remit payment to Pilot International.)

- 2024-2025 Georgia District Anchor Dues Invoice
- 2024-2025 Georgia District Anchor Club Treasurer's Report
(Address is included on forms of where to remit payment to Georgia District Treasurer.)

Pilot International dues are \$10.00 plus \$4.00 insurance for a total of \$14.00 per Anchor member. Georgia District dues are \$8.00 per Anchor member.

Please send original form with check on or before **November 1, 2024**. This process will ensure that PI, Georgia District, and the Anchor Club has the same information.

Please contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to receiving your 2024-2026 Anchor dues.

Shelby

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First-Timers to Fall Council



Gov. Maureen at The Farm. Pilots visited and donated items to the Animal Sanctuary





LEADERSHIP

The Lesson of the Butterfly, Paulo Coelho

A man spent hours watching a butterfly struggling to emerge from its cocoon. It managed to make a small hole, but its body was too large to get through it. After a long struggle, it appeared to be exhausted and remained absolutely still. The man decided to help the butterfly, and, with a pair of scissors, he cut open the cocoon thus releasing the butterfly. However, the butterfly's body was very small and wrinkled and its wings were all crumpled.

The man continued to watch, hoping that, at any moment, the butterfly would open its wings and fly away. Nothing happened. In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its brief life dragging around its shrunken body and shriveled wings, incapable of flight. What the man, out of kindness and his eagerness to help, had failed to understand was that the tight cocoon and the efforts that the butterfly had to make in order to squeeze out of that tiny hole were Nature's way of training the butterfly and of strengthening its wings.

It is the experience of struggle and hardships in which great leaders develop strength and fortitude to address the challenges and surprises of life's beautiful journey. It is their learning about the joy and satisfaction achieved by never giving up or giving in.

Great Leaders are surrounded by beautiful butterflies!

Avaline

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Longest pilot member 48 years,
PIP/PG Pat Jarvis with Gov.
Maureen at Fall Council



EC Lt. Gov. Donna MacPherson, Covington Club
President Ann Cargile, Covington Pres.-Elect
Stephanie Scarborough at Fall Council



ANCHOR

Planning is well underway for the 2025 GA District Anchor Convention at Epworth by the Sea in St. Simons, GA, February 28-March 2, 2025. Anchor Convention forms will be posted on the website at the end of the month. Registration will be \$40 with the clubs being responsible for making their own room reservations. They will again be collecting can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, so please save them for the Anchors. Their service project this year is focusing on autism. There will be subject-matter speakers as well as goody bags with sensory items being put together to give to the local school system. They will have a mix of team-building activities, a resume/interview workshop, Hospital Art and painting of inspirational rocks. They are also planning a "Mystery by the Sea" scavenger hunt on Friday night. And of course, s'mores at the fire pit after the Officer Installation banquet on Saturday night as well as games. Plan to bring several Pilots to see the Anchors in action. I promise you won't be disappointed!

Remember that Anchor dues to GA District and Pilot International are due November 1, 2024. The forms are on the website. As a reminder, Pilot International dues are \$14, and Georgia District dues are \$10 per member.

I would like to challenge Pilot Clubs to start an Anchor Club if you do not already sponsor one. The youth are our future, and we need to invest in them and show them that we care. For Pilot to grow, we need to show them the value of caring for our communities so that they will want to join us.

Gerianne (g.moon3260@gmail.com) and I welcome any suggestions you may have to help us improve the Anchor program. Let us know your thoughts!

Kris

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Pilot Club of Bainbridge contributing to Fall Council
project. PG Gail Sharber and Elsie Earnest.





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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 18, 2024

Founder's Day. See ECR Lisa's article

October 15, 2024

Deadline for Matching Grant Submission. Anchor Clubs can apply for a Matching Grant to support a project that falls in one of three categories:

- Brain Safety and Health
- Supporting those who care for others.
- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math related projects). These applications are very time consuming, so start early to meet all requirements prior to the deadline.

October 26, 2024

Make a Difference Day. See ECR Lisa's article

November 1, 2024

PI & GA District Anchor Dues are due. Forms on the GA District Website. See District Treasurer Shelby's article for more details.



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



PILOT INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (PIFF)

PIFF - what is PIFF?? It is YOUR foundation, your money!! Pilot International Founders Fund is money that all Pilot Clubs fund to help other Pilot clubs help their community. The more we put in, the more we must share. When a Pilot Club is formed, the club agrees to give so much a year toward the fund - in the form of participating as a 250 club and/or a Pacemaker Club. These two items should be in the budget and part of your regular dues to Pilot International. Many clubs say, "We don't have enough money or enough members". Tough, you agreed when the club was formed. So, what can you do?

****Have each member donate \$1 for every year in club.** The more seasoned members know what the Foundation does and are usually happy to give. The new members think a dollar or five is not so much, therefore give willingly.

****Sell tickets for \$1 at each club meeting - give half to the club to go toward 250 and half to the winner.** Everyone likes to get money and will participate.

****Have a member bring an item and auction it at the meeting; the money goes to 250.**

****Only have four or five members?** Then try a fund raiser just for the 250 or obtain a sponsor (local bank, business, or retail) that can write it off as advertising or donation.

If all the clubs send in the 250, then the District does not have to have a PIFF fund raiser and you do not have to sell those hateful tickets - or if you do it goes in our District treasury.

Your 250 money is a win win donation. You send in your 250 or Pacesetter money. Then you apply for a grant! It is a very simple form to complete for a BrainMinder grant (\$250 to use toward puppets, coloring books, senior supplies, a stage, etc.) or a Pick Me Up grant (\$250 to use toward any item you perceive as lifting someone's spirits) or toward a matching helmet grant (you purchase one, PI gives you one). You complete the form, receive the money, take pictures showing you used the money, and you are done!! You gave \$250 and received \$250 - winner, winner!!! As well you gain publicity for your club, community involvement, and personal satisfaction.

To help those clubs in situations where the 250 is a tight spin, this year the District is selling a Romantic Getaway!! It is four days and three nights in Daytona Beach along with a Valentine dinner! Grand Seas by Exploria Resorts -- 2424 N Atlantic Ave, Daytona Beach 32118, ocean view sleeps 4 (king bed and pull-out couch), Check in 2/14 Friday Saturday Sunday nights -- check out 2/16. How fun is that!! Don't have a 'romantic' partner, no worry - take a friend, go by yourself for some me time, or give as a gift to a friend/relative. By the way, it is the same time as DAYTONA 500!!!

Tickets are 1/\$10 or 3/\$20 and we are only selling 200. If we sell all 200, we could potentially make \$1200 - \$1400 to use as District sees the need - toward club's 250, toward District project, toward a club project, toward lower registration, on and on!! Consider helping us out - It is a fun fund raiser for us all. PIFF is YOUR fund - donate, apply, and use it for your club!!!

Durrett

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Pilot Club of Oconee Co. Pilots at Fall Council. They brought donations for the weekend service project for The Farm at Outland a local animal sanctuary for a variety of animals. Donations included bags of food, apples, carrots and white cotton towels.

Pilot Club of Madison Co. at their Fall Council Marketplace table



Pilot Club of Washington Co. at their Fall Council Marketplace table

Battlefield Pres. Patsy Holsonback, Chatsworth Pres.-Elect Linda Miller, PG/Cuthbert Pilot Grace Crittenden



Pilot Club of Carrollton, Kathy Gore, Club Pres. Cassie Cleland, Deborah Wilson (NW Lt. Gov.)

Adel Pilots: Club Pres. Joni Crocker, Mary Sue Ward (Dist. Secretary)



Elberton Pilots: PIP/PG Pat Jarvis, Gerianna Moon, Sandra Wilson, Gov.-Elect Mary Turner, Gary Jarvis



Jones Co. Pilots: Club President Wanda Bush, Kathy Jackson, Club Pres.-Elect Fay Mathews





Pilots walked at Fall Council for "End Alzheimer's"

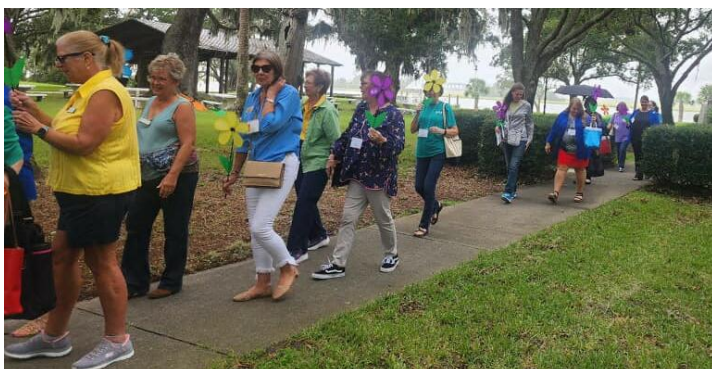


Welcome New Members

New GA District Pilots

Debra Housley (Lavonia)

Joyce Blackwood (Elberton)





Fall Council Friday Night "Who Dunit" Who stole the Pilot Bell!



Miss Scarlet was taken into custody by Detective Blue and the Pilot Bell was found in the Lounge!



Golden Isle Brass from Brunswick area entertain Pilots.



The panel discussion with the DAC when the horse dies!

