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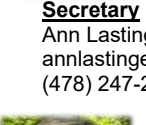
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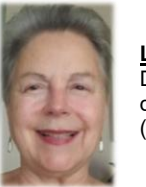


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Message from the Governor

The month of August was very busy! Thank you for sending in your Plans or Work, Budgets, and Standing Rules. As I looked over the Plans of Work, I can see that the Georgia District is going to be busy Spreading Joy to communities in the Georgia District. We have had four wonderful Region Workshops in the month of August, and one more left to go on September 13. I enjoyed spending time with the clubs in the regions that I was able to participate in.

Now it is time to start thinking about Fall Council. The planning committee has been hard at work planning Fall Council. During Fall Council we will have a silent auction and a live auction. This year the Anchor board asked if they could participate in Fall Council Marketplace to help raise funds to offset the cost of their convention in February. They will have a table with baskets for you to buy chances on. We will send out more information on the baskets soon. There will be an option for you to participate even if you are not able to attend Fall Council.

Let's keep working on adding members to our clubs. President Beverly challenged each club to add one new member to their club this year. Let's not stop at one new member let's see how many new members we can add to the Georgia District. It would also be wonderful if we could add a new club to our district as well.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Fall Council!

Mary



Governor Mary at the NW Region Workshop in Newnan



PG/Dist. Treasurer Avaline Adams, Governor Mary & NE Lt. Gov. Shelby Holland at the NE Region Workshop in Toccoa



Governor Mary with Pilot Club of Toccoa Pilots at the NE Region Workshop





Inspirational Message

As September comes, so does Fall and so does Georgia Artists with DisAbilities!! (GAWD) So many talented artists that produce beautiful works of art for all to enjoy. Remember the Awards Ceremony will be Saturday, Sept. 27 and this is the 40th year for this organization! The winning pieces of art will go on a yearlong statewide tour and when it comes to your area, do take some time to go and see the show!! 40 years is quite the milestone!

We also have had some sad news to report and that is the recent death of Ann Adams, PC of Hartwell, Past GA District Gov and Past PIP. She was a dedicated Pilot with well over 50 plus years of service and she did love GAWD. Our beautiful cardinal symbol is a sign that "angels are near" or a "visitor from heaven". Next time you see that beautiful cardinal just know that Ann is still with us (as are all of our loved ones that have gone before us). Let the message that is linked to growing older resonate with you as we go about the business and the caring of Pilot (and Anchors) members....

As I've grown older, I've learned that.....

It's not what I have,

but who I have in my life....

It's not what I have in my bank account.

but what I have in my heart...

It's not the amount of friends I can count,

but the one friend I can count on...

It's not how I treat people,

but how I've made them feel...

It's not as much who inspires me,

but more of who I can inspire

That matters most!!!!

JoAnn

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District Inspirational leader
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Bernyce Stickle
(1986-1987)

September 12

Helen Winstead
(2005-2006)

September 14

Missy Belcher
SW Region Lt. Governor
September 16

Fran Hartley
(1998-1999)
September 21

Georgia District, Pilot International
2025-26 Memorial Forms need to go to:

Mary Turner
GA District Governor
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JoAnn Akers
Inspirational Leader

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.

of praise

When sending notices of any Pilot death, please include number of years person has been a pilot; any offices held within the club as well as a PICTURE.

NOTE....please send notice to PI as well.

Links to obituary notice would be helpful as well and where to send cards of caring.

For a Co-Pilot....picture as well and any pertinent information.

For Celebrations.....send those as well with pictures if possible.

<u>Pilot</u>	<u>Club</u>
Ann Adams (1979-1980 Past Governor) (1987-1988 Past International President)	Hartwell
Tiffany Winburn	Hartwell
Mary Ellen Fowler	Royston-FS
Jenni Overby	Winder (Disbanded)



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

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



<u>Pilot/Family</u>	<u>Club</u>
Gary Jarvis (Sister)	Elberton
Pat Jarvis (Sister-in-law)	Elberton
Camilia Mason (Husband)	Carrollton
Fay Morris (Husband)	Hartwell
Terry Walston (Mother)	Jones Co.
Lea Judson (Father)	Gainesville



Hartwell Pilots, Takia Wakefield and Gena Eaton, visited Hart County HS to join the Anchor Club officer meeting and introduce themselves. We are looking forward to a fun and meaningful year of supporting our Anchors!

Pictured: Takia and Gena with Anchor Club President Maddie Carter and Secretary Nyiemah Smith.





District Governor-Elect

CALLING ALL CHEERLEADERS AND LUMBERJACKS!

The mountains of Helen and Unicoi State Park are inviting you to spend an exciting weekend in October with them and meet up with some past friends and make new friends at Georgia District Fall Council at Unicoi State Park Lodge.

On Friday night we will be 'Tailgating' – so, wear your favorite team's colors and let's cheer them all on to victory. We will have desserts available during the tailgating along with a surprise or two. Saturday we will have several learning sessions on Pilot dos and don'ts plus some special presenters and entertainment. There will be a Marketplace – so, Clubs bring your goodies to sell and earn some extra money for your club. There will be both a Live and Silent Auction led by "Auctioneer" Tammy Dalton!

Also, we have made a change for the **Past Governors**. This time the **Past Governors** will meet at **5:00 p.m. on Friday evening** in the dining room at the Lodge. A buffet meal will be available at a cost of \$25.00 per person. By doing it this way the Past Governors will not have to get up **EARLY** on Saturday or Sunday morning to have their meeting.

So, get ready for some fun times at Unicoi October 10-12, 2025! We are not sure if the weather will be cool enough for Lumberjack Flannel, but you can bring it just in case!

I am excited and can't wait to see everyone at Fall Council 2025 – October 10-12, 2025!

Jacque

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Projects

I can't believe we're heading into September—fall is just around the corner! I'm honored and grateful to Governor Mary for asking me to serve as Projects Coordinator for the Georgia District.

A little about my Pilot journey: I joined the Pilot Club of Elberton in 2008. The main reason I joined was because of its strong commitment to community service. Whether it was through Projects, Pick Me Ups, or individual members stepping up to serve others, I saw people truly making a difference—not just for the club, but for the community. That's something I knew I wanted to be part of.

As Projects Coordinator, I'm excited about what this Pilot year holds. I look forward to seeing all the creative and impactful projects your clubs will carry out throughout the year. Please don't forget to email me your project pictures so we can feature them in the Governor's Bulletin!

Let's make this year one of meaningful service and strong connections as we continue Spreading Joy through Pilot Friendship and Service.

Jennifer

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Parliamentarian

A new Pilot year has begun. There are new Executive Boards for clubs, Districts, and Pilot International. As we begin our new year, let's review a few parliamentary procedure rules.

Parliamentary procedure simply means that there is democratic rule (everyone can participate), all rights are protected, everyone has a fair hearing and there is flexibility.

There is a basic order of business for meetings. This will be a review of the agenda. There is a Call to Order, Minutes to be approved or approved as corrected, officer reports, special committee reports, unfinished and then new business. Any announcements needed are given and then the adjournment.

Motions will be discussed in the next article.

One more thing, the presiding officer should not leave the podium unattended—remain standing at the podium until the next speaker has arrived to speak.

Pat

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District Parliamentarian
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Pilot Club of Cochran visited Emeritus member Jackie Jones in Eatonton to celebrate her 85th birthday! Many cards and lots of love were shared!

L to R: PG Maureen, Cathie, Jackie, and Melinda





Georgia Pilot Foundation, Inc. (GPF)

Thank you, Georgia District Pilots, for your support during the 2024-2025 Year! Also thank you in advance for your continuing support this year!

In 2024-2025 we started the transition/journey to "raising funds this year to be used for scholarships next year". We are by no means there, but we are headed in the right direction. Work will continue this year to attain this critical goal that is part of the GPF Bylaws.

Plans of Work for the 2025-2026 GPF Year have been developed to focus our efforts on the Goals that were established last year:

- ❖ Increase awareness of GPF's Mission, Vision, and structure.
 - Requires enlightenment and communication of information to all Georgia District Clubs and Pilots.
- ❖ Increase the Number of Scholarships.
 - Requires an increase in fundraising.
- ❖ Initiate funding support outside the Georgia District (i.e. Sponsors, Donors).
 - Requires stability, consistency, and branding to reach out.
- ❖ Increase the types of scholarships awarded (i.e. Trades)
 - Requires more financial support and a change of scholarship approach.

Angela and I look forward to seeing everyone at Fall Council in October. Presidents (or your representative) please stop by the GPF Table at Fall Council to pick up your club's 250 Raffle Tickets. We have again tried to disburse the tickets more fairly by including 2 tickets per club member rather than 40 for each club.

We are also excited to work with you to continue promoting the leadership development of Anchors and non-anchors throughout the Georgia Pilot District. Please, feel free to reach out to either of us.

Genia Mitchell, GPF Chair (geniamitch@gmail.com), and Angela Gillis, GFP Co-Chair (angelagillis99@gmail.com)

Genia

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GPF Representative
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Welcome New Members

New GA District Pilots

East Central Region

Cathy Burgoyne (Covington)
Ginny Garland (Jones County)
Elaine Keadle (Jones County)

Northeast Region

Donikia Gray (Elberton)
Lynn Witherspoon (Toccoa)

Southeast Region

Courtney Horton (Brunswick)

Southwest Region

Mariea Campbell (Hogansville)
Peggy Hughes (Hogansville)



Toccoa Pilot Club prepared and served their local National Guard Armory, VFW Auxiliary 4346



Let's Meet Our Georgia ECR

My name is Leslie McLaughlin and I am your Pilot International Executive Committee Representative. I am very excited to getting to know and working with all of you Georgia Pilots!

I joined Pilot in 2007 at the urging of a friend and have never regretted making that choice! I am a member of the Pilot Club of Laurinburg in the North Carolina District. I have held every office in my club except Treasurer. I have been Governor of my District 3 times...2018-2019, 2019-2020, and 2022-2023.

I am retired from healthcare and worked as a Medical Technologist and Laboratory Manager in a hospital Lab for 43 years. My Co-Pilot, Myron, and I moved to Southport on the coast of NC in 2022 when we retired. I love the beach, so this is a perfect spot for me.

I have twin sons and 3 grandkids along with a 10-year-old mini dachshund, Max. My kids and grandkids all live within an hour from me which makes me very happy.

My hobbies include reading, pickleball, attempting golf, and yoga. My favorite hobby is sitting on the beach and relaxing with the ocean

I am proud to be part of Pilot International which is an awesome organization, and I am looking forward to a great year.





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

September 10, 2025

Unicoi Lodge Reservation cutoff
1-800-573-9659 Promo Code
11248

August 30 - Sept. 19, 2025

Regular Fall Council Registration

After September 19, 2025

Late Fall Council Registration

September 20, 2025

Q1 Club Report

Copy to: Governor, Governor-Elect, Region Lt. Governor

September 30, 2025

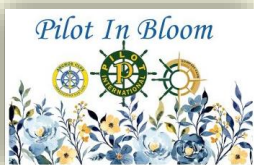
Club Ambassador Selection
Pilot International Headquarters
\$25 Fee

October 15, 2025

Matching Grants due PI
Headquarters



All Forms are on the GA District Website under Forms Members Only Password: Pilotjoy
www.pilotgeorgia.org



Our Georgia ECR

In every corner of Pilot International, our mission blooms through service, leadership, and friendship. This season, we have so many reasons to celebrate how our clubs, members, and programs are blossoming into powerful forces for good.

One of the bright petals in our bouquet of initiatives is the Club Ambassador Program. This role is more than a title—it's a bridge. Club Ambassadors connect local clubs with the heart of Pilot International, sharing resources, sparking engagement, and ensuring every member feels part of something bigger. Like gardeners tending to a shared plot, Ambassadors nurture growth, foster unity, and help our mission flourish in every community we serve. Remember to select your Club Ambassador and then send your contribution and completed form to Headquarters by September 30th.

Our commitment to health and community spirit is also in full bloom with the Alzheimer Walk or Pilot Walk. These walks are not just steps on a path—they are strides toward wellness, awareness, and connection. Pick your Saturday and walk in a park, along the beach, or through your neighborhoods, each mile reflects our dedication to healthy living and visible service. It's a reminder that, together, we can move toward a better world—one step at a time.

Fall also brings the Council/Workshop season—a time when ideas blossom, friendships grow deeper, and skills are cultivated for stronger leadership. This annual gathering is where we share best practices, learn new strategies, and encourage each other to keep our clubs vibrant and Districts forward-thinking. The energy in the room is like sunlight—warming our passion, energizing our efforts, and helping us dream bigger.

And just as a garden needs water to grow, our clubs thrive with resources. Matching Grants provide that vital nourishment, turning good ideas into impactful projects. These grants double the power of local fundraising, enabling clubs to expand their reach and serve more people. From community health programs to youth initiatives, Matching Grants are proof that when Pilot International invests in its members' ideas, the results are nothing short of inspiring. Matching Grants are due into Headquarters before midnight October 15th.

Each of these initiatives—Club Ambassadors, Pilot Walk, Fall Council/Workshop, and Matching Grants—is like a stem, leaf, petal, or root. Alone, they are meaningful; together, they form a living, breathing bouquet of service that inspires hope and creates change.

As we step forward into the coming months, let us remember growth takes time, care, and collective effort. By embracing these opportunities, we are not just running programs—we are planting seeds that will blossom into a legacy of kindness, health, and community impact for generations to come.

Together, we are Pilot International—and we are in full bloom.

Your Executive Committee Representative,

Leslie

Leslie McLaughlin
GA District ECR
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Oconee Pilot Treasurer, Cathy Moorehead, delivered a \$150 donation to Oconee ACTS (Area Churches Together Serving). ACTS provides emergency food, clothing, and support to those in need in Oconee County Community.

Oconee Pilots have partnered with ACTS for many years—stocking shelves, donating food and clothing, and making monetary contributions twice a year.

Cathy presented the check to ACTS Co-Chairman Dr. Dennis Clarke, a retired educator who now dedicates his time to community service.



Classic City Pilot Club members attended the NE Georgia Workshop in Toccoa, hosted beautifully by the Toccoa Pilot Club.

L to R- Pat Hale (Director), PG Sherry McDuffie (President), Pauline Rowlands (Projects Asst. Coordinator) & Nancy Denney (Pres. Elect.)





Spreading Joy, Friendship & Service with Georgia District Fundraising

As we began our new Pilot year, it is vital to place an intentional focus on fundraising as means to allow for our individual club and GA District projects.

Be encouraged to invest efforts on fun, useful, and meaningful ideas to present to your club members and incorporate throughout your community.

With the fall season in our midst, you may want to give a Pilot Club Meeting Farmer's Market a try by asking your members to bring in fresh grown vegetables, fruits, homemade jellies/jams, pickles, breads, home baked goodies, candy apples, paintings, jewelry, and handcrafted items to your club meeting(s) and host a sale before and after the meeting.

As the days become cooler, it affords great opportunity to host chili cookoffs or dinners, Bingo events, carnivals, and festivals. There are a multitude of fun things to do during the days of autumn that can bring in the funds to unite in a worthy cause of service and spread a bit of JOY too! Keep in mind that it is allowed to cross county lines and collaborate with sister Pilot Clubs in joint fundraising.

Have you heard? ... GA District will be hosting a silent and LIVE auction during our Fall Council at Unicoi State Park. Each club is asked to bring an item to contribute to raise funds for our beloved district. Please be creative and thoughtful with your offerings. Homemade cakes, candies, pies, and of course weekend get aways are always a hit with our Pilot members! So, who will be the highest bidder? Save your pennies and bring them with you to benefit GA District Pilot!

Please email me at tammy.dalton@advantagebhs.org or text 706-614-6144 to let me know what item your club will be contributing and the value of it one week prior to Fall Council so that I can prepare bid sheets in advance.

Remember 2 Corinthians 9:7...God loves a cheerful giver!

Serving with JOY,

Tammy D 😊

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Pilot Club of Hartwell had a great time at BINGO Night at Southern Hart Brewing Company. They had a wonderful turnout, and it was such a fun evening of community, laughter, and prizes. Most importantly, thanks to your generosity, we collected a fantastic amount of donations for the Hart County Food Pantry.

The Pilot Club of Hartwell is so grateful for the support of our community. Together, we are making a difference!



Madison County at the Northeast GA Region Pilot Workshop Toccoa Baptist Church.



Pilot Club of Lavonia helps to sponsor the Bingo fund at Brown Health and Rehabilitation Center in Royston. Suzanne Spears organizes bingo for the residents every Tuesday morning. Suzanne attended our monthly meeting and accepted a monetary donation toward this fund! Pictures along with Suzanne are members of the Projects Committee.



Pilot Club of Eatonton attended officer training in Dublin and Covington. They have learned so much are sharing it with our club!

