

# Georgia District Governor's Bulletin



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR



Happy New Year to everyone! I hope you have had a pleasant holiday season and are looking forward to a bright new year of Pilot friendship and service. We have had another great Pilot year with so many projects and Pick-me-ups helping our communities. Way to go Pilots! I am as proud as a peacock of our Georgia District!!

Now we are starting off the new year strong with our Mid-year planning meeting next week. Also, the planning for Anchor Convention in February is taking place. Our Georgia District officers will be planning our District Convention in Stone Mountain and soon you will be getting notification of our PI Convention in Charlotte, NC.

Awards and nominations for District office have deadlines coming up soon:

**January 24, 2025 - District Officer Nominations** should be mailed to Nancy Miller, 211 Michelle Rd., Milledgeville, GA 31061

**January 24, 2025 - Lynda Goodwin Volunteer Scholarship** should be mailed to Genia Mitchell, 5994 Bowers Rd., Stone Mountain, GA 30087

**February 15, 2025 - Ann Adams, Edwina Gill, Nancy Henrick, Vivian Hartman Awards** should be mailed to Glynice Hayes, 131 Caldwell Rd., Lawrenceville, GA 30045.

**Pacesetter and 250 Club Contributions** are due to PI Headquarters by Feb 1, 2022, if you want to be recognized at District Convention.

Let's get **All Aboard: Leaving No Pilot Behind** as we continue to grow our clubs with new members. Our clubs are doing an outstanding job at recruiting and retaining! Remember that our visibility in the community will encourage others to join us in giving back to others! Show off your Pilot spirit by wearing our club or District shirts and sending pick-me-up notes including info about your club.

May the New Year usher in new beginnings and opportunities for self-expression, spiritual growth, and soulful connections. Keep love and peace in your hearts. Be happy!

*Maureen*



Pilot Club of Cochran celebrated the Christmas Season with dinner held at Traditions Events Venue. Two members of the Bleckley County High School award winning One Act Play ensemble (Ashleigh Hendrix and Sedarian Nelson) sang festive Christmas songs.







## INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

This is an oldie, but a "goodie" and so appropriate as we begin a new year - 2025!

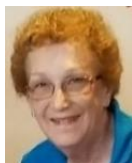
### LIFE I AM THE NEW YEAR (author unknown)

Life I am the new year.  
I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.  
I am your next chance at the art of living.  
I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last twelve months.  
All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me,  
waiting for you to search it out with more determination.  
All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve  
is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.  
All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped  
but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not  
have-- these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened  
by the touch of a strong purpose.  
I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who  
said, "behold I make all things new."  
I am the New Year.

May each of you feel the blessings that this New Year has to  
offer for you and yours...Keep those "feathers" flying!

*JoAnn*

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Covington Club President Ann Cargile (R) presented member Ann Brooks (L) a certificate for her 65 years dedication to Pilot.

Congratulations Ann!



Johnson Co. Pilot Club celebrate Christmas with delicious meal and great fellowship. Pictured are Tricia McKay, (Johnson Co. PC), Ann Lastinger, (Lt. Gov), Evelyn Tatum, Grace Moore, Deborah Thomas (Johnson Co. PC, and Diane Davie (PC of Washington Co.).

Georgia District, Pilot International 2024-25 Memorial Forms need to go to:

Maureen Stoy  
GA District Governor  
mqstoy@gmail.com

JoAnn Akers  
Inspirational Leader  
akersjoann@gmail.com

Lt. Governor (for your region)

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](mailto: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
Joyce Folendore (Chartered Member)	Jones Co.
Nancy Shealy (Emeritus Member)	Peachtree
Peggy Alderman	Adel

Pilot/Family	Club
Michelle Capell (Granddaughter)	Elberton
Ginger Bailey (Brother)	Jones Co.
April White (Husband)	Lavonia
Tammy Dalton (Husband)	Madison Co.



### Past Governor & Past PI President

Nancy Henrick  
(1990-1991 PG)  
(1998-1999 PIP)  
January 8

### Past Governors

Avaline Adams  
(2023-2024)  
January 3

Gwen Yarbrough  
(2007-2008)  
January 10

Sherry McDuffie  
(1996-1997)  
January 29

### Past Governor

Judy Jackson  
(2014-2015)  
December 17

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
(PG Judy's birthday was accidentally left off last month)

### NE Region Lt. Gov.

April Rowland  
January 29

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





## GA ECR MESSAGE



Happy New Year and welcome 2025! The new year brings opportunities to step up and reach for the stars! Here's a little story to explain. The story is about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done. What does this have to do with opportunities and reaching for the stars? Leadership! We are beginning the search for candidates at the club, district, and international levels to serve our amazing organization. When someone approaches you to serve, do not assume that Somebody else will do it. Ask questions about the responsibilities and the role of the position, rather than just saying no. It may surprise you to find that the position is not as daunting as you may have thought it was. So step up and serve with pride, accept your nomination or appointment and instill fresh, new ideas for the 2025-2026 Pilot year!

March 15, 2025, is an important date in the Pilot books! Circle it on your calendar. It is the deadline for the 2025 Scholarship Applications and a quarterly deadline for Helmet, BrainMinders™, and Pick Me Up Grant Applications. The Pilot International Founders Fund awards scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students seeking an education in one of Pilot's focus areas. Several scholarships are awarded to students that were active Anchors during their high school career. For more information and the applications, go to <https://www.pilotinternational.org/grants-and-scholarships/>

Pacesetters, 250 Clubs, and 250 Members are recognitions that Pilot International uses to identify clubs and members for their financial generosity. Each club that donates \$10 per member is recognized as a Pacesetter Club and each club or member that contributes at least \$250 to the Grants and Scholarships Fund is recognized as a 250 Club or 250 Member. In order to receive recognition at District Conventions, a **February 1 postmark is required**. Go to <https://www.pilotinternational.org/Content/Uploads/PilotInternational/Files/Contribution%20Form.pdf> for a contribution form.

Best wishes for an amazing 2025 as we embark on a new and exciting year of friendship and service!

Love,

*Lisa*

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## LEADERSHIP

Leadership comes in many different ways. It can come from speaking to a group, demonstrating strong skills or simply leading by example. A leader should be able to inspire and motivate, but most importantly encourage and support those around them. Below are some key points to remember about being a leader.

**Communication:** Clearly communicate your vision, goals, and expectations to your team, while also actively listening to their feedback and concerns.

**Integrity:** Be honest, transparent, and consistent in your actions to build trust with your team.

**Empowerment:** Delegate tasks, provide opportunities for growth, and trust your team to make decisions.

**Be Realistic:** Set realistic goals and plans. Be flexible and willing to adjust plans as needed.

**Positive attitude:** Keep a positive and supportive attitude around. Everyone wants to follow and be around people who are happy and positive.

As leaders, let us be mindful in showing empathy, and continually working to be better. Plan to be that supportive, encouraging leader that shows members they are the best and they are the right one for the job! It is time to nominate officers and select appointees in our club and district. We have a lot of hidden gems in our clubs, just waiting to be discovered. If you are nominated, please consider stepping up and saying YES, I Will!

*Avaline*

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Pilot Club of Covington took Christmas cards to residents of local nursing homes and snacks for local EMS Service. Pictured is Pilot Stephanie Scarborough







## ANCHOR

Happy New Year, Pilots! January is here and the Anchor Convention is fast approaching - February 28-March 2, 2025. The Anchor Board has really worked hard to plan a fun, yet informative convention. I hope that many of you will plan to attend at Epworth by the Sea February 28-March 2, 2025. Registration is \$40/person and rooms may be booked directly on the Epworth by the Sea website. Room rates include five meals and should be sent into GA District Treasurer, Shelby Holland.

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. Anchors are collecting can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charity, so if you have collected any, please get them to an Anchor or Anchor Advisor.

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 and see what great things they do in their schools and communities. They are our future!

Hope to see you at convention!

*Kris*

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Pilot Club of Jones Co. Pilots, Cheryl Jean, Fay Mathews, Terri Wiggins, and Margie Childs got the New Year off to a good start with BINGO at Lynn Haven Health & Rehab. The 11 residents and Pilots enjoyed lots of laughs and winners.



## PILOT INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (PIFF)

Happy New Year Pilots -- hoping you opened the front door for all the excitement of 2025 to sweep right on it while you swept 2024 right out the back door!! Truly I do hope for each of you joy and laughter for 2025!! The Lord's plans are for good! Relax and rest in them.

I had hoped to have the Valentine's Day getaway pulled by January 1, but a couple of members say they still have tickets. Please send all tickets to me at 1510 Newcastle St, Brunswick 31520!!! I need to pull by January 15th so the winners have time to plan their trip. Remember it is for three nights and four days in Daytona -- same weekend as the Daytona 500 for those car racing buffs! The tickets are ten dollars each or three for twenty. This money goes to District to help with needed projects.

PIFF is our international foundation -- it is to help us!! However, the only way for it to succeed is to help the foundation!!! We (Georgia District and PI) need each club to send in its 250 commitment (\$250). This earns the District status as a 250 District as well as ensuring you grant money when you apply. Truly it is a win-win situation. You can apply for a pick up grant for \$250 (therefore gaining your \$250 back to use toward a pick up project); you can apply for a helmet grant (matches you one for one or if out of helmets at PI, will send you the money to purchase from the company -- again getting your \$250 + back); you can apply for matching funds toward a special project you have in mind. In any event the money you shelled out comes flying back to you ---- win-win for all!!

Governor Maureen would really like for Georgia to be a 250 District! Please look at your budget to see what you can do --- have a special fund raiser, have a fifty fifty drawing during your club meeting, collect change at every meeting, ask everyone to pay a dollar for each year she/he has been a member (older members understand and newer members will not have to pay but two or three dollars!), have at a meeting raffle with each member bringing something to raffle or auction, consider adding five dollars to your club dues to cover the cost (now or next year), ask a business to sponsor the foundation, ask a club member to sponsor. You would be surprised when asked, the members willing to help. If all resources fail and you can show, then contact Maureen. We do have Pilots willing to help other clubs with matching funds. We want to be a 250 District but need your help!!

Soooooooo start out your New Year by planning how to become a 250 club making us a 250 District!!

*Durrett*

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**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

**January 24, 2025**

Dist. Officer Nomination Form

Nancy Miller-Dist. Nominating

Chair

211 Michelle Rd.

Milledgeville, GA 31061

Lynda Goodwin Volunteer Scholarship (Non-Anchors)

Genia Mitchell (GPF

Representative

5994 Bowers Rd.

St. Mountain, GA 30087

CC: Gov., Gov.-Elect., Region Lt. Gov.

**February 1, 2025**

Pacesetter, 250 Club

Contributions

Due to PI Headquarters, if you want to be recognized at District Convention

**February 15, 2025**

District Awards

Glynice Hayes (Awards Jury Chair)

5994 Bowers Rd.

Stone Mountain, GA 30087

**March 20, 2025**

Q3 Club Report

Governor, Governor-Elect, Region Lt. Governor

**April 1, 2025**

GA Secretary of State Corporate Registration for all Clubs

**June 26, 2025**

Q4 Club Report

Governor, Governor-Elect, Region Lt. Governor



All Forms are on the GA District Website under Forms  
[www.pilotgeorgia.org](http://www.pilotgeorgia.org)



Pilot Club of Newnan members were happy to lend a hand in packing 1600 food bags that will go home this weekend with kids who need it through Backpack Buddies!



Pilot Club of Carrollton Pilots collected food to donate to the local soup kitchens.



The Monroe Pilots had a great Christmas dinner with a dirty Santa swap that got ugly but fun.



Peachtree and Atlanta Pilot Clubs assist H.E.R.O with holiday gift giving  
Both clubs gathered this evening to wrap almost 400 Christmas gifts for clients of H.E.R.O. This was the 2nd year the clubs came together. This was the second of three wrapping parties that H.E.R.O has scheduled this season.

