

Happy Holidays...
from your
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A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Happy Holidays to all Pilots!!! It is definitely the holiday season when the Pilots have their Christmas celebrations. Good food, music, and fellowship abounds! It is also the time that Pick-me-Ups are needed by many families so they can have a Merry Christmas. I hope the Peacock feathers are flying as you send me the pictures of all the pick-me-ups that your clubs are doing. As I travel around the state, the feathers will travel with me so be sure to collect what is owed to you!

Speaking of Pick-me-ups, I want to encourage you to Zoom into President Nicki's Pilot Power Hour at 7PM on Tuesday December 10th. I will be presenting on the topic of Caring for our Community and giving tips on how to find just the right Pick-me-up! The password will be sent via email close to the date.

Nominations for the DAC/DEC are being accepted by Nancy Miller. Please consider taking a position and share your time and talents with fellow Pilots. We need your innovative ideas and creative thinking!

I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas filled with hope, joy, blessings, and the gift of love that Christmas brings. As we reflect on this past year together, we are grateful for the community we have built. Let's carry the spirit of Christmas into the new year and continue with kindness, generosity, and joy in being a Pilot.

Maureen



Cochran Pilots used their program meeting to fix baskets of treats for community caregivers. Then, those who could filled the Blessing Box with Pilot donations and delivered two of the treat baskets to the Cochran Police and the Cochran Fire Department. Pilots delivered treat baskets to At Home Assisted Living, the Sheriff's Department, Heartland EMTs, the 911 Office, the Health Dept.





INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

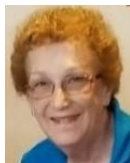
Did you know that the peacock has multiple meanings in relation to Christmas....it was believed that the fact that the peacock sheds its feathers and grows new ones each year, that this represented new life. While representing different meanings to different cultures, the peacock, with its unique beauty, makes it a handy symbol for power, strength and confidence..this was something that monarchs throughout history have wanted to be associated with. There is a beautiful story entitled "JOURNEY TO CHRISTMAS: A TALE OF TWO PEACOCKS". written by Faith and Marcia Norwood. A story of two peacocks called Sky and Mystique, who loved each other. I invite you to google it and read the beautiful love story of these two peacocks.

"Wishes fall like peacock feathers
On the night of Christmas Eve.
So, close your eyes and make a wish.
It's easy to believe."

May you each have a beautiful Christmas surrounded by family and friends and know that love is all around you and yours.

JoAnn

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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. 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/Family	Club
Kristy Schiesser (Mother-in-law)	Covington
Becky Davis (Mother)	Jones Co.



Past Governors

Gail Sharber
(2012-2013)
December 21

Katharine Banning
(2017-2018)
December 30

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



MEMBER

What Can I Do Here?



- View your profile
- View/ Pay Invoices
- Access the Member Directory
- View the Event Calendar
- Access to Social Community Features
- View any members only content on this website
- Interact and connect with other members
- Make a donation
- Complete monthly volunteer hour forms

Pilot Club of Chatsworth was honored to visit one of their Emeritus members Ms. Maudie Rogers. Maudie was the Treasurer for more than 15 years. Maudie has dementia but she will light up a room with her smile and her wittiness. They presented her a Christmas cactus and her caregivers which is her son and daughter in law Mark & Carol Rogers a small gift and tin of cookies.

Pilots pictured with Maudie are Jan McNeil, Brenda Chapman & Glenda Sneads





GA ECR MESSAGE



Membership

TALK PILOT - Recruitment - Mentoring

For years, clubs have participated in "Talk Pilot Day" as a recruitment tool. However, it can be used within a club as "training new members" or a "refresher or makeup meeting" for those who have been members for a while.

TALK PILOT came about in our club after a club member requested a makeup meeting. The Pilot who was responsible for Makeup Meetings within the Membership Division scheduled a meeting at a local restaurant, and club members were invited to attend. Topics for discussion came from members who had questions. Some of our newest members attended, even though we had previously had a New Member Orientation. The meeting was informal and enjoyed by all who attended. TALK PILOT took off from that one meeting, and we now have it scheduled quarterly, or earlier, if necessary, at a restaurant or someone's home. This has proven to be successful in helping our new members getting to know each other as well meeting Pilots who have been members for several years. We also suggest that prospective members be invited to the meetings.

We might add the importance of Mentoring New Members and assigning them to a club member with whom they would feel comfortable asking questions, expressing their ideas, and sharing some goals of their own. It is not enough for someone to simply join Pilot. They must also feel that they belong.

We want our new members to understand the mission and vision of Pilot International so that they will appreciate the rich history of the organization. Remember, our goal is to inspire new members to become 25 and 50 year members, and encouraging them as we serve together in communities around the globe

Esther

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Do you believe that it is December? Where has the time gone? It was just July and plans were made and set into action. However, there is still enough time left in the Pilot year, to accomplish your goals.

December 1 is the deadline for the Governor Elects to identify the District Appointees, as well as the dates and locations of the Fall Councils and the District Conventions. The new teams must start to think about where they want to charter the course for the next Pilot Year! Good luck, in advance, and happy planning.

At this time of year, we are reminded of how fortunate we all are, and how we are drawn to share with others. The funds raised as a result of Giving Tuesday, will go a long way in assisting Pilot with its many goals this year. As the Giving Tuesday program is a little later this year, please remember to donate towards this exercise. December 15 is a major milestone in Pilot. This is the quarterly deadline for:

- The Pick Me Up Grant
- The Helmet Grant
- BrainMinders Grant

It is also the deadline for the Heritage Garden brick orders. Please get your applications and orders in on time.

As we get ready for the holidays, whatever you do for the end of the year, please remember to share your happiness. There are many who may struggle in their happiness, so reach out where possible, share a meal or simply a smile.

2025 will bring new experiences. As you prepare for the new year, remember the reason why you joined Pilot and share that feeling with someone else.

Happy Holidays!

In Pilot Friendship and Love,

Lisa

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Pilot Club of Washington members attended Business after Hours Festival of Trees event at OFTC. Pictured with Pilot Club's tree is Renee Jordan, Dianna Armstrong, Pam Stewart and SE Lt. Gov. Ann Lastinger.





ANCHOR

It's the holiday season and I know everyone is busy, but I hope everyone takes the time to enjoy the season! The Georgia District Anchor Board is busy making plans for Anchor Convention which is February 28-March 2, 2025, at Epworth by the Sea. It is our hope that Pilots will attend and see firsthand how much work the Anchors have put into the planning to try to make it a great experience for everyone who attends.

Join us on Friday night, February 28th, for a "Mystery by the Sea" scavenger hunt. Saturday will start with the business meeting and election of officers, followed by an icebreaker, workshops, and the new officer installation banquet. Karaoke and s'mores will end the evening. Workshops and projects include Hospital Art, inspirational rock painting, and making sensory item bags for autistic children in the school system. There will be a team-building workshop and a resume/interview workshop to help the Anchors hone their skills and build confidence as they get ready for the future. Anchors will also be collecting can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charity.

A convention registration form is attached for your convenience. Hotel reservations are to be made on the Epworth by the Sea website, www.epworthbythesea.org. Go to the "events" section of the website and click on Anchor Club to access the housing registration form. The housing cost includes lodging, five meals, and some convention supplies. We hope to see you there!

*Merry Christmas,
Kris*

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FUNDRAISING

ARE WE HAVING FUNd YET?

Can you believe, Pilots, we are already 4 months into our Pilot year? My, how the time flies when we are having so much FUN!

I have seen some exciting reports from several clubs that have jumped in with both feet (so to speak) and started their FUNd raising with a bang. A lot of you are doing exciting things to help your communities prepare for the Christmas Holidays which is always a great time to do FUNd raising.

Now, that being said, don't let yourselves get bogged down in the business end of your FUNd raiser and not have FUN while making all that money for your Club's projects! Take time with each other for a few minutes - have a cup of coffee, grab a sandwich or something to snack on with one, two or more of your fellow Pilots and just stop and enjoy the moment!

Yes, every club needs money to continue the great work we all do for Pilot; but we also need to have some time for ourselves as well. So, give yourself a break, set back and look at what you have accomplished thus far and plan for what you want to do in the future.

If I can be of any help to any of you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

FUND RAISING CAN BE FUN!

Jacque

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Pilot Platter Chatter today at Ping's n Toccoa





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

December 3, 2024

Giving Tuesday!

December 15, 2024

PI Grants Quarterly Deadline
Pick Me Up
Helmets
BrainMinders

December 31, 2024

Q2 Club Report
Gov., Gov-Elect, Region Lt. Gov.

January 10-12, 2025

DAC/DEC Mid-year Planning
Meeting 10th-12th
Hayesville, NC

January 25, 2025

Dist. Officer Nomination Form
Nancy Miller-Dist. Nominating
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Milledgeville, GA 31061

Lynda Goodwin Volunteer
Scholarship (Non-Anchors)

Genia Mitchell (GPF
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Gov.



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



Jones County Pilot members, Janice Roberts and Linda Reece, in support of International Care and Kindness Week, delivered goody bags to the Jones County Sheriff's Department and Gray Police Department to thank them for their service and dedication to Jones County and Gray.



Some smiling Pilot Club of Carrollton Pilots



Pilot Club of Hartwell helped children write their letters to Santa at Hartwell's annual Christmas Tree lighting event!



Pilot Club of Newnan applied for and received a Pick Me Up Grant from Pilot International. With these funds, they made 10 Bags of Blessings and gave them to caregivers in our community. Thank you Pilot International! PG/Newnan Pilot Nancy Miller with one of the Pick Me Up recipients



Pilot Club of Eatonton held their annual white elephant gift exchange, celebrated December birthdays and had a delicious meal. They also donated toys to sponsor a needy family. It was a wonderful night!

