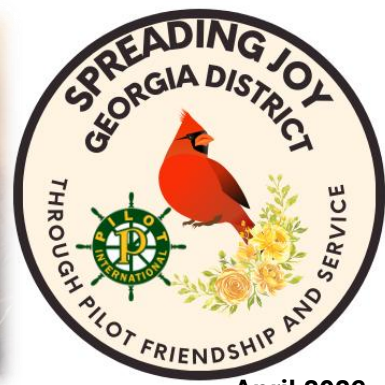


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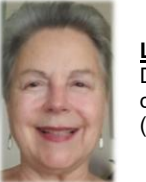


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Message from the Governor

Welcome to April! It is hard to believe that we are 30 days away from District Convention. The DAC/DEC has been working hard to plan a wonderful convention. If you have not registered, you have until April 15 to get those registrations in. We have some very informative workshops planned. This year we have revamped the awards, and we will have a workshop on the new award forms. Along with that there will be an AI workshop, Five Wishes, and Leadership. The Leadership workshop is open to all attendees, but club presidents and presidents-elect are encouraged to attend.

I am looking forward to seeing all of the hats at our hat parade on Friday night. Please remember to bring you dollar bills to vote for your favorite hat. All the money raised will go to Georgia Pilot Foundation for scholarships. Club presidents please don't forget to bring your banner for the banner parade.

Just a friendly reminder that club officer forms are due to incoming Governor Jacque and Pilot International by May 1.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in just a few short weeks.

Mary



Governor Mary along with her fellow Pilot Club of Elberton Pilots did BrainMinders this morning for Pre-K and Kindergarten



Pilot Club of Elberton had their Chicken Salad Bag Lunch Fundraiser. It's their major fundraiser. They also participated in the Health Meets Hope 5k for Advantage Development! Governor Mary, Dist. Anchor Coor. Gerianna, Club President Connie with wonderful help from Gage, Austin & Annabelle!





Inspirational Message

As we move into the month of April and look forward to those April Showers, remember they bring the May flowers.....let me share a very special poem that I feel just speaks to all of our Pilot sisters and brothers and it is called:

SPECIAL PEOPLE

Peggy Tanksley

There are some special people
Who are so outgoing,
So self-giving,
So un-self-centered,
So full of good humor
So interested in others,
And so enthusiastic
That when we see them coming,
We go toward them
For they bring us gladness
And our hearts grow merry
And the day grows brighter
And trees seem greener
And birds sing sweeter
And the sky is bluer
And our cares diminish.

Thank you for being one of those special people!

JoAnn

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

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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.



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/Family</u>	<u>Club</u>
Theresa Shields (Father)	Covington
Nancy Josey (Husband)	Washington Co.
Dist. Governor-Elect Jacque Hatcher (Grand-daughter-in-law)	Washington Co.

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



Cindy Weaver
(1995-1996 PG/2005-2006 PIP)
April 10

Robin Williams
(2021-2022)
April 12

Dene' Dixon
(1995-1996 FL Dist.)
April 23

Melissa Stephens
(SE Lt. Governor)
April 3

Deborah Wilson
(NW Lt. Governor)
April 6



Projects

Happy Spring, Everyone!

I am certain that your club projects have been especially busy this year. As the weather cooperates, I hope you are able to do even more in the coming months. As District Projects Coordinator, I want to sincerely thank each of you for serving your community—whether through a specific project or a PMU.

Thank you for your time and dedication. Your efforts truly make a difference, and you are greatly appreciated!

Continue spreading joy through Pilot friendship and service, and please remember to send in your project pictures.

Jennifer

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Governor's Scrapbook time again. Please send your club pictures or if you also have pictures of Governor Mary attending your events. It would also be great if you could take a group photo to put in her scrapbook, please send the photos with descriptions to Gerianna Moon, g.moon326@gmail.com. Also, looking for Fall Council, Mary's PI Convention & her installation at District Convention.

Leadership

Do You Like Me?

Maintaining good relationships are the most important things to accomplish when in a leadership role. How do you develop skills to just get along with people? How do you get people to do what you want them to do without it being an order? How do you make the other person happy about what you are suggesting they do?

All are good questions and Dale Carnegie was full of suggestions for influencing people and winning friends. He suggested that every effective leader should start with praise. "Abilities wither under criticism and blossom under encouragement." "Show respect for others' abilities and they will want to live up to it."

Do you know people that just bark out orders...do this, do that. Turn that around and ask a question...will you do this? And, add the word "please". That sure sounds better to me!

When having to find fault with someone, call attention to the mistake indirectly. Talk about your own mistakes first before criticizing the other person. Start with praise of the positive, honest appreciation, and then offer suggestions for change. Make the fault easy to correct. Or, have the other person suggest an alternative, and then encourage them to follow through.

When trying to change attitudes or behaviors, be sincere. Concentrate on the benefits the person may receive from doing what you suggest. Be empathetic by putting yourself in their place and see it from their side. Although that may not always make a person happy, at least they may be more likely to see it your way.

Being an effective leader takes skill in working with individuals, conquering fear, and developing courage. Taking an executive office in your Pilot Club can give you the experience to try some of these tips. Your personal relationships may reap the benefits also. Give it a try and step up to be a leader of your club!

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Registration will start on Friday at 4pm. Registration will be in Aspinwall. There will be signs to point you in the right direction.

Please bring your club banner so that you can participate in the Parade of Banners on Friday night. You will take your banner back with you after the welcome party.

Friday Night

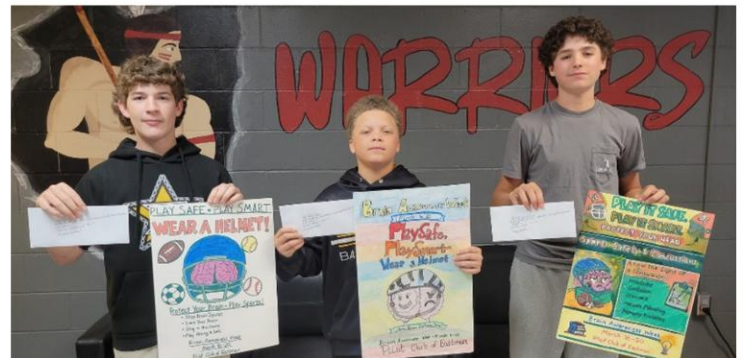
- ❖ Welcome Party starts at 7pm in the Morgan Center
- ❖ Marketplace will be in Morgan Center Mezzanine and will open at 4. You may start setting up at 3.
- ❖ No food at the Welcome Party. Eat before you come and plan to visit the Governor's suite afterwards for a reception
- ❖ Wear your Kentucky Derby Hat or Fascinator. Dress to fit your hat or fascinator. Bring money to vote for your favorite. \$1.00 a vote with the money going to Georgia Pilot Foundation. The one with the most money wins a prize.

Saturday

- ❖ Business Casual. It is Pilot First Saturday. If you have a nice Pilot Shirt please wear it. We are asking for no jeans or T-shirts.
- ❖ Banquet – Formal/Semi-Formal shades of blue

Sunday

- ❖ Business Casual



The PC of Eastman held a BrainMinders poster contest celebrating Brain Awareness Week March 16-21 at the Dodge County Middle School 7th grade. Winners were given a cash award for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Pictured: R-L- 1st place Jackson Tripp, 2nd place Braxx Johnson, 3rd place Gunner Hildebrand





Anchor News



I cannot believe the 2025-2026 Anchor year is coming to an end. In February, we held our annual Anchor convention at Stone Mountain with 113 people in attendance. During convention, we elected new officers for the 2026-2027 school year. Those officers are president Adelyn Thompson, Rabun County High School, President-elect Madelyn Lightman, Rabun County High School, Secretary Isabella Anderson, Bainbridge High School, Convention chair Lawren Love Bainbridge High School, Southeast Region chair Natalie Nguyen West Laurens High School, East Central Region chair Kilynn Stanford Gatewood school, and Northeast Region chair, Jackson Fisher Rabun County High School.

Anchor club of the year was awarded to West Laurens high school and community service award was also awarded to West Laurens high school. Georgia District awarded three \$500 scholarships this year to Mitchell Carter, Angelica de Jesus and Caroline Marshall. Gina Mitchell presented three \$1500 scholarships from GPF to Thomas Hogan, Elijah Bacon and Devisha Desai.

The anchors collected pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, and they brought in over 100 gallons of pull tabs this year. I am so proud of each and every one of you for going above and beyond and collecting these tabs we also filled bags of school supplies for Stone Mountain elementary school. We had two amazing speakers come. At the luncheon Katie McCall Archer came and spoke about the importance of technical education, and at the dinner banquet, Alison Nooks Pilot International executive director came and spoke to the anchors about education as well. It was nice to have Alison attend to see what Anchor is all about.

I have truly enjoyed being our GA District Anchor Coordinator and working with such great Anchors.

Geriana

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District Governor-Elect

District Convention is almost here....



I hope everyone is getting ready for District Convention in beautiful Jekyll Island! We are excited to see the number of Pilots who are planning to attend this year. The Southeast Region Pilots have been really working hard to make sure everything is in order and ready for an exciting, learning and comfortable weekend.

Make sure you bring/wear your Kentucky Derby hats on Friday night at the Welcome Party to participate in the Hat Parade. Remember, we will be voting on our favorite hat, and all the proceeds will go to GPF Scholarships. Also, remember there is no food at the Welcome Party, so be sure to eat before you arrive.

Another slight change in the Convention proceedings is our Receiving Line. We are moving the Receiving Line from following the Installation Banquet to prior to the Banquet. It will be held (weather permitting) just outside on the back patio of the Morgan Center. It will be held from 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. The line will close at 6:45 in order for the District Officers to get to their respective seats in the Ballroom.

Again, I am looking forward to seeing all of you at Jekyll Island for our wonderful 2026 Georgia District Convention!

Jacque

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Welcome New Members

New GA District Pilots

Northwest Region

- Pat Garner-Reinstated (Newnan)
Erica Cavender (Chatsworth)
Nikki Southern (Chatsworth)
Chrissie Deal (Chatsworth)
Karen Thackrey (Peachtree)

Northeast Region

- Amy Ingram (Hartwell)
Sherry Craft (Hartwell)
Lane Burnett (Hartwell)
Mary Alice Mercer (Hartwell)
Sheila Sayer (Hartwell)

Southeast Region

- Wendy McGraw (Washington Co.)

East Central Region

- Aleisa Oxford (Oconee Co.)



Pilot of Covington Meeting/Lunch at local restaurant. Members brought items for the local Food Bank. Notice the sign in the background of the pictures: "Pilots always Welcome".





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

April 1, 2026

GA Secretary of State Corporate Registration for ALL clubs

May 1-3, 2026

District Convention

Jekyll Island Club Resort
Jekyll Island, GA
(Registration & Marketplace Forms attached with the GB)

June 26, 2026

Q4. Club Reports

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

July 15-18, 2026

PI Convention

The Omni
Oklahoma City, OK

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



Georgia ECR Message

Pilots,

As we move into a new month, our Pilot year continues to move quickly! This is a busy and exciting time as we begin preparing for Convention, award submissions, and the transition to new club leadership. It's also a great reminder of our theme this year **Pilot in Bloom**. as we continue to grow through friendship, service, and leadership.



The **Pilot International Convention & Leadership Conference** is in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on July 15-18, 2026 and will bring together Pilots, Anchors, and Compass members from across the organization. It is always a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with friends, meet new members, and gain ideas that we can take back to strengthen our clubs and communities. In addition to leadership sessions and fellowship opportunities, there are special events, service activities, and the chance to celebrate the accomplishments of our Pilot family. So, dust off your hats and cowboy boots and get ready to gather in Oklahoma! It is a great opportunity to share ideas, build friendships, and experience all the energy and excitement that convention brings. Members arriving early will have the opportunity to participate in new **Leadership Lab** discussions focused on the future of leadership within Pilot at the club, district, and international levels. Convention also includes fun fellowship events and PIFF fundraisers, including a lively bingo event that promises a great time for everyone attending.



Now is also the time to start preparing **Pilot and Compass Award** submissions. These awards recognize the outstanding work our clubs and members have done throughout the year. Whether your club hosted impactful service projects, supported Anchors, grew membership, or created strong visibility in your community, these efforts deserve recognition. Take time to review the award categories and consider submitting your club's accomplishments. Remember, you cannot win if you do not enter!



It is time for clubs to select new officers for the next Pilot year. Once elections are completed, submit your new officer form to Pilot International Headquarters and your incoming District Governor by May 1. Thank you to the Pilots who have stepped forward to serve in leadership roles. Leadership keeps our clubs strong and helps ensure that Pilot continues to grow and thrive.

As we move through the final months of the Pilot year, I encourage each club to continue supporting one another, sharing ideas, and celebrating the impact you are making in your communities.

When we work together, we truly *Bloom in Pilot.*

Leslie

Leslie McLaughlin
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SIGN UP FOR COMMITTEES

The 2026 PI Convention is approaching and we need you to sign up for committees!
PLEASE CLICK the link below to sign up!
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/pi-convention-committees-sign-up>





Just in time for Spring Break!!! What a wonderful day to be outside changing out the Story Book at **Fairview Park Hospital's** walking track. Thanks to the Pilots of Pilot Club of Dublin for always making sure this is done.



At Pilot Club of Hartwell's March meeting, we had the privilege of hearing from Wendy Risner with **Harmony House Child Advocacy and Sexual Assault Center**.

Her presentation was truly eye-opening as she shared how their organization supports victims of abuse and assault right here in our community. From providing compassionate care to offering critical resources, their work makes a meaningful difference in the lives of so many.

We are incredibly thankful for the services they provide and their dedication to educating our community on how to recognize the signs of abuse and take action. To learn more about their mission and the impact they're making, visit:

<https://harmonyhousecacsac.org/>

Thank you, Wendy, for taking the time to speak with us and for the important work you do every day!

Jane Leverette - Projects Coordinator, Wendy Risner, and Joylynn Wilson - President



NE GA Pilot Platter Chatter GA Pilot Foundation Raffle I-r Kim Motes, PG Sherry McDuffie, Gail Edwards, Betty Jo Maxwell, Shelby Holland, Mariesa Pavliscsak



Pilot Club of Newnan Pilots had the privileged to host the Teacher of the Year reception with the Coweta County School Board. Congratulations to all the teachers



The Pilot Club of Jones Co. held its 6th Annual Fashion Show 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 guest, Lt. Governor Melissa Stephens, Southeast Region. Guests mingled in conversation as they admired the decorated tables and purchased raffle tickets.

After an official welcome everyone enjoyed a delicious meal, and cheesecake for dessert. We appreciate Debbie Scarbrough and other Pilots who worked in the kitchen, in preparation and in serving the meals. The fashion show followed the meal, and the Pilot Club would like to thank ACE of Gray, J Jill of Macon and Sweet Henni's 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.

