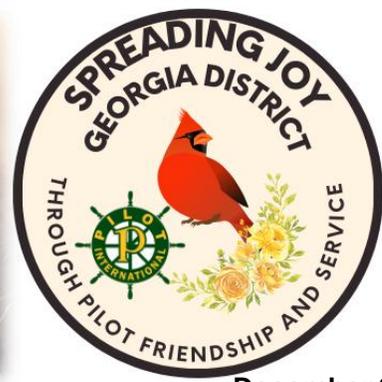




Merry Christmas
From your
Georgia District Officers

Georgia District Governor's Bulletin



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Message from the Governor

I hope you are enjoying the cooler weather. The Christmas holiday is one of my favorite times of the year.

During the holiday season I encourage each of you to take time to be thankful for what you have, and to remember those who are struggling. You never know what a smile or kind word can do for someone who is having a rough time. As Pilots let's remember to "Spread Joy" throughout our communities.

Your DAC/DEC will be meeting January 16-18, 2026, for mid-year planning. Please submit any proposed changes to the standing rules by January 8, 2026.

Please give consideration to nominations for the 2026-2027 Pilot year. There are many qualified candidates throughout the Georgia District. Some are just waiting to be asked. Nomination letters are due to Cindy Weaver by January 24, 2026. The Lynda Goodwin Volunteer Scholarship is due to Genia Mitchell by January 24, 2026.

As we are approaching the Christmas season let's remember the reason for the season, and "Spread Pilot Joy" to others.

I want to take this time to wish each of you a Very Merry Christmas!

Mary



Pilot Club of Elberton provided a fire pit and s'mores for the Candlelight Shopping in downtown. Pictured: Governor Mary & PIP/PG Pat Jarvis





Inspirational Message

"On a snowy Christmas Eve, five year old Joy Noel hopes her beloved Granny will recover from her illness. When a beautiful cardinal visits Joy's window on Christmas morning, it brings a special message of hope and love. "Christmas Cardinal" is a tender story that reminds us miracles can happen when we need them most.

The "Christmas Cardinal story is not a single narrative, but a popular theme in children's books and religious symbolism that uses the cardinal as a symbol of Christmas cheer, hope and faith. The bright red bird is often featured in stories as a messenger, bringing a message of love or a miracle to those in need. The cardinal offers hope, love and brings that special message to those in need.

Christmas cardinal, stay awhile?
Your vibrant colors make me smile.
Remembering loved ones, we old so dear,
won't you sit in their place while they can't be here?
Christmas cardinal, can it be?
That as we gather round the Christmas tree,
you've perched here beside us as if to say,
"Someone sends you their love from far away."

May each of you have a blessing filled Christmas season surrounded by family and loved ones...

JoAnn

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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.



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



<u>Pilot</u>	<u>Club</u>
Louise Shimer (2009-2010 PG)	Atlanta

Nominating Committee

It's that time of the year . . . nominations!

Yes, we are not even halfway through our Pilot year, but it is time to nominate candidates to lead the District in the next year. As of this writing, we have one nominee each for Secretary, Treasurer, and NW Region Lt. Governor. All nominations are due 60 days before District Convention, which begins on May 1, 2026. Complete information on all thing's nominations can be found in the District Manual, pages 72 – 80, which is on the PI website, under Members, then Manuals.

Serving as a District Officer is a real joy and deepens one's appreciation for and understanding the true legacy and importance of our century old organization that is more needed in today's world than any other time. It is our responsibility to keep our True Course Ever and share Pilot with future generations!

Cindy

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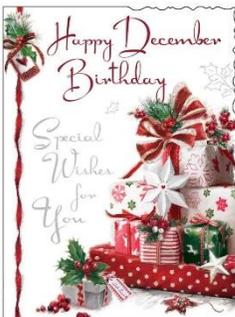
REMINDER: Our District has a Facebook page, so get your members to sign up.



Judy Jackson
(2014-2015)
December 17

Gail Sharber
(2012-2013)
December 21

Katharine Banning
(2017-2018)
December 30



Pilot Club of Madison Co.'s Wreath Making Event





Spreading Joy, Friendship & Service with Georgia District Fundraising

It's so nice to hear about our GA District Clubs who are Spreading a Little Christmas Joy with fundraising to carry out our Pilot projects! Below are a few ideas worthy of sharing. Please remember, it's ok to try something new as it keeps things fresh and interesting....

The Pilot Club of Elberton is offering Chick fil a chilled trays as a fundraiser with preorders only to be picked up on December 19th at the Elberton Civic Center. This is a great idea for entertaining or simply a family protein for dinner. They presale and offer pick up for only ONE hour. Quick and EASY!!! Food always seems to sell as we continually must eat, right?

The Pilot Club of Hartwell is hosting their 1st Annual Gala on December 13th. They are offering an evening of elegance, music, and fine dining. Again, it's ok to try something new. This has brought about some excitement and people are looking forward to dressing up and attending!

The Pilot Club of Madison County kicked off the Christmas Season on Monday, December 1st with a Wreath Making Workshop at the historical Colbert-Benton House Barn. The air was filled with the scent of citrus and apple from dehydrated fruit to go along with fresh assorted greenery, acorns, pinecones, holly berries, and ornaments to choose from to make wreaths or sprays. Attendees were served hot apple cider, hot chocolate, and cookies. Christmas music set the mood for beautiful creations to come together and offered a festive take home. This was a first for Madison County and was a hit according to those who attended!

Fundraising is a balance of knowing when something works for you and when it doesn't. This is an example of a keeper...

Classic City Pilot Club has gone NUTS!!! They are selling pecans again this year. Although this is not a new idea for them, it is one that works and they stick to it!

Just a few ideas to add your list to consider and customize to your liking.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas!

With Pilot Love,

Tammy D 😊

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Pilot Club of Covington Christmas Tree decorating at the Covington Community display.



Pilot Club of Jones Co. members delivered "wish list" Christmas gifts on Wednesday for 17 residents of Lynn Haven Health and Rehabilitation Center. We enjoyed participating in this project.



Pilot Club of Toccoa enjoyed decorating the Kitchen at Historic Traveler's Rest. Visit "Christmas at the Inn" during December 13th and 20th from 12 to 4 to enjoy this beautifully decorated Inn with festive activities.



Pilot Club of Washington Co., tree lit, hearts full, memories made. That's a wrap on another successful Lite-a-lite year. Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!





Pilot Club of Newnam celebrated the holidays together last night. They had a wonderful candlelight dinner, social time, games and gifts. They were missing several members, but they had a wonderful time reconnecting and enjoying our time together



Elberton's Pilots Michelle Capell & Club President Connie Head participated in the Pilot Club of Madison County Wreath Making event.



Pilot Club of Chatsworth's tree is up and is beautiful spreading JOY through Friendship and Service. Thanks to all who helped



These beautiful photos are the Christmas display in Hogansville, decorated by the Pilot Club of Hogansville. Please note the bells and stars. The stars and bells are sold "in honor of and in memory of" and is the fundraiser for The Hogansville Empty Stocking Fund.



Hartwell Pilots helped kids write to Santa on the square in downtown Hartwell at the Christmas tree lighting



Bainbridge HS Anchor Angelica DeJesus rings the Salvation Army bell with SW Region Lt. Governor Missy Belcher.



Pilot Club of Lavonia celebrated Care and Kindness week by providing some sweet treats to some of our local community helpers, such as the Police Department, Sheriff's Department, City Hall, Fire Department, St Mary's Sacred Heart Hospital, EMTs, local Physical Therapy Rehab and many others. Pictured Left: PG/Dist. Treasurer Avaline Adams





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

December 2, 2025

Marks the day of giving back. **Giving Tuesday.** See ECR Leslie's regarding this

December 15, 2025

Heritage Blocks are due to PI

December 31, 2025

Q2 Club Report

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



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



Welcome New Members

New GA District Pilots

East Central Region

Stephanie Jordan (Jones Co.)

Southeast Region

Teresa Bryant-Reinstated (Cochran)

Marcia Manning (Cochran)

Shermanda Harris (Cochran)

Sonja Oswald (Cochran)



Georgia ECR Message



Best wishes and season's greetings for the holiday season from your Pilot International Executive Committee. May this season bring you love, good health, and peace.

Our Giving Tuesday campaign is December 2 and you can still donate past that date to benefit our Youth Programs and Operations. Our goal is set at \$20,000 and your generosity is amazing! Stay tuned for the total raised!!

December 1 is the deadline for our Governor-Elects to send in to Pilot Headquarters (clubservices@pilotheq.org) the names of their Coordinators and Appointees as well as dates and locations for their Fall Council/Workshop and District Convention.

Heritage Brick Orders are due December 15, and this is a fabulous way to honor Pilots, clubs, and Districts. These bricks are placed in the Heritage Garden at Pilot International Headquarters. If requested, an acknowledgement letter is sent to the honoree acknowledged.



PMU and Helmet grant applications are due December 15. Please consider applying for these grants to benefit your communities.

Pilot Headquarters is closed December 24 and 25 so the staff can spend time with family and friends.

May the Spirit of the Holidays be with you throughout the New Year!

In Pilot Friendship,



Leslie

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Pilot Club of Monroe's official visit with EC Region Lt. Governor Donna McPherson. We stuffed 50 Christmas stockings for FISH to have to distribute to Santa.

