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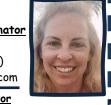
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## "Anchors Aweigh"

#### Anchor President

As we approach the final holidays of 2024 and prepare to welcome the new year, we're excited to remind you that the District Convention is just around the corner! Your district Anchor Board has been working hard over the past few months to create an unforgettable experience, and trust us, you won't want to miss it. Get ready for a weekend full of fun activities, impactful community service projects, and an intriguing "murder mystery by the sea" that you and your friends will help solve! We'd also love to spotlight the incredible work happening within your clubs and communities.

If you have any pictures or updates, you'd like to share, please send them our way. They could be featured in the upcoming newsletter or even get a shoutout on our new Instagram page! And don't forget to scrapbook those memories for the scrapbook competition! On behalf of the entire District Board, we are delighted to look forward to seeing all of you soon. We are wishing you a joyful holiday season and a prosperous new year ahead

#### Chaney



Franklin HS Anchors made Thank-you baskets for the teacher veterans for Veterans Day at their school



Anchor President-Elect Thomas (West Laurens Anchors) made blankets

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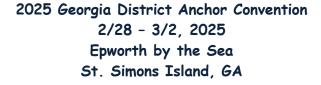


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#### SE Region Chair

Hi, my name is Rhett Bazemore. I'm a junior at West Laurens High School. I'm super excited to serve as your Southeast Region Chair for the GA District Anchor. I'm honored to serve my peers and look forward to sharing our great work. This is my first year as an Anchor officer. As an active Anchor Club member at West Laurens High School last year, I enjoyed serving my community through many Anchor Club projects. My favorite officer opportunity so far is assisting with planning the Anchor Club Convention at St. Simons Island. We have been working diligently over Zoom meetings and at the Pilot International headquarters in Macon, Georgia to plan an exciting conference for our club. This year's convention theme is Mystery By the Sea, so you'll need to attend the convention to discover our mysterious surprise.

In the meantime, our clubs in the Southeast Region have been very busy doing great things throughout the region. In addition to supporting communities impacted by disastrous weather events such as Hurricane Helene through volunteering at community service events, youth literacy promotion was also a focal project for the West Laurens High School Anchor Club. Another way the Anchor Club serves the community is through the BrainMinders program, which promotes safety at our local elementary schools. I am excited to see all the ways that Anchor Clubs can serve communities. Our West Laurens High School Anchor Club has lots of service opportunities planned.

I'll see you at the upcoming Anchor Convention

Rhett

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#### Anchor Convention Chair

Greetings, Anchors!

We are super excited to present to you the 2025 convention, "Mystery By The Sea." It promises to be a weekend full of activities for Anchors to explore, learn, and experience. We have a variety of fun workshops planned to enrich Anchors and give back to our community. These include learning how to craft a standout resume and participating in an icebreaking teamwork game.

This year, we are committed to bringing awareness to autism and special education by inviting speakers and hosting workshops dedicated to these topics.

In the afternoons, there will be a bonfire where Anchors can bond over some s'mores. We also plan to dive into the theme by hosting an exciting murder mystery themed game.

We look forward to sharing this amazing experience with all of you! year and to see everyone at convention this year!

Danielle

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West Laurens Anchors help the Pilot Club of Dublin with their BrainMinders Program







#### District Anchor Coordinator

Wow, it's hard to believe that fall is here, and Anchor is in full swing this school year. I hope everyone is having a great year so far and are busy "Caring for our Communities.

The Anchor Board has been hard at work planning a fun, yet educational convention for you. The theme for this year's convention is "Mystery by the Sea" and the focus of the convention is autism. Your board has planned a fun event for Friday night that you won't want to miss. There will be subject-matter speakers on autism, a fun icebreaker, a resume/interview workshop, a team-building exercise, making bags with sensory items for autistic children, painting inspirational rocks and we are bringing back the Hospital Art project. Of course, the highlight of the convention will be the installation of the new Anchor Board on Saturday night which will be followed by s'mores at the fire pit. We will also have a room available for games and snacks. Convention will be a busy but fun and enlightening event, so mark your calendars for February 28-March 2, 2025. Registration is \$40 and rooms are to be reserved by each club. Room costs include 5 meals and convention materials. The room fee schedule is on the convention registration form included with this newsletter and will also be on the Georgia Pilot website at www.pilotgeorgia.org. Also included with the newsletter is the convention rules, awards forms, scholarship forms and officer nomination forms. Please feel free to contact me or Gerianna should you have any questions.

Here are a few reminders for the Anchor year and convention:

- Please be sure that your dues are paid to Georgia District (\$10) and Pilot International (\$14). Your club must be in good standing with paid dues in order to attend convention.
- Be sure to send in copies of all forms to the appropriate recipients so that we can keep accurate records. We don't want to miss including any clubs!
- Watch the dates for scholarship deadlines.
- For convention, we are asking each club to bring two door
- Bring your can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charity in gallon jugs marked with the Anchor Club name so that we can recognize the club that brings in the most tabs.

As always, your input is appreciated. Please let me or Gerianna know of any suggestions you have for Georgia District Anchor. We want to strive to make it even better!

Kris Harden Georgia District Anchor Coordinator hardenkris@gmail.com

#### GA District Governor

Fall greetings to all Anchors! I hope you have started the year off on a successful note and you are enjoying projects that are benefitting your communities. It won't be long before we will be heading to Epworth by the Sea for your Anchor Convention. Plan now and you will be sure to have a great time.

As we take time this Thanksqiving to remember our many blessings, let us remember that each day is a gift to treasure, an opportunity to serve, and a chance to spread love and friendship. Days may be tough, stress levels can be off the chart, school and home can be a challenge, but we can all find many more things in life to be thankful for. May you and your family be blessed on Thanksgiving Day and throughout the rest of the year.

#### Naureen



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#### NE Region Chair

Hello, my fellow anchors! My name is Genesis Figueroa, and I am the Northeast Region Chair! I am a member of the Pilot Anchor Club here in Rabun County High School! I am junior and I have been a member of Pilot Anchor since my freshman year! We have been able to participate in some amazing projects, all that which have brought many people joy. These past few weeks we have been working with our primary school. We have been helping to organize the Literacy Nights and also the Fall Festival! It has been such a blessing seeing the little kiddos faces light up as they see their school all decorated! We strive to help our community in each and every way possible! Our next service project is to go to our local animal shelter and help out! We will walk, pay, and overall spend time with the animals there! I am over the top about our state convention come late February! I hope you all will be there because we have an amazing week planned out! It will truly be tons of fun, see you all



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### Attention: Anchor Sponsors/Advisors Anchor Coordinators of Pilot Clubs

In order to get timely information timely to the Anchor Advisors and Pilot Anchor Coordinators, We need your correct information. If you have not already done so, please e-mail your updated e-mail address, mailing address and phone number to Kris Harden (hardenkris@gmail.com)

We would like to spotlight any of your Anchor events/projects in our Anchor Aweigh Newsletter. Please send your pictures with a brief description to Editor Kirsten Jorgenson (kajorge@yahoo.com)

Georgia District Anchor has a Facebook page. Please go and like us on Facebook. This is a place where you can share your service projects and programs.

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#### ANCHOR CREED

Realizing that in unity there is strength, we, as members of the Anchor Club, are resolved:

To work together in friendship and loyalty; to render service to our home, school and community, knowing this course will take us over a sea of happiness; to steer our ship of life by the bright stars of Hope and Faith; to follow words quidance from parents, teachers, and Pilot friends, for those, as gleams from the Lighthouse of Truth, are of wisdom, to set full sail through channels of achievement which lead us to the port of success; and, when our ship of life is tossed the tempests misunderstanding and the angry winds of injustice we will cost our





#### "Anchors Aweigh"

The Georgia District Newsletter "Anchors Aweigh" is published 4 times a year in September, November, January and March.

We would like to spotlight your club in our next edition of "Anchors Aweigh." Please send us your news on special awards, projects, fund-raisers or other activities of your Anchor Club. Photos are also welcome.

Send articles to hardenkrisgmail.com and copy to kajorge@yahoo.com.

Please make copies and share "Anchors Aweigh" with your Anchor Club members. If lack of money for photocopying is a problem, print a few copies and pass around at your next meeting.

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Madison County HS Anchors & Friends of Advantage worked the 2024 Health Meets Hope...Madison County Cares 5K & Afternoon of Family Fun Events.... This was a 5K Run/Walk & Afternoon of Family Fun Activities.



West Laurens HS Anchors helped the Pilot Club of Dublin with the Monster Dash event



West Laurens HS Anchors helped out the Pilot Club of Dublin with a literacy in Laurens event and the pilots present the BrainMinders puppet show



West Laurens Anchors helped with a clean-up event at their school



Anchors from Milton, Roswell, Centennial High Schools volunteered to assist Georgia Artists with DisAbilities in hanging art in preparation for the Art Exhibition on September 21, 2024. Also, pictured is Sheryl Merrey, Anchor Coordinator of PC of Atlanta



Brentwood & Washington Co. HS Anchor Clubs sponsored by the Pilot Club of Washington County had their new officers Installation on September 24, 2024, at OFTC. Group picture of both Anchor Club and Pilot Club members in attendance.



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