

# Georgia District Governor's Bulletin



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

It is almost Convention time! Evergreen Resort at Stone Mountain will be beautiful in May so I hope you are making plans to attend. We want to see every club represented! You still have time to take advantage of the Early Bird Special!

Activities are being planned, and we will celebrate the great clubs in our District once again with your banners! Have you sent in your Awards forms? We have some great nominees for next year's officers that will be installed, and they will be revealed next month. I am excited to tell you that we will have a world renown speaker for Sunday morning, Dr. Mary Lou Frank. She is a psychologist, mediator, and university professor who once was a Pilot before starting her travels to all parts of the country. She will talk to us about "Making Peace with Conflict: A Pilot's Roadmap."

Soon, you will be receiving more information about our Duck Race and project at our District Convention. Watch your mail! Keep telling me about your Pick-me-ups. I will be mailing out feathers soon to those that have sent me pictures. Register now for the PI Convention in Charlotte. It is going to be informative and a great way to renew friendships from around the country.

Our Pilot Clubs are meant to enrich our communities. By our small contributions we set an example for others to reach out to those in need. We can be the difference in many lives and make our communities stronger and more united.

*Maureen*



2025 Anchor Convention: Kris Harden, Anchor Coordinator, Governor Maureen, Chancey Davis, Anchor President Franklin County HS



Madison Co. HS Anchor Club was awarded with Most Anchors Present (22), Most Soda Tabs collected for the RMH (31.5 gallons), 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Scrapbook Award & Julianna Bost was awarded a \$500 Anchor GA District Scholarship







## INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Here are some inspirational quotes about March:

"March may start off slow, but once it gets going every flower will bloom and every bird will sing."

"March is the month when nature reawakens, and the Universe shows us its miracles."

"Every March is a chance to start fresh"

"Just as flowers bloom in March, so do people"

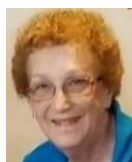
The one that I found truly inspiring is:

"May March inspire you to close old chapters and write an exciting new book"

Now I for one am not about to start writing a book, but closing old chapters is something that I can embrace....and I would invite you all to think about that quote...not only for yourself, but also for your Pilot club. Is it time to close an old chapter on something your club has done for years and find a new project/fund raiser to embrace? Is it time to look at that beautiful peacock and how it spreads its wings and look at ways to spread your wings in and around your community with Pilot love and friendship. Invite that neighbor to a club gathering ...show him/her all the wonderful things that you do in your club meetings and out in the community. So, dust off those boots and let those boots go to a "walking about" to reawaken your energy and your love for Pilot.

*JoAnn*

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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](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 Garmon	Peachtree
Lynn Dial	Madison Co.

Pilot/Family	Club
Penny Snyder (Father)	Jones Co.
Terri Mobley (Father)	Madison Co.
Mary Carson Mobley (Grandfather)	Madison Co.
Karen Westbrook (Father)	Madison Co.
Chanta Whitlow (Uncle)	Peachtree



## Past Governors

**Linda Buffington**  
(2003-2004)  
March 17

**Doretta Broughton**  
(2018-2019)  
March 18

**Patti Klein**  
(1994-1995)  
March 23

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



The Governor's Scrapbook is a method of preservation that lets the Governor know that their memories and experiences mattered...that their year made a difference...that their voice was heard and valued. The pages are filled with momentous occasions - and ordinary daily moments. Each year, we install a new Governor who comes to their position with new perspectives and fresh ideas on how to progress our club while retaining our core values. It was very exciting for me to be offered the position of Scrapbook Editor because I feel that scrapbooking is the perfect way to preserve those treasured moments. I was honored to be asked to leave Maureen with a timeless way to cherish her year as Governor.

Please feel free to send any pictures or articles you may have for Maureen's scrapbook. My email address is [teresabryant.realtor@gmail.com](mailto:teresabryant.realtor@gmail.com) and my phone number is 478-397-2944. Let's fill the pages of Maureen's scrapbook with her legacy of Caring For Your Community and Pick Me Ups!





## GA ECR MESSAGE



March signifies that Spring is right around the corner which means warmer weather and blooming flowers. It is time to make plans to attend your District Conventions where you see your Pilot friends, make new friends, conduct business, install new officers, learn new facts about Pilot, eat good food, and have loads of fun! It is an exciting time to be a Pilot!

Brain Awareness Week is March 10-16, 2025. This is the official week to promote brain safety and research. Pilot International has focused on brain related service since 1992 and developed the BrainMinders educational program. Over the years, Pilot Clubs have presented numerous programs about brain safety to educate children and seniors using the BrainMinder buddies.

March is also a great time to start working on Anchor Awards. Nominations for these awards are due to Pilot International by April 15. These awards include Anchor Club of the Year, Anchor Club Star of the Year, Community Service and Visibility Awards, Outstanding Anchor Advisor, Ruby Newhall Anchor Service Award, and Support for Anchors Award for Pilot Clubs. These forms are found on [www.pilotinternational.org/members/awards](http://www.pilotinternational.org/members/awards). Awards are presented at the PI Conference in Charlotte. Start completing these forms now and submit to PI HQ before the deadline.

### Applications to PI HQ due March 15:

- ✓ PIFF Scholarship applications
- ✓ PMU & Helmet Grant applications
- ✓ Project Lifesaver Scholarship
- ✓ LAIN Compass Scholarship

Register for the PI Annual Leadership and Leadership Conference to be held July 23-26, 2025, in Charlotte, NC. Link found on [www.pilotinternational.org](http://www.pilotinternational.org). Join your Pilot friends as it is going to be a great time!

Thank you all for your service to Pilot International!

In Friendship and Love,

*Lisa*

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## PARLIAMENTARIAN

It's March! At this time of the Pilot year, Pilot Clubs are thinking of 2025-2026 officers. As we are thinking of electing new officers, let's think about the why of Parliamentary procedure.

Parliamentary law was first introduced to assist in generating common sense in a GRACIOUS MANNER!

There are 4 principles of Parliamentary Law which are the following:

1. Consider one thing at a time.
2. It provides for an orderly transaction of business.
3. It expedites the handling of business.
4. It also allows courtesy and justice for all.

These principles ensure that there are the following:

1. The right of the majority to decide.
2. The right of the minority to be heard.
3. The right of the absentee to hear through minutes.

Let's have a great year as we transact business, and even more importantly, show friendship and service within our communities.

*Pat*

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNOR-ELECT

I would like to express my sincere thanks for the support and encouragement that I have received as I prepare for my year as Governor of the Georgia District. I look forward to a great year!

I have chosen the theme, "Spreading Joy Through Pilot Friendship and Service", using the emblem of a cardinal and the yellow rose. The cardinal is often seen as a messenger of joy and love. The yellow rose represents friendship. In the upcoming year let us spread joy to our communities as we participate in service projects. This year we will not be offering swap pins due to the increase of price

Please join me at the Georgia District Convention on May 2-4, 2025, as I am installed as the 2025-2026 Georgia District Governor and again at the 2025 Pilot International Annual Convention and Leadership Conference on July 23-27, 2025 at the Westin Charlotte in Charlotte, NC. I look forward to starting our journey on July 1 of Spreading Joy in our district, our club and community.

*Mary*

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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.



## GEORGIA PILOT FOUNDATION (GPF)

### The Georgia Pilot Foundation / Georgia District Pilot / Georgia District Anchor Partnership

GPF was originally part of the GA District Pilot. Scholarships were awarded to GA District Anchors from the GA District. To enhance the capabilities of scholarships for Anchors and to add to the flexibility to support the GA District, the scholarship function was moved from the 501(c)(4) GA District to a new separate entity 501(c)(3) GA Pilot Foundation. GPF became a supporting partner for the GA Dist and GA District Anchor. Note that GA District Anchor is part of GA District Pilot.

This partnership opened the door for GPF to increase the number of scholarships awarded to qualifying GA District Anchors and to support GA District. Reciprocally, GPF relies upon GA District for support not only to assist in fundraising for GPF scholarships, but also to perform the management and administrative duties of GPF. The origination of GPF also offered the opportunity to reach out in service to all Pilot Club Communities, not just clubs that sponsor an Anchor Club, through the establishment of the Lynda Goodwin Volunteer Scholarship.

To leverage the opportunities of the GPF / GA District / GA District Anchors Partnership, GPF is increasing the GPF Annual Fundraisers from one to three: 1) \$250 Raffle (existing), 2) The Duck Race, and 3) Virtual 5K. GPF will also sponsor a Virtual 5K for the GA District. The proceeds from this Virtual 5K will go to the GA District to be used as the GA District needs.

The method to this madness is to ultimately not only increase funds raised, but to expand fundraising outside of the GA District. And to raise funds during the year prior to year that they are used for scholarships. Example: Funds raised during the 2024-2025 year would be used for scholarships during the 2025-2026 year. Currently we are raising funds in the same year that we are spending them.

Thank you for your support through the years. And thank you in advance for your ongoing support as we continue to grow in our support of our communities.

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PIP/PG, Elberton Pilot Pat Jarvis with Madison Co. Anchor Coordinator & District Photographer Tammy Dalton at the Anchor Convention at St. Simons.



Pilot Club of Eatonton gave pick me ups to Sharon Dickens and Betty McElheney for the amazing jobs they do as caregivers! Club President Becky Wall presented them with their Pick-Me-Ups



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

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**March 10-16, 2025**

Brain Awareness Week

**March 15, 2025**

Quarterly deadline for Pick Me-Up, Helmets & BrainMinders' Grants  
Now is the time to begin planning to complete the grant applications, reading the instructions and paying close attention to the date requirements.

March is membership month and now is the time to plan a Share Pilot to add members to your club.

**March 20, 2025**

Q3 Club Report

Governor, Governor-Elect, Region Lt. Governor

**April 1, 2025**

GA Secretary of State Corporate Registration for all Clubs

**April 15, 2025**

Anchor Awards: Nominations are due to PI. Anchor Club of the Year, Anchor Club Star of the Year, Community Service and Visibility Awards, Outstanding Anchor Advisor, Ruby Newhall Anchor Service Award, and Support for Anchors Award for Pilot Clubs. These forms are found [www.pilotinternational.org/member/s/awards](http://www.pilotinternational.org/member/s/awards). Awards are presented at the PI Conference in Charlotte. Start completing these forms now and submit to PI HQ before the deadline.

**June 26, 2025**

Q4 Club Report

Governor, Governor-Elect, Region Lt. Governor

**July 23-26, 2025**

PI Annual Leadership & Leadership Conference at Charlotte, NC

Link is now opened  
[www.pilotinternational.org](http://www.pilotinternational.org)







## FUNDRAISING

### Is It FUNd Time Yet?

We are halfway through our Pilot year! And, that is both good news and not so good news!

The good news is a lot of our clubs have accomplished a lot of our FUNd Raisers and now have money in the bank to be used to support our Club's activities for the remainder of the Pilot year! Hopefully, most of your clubs fall in this category and now you can work on your Projects and other activities for the remainder of the year.

The not so good news is a lot of our clubs have NOT completed their FUNd Raisers. This is quite ok as those who have not completed them had them on their Plan of Work for the year and have been diligently working toward completing the preliminary work prior to the actual FUNd Raising activity. If your club is one of these, we wish you the very best and know that you will have a wonderful FUNd Raiser and will enjoy (have FUN!) every minute of the preparation and finalization of the activity. You will be working side by side with your fellow Pilot members and, perhaps, have a chance to invite someone new to be a part of your club.

I know several clubs have activities planned for the spring - Fashion Shows with lunch or dinner; Beauty Pageants; Salad Suppers; Bunco Night - and so many more! Just always remember to enjoy the fellowship with your fellow Pilot members and truly enjoy meeting all the new people who will participate in your FUNd Raising activities.

Wishing you all the very best with ALL your FUNd Raising activities!

*Jacque*

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Pilot Club of Lavonia celebrated its 50th Anniversary. The club was chartered on February 5, 1975, and has three charter members still on its rolls. Currently, it has 25 members and remains very active in its community.

Charter members: (L to R)  
Dianne Mauldin, Ruth Meeks,  
Frances Andrews

Also, attending was PIP/PG  
Cindy Weaver, PG Jayne  
Lackey, PG/PI Director Susan  
Harbin, Governor Maureen,  
PIP/PG Pat Jarvis, PG Avaline  
Adams



Team High Shoals Elementary was where you could find this team of Oconee Pilots to start their week with 85 kindergartners and 12 educators. They all are BrainMinders now!







## Welcome New Members

### New GA District Pilots

Lisa Moore (Hartwell)  
Nicole Paulene (Hartwell)  
Rachel Gaines (Hartwell)  
Jim Davie (Washington Co.)  
Carolyn Golden (Carrollton)  
Susan Thomas (Bainbridge)  
Candice Miller (Bainbridge)  
Jan Allison (Chatham Co.)  
Bonnie Fredericks (Chatham Co.)  
Dianne Walker (Chatham Co.)



Several Pilot Club of Chatsworth members along with their BrainMinder Buddies kicked off BrainMinder Awareness month by presenting their puppet show at Chatsworth Senior Center this morning. There were 70 senior citizens present including staff at the center that enjoyed the puppet show along lunch, playing bingo, gifts from Pilots and gospel singing



Ridge Road Primary School was the place to be this morning. Pilot Club of Washington Co. premiered the new puppet stage and presented an informative presentation all about home and classroom safety.



First Saturday BINGO at Lynn Haven Health and Rehabilitation Center was a fun event for Pilot Club of Jones Co. Members, Beth Coon, Helen Boyer, Fay Mathews and Shayna Amerson. Twenty residents enjoyed the game, and we had lots of happy winners. A good time was had by all!



Elberton President-Elect Connie Head & Governor-Elect Mary Turner reading to Pre-K students at Paul J. Blackwell Learning Center.

