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"Anchors Aweigh"

Anchor President

Hello, Anchor Family, and Happy New Year! As convention draws closer, I wanted to share some important updates and reminders with you all. Our 2025 convention will be held at *Epworth by the Sea* on beautiful Saint Simons Island, from **February 28th to March 2nd**. This year's theme is "*Mystery by the Sea*," and we're excited for all the fun and meaningful activities ahead.

Here are a few key highlights to keep in mind:

- 1. **State Project:** Our state project this year is *Autism Awareness*. During the convention, we'll be assembling sensory bags for a local school in Glynn County to support students with autism.
- Pop Tab Contest: Don't forget to collect and bring your pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities contest. Every tab counts toward making a difference!
- Scrapbook Contest: Make sure your scrapbooks are coming together nicely for the scrapbook contest.
- Scholarships for Seniors: Seniors, take advantage of the scholarship opportunities available to you! More details can be found in the latest article or through your advisor.

The district board and I are counting down the days—just 47 to go! We can't wait to see everyone and close out the Anchor Year. Until then, keep on making a difference!

All the best,

Chancey

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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 of guidance 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 by the tempests of misunderstanding and the angry winds of injustice we will cast our Anchor of courage, wisdom, and trust to hold us fast.

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2025 Georgia District Anchor Convention 2/28 - 3/2, 2025 Epworth by the Sea St. Simons Island, GA





Anchor Convention Chair

Happy New Year Anchors! We are so excited to welcome everyone to the beautiful Epworth by the Sea located St. Simons Island, GA for our 2025 convention. We have many fun activities and events planned to make sure everyone can make new friendships and make memories. With that being said, this is your reminder about convention registration.

To make sure you are prepared, inquire your advisors for convention registration. Get the forms you need completed soon before the end of January 2025. If you plan on going, take some time to look over our 2025 rules and regulations to make your and everyone else's convention experience is awesome!

We are so excited to see everyone at convention this year. Make sure to keep in touch with your advisors to be updated on information and details that come out regarding events, dress code, and activities! This year is going to be great and may we get prepared for good year.

Danielle

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Bainbridge HS Anchors teamed up with friends and family to coordinate a toy drive for kids in the community! Together, they collected over 150 toys, wrapped them up and then delivered them to students at the Friendship House after school program in Decatur County.

Congratulations on the great project and getting recognized on the local news!





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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.

Happy New Year, Anchors! January is here and the Anchor Convention is fast approaching - February 28-March 2, 2025. Please be sure to get your Anchor registrations sent into the GA District Treasurer, Shelby Holland. Remember that each Anchor Club will make your own room reservations on the Epworth by the Sea website. Room rates include five meals and some convention costs. Hopefully, you are all working on your scrapbooks for the scrapbook awards (these are always so impressive) and getting your Community Service award applications completed. Don't forget the t-shirt contest on Friday night! Friday night's main event will be the Mystery by the Sea scavenger hunt that your Anchor Board is anxious to present. Join us on Saturday for the business session with the election of the 2025-2026 GA District Anchor Board (encourage your Anchors to run for office!), lunch, a chicken game icebreaker, workshops and the installation banquet. Karaoke and s'mores will follow the officer installation. Our workshops will include a resume/interview session with Mallory Morgan, Hospital Art and painting inspirational rocks, Teambuilding with Gerianna Moon, and putting together sensory item bags for autistic students. Also, remember to bring your can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charity. We are asking each Anchor Club to bring two door prizes to convention. In your downtime, we will have a room available in Turner Lodge for playing games, so bring your favorite board or card games.

For you seniors, please be sure to apply for the Georgia District Anchor Scholarship (\$500) and the GPF Scholarship (\$1500). Forms are available from your Advisor or on the Georgia Pilot website at www.pilotgeorgia.org in the Anchor section.

I am so proud of the job that this Anchor Board has done in planning a great convention for you. Be sure to send in your registration forms and join us at Epworth by the Sea. It's a great opportunity to learn more about Anchor, network with Anchors from other regions, and have a great time doing projects together.

Hope to see you at convention!

Kris

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GA District Governor

Happy New Year to all Georgia Anchors! This year has started off cold and having many of us wishing for a nice warm day. Well, hopefully, that is what you will have at Anchor Convention in February in St. Simon's at Epworth by the Sea. If you have never attended an Anchor Convention, this is the year to enjoy it by the beach. Wouldn't you love to be wearing shorts and flip-flops again? Not only will the weather be wonderful, but the friendships you make meeting other anchors from around the state will warm your heart. Your officers have been busy planning an exciting convention for you, and I can hardly wait to experience some of the things they have planned!

Besides bringing your summer clothes, bring your Club Scrapbook and be ready to share ideas for fundraising and community projects. Let's take plenty of pictures to send to Kirsten, your Georgia District Anchor Aweigh Editor (kajorge@yahoo..com). It is always exciting to see pictures and read about all the events you do while caring for your community. And bring your enthusiasm so we can have lots of fun!

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Gatewood Anchors & Abbie Mixon, EC Region Chair helping load up gift bags for the Operation 405 Blessing Bags. The day after Thanksgiving a mission team will begin their drive to Mexico and personally deliver them across the border to children in need.



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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)

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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"Anchors Aweigh Newsletter"

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.

NW Region Chair

Throughout the year, our many Anchor clubs have engaged in meaningful activities and service projects that benefit the nearby community. As Anchor's focus this year is autism and children with special needs, our clubs have taken this into account when setting up and holding events through the club. A special highlight from Roswell High School's Anchor Club is their fundraising lemonade stand and bake sale for a nearby organization that helps adolescents with special needs.

The Jacob's Ladder School is a neighboring school to Roswell. Often overlooked on the drive to high school, Roswell's Anchor club decided to raise awareness and highlight the extraordinary actions they are doing to benefit an underprivileged community. Jacob's Ladder's mission is to "bring hope, healing, and transformation to individuals with neurobiological challenges." In an age where children with mental challenges are not given the same representation and treatment as neurotypical children, this organization is providing much needed relief to those children and their families.

In the fall of 2024, Roswell High School's Anchor club held a lemonade stand and bake sale in the front lawn of the school so passing cars would easily see them and have quick access to the sale. Roswell's anchors donated money, time, and effort to be able to put on this event and be able to help this amazing organization. There was a great turnout of student volunteers, passing customers, parents, and teacher sponsors, this was a hugely successful event. All in all, Roswell ended up raising several hundred dollars for The Jacob's Ladder School.

We are so proud of Roswell High School and all our other Anchor sectors for the hard work and dedication they put in to benefit the community, aid underprivileged demographics, and do everything they can to help others.

Cecilia

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West Laurens Anchors creating Christmas ornaments that were delivered with homemade Christmas Cards to the James Place senior living facility.



West Laurens Anchors held a Chick Fil A Spirit night to help raise money to attend convention.



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