

Georgia District Governor's Bulletin



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2023 – 2024 DAC/DEC

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Kirsten Jorgenson

A MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR

What a Great Pilot International Convention in Bellevue, Washington to kick off a new Pilot year! The week was packed with learning about Pilot initiatives and the introduction of a new Brain Minder Buddy, Tiana Tiger. We attended informative workshops and previewed the newly designed PI website, which goes live on July 15th. I believe you will be pleased. We watched Georgia District bring home many Pilot International awards. Congratulations! The workshops presented during Council of Leaders were amazing! Our District Executive Council listened, participated and will strive to provide enthusiastic leadership, training, encouragement and mentoring which is vital in assisting our clubs to Recruit new members, Retain existing members and Reclaim former members.

The convention concluded with a beautiful Installation banquet for President Holly Baker, the Executive Committee and the International Administrative Council (IAC). As your Governor, I will serve on the IAC. I am honored to be part of such outstanding leadership team known as "Baker's Shakers" as we carry out President Holly's theme: **"Matter IN Pilot"**.

Congratulations to our two new PI Directors from Georgia, Jayne Lackey, Pilot Club of Madison County and Susan Harbin, Pilot Club of Lavonia that will serve on the Executive Committee.

I am pleased to announce our Executive Committee Representative for 2023-2024 is PI Treasurer, Joseph Cunningham who resides in the District of South Carolina.

If you have never been to a Pilot International Annual Convention & Leadership Conference, I strongly encourage you to attend. You and your club will benefit from great training, as well as, making new lifelong friends!

As a reminder, please don't forget the Governor's Cup Award deadline August 15th. You definitely want to submit this entry form so your club's community service can be showcased. The entry form is on the Georgia District website, pilotgeorgia.org and should be mailed to Nancy Miller, Georgia District Pilot Awards Jury Chair, 211 Michelle Rd, Milledgeville, GA 31061. I encourage you to have a Return Receipt when mailing to indicate receipt of your form.

For my emblem, I have chosen the Iris and the theme, **"Pilots Serving with a Passion"**. I chose this theme to emphasize the passion I have witnessed from Pilot members since I joined. It's not just service projects, but I see members with dedication, devotion and excitement to serve in their club and community. The Iris is a symbol of wisdom, determination, passion, enduring faith and hope. Is this not a very good description of a Pilot member! Let your passion show by promoting Friendship and Service this year!

"Pilots Serving with a Passion"

"Avaline"



GA Pilots & Anchors at PI Convention in Bellevue, Washington





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INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE



Governor Avaline has chosen the beautiful iris flower as her symbol...did you ever stop to think about what the Iris flower means? This flower is "considered as a representation of wisdom, elegance, faith and royal happenings in life" - now I am sure about the part with "royal happenings"; but this flower means new beginnings and new happenings.

New beginnings and new happenings symbolize the beginning of a new Pilot year...A Pilot year dedicated to "serving with a passion!"

Another interesting tidbit about the word Iris - in Greek it means rainbow. It shares its name with the Greek Goddess "Iris" who was regarded as the messenger of the Gods and a link between heaven and earth. Mythological stories showed that she used to travel in a rainbow and is a messenger of love and peace. In another article that I read it said "Iris means hope, trust and valor - determination and courage. It also indicates your self worth"

That is a mouthful! But when you break down the meaning of the symbol, it spells PILOT big time!....determination, hope, and courage to try new projects or a new way of doing business.

So fellow Pilots, let this beautiful flower - the Iris - guide you and your club as we move forward with "serving with a passion" in our respective communities!

JoAnn

JoAnn Akers
Inspirational leader



Georgia District, Pilot International 2023-24
Memorial Forms need to go to:

Avaline Adams
GA District Governor

JoAnn Akers
Inspirational Leader

Lt. Governor (for your region)



In Loving Remembrance! The Georgia District extends our deepest sympathies to those who have lost loved ones.

Pilot

Laverne Cranford
(Emeritus Member)

Club

Eastman



Pilots in Cuthbert sell crates of corn fresh out of the fields for our Spring fundraising project. (LtoR) Sandee Sims, Lenita Rogers, Christy Feyes, SW Lt. Gov. Bennie Mattox

Past Governors/Past PI Presidents

Pat Jarvis
(2001-2002 PG)
(2009-2019 PIP)
July 3

Ann Adams
(1979-1980)
July 16

Past Governors

Jacque McDonald Hatcher
(2000-2001)
July 9

Cynthia Spearman
(2016-2017)
EC Lt. Governor
July 22



Pilot Club of Toccoa Pilots, District Treasurer Shelby Holland and Claudia McCartney at the PI Convention in Bellevue, WA dressed for the PI President Rhona's Tea Party



At the President's Tea Party, PI President Rhona Espinoza pictured with Jones Co. Club Pres. Beth Coon accepting 1st Place Gold Level PI Pick Me Up Award & 1st Place Gold Level PI Outstanding Community Svc. Award.

Congratulations Jones County Pilots!!!





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Meet your District Administrative Council (DAC)



Avaline Adams

Governor
Pilot Club of Lavonia

Welcome to a new Pilot Year! To get our year started off in the right direction, some of us have just returned from Bellevue, WA. We are all excited about seeing old friends, making new ones and gathering new ideas.

On a personal note, my husband, Larry and I live just outside the rural town of Carnesville in Northeast Georgia. While passing through, if you blink you will definitely miss it. We love the country life, but we also enjoy our time at the coast. We have five children, six grandchildren of which four live close by. Most any time you can find us either at the softball field, basketball court or the track field cheering our grands on!

Being a part of Pilot is such a meaningful part of my life. Some of my very best friends were met through Pilot. We have served and played together and grieved and rejoiced together. Pilot is all about sharing and that's what makes our friendships stronger. When we gather at Platter Chatter, Fall Council, District and PI convention, I feel I am among family members. What a wonderful way to feel!

I am honored to serve as your Governor this year and hope you will feel free to call on me to assist in any way. I look forward to us "Serving with a Passion" together!



Shelby Holland

Treasurer
Pilot Club of Toccoa

I have been a Pilot member since 2005 when a dear friend, Betty Poole, invited me to join the Pilot Club of Toccoa. I was honored and thrilled to become a club member where I served as Club President during 2013-2014. I also served as Georgia District Membership Coordinator during 2014-2015 and as Georgia District Treasurer in 2015-2016. As I will serve again as Georgia District Treasurer during 2023-2024, excitement is in the air as I look forward to fulfilling my duties as well as meeting new Pilots and making new friendships.

My husband Ron and I have been married for 47 years and are enjoying retirement life and are thankful for each day together. We are blessed with our daughter, Hilliary, and son-in-law, Joshua Bentley. However, we are totally wrapped up in the love-of-our-life granddaughter, Lillian Mae, who is six years old and has just finished Kindergarten. G-Pa and GiGi stay involved and support her activities that include dance, basketball, soccer and children's choir.

For day-to-day activities, my life is centered on being involved with my church family and activities of my church. Another area that I enjoy being involved is the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs where I served as State President during 2020-2022.

I am proud to be a Pilot and honored to be a part of an organization that actively serves others through volunteer service in the community.



Maureen Stoy

Governor-Elect
Pilot Club of Cochran

I am a Georgia transplant! Born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio as an only child, I never thought I would be living in Cochran Georgia...but my high school sweetheart has moved me from Ohio to North Dakota to Georgia during our early years. Although I was not born in the south, I consider myself a Georgian now after moving to the Albany area in 1989. My husband, Mike, has worked in the University System taking us to several Georgia locations. I have worked at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital and Northeast Georgia Medical Center after getting my BS degree in Dietetics/Consumer Science at Edgecliff College (now Xavier University), completing an internship at Good Samaritan Hospital, getting my MS in Food and Nutrition in Fargo, North Dakota, and working part-time while raising three beautiful children, Jeff, Michael, and Kati. My career led me to certifications in Diabetes Education and Cardiac Rehab which became my passion. I truly loved my job!

It was not until moving to Cochran that I retired, became a full-time grandmother of 5 wonderful grandchildren, and discovered Pilot International. With all of my children married and located in Charleston, Savannah, and Nebraska, when we are not traveling, I am being a Pilot. I am truly honored to serve as Governor-Elect this year, making you my Georgia family, and serving our communities with passion.



Mary Sue Ward

Secretary
Pilot Club of Adel

I have been a member of Pilot International since 1990 with the Pilot Club of Adel, where I have served two terms as president. I've spent the majority of my career in the public school system, starting as a band director, then earning my Doctorate in Education and moving into administration. I have also been active with my church choir for many years, including ten years as the Music Director.

I have two sons and currently reside in Adel. I love my work with Pilot and the opportunity it gives me to serve my community, as well as the wonderful friendships I have gained.

I am happy to be serving as your District Secretary.





Meet your District Executive Council (DEC)



Mary Turner
NE Region Lt. Governor
Pilot Club of Elberton

Welcome to a new Pilot year! Let me introduce myself. I just finished my 28th year of teaching Pre-Kindergarten. I enjoy every minute I get to spend shaping the minds of the littler ones. I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Family and Consumer Sciences from the University of Georgia, a Master of Education in Early Childhood Education from UGA, and a Specialists in Early Childhood from Piedmont. I have one daughter Gerianna Moon, who is also a Pilot. I have three grandsons. I love to read, work in my flowers, and spend time with my family. I am excited to serve the Georgia District as the Northeast Region Lieutenant Governor. I look forward to working with each of you this year!



Ann Lastinger
SE Region Lt. Governor
Pilot Club of Washington Co.

It is with a lot of pleasure that I begin my tenure of service as Lieutenant Governor for the Southeast Region in the Georgia District. For the past 18 years I have enjoyed being a member of the Washington County Pilot Club. During this time, I have served in many different capacities including three terms as President. Our club is an amazing group of friends who have the same goals in mind as we strive to serve our community. When I first became acquainted with the Pilot Club, I did not know very many people in Sandersville. My husband was well known throughout the County because of his career responsibilities, and my identity was only known as 'his wife'. Yes, you guessed it, The Pilot Club was my map to meeting many new people and gaining identity of my own. I had no idea how much fun and how rewarding this new journey would turn out.

After only being a member for a few short months, my sponsor invited me to drive her & some other 'seasoned' members to Atlanta, GA for a Pilot International Convention. Needless to say, that is when I fell in love with Pilots! The Convention was so impressive with all of the organization of activities, enthusiasm of all the members and overwhelming amount of information. I came back to our local club all "pumped" up and ready to take on whatever was being planned. As the saying goes, 'the rest of the story is history'.

Since that first Convention, I have attended many more but the awesomeness and excitement has not changed. The Magic is still there!!

In the weeks & months ahead, I hope to be able to visit each club in the Southeast Region. I look forward to meeting even more new friends and finding out more about each club's activities and events. We all can learn from each other and sharing ideas is key to motivation of our creativity. May we all continue to *Serve with Passion* and *Make a Difference* in each of our communities!



Cynthia Spearman
EC Region Lt. Governor
Pilot Club of Covington

No Bio given



Angela Gillis
NW Region Lt. Governor
Peachtree Pilot Club

Angela recently retired from Georgia Power / Southern Company Services after 42 years of service. Her field of business was Information Technology. She is looking forward to "Freedom – not being tied to a desk"!

Angela is an active member of several professional organizations, including Citizens of Georgia Power, the African American Women Networking Group (AAWNG) and the Association of American Blacks in Energy, Atlanta Chapter (AABE). She also served on the Powerco Credit Union supervisory committee for over 10 years.

In her free time, Angela is an active member of Ben Hill United Methodist Church where she serves on the usher team, wedding ministry, worship ministry Altar Guild and United Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women). She has served on several nonprofit organizations: Broad of Governors, fundraising and patience services committees for the National Kidney Foundation of Georgia, and Center for Visually Impaired (CVI).

Pilot is her favorite organization! She is a member the Peachtree Pilot Club of Atlanta and has held several positions. She is Georgia Power Liaison for Georgia Artists with DisAbilities (her other love). She also is a Certified Wedding Consultant, member of the Association of Bridal Consultants and Multicultural Wedding & Event Professionals. She has been a dedicated member of Modern Free Order of the Eastern for over 30 years serving in several leadership positions and volunteering in the community. She enjoys event planning, traveling, movies and spending time with her family. Angela is married to Daniel C. Gillis.



Bennie Mattox
SW Region Lt. Governor
Pilot Club of Cuthbert

Serving Pilot in the Southwest Region as Lt. Governor this year is an honor; this is the first time I have served Pilot at the District level. I joined the Pilot Club of Cuthbert in 1980 when I was 30 years old...42 years ago! Serving as President for my club 3 times and other offices. I am a Christian first and Pilot second. My career life has been everything from owning a florist/frame business to Licensed Clinical Social Worker. I returned to college and earned my Bachelor of Psychology when I was 50 and my Masters of Social Work 2 years later. I retired from Andrew College as director of the Focus Program, which is a support program for students with learning disabilities. Traveling as a Fulbright Scholar to China and Korea is one of the highlights of my life. I enjoy anything associated with the ocean; SCUBA diving, fishing, just anything! I have flown in hot air balloons and even dumpster dive on occasion. I love to go thrifting and rescuing most anything from furniture to candle holders so I can restore them and sell in my booth at an antique mall. I have three sons and a step daughter, 6 grandsons, and a wonderful husband, Walter. And of course, Boo! He is my rescue dog and companion.

The Southwest region is not as big as other regions but we are POWERFUL! We have strength in the dynamic members who work faithfully for Pilot and I am proud to be a part of this region.





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.



LEADERSHIP

Great Leaders don't set out to be great leaders.....they set out to make a difference. It's never about the role...it is about the goal.

Think about the people in your life that you have as role models. It might be a grandparent, a teacher, a friend, a Pilot – someone who inspires, encourages, empowers, supports, strengthens others – makes you want to be more, do more!

As Pilots, we are all leaders – sometimes in our club with ideas, sometimes in community with projects, sometimes as a friend with a word. The position might dictate that someone is a leader, but it is the role we play and how we respond that makes us a leader. As a leader we need to listen to new ideas, have open minds, be aware of criticism as well as praise. Success has to be planned. It has to include all aspects not just one or two items.

When preparing your plans of work this year, think about what you did last year – what worked and what was a pain. Evaluate with true passion to strive for better not just to do the same o same o. Make necessary changes, be attentive to new ideas, listen to new members, and consider new projects or fundraisers. Think about the size of your club – maybe several small successes are better than one large project or vice versa. Maybe this is not the year for a huge fundraiser, but instead several projects that require time and the club's participation, but not necessarily money. Leadership is not about making your plans and telling people what to do. It is listening and caring for what it is best for the club and the community.

I wish for each of you the very best year in Pilot. As said, all of you are leaders regardless of your role in your club. Speak out, share your passion, get your juices flowing, and your project will take care of itself!!

Durrett

Durrett Moerman
Leadership Coordinator



Jones County Pilots Beth Coon (l) & Wanda Bush (r) with one our new PI Directors PG Susan Harbin (c) from the Pilot Club of Lavonia



Tammy Dalton (l) was appointed as the PI Anchor Coordinator & PG Jayne Lackey (r) is a PI Director. Both are in the Pilot Club of Madison County



Pilot Club of Elberton Pilots who attended the Pilot International Convention and Leadership Conference in Bellevue, WA are Gary and Pat Jarvis, Sandra Wilson, Nita Marie Hodges and NE Region Lt. Gov Mary Turner.

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 1, 2023

GA District Dues
2022-2023 District Treasurer
Shelby Holland
Copy to District Secretary
Mary Sue Ward

July 1, 2023

PI Dues & Form
PI Headquarters

August 15, 2023

Financial Records Audit
Audit Committee (Club & District)

August 15, 2023

Plans of Work
Governor, Governor-Elect, Region
Lt. Governor

August 15, 2023

Governor's Cup Awards
Nancy Miller
(Awards Jury Chair)
211 Michelle Rd.
Milledgeville, GA 31061
Copy to: Governor, Governor-
Elect, Region Lt. Governor

September 1, 2023

Club Budgets & Standing Rules
Copy to: Governor, Governor-
Elect, Region Lt. Governor

September 20, 2023

Q1 Club Reports
Copy to: Governor, Governor-
Elect, Region Lt. Governor



All Forms are on the GA
District Website under Forms
www.pilotgeorgia.org

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





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Meet our 2023-2024 Appointees



Dr. Julia Lucas
Nominating Committee Chair
(Cochran)



Glynice Hayes
PIFF Representative
(Peachtree)



Karen Fitzpatrick
GPF Representative
(Madison County)



Genia Mitchell
GPF Co-Representative
(Peachtree)



Vickie Lane
Membership Coordinator
(Washington County)



Durrett Moerman
Leadership Coord. &
PIFF Co-Rep.
(Brunswick)



Kerrin Daniel
Anchor Coordinator
(Chatham County)



Kris Harden
Assist. Co-Anchor Coordinator
(Dublin)



Pat Jarvis
Parliamentarian
(Elberton)



JoAnn Akers
Inspirational Leader
(Atlanta)



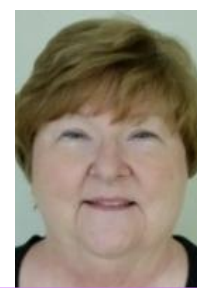
Lori Hull
Projects Coordinator
(Brunswick)



Tammy Dalton
Fundraising Coordinator
(Madison County)



Kirsten Jorgenson
Governor's Bulletin Editor
(Gainesville)



Nancy Miller
Awards Jury Chair
(Newnan)



Katharine Banning
Website Editor
(Atlanta)



Cindy Weaver
Audit Committee Chair
(Atlanta)



April Rowland
Governor's Scrapbook Editor
(Lavonia)



Kalee Rowland
Governor's Scrapbook Co-Editor
(Lavonia)





Our DEC at the Pi Convention Installation Banquet (LtoR) NE Reg. Lt. Gov. Mary Turner, EC Reg. Lt. Gov. Cynthia Spearman District Treasurer Shelby Holland, Governor Avaline Adams, Governor-Elect Maureen Stoy, District Secretary Mary Sue Ward, SE Reg. Lt. Gov. Ann Lastinger, SW Reg. Lt. Gov. Bennie Mattox & NW Reg. Lt. Gov. Angela Gillis



Pilot Club of Newnan Pilots at President Rhona's Tea Party



Governor Avaline, her Co-Pilot Larry & PI President Holly Baker at the PI Convention Installation Banquet



Pilot Club of Washington County Pilots at the PI Convention Installation Banquet



Madison Pilots attending President Rhona's Tea Party



Dist. Anchor Coor. Kerrin Daniel, Gov. Avaline, Dist. Anchor Pres.-Elect Chancey Davis, Anchor Pres., Spencer Burdett & PI Anchor Coor. Tammy Dalton