

# Georgia District Governor's Bulletin



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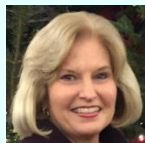
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## A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

April flowers are blooming at Stone Mountain Georgia, and it is a beautiful springtime delight. It is as if the flowers are inviting our Pilots for a visit! If you haven't registered yet, you still have a few more days to secure a room and join in the fun; April 11<sup>th</sup> is the deadline. ***Each club should bring their banner for our District Banner Display and choose a club representative as well.***

Nancy Miller and her committee have reported that the following 2025-2026 District Officer Nominations have been confirmed. Mary Turner will be installed as the Governor for 2025-2026. Governor-Elect will be Jacque Hatcher (PC of Washington County); Treasurer will be Avaline Adams (PC of Lavonia); Secretary will be Ann Lastinger (PC of Washington County). The Lt. Governors will be Shelby Holland, NE (PC of Toccoa); Deborah Wilson, NW (PC of Carrollton); Donna MacPherson, EC (PC of Oconee County); Missy Belcher, SW (PC of Bainbridge); and Melissa Stephens, SE (PC of Dublin). These nominees will be elected by acclamation since there is only one nomination for each office. Congratulations to these nominees and thank you to the Nominating Committee for finding such good representation for the Georgia District.

I cannot wait to see everyone at the District Convention. Get ready to have some business, some learning, and a lot of laughter! On Friday night bring your articles for the men at the Supported Living Center and enjoy a Night in the Tropics by the Mountain.

*Maureen*

## DISTRICT PICK-ME-UP



DISTRICT CONVENTION MAY 2-4, 2025  
SUPPORTED LIVING CENTER, LILBURN  
A PARTNER OF COLLAGES REHABILITATION

The Supported Living Center in Lilburn have clients with brain injuries. The home has all men that have a variety of neurobehavioral and medical injuries that cannot be managed at home. They would be thrilled to receive a little pick-me-up to brighten their day.

### Suggested items:

**MEN:** underwear M & L    Toothpaste    Toothbrushes    Shampoo  
undershirts M & L  
socks

Lotion    Mouthwash (alcohol free)    Body Wash    Chapstick

The Supported Living Services are designed with maintaining health and medical and behavioral stability at the forefront of every treatment plan. They provide varying levels of rehabilitation and clinical support in a safe and comfortable home-like environment. "Our Clients are more than just their injury. We are here to help them take control of the rest of their story and move forward to discover a meaningful life."

## LET'S EARN SOME FEATHERS!!!







## INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

"Life is not a highway strewn with flowers,  
Still it holds a goodly share of bliss,  
When the sun gives way to April showers,  
Here is the point you should never miss.  
Though April showers may come your way,  
They bring the flowers that bloom in May  
So, if it's raining, have no regrets....."

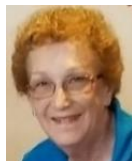
Remember those familiar words when the month of April comes .....flowers that bloom in May, but also our District Convention will "bloom" in May!

A time for all GA District Pilots to join together in fun, fellowship and a bit of business! But those flowers - and those peacocks and their beautiful feathers will be out in bloom!

"And when you see clouds upon the hills,  
You soon will see crowds of daffodils,  
So, keep on looking for a blue bird (and I would add ..a peacock!), and listening for his song,  
Whenever April showers come along."

*JoAnn*

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Covington Pilots presented a BrainMinders puppet show to Newborn Ziegler Library children. Left to right -Eleanor Scarborough, Emmy Roth, Ann Cargile, Ann Brooks, Mary Barnes



Pilot Club of Oconee Co, President Rosa Hall, Past President Darlene Adams and President -Elect Vickie Hammond welcomes Piedmont Encompass caregivers to Oconee 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/Family	Club
Pat Jarvis (Mother)	Elberton
Gary Jarvis (Mother-in-law)	Elberton
Chanta Whitlow (Grandmother)	Peachtree



**Past PI  
President/Past GA  
Governor**

**Cindy Weaver**  
(1996-1996 PG)  
(2005-2006 PIP)  
**April 10**

**Past Governors**

**Robin Williams**  
(2021-2022)  
**April 12**

**Dene' Dixon**  
(1995-1996 FL District)  
**April 23**

**NW Reg. Lt. Governor**

**Deborah Wilson**  
**April 6**

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

**facebook**



## Welcome New Members

**New GA District Pilots**

Rhonda Anderson (Elberton)  
Renoalda Scott (Macon)  
Connie Lucas (Newnan)  
Becky Wallace (Newnan)  
Suzanne Lorenz (Oconee Co.)







## LEADERSHIP

### "My Tribute to Mama Jac"

As I write my last Leadership article for the year of 2024-2025, I reflect on memories made when I was much younger. I was referred by Elbert, my neighbor who was also the Plant Engineer at Oxford Slacks (formerly known as Wright Garment Co) in the small town of Bowman, Ga for employment and was hired. Little did I know that this job would have such an impact on me personally and professionally. Immediately I was introduced to Jackie Harris, known also as "Mama Jac", who was the floor lady for the manufacturing of slacks. I was told by Elbert that I was to follow Mama Jac around; I was to listen; watch and take in everything she had to say. If I did, I would learn everything I needed to know about this industry. I did what I was told and little by little I gained knowledge to be able to visualize a pair of slacks by simply reading the description of how they should be cut and made. I eventually became the Office Supervisor and was able to lead the office staff successfully alongside Mama Jac.

Yesterday, I attended the memorial service of this fine lady. As I sat there, I began to think back. Did Mama Jac realize she was mentoring me or was she doing just what came naturally to her? I believed with me all my heart she intended to lead me, but it was very natural for her. She guided me with wisdom, but most of all guided me with love. There are some people who are born leaders, such as Mama Jac. I will be forever grateful for the positive influence she had on me.

An experienced leader naturally shares insights and guidance, often leading to knowledge transfer and skill development in their mentees. Just remember when you are mentoring a new member or an officer, you may unintentionally be teaching someone to be a great leader!

My challenge to you for the coming year is to mentor someone or allow someone to mentor you so that our district will have more effective leaders in the coming years.

Thank you, Maureen for allowing me to be your Leadership Coordinator for your year as Governor!

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." --- John Quincy Adams

In friendship and love,

*Avaline*

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Mama Jac with her daughter our PIP/PG Pat Jarvis



## MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNOR-ELECT

Hello Pilots,

I hope you are enjoying this beautiful weather. It is hard to believe that it is almost time for District Convention. This year we will be at the beautiful Evergreen Hotel and Resort in Stone Mountain, Georgia. I hope you and your club are making plans to attend.

District Convention will open on Friday night with a "Peacock Party." Wear your best tropical outfit. This year our District Service project will benefit the Supported Living Center in Lilburn. The center is home to clients with brain injuries.

Don't forget to book your marketplace table. These offer all types of items to purchase as we support our fellow Pilots.

On Saturday morning we will conduct business. Standing Rule Amendment, Proposed Budgets for the upcoming year and a new slate of officers for 2025-26. Also, our District Awards Luncheon where we will celebrate clubs in the district. We have planned workshops which will give us an opportunity to learn new things and share ideas with one another.

Installation on Saturday evening is always a special time for everyone. I look forward to seeing you there as the 2025-2026 DAC/DEC and appointees are installed. The attire for the evening is semi-formal to formal in shades of red or black.

Be sure to send in your registration for district convention ASAP. In the New Year we will be Spreading Joy through Pilot Friendship and Service!

See you at Stone Mountain!

*Mary*

Mary Turner  
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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.

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

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**April 1, 2025**

GA Secretary of State Corporate Registration for all Clubs

**April 11, 2025**

Deadline for DC Registration

**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.

**May 6, 2025**

Individuals, Clubs and Districts can put an ad in the PI Convention Booklet to congratulate a Pilot for their achievement or their upcoming leadership position. They range from \$50 to \$300, and you can email your ad to [PIConvention2025@PilotInternational.org](mailto:PIConvention2025@PilotInternational.org). Any questions or need help reach out to Mallory at HQ.

**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)

Pilot Club of Jones Co. held its 5th Annual Fashion Show today at Elam Baptist Church, where the Fellowship Hall was transformed with twenty-three beautifully decorated tables and a room full of Pilot members and special guests. Out of town guests included: Georgia District Governor, Maureen Stoy, Governor-Elect, Mary Turner and Assistant Anchor Coordinator, Gerianna Moon as well as other Pilot members from Cochran. We appreciate their support. Guests mingled in conversation as they admired the decorated tables and purchased raffle tickets.

After an official welcome everyone enjoyed a delicious chicken, strawberry salad, and cheesecake for dessert. We appreciate Debbie Scarbrough and other Pilots who worked in the kitchen, last night and today, in preparation and in serving the meals. The fashion show followed the meal, and the Pilot Club would like to thank ACE of Gray and J Jill of Macon for providing the beautiful outfits that were modeled. The event concluded after raffle winners were revealed. Thank you to all Pilot members who decorated tables and filled the tables with our special guests.



Pilot Club of Cuthbert delivered sandwiches and homemade soup for caregivers and people who are homebound. We had so much fun working together while "Caring for Our Community".





### ANCHOR

The 2025 Anchor Convention "Mystery by the Sea" has come and gone, but hopefully a memorable experience was had by all who attended. Convention started on Friday evening with the t-shirt contest, followed by a Clue-style scavenger hunt. Anchors were able to paint Hospital Art and inspirational rocks or play games before curfew.

The Saturday morning business session speakers were Monique Allen and Mary Vandewege from the Community Service Board of Middle Georgia. They spoke on autism which was this year's convention focus. The Anchors were really engaged and asked several questions. The new officers for 2025-2026 were elected at the business session. Congratulations to Thomas Hogan, President (West Laurens High School), Adelyn Thompson, President-Elect (Rabun County High School), Cameron Whigham, Secretary (Bainbridge High School), Mitchell Carter, Convention Chair (Bainbridge High School), Rhett Bazemore, Southeast Region Chair (West Laurens High School), Jada Sanders, Southwest Region Chair (Bainbridge High School), Addison Coker, East Central Region Chair (Gatewood High School), Genesis Figueroa, Northeast Region Chair (Rabun County High School), and Ryleigh Borim, Northwest Region Chair (Roswell High School).

The afternoon workshops included two sessions each of "Resumes and Interviews" conducted by Mallory Morgan, PI Youth Development Specialist; assembling sensory item goody bags for students in the Glynn County School District; "Watch Your Step" was a team-building exercise using Legos and your teammates to guide you blindfolded through the maze; and painting Hospital Art and inspirational rocks.

The Awards and Installation Banquet was held on Saturday night. Mrs. Kayton Brow, a Special Education Teacher from Laurens County, spoke about autism from the classroom perspective. As always, everyone was anxious to hear the award winners. Congratulations to the following winners:

#### Anchor Club with the Most Anchors Present

Madison Co. with 22

#### Club that Traveled the Farthest

Rabun Co. traveled 322 miles one-way

#### T-Shirt Contest

West Laurens HS

#### Most Pull Tabs Collected for RMHC

Madison Co. HS

#### Scrapbook

West Laurens HS

#### Community Service Award

Bainbridge HS

#### Anchor Club of the Year

Bainbridge HS

#### Most Spirited Anchor Club

Bainbridge HS

GA District Anchor \$500 Scholarships - Kaitlyn Bryan, WLHS; Kaylee Grace Buchanan, Bainbridge HS; and Julianna Bost, Madison County HS

GPF \$1500 Scholarships - Chancey Davis, Franklin Co. HS; Abbie Mixon, Gatewood HS; Samantha Patton, Cook Co. HS; and Ximena Guadalupe Perez, Elbert Co. HS

Following the awards, Governor Maureen Stoy installed the new officers for the upcoming year. Gerianna Moon, the 2025-2026 GA District Anchor Coordinator, announced that Anchor Convention will be at beautiful Stone Mountain and invited everyone to attend. After closing remarks, the convention was adjourned and the Anchors enjoyed a night of karaoke, s'mores by the fire, games, and painting Hospital Art and rocks.

I thoroughly enjoyed serving as the 2024-2025 GA District Anchor Coordinator. Thanks to the Pilots for supporting the Anchor program. It truly takes everyone working together and I am grateful for being a member of an organization that supports our youth!

Best Wishes to All,

*Kris*

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## PROJECTS

**Refocusing Our Service: Do We Know Our "Who"?** Now is the perfect time to take a fresh look at our service projects. Every Pilot Club is driven by a heart for service, but are we genuinely reaching those in our community who need us most? Are we creating service opportunities that engage all members, regardless of their schedules or abilities? Are we addressing real needs or simply continuing projects out of habit? As we develop our 2025-2026 Plan of Work, let's refocus our efforts—ensuring that every initiative makes a lasting impact and that every member has a meaningful role in serving our community.

To build a strong Plan of Work for 2025-2026, we must start by truly listening to our community. Meeting with local leaders, talking with community members, and attending public meetings can help us identify pressing needs. We should focus on Pilot International's mission areas—brain safety and health, youth development and leadership, and supporting caregivers—by partnering with schools, hospitals, and other nonprofit organizations. Clubs without Anchor Clubs can still support youth leadership by working with 4-H leadership programs and mentoring students in community service. Collaborating with food banks, senior centers, and crisis shelters can further expand our impact. It's also important to take time to reassess our current projects—what's working, what's outdated, and what needs adjusting to better serve our community by meeting the right needs in the most effective ways. Every club should consider developing a signature project—something they become known for and that makes a lasting impact, whether it's a BrainMinders™ puppet show, a caregiver appreciation event, helmet fittings and giveaways, or youth leadership opportunities in community service. By staying open to new ideas, adapting to changing needs, and ensuring our projects engage all members, we can continue influencing positive change in our communities.

Just as we must understand our community to serve effectively, we must also ensure that our projects are inclusive and accessible for all club members. A strong Pilot Club values the contributions of every member, but do we truly know their needs, interests, and limitations? Conducting member surveys, hosting open discussions, and identifying individual strengths can help us create service opportunities that engage everyone. Some members may thrive in hands-on projects, while others prefer behind-the-scenes work like grant writing or organizing donations. Offering flexible service options—such as daytime, evening, or at-home opportunities—ensures participation for those who work during the day, can't drive at night, or have physical limitations. Pairing new and seasoned members fosters mentorship while rotating project leadership brings fresh perspectives and prevents burnout. By truly knowing our members and making intentional efforts to involve everyone, we can strengthen our club and maximize our impact in the community.

As we plan for the 2025-2026 Pilot year, let's be intentional in both knowing our community and engaging our members to create impactful service projects. By listening, adapting, and embracing new opportunities, we ensure that our efforts remain relevant and meaningful. Whether through a signature project or fresh initiatives, our work can leave a lasting imprint. Together, we can continue influencing positive change through friendship and service—making a difference for those who need it most.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your 2024-2025 Projects Appointee. It has been a joy to work alongside you all in making a difference!

Joyfully Serving~~~*Vickie Hammond (Oconee County)*

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Pilot Club of Madison Co.'s meeting theme this month was pajama night!! What fun we had coming comfortable. Pilots and Anchors were such cuties!



Elberton Pilots, Gerianna Moon, Mary Turner & Connie Head donated in support of Paxton & Abigail. What a special group of ladies!!



Pilot Club of Toccoa had the opportunity to share the BrainMinder Buddies with Big A Elementary School students and inform the students about brain safety. Skits were presented to 354 Pre-K and Kindergarten students on how to protect their brain as they learned to "Play Smart and Play Safe!". It was an enjoyable week!





## GA ECR MESSAGE



April **Blessings** by Mary Davis.....

**B**e present.

**L**et the day flow with grace.

**E**xpect joy. Be positive.

**S**erve with compassion.

**S**peak with kindness.

**I**mpart only love.

**N**ever forget you're not alone

**G**ive thanks for everything.

**S**ee goodness in others.

Just a simple reminder, it's a new month and we have lots to look forward to. This month districts are hosting their annual conventions. What an exciting time to get together and reunite with old friends and meet new friends. Learn new things about the clubs within your district and utilize each other's creativity and expertise to work smarter NOT harder. We all have a gift and just because we are from different clubs does not mean we cannot help our fellow clubs with ideas on fundraising, projects and how to grow membership. When we work together, we succeed as ONE!

Let that energy continue and let's get enthusiastic about the 2025 Pilot International Convention and Leadership Conference. It will take place in Charlotte, North Carolina on July 23-26. Some fun facts about Charlotte are that it is the largest metropolitan area in the United States without a zoo, Dairy Queen on Wilkinson Boulevard is designated as a national historic landmark. It's got the only remaining Dairy Queen "Eskimo" roof display left in the entire country. The nation's first gold rush happened in Charlotte, in 1799. Miners found a 17-pound gold nugget and of course we cannot forget it is the location of the NASCAR Hall of Fame, where it showcases the history and achievements of its legendary drivers. We will have to polish up on our motorsport terminology or for some of us, we may just have to learn it before we head to Charlotte so we can be in the know. Thank goodness for Wikipedia.

Registration is still open, and the cost is \$525.00 [PI Convention 2025 | Pilot International](#) Our early bird registration just ended and was well received with over 300 + people registering for the PI Convention. This year's convention includes: a dynamic opening night, workshops aimed at enhancing leadership skills and sparking innovative ideas, keynote speakers, PIFF Fundraiser at the NASCAR Hall of Fame, collaboration opportunities with Pilots and installations of officers to celebrate achievements and future plans. YOU won't want to miss these FABULOUS few days of events!

Pre-Convention Excursions are Monday July 21 and Tuesday July 22 ~ Tour to the Mall for \$35.00 or you can add Tree House Winery & Vineyard to your Tour of the Mall for a total of \$65.00. Polo Shirts are available with President Nicki's logo on them "No Pilot Left Behind" for \$30.00 and there is also a Pilot Convention Pin for \$5.00 (which everyone loves & they are great souvenirs to bring back to members that are unable to attend or gifts for new members.)

On the night of Installation Banquet there is a new approach to the beverage service. This year, we will transition from a traditional cash bar to a hotel-reserved wine table service. This change aims to enhance the banquet experience ~ no standing in line and managing costs effectively. So, make sure to order your wine prior to coming to the convention. You can find the selections and costs on the Pilot International Convention page and payment can be made by using Zeffy. (Which on a side note ~ PI has saved \$8,000 and counting by using this platform for all our registering)

Individuals, Clubs and Districts can put an ad in the Convention Booklet to congratulate a Pilot for their achievement or their upcoming leadership position. They range from \$50 to \$300, and you can email your ad to [PI Convention 2025 | Pilot International](#). The deadline is May 6, 2025. Should you have any questions or need help reach out to Mallory at HQ.

At PI Convention awards are presented for Elizabeth Leonard Pilot Club Builder, Lucy B. Allen, Outstanding Community Service, Outstanding Pilot Club, Outstanding Pilot Club BrainMinder, Outstanding Pilot Club Visibility, Peral Sparks Service and Pick-Me-Up Project. The Awards Committee is ready and patiently waiting for all the submissions as we know there are so many worthy clubs, Pilots and projects. The deadline is **no later than 5 p.m. on May 15<sup>th</sup>**. All entries and required documents must be submitted in PDF format to [clubservices@pilothonline.org](mailto:clubservices@pilothonline.org).

Anchor Registration is open. Please remember your registration is NOT complete until all 3 forms are emailed to Pilot Youth Development and Communications Specialist at [youthdevelopment@pilothonline.org](mailto:youthdevelopment@pilothonline.org) Forms required are Anchor Summit Chaperones, Youth Release / Medical Forms and Photo Release. Any questions how to register or use Zeffy call Mallory at 478-477-1208 ext. 305

Anchors have several awards that are presented at convention also, however their deadline is a little earlier. It is **no later than April 15** and all entries and required documents must be submitted in PDF format to [youthdevelopment@pilothonline.org](mailto:youthdevelopment@pilothonline.org)

All clubs continue to do an outstanding job this year in Friendship and Service, and we cannot wait to see how many submissions are received. You can't win if you do not enter.

Pilot International is still accepting nominations for the 2025-2026 Executive Committee, Districts should have their slate of nominees for their 2025-2026 District Leadership Team for voting on at the District Convention and Clubs are hopefully starting to choose their incoming officers for 2025-2026 Pilot Year. Once the Club Officers are selected the President-Elect needs to complete the **New Officer Form by May 1<sup>st</sup>** and send it to Pilot International Headquarters ([clubservices@pilothonline.org](mailto:clubservices@pilothonline.org)) and your incoming District Governor. The form is on the website under Members ~ Forms/Documents ~ Club Officer Form

Thank you to all Pilots who stepped up to serve and take on a leadership role. Our goal is to see everyone lead in some type of capacity because we all are leaders one way or another. If not, we would have never joined Pilot. Sometimes it just takes another Pilot to bring it out of us and be our biggest cheerleader. We are ALL LEADERS because we ALL want to DO more ~ CARE more ~ BE more!

Now I am going to use a Darrell Waltrip NASCAR race catchphrase.... (Will Butler will enjoy)

Imagine the Green Flag is being flown and the race is starting ..... Boogity, boogity, boogity - let's go racing Pilots!" Let's get excited and I will see you all in Charlotte, North Carolina.

In Pilot Friendship and Love,

*Lisa*

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