

Georgia District Governor's Bulletin



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A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

As my Governor year ends, I want to thank all the Pilot members for the support you have given me. It has been an amazing year with several ups and downs, but many more positives than negatives. When I accepted this nomination, I was thinking that this year would be a challenge, and my brain would need to really start working again after being retired for so many years. I was not wrong! The saying "you are never too old to learn" is definitely true!

What surprises me, is that there are so few people that want to step up and try to challenge themselves in an executive position. We are full of members that joined Pilot to volunteer and serving as an officer is the ultimate way to volunteer. It is great to be able to see the whole picture of Pilot, from club to state to international, and be able to serve the whole organization. With all the support that members give to our leaders, the job is not work but an experience of love.

It is a pleasure to pass this leadership to Mary Turner. I am sure she will appreciate your support and will lead our District to great things next year. Continue to serve your communities and show joy when doing your projects and fundraisers. Do not forget me down in Cochran...invite me to your clubs and let me see more of our beautiful state of Georgia!

Maureen



Gov. Maureen at District
Convention Installation



PG Avaline, Gov. Maureen & Gov.-Elect
Mary sight visiting Peachtree City



Cochran Pilots - Retia
Scott, Gov. Maureen &
Stacy Leverette at Bleckley
Co. Primary School
collecting pennies in a
Wishing Well for the
Cochran Club's Walk to End
Alzheimer's project





INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Did you know...the peacock is deeply rooted in a specific myth about Hera and her jealous actions! Now who of us have ever heard of Hera????.... well, in Greek mythology, Hera was "the queen of the gods and goddess of marriage, women and childbirth." She was the sister and wife of Zeus!!! The peacock became her symbol.... Hera was very jealous of Zeus and because of her jealous nature...there were 100 eyes placed onto the tail feathers of a bird, creating the peacock! This transformation and the peacock's resulting "eye-like" feathers on its tail became associated with Hera's watchfulness and all-seeing nature, as well as her role as a protector.

This year under the watchful "eye" of the peacock and our Governor's motto of "caring for our communities".....may we continue the wonderful caring work done by Pilots and our Anchors throughout the GA District

"The Peacock"

by Sujata Bhatt

His loud sharp call seems to come from nowhere.
Then, a flash of turquoise in the pipal tree
The slender neck arched away from you
as he descends,
and as he darts away, a glimpse of the very end of his tail:
I was told that you have to sit on the veranda
And read a book,
preferable one of your favourites with great
concentration.

The moment you begin to live inside the book
A blue shadow will fall over you.
The wind will change direction, the steady hum of bees
in the bushes nearby will stop.

The cat will awaken and stretch,
Something has broken your attention;
And if you look up in time
You might see the peacock turning away as he gathers his
tail

To shut those dark glowing eyes, violet fringed with golden
amber,

It is the tail that has to blink....
For eyes that are always open.

JoAnn

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

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GA District Governor
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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. Please note when sending information re the death of a Pilot add in the number of years that person has been a pilot.

Welcome New Members



New GA District Pilots

Kim Fowler (Jones Co.)

MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNOR-ELECT

I hope everyone has rested up after District Convention! I think everyone had a great time. It is time to start planning for the new Pilot year. I am looking forward to working with you this year as we Spread Joy to our communities through friendship and service.

The Lt. Governors have started planning the Region Workshops. Please make plans now to attend your Region Workshop. The Lt. Governors are hard at work making sure they have everything just right for your workshop. I encourage you to attend even if you have held the office multiple times you can learn something new. The workshops are a good way to network with other clubs and get new ideas.

The tentative dates for the workshops are as follows:

Southeast August 9	Southwest September 13
Northeast August 23	Northwest August 16
East Central August 16	

If you are not able to attend your regions, please reach out to one of the other regions and plan to attend theirs.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Charlotte!

Mary

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Past Governors

Nancy Miller
(2011-2012 GA Dist.)
(2004-2005 KY/OH/WV Dist.)

June 4

Susan Harbin
PI Treasurer (2024-25)
(2020-2021)

June 11

EC Lt. Governor

Donna MacPherson
June 20

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





GA ECR MESSAGE



MEMBERSHIP

June is the end of the Pilot year, and it's time to reflect on our accomplishments and evaluate our projects and fundraisers. What did we do well and how can we improve. This process helps us plan for the coming year. What do we want to repeat and what changes do we want to make in our plans of work. Remember to involve all members in this process. They want to feel valued, and they want to know they have a voice. June is also the month that we install our new officers, so make it special and let them know how much you appreciate them stepping up for a leadership position.

Remember to apply for BrainMinders, Pick Me Up, and Helmet grants this year. Each club can apply for each grant once per Pilot year (July through June). Application dates are September 15, December 15, March 15, and June 15. These grants can help you make things happen in your communities. There are PIFF matching grants that enable you to do bigger projects for your communities. The application deadline is October 15 for this one. Take advantage of the funds that are available to you. Pilot International is here to help you make a difference in your community.

Membership growth is important for Pilot, and we need to share Pilot with friends, family, co-workers, and acquaintances. Let's plant some seeds and see what blooms in the coming year.

There is a quote by Greg Reid that goes: *"A dream written down with a date becomes a goal. A goal broken down into steps becomes a plan. A plan backed by action makes your dreams come true."*

Dream big, set a goal, make a plan and see what amazing things you can do in 2025 -2026.

The Pilot International Annual Convention and Leadership Conference will be held In Charlotte, NC on July 23 -26, There will be outstanding speakers, workshops, fundraisers, District lunches, the PIFF Nascar Hall of Fame event, PIFF Bingo, the President's breakfast and the Installation banquet. I hope you are planning to attend.

Our service project will support the Charlotte Ronald McDonald House by assembling hygiene and baby kits and stocking their pantry. We are requesting cash donations instead of specific items because Ronald McDonald House requires particular supplies. Please consider donating \$25, \$50, \$75 or \$100 to this cause.

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as your ECR this year.

I look forward to seeing you in Charlotte.

Love,

Lisa

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The Three "R"s

Georgia Pilot District has been actively using this formula for the past year which gave us 63 new members. RECRUIT/RETAIN/RECLAIM is definitely the way to go in growing our membership.

RECRUIT:

- We all know someone whom we could invite to a club meeting, fundraiser, or project. This could be a co-worker, friend, or family member. When they see how much we enjoy being with our fellow club members, they will sense that is something they would like to be a part of. INVITE THEM!
- The new member should feel engaged and excited about their decision to join a Pilot club. Make sure they always feel included and valued.

RETAIN:

- Have an orientation meeting with an explanation of Pilot's mission, terminology and review of your club plans of work. (This could be a quarterly or monthly meeting. Our club meets monthly for what we call "Talk Pilot," and discuss different topics relating to Pilot International, Georgia District, or our club.)
- Assign new members a mentor.
- Assign new members to committees and involve them in projects immediately. Avoid overwhelming them in fundraising and service projects, and do not expect them to do everything.
- Contact members when they miss a meeting.

RECLAIM:

- Invite former members to special meetings, fundraising events, and other activities.
- Send a letter/text or make a phone call acknowledging the member's service to the club with an invitation to rejoin.
- Assign club members to keep in contact with the resigning member and send the club newsletter to former members.

"The Mediocre teacher tells; the Good teacher explains; the Superior teacher demonstrates; the Great teacher inspires!" Quote by William Arthur Ward This information was taken from the Membership Guide (Revision January 2021.)

Esther

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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

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 15, 2025

BrainMinders, Pick-Me-Up-Helmet Grants
Due to PI

June 26, 2025

Q4 Club Report

Governor, Governor-Elect, Region Lt. Governor

July 1, 2025

2025-26 GA Dist. Dues

Due to incoming Avaline Adams & copy to Dist. Secretary Ann Lastinger
Dues form was emailed out to current Presidents & President-Elects. Also, on the District Website

July 1, 2025

2025-26 PI Dues

Due to PI Headquarters & copy to incoming Avaline Adams & Dist. Secretary Ann Lastinger

July 23-26, 2025

See our GA ECR Lisa's article on page 3 for lots of Convention Information

PI Annual Leadership & Leadership Conference at Charlotte, NC

Link is now opened

www.pilotinternational.org

August 15, 2025

2024-25 Financial Records Audit

Audit Committee Club & District

August 15, 2025

2025 Fall Council Committees

Assignments

Incoming Governor Mary

August 15, 2025

Club Budgets & Standing Rules

Governor, Governor-Elect, Region Lt. Governor

August 15, 2025

Plans of Work

Due to: Governor, Governor-Elect, Region Lt. Gov.

August 15, 2025

Governor's Cup Award

Esther Foster (Awards Jury Chair) 107 Pineview Rd., Gray, GA 31032
(Return Receipt at Postal Service required)



ANCHOR

It is hard to believe this Pilot year is coming to an end. I have enjoyed being the assistant Anchor Coordinator this year and seeing all the amazing things Anchors across the state of Georgia have done this year! I want to thank all the Pilots Clubs and their members that sponsor Anchor Clubs. If not for you this would not be possible. These young adults truly are our future.

As you are working on your plans for next year consider sponsoring a club if you do not already have a club. Pilots that already sponsor clubs encourage your Anchors to attend your meeting and help with projects you have going on. I know some of the best times we have are when our Anchors are around.

Please let Kirsten and Gerianna know if your advisor is changing for next school year, and if your Pilot Anchor Coordinator has changed. If we know of any changes early, it helps make sure the new forms and information goes to the right person. I am looking forward to working with you all again next year. If you ever need anything, please reach out to me!!

Geriana

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Pilot Club of Jones Co.'s May project was donating snacks and paper products to the Ronald McDonald House, and Pilot members were asked to bring those donations to the May meeting. Thank you to all members who made contributions for the project. The donations were delivered by Pilot members Kathy Jackson, Beth Coon, and Fay Mathews. Courtlyn Moore, an Intern of Georgia College who is majoring in Public Health, accepted the donations. We appreciate the Ronald McDonald House, and we realize how fortunate we are to have this facility in Macon.



Pilot Platter Chatter May 28 at Ila Restaurant



Pilot Club of Elberton Pilots presented BrainMinders at Wee School First Baptist Church





Pilot Club of Washington Co. Pilots Diane Davie, Ann Lastinger, Renee Jordan and Susan Frazier visited Extended Care Facility (ECF) with goodie bags for residents and treats for the staff.



Pilot Club of Eatonton Pilots delivered snacks and drinks to their sheriff's department, police department, and fire station. We are so thankful for their service!



Pilot Club of Hogansville celebrated our community during the month of May. We provided breakfast for Teacher Appreciation Day, delivered cupcakes to our Police Department, utility workers, Fire Department, and City Hall, decorated the park for Memorial Day, and presented The Susan St. Clair Memorial donation to the Hogansville Library for their summer reading program.



It was EMS week, and Pilot Club of Hartwell Pilots had the honor of delivering lunch to their county's valued EMS workers on Tuesday! Join us in thanking these men and women who work tirelessly in the field of emergency medical services.



"I had the very distinct honor and privilege of installing the 2025-2026 Club Officers of the Macon Pilot Club - our 'Mother Club'! They are a very enthusiastic and active Pilot Club. I look forward to working with them in the years to come"..... Jacque Hatcher (Incoming 2025-26 Governor-Elect)

