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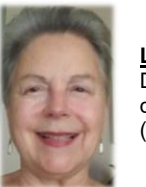
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Message from the Governor

As the new month begins, I am filled with excitement for the arrival of Spring. The change in season brings with it the promise of longer days and warmer weather, which I am eagerly anticipating. With Spring on the horizon, there is a renewed sense of energy and optimism as we look forward to brighter and sunnier days ahead.

District Convention Plans

I encourage everyone to begin making arrangements to attend the district convention taking place in May. Early bird registration will be closing soon, so please note that the last day to take advantage of this offer is March 6. If you are unable to register by then, regular registration will remain open until March 31. Additionally, please remember that the deadline to reserve your hotel room for the event is also March 31.

We have organized several engaging workshops for this year's convention. As in past years, the tradition of the parade of banners will continue. Please ensure that you bring your club banner with you to the event so your group can participate in this special occasion.

The recent Anchor convention was a memorable event enjoyed by all participants. To kick off the weekend, the Anchor Board and the DAC/DEC hosted a lively game of Friendly Feud, setting a cheerful tone for the gathering. Following the initial round, other Anchors joined in the fun, ensuring that everyone had an opportunity to participate.

In addition to the entertaining activities, the convention featured a meaningful service project. Anchors came together to pack 120 backpacks filled with school supplies, which were donated to Stone Mountain Elementary School. This accomplishment was made possible thanks to the generous support of Pilots, who contributed by purchasing the needed supplies.

If you have never attended an Anchor Convention, consider joining next year's event. It offers a wonderful chance to connect, serve the community, and create lasting memories.

Mary



Gov. Mary at Anchor Convention 2026,
Stone Mountain, GA



Peachtree Pilots Carla Tatum & Angie Brown
with Gov. Mary at Anchor Convention





Inspirational Message

"Today you are You; that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is Youer than You." Do those words sound familiar???? From Dr. Seuss (Theodor Geisel).

"Why fit in when you were born to stand out" The month of March is Dr. Seuss's birthday month! An American author known for writing children's books. He was also a cartoonist, animator, poet, illustrator, and filmmaker. Let some of his quotes wash all over you....."If things start happening, don't worry, don't stew, just go right along and you'll start happening too."

"We are all a little weird and life's a little weird, and when we find someone, whose weirdness is compatible with ours, we join up with them and fall into mutual weirdness and call it love." Be sure when you step, step with care and great tact. And remember that life's a great balancing act."

In this day and time when there is so much uncertainty around us and the world we live in, let us all remember this quote from Dr. Seuss:

"Life is too short to wake up in the morning with regrets. So, love the people who treat you right and forget about the ones who don't. And believe that everything happens for a reason...If you get a chance - take it; if it changes your life- let it. Nobody said that it would be easy, they just promised it would be worth it."

Since March is also St. Patrick's Day, here is an old Irish proverb:

"May God give you
For every storm, a rainbow.
For every tear, a smile.
For every care, a promise.
Find a blessing in each trial.
For every problem life sends,
A faithful friend (and I would add Pilot friend) to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song, And an answer for each prayer."

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.

Pilot	Club
Louise Morris (Emeritus)	Toccoa
Sara Namara	Classic City

Pilot/Family	Club
Lisa Myers (Father)	Oconee Co.
Carla Herbert (Mother)	Cochran

From Our Inspirational Leader JoAnn:

2024-25 PIP Nicki Dawkins...she has been dx with pancreatic cancer and has several tumors on her liver. She was undergoing chemo treatment unfortunately it is not helping, and some other significant "issues" have arisen. Her daughter Gabbi is with her.

Do keep Nicki, her family & her treatment team in prayer.



Linda Buffington
(2003-2004)
March 17

Doretta Broughton
(2018-2019)
March 18

Patti Klein
(1994-1995)
March 23

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





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.



District Governor-Elect

At this time of our Pilot year, I wish to thank each of you for your support, energy and encouragement in asking me to be your Georgia District Governor. I am excited to be serving in this role and look forward to a wonderful and successful Pilot year.

I have chosen the theme "Everybody Can...Do More. Care More. Be More" to remind each of us that we can live up to our Pilot motto "Do More. Care More. Be More." And, along that same line, I chose the Lighthouse as my emblem - to let our light shine throughout Georgia and around the world!

Again, this year there will not be a swap pin due to the high price of the pins. I do not feel we would be able to recoup our monies because of the cost of having the pins made. However, you will see lighthouses throughout the District during my year as your Governor at different functions and activities. So, be sure to keep your light burning to light the way guiding Pilots in their activities and to light the way for others who want to become a valuable part of our wonderful Pilot organization!

I hope to see a lot of you at the Georgia District Convention on May 1-3, 2026, as I will be installed as your 2026-2027 Georgia District Governor and also again at the 2026 Pilot International Convention and Leadership Conference on July 15-18, 2026 at The Omni Hotel in Oklahoma City, OK. Register early for both Conventions! I can't wait to see everyone.

Jacque

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Call to Georgia District Convention

WHEN: MAY 1-3, 2026
WHERE: JEKYLE ISLAND CLUB RESORT
371 RIVERVIEW DRIVE, JEKYLE ISLAND, GA
TIME: 7:00PM

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE BEAUTIFUL HISTORICAL JEKYLE ISLAND CLUB RESORT

ROOM RESERVATION CUTOFF IS MARCH 31, 2026.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 6



Parliamentarian

As stated in the September Parliamentary Procedure article, this month the discussion will be making and dispensing of a motion.

As often stated by Past GA District Governor Margaret Johnson, you make a cake--you move a motion. The correct wording for a motion is "I MOVE" and then state the motion. A second should be given spontaneously, as the presiding officer should not ask for a second. If no second is given, the motion dies for lack of a second.

Once the motion is moved and seconded, the presiding officer asks for discussion. Discussion is given only on the motion on the floor--generally alternately between pro and con. After discussion, a vote is taken, first those in favor and then those opposed. Even if it appears all are in favor, a vote for opposed is taken.

A motion and discussion are ways all participants have a say in the business of the meeting and should be respectful of all parties.

Pat

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Spreading Joy, Friendship & Service with Georgia District Fundraising

Psalm 100:2 teaches us to serve with gladness. Fundraising is a way to fulfill this as we serve with JOY in Pilot! Understanding that the impactful projects that Pilot Clubs across Georgia and across the nation need means of funding to carry the task through. It takes intentional planning, sacrifice of time, and the spirit of the Joy of Serving to build donor relationships. If you dread fundraising, let me encourage you to shift your perspective. View asking for support not as a chore, but an opportunity to allow your passion for Pilot to be shared and allow an opportunity for others to give and share in a mission you care about. Share your purpose using stories that connect emotionally rather than referring to statistics. Align the club's organizational mission with donors who are a good fit. Focus on the relationships that are afforded to build instead of viewing it as a transaction or a dreaded task. Be a Joy Provider by sharing how the potential donor can make a positive impact in the community. Believe it or not, there are individuals and businesses just looking for a good cause to give to within our communities. We simply need to share our passion of Pilot and ask them to join in on that joy. As you accomplish project goals, share your results of serving in the local newspaper, community bulletins, etc. to show you are a good steward of the funds raised and met established goals. Be encouraged to create fundraisers that are fun, engaging, and with community value. Keep them coming back for more, and better yet, invite them to come and join the positive experience in Pilot! We have potential to build membership through fundraising as well as we Do More, Care More, and Be More as we radiant service in Pilot... with Joy!

Blessings,

Tammy D 😊

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Georgia Pilot Foundation, Inc. (GPF)

Next Up: It's District Convention Season! And time to award the 2026 GPF Anchor and Lynda Goodwin Volunteer Scholarships!

Remember to bring your club's GPF 250 Raffle stubs and money to District Convention. Angela and Genia will be at the GPF Market Place Table to collect them. If you want/need more tickets, they will be available at the GPF Market Place Table. You can also get more tickets before District Convention from Genia (geniamitch@gmail.com / 678-327-6528).

Announcement: For the first time in several years, the dollars needed to fund all of this year's scholarships are in the bank before they are awarded. This is because the Georgia District Clubs and Pilots have come forward and supported GPF. The Funds raised from the 2025-2026 GPF 250 Raffle will be used to support the scholarships awarded next year at the 2027 District Convention. This success is the beginning of achieving one of GPF's most critical goals.

Thank each and every one of you for your continuing support of GPF!! And thank you in advance for your support during the coming years!! GPF is successful because of you!!

See you at District Contention!!

Genia Mitchell, GPF Chair (geniamitch@gmail.com/678-6528), and Angela Gillis, GFP Co-Chair (angelagillis99@gmail.com/404-310-1460)

Genia

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The Pilot Club of Eastman recognized the local school bus drivers as a Valentine's Project on Wednesday, Feb 11th. The club prepared a large box of snacks, candies, chips and goodies for them to enjoy before their long holiday weekend. Each bus driver also received a handwritten note from a Pilot on a Valentine's Day card.

We wanted to show the bus drivers how much we appreciated their dedication to keeping our children safe while they are traveling to and from school each day.

The Pilot Club of Carrollton has been promoting senior brain safety awareness within our community through BrainMinder buddies and Brain-O game sessions at Carrollton Nursing & Rehab, the Barclay House assisted and independent living facilities, and the Carrollton Club independent living community.





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

Full District Convention Registration 3/6 – 3/31

Late District Convention Registration 3/31-4/15

March 6, 2026

Early District Convention Registration Deadline

March 15, 2026

Pick-Me-Up Grants

See ECR Leslie's article in the February GB.

March 16-22, 2026

Brain Awareness Week

See ECR Leslie's article to the right for more info.

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

March ushers in Spring, with longer daylight hours, increased warmth, blooming flowers as we are "Pilots In Bloom". Yes, Spring is in the air! Are you excited? Are you looking forward to a great time in Pilot? March is significant in Pilot because you are planning for your District Conventions, looking forward to seeing your friends and making new ones, installing new officers, strengthening your relationships with your Anchors and Compass members, eating good food, fun and again, fellowship! Have you received your call to Convention from your DAC/DEC? But most important, have you answered the call?

Brain Awareness Week is March 16 – 22, 2026, and it is the official week to promote brain safety and research. Since 1992, Pilot International has focused on brain related service and developed our BrainMinders™ educational program. Over the years, Pilot Clubs have presented numerous programs about brain safety to provide education to both our children and seniors using the BrainMinders™ Buddies' puppet show.

The deadline of March 16, 2026, is for the Project LifeSaver Scholarship. The deadline for other **Anchor Awards** is April 15, 2026. Awards include Anchor Advisor of the Year, Anchor Club of the Year, Anchor Club Star Award, Dreams Ahead Award, Ruby Newhall Anchor Service Award, Anchor Community Service and Visibility Award, BrainMinders™, Pick Me Ups, United Nations International Youth Day Essay Contest and Support of Anchors Award for Pilots. Visit www.anchorclubintl.org/awards for deadlines, requirements, application and to download the 2026-2027 Scholarship Flyer.

The deadline of March 16, 2026, is for the LAIN Compass Scholarship. **Other Compass Awards** include the Compass Service Star Award, the Elizabeth Leonard Compass Service

Award, Outstanding Compass Club Award, the Outstanding Community Service Award and the Dreams Ahead Award. Visit www.compassclubintl.org for deadlines, requirements, applications and to download the 2026-2027 Scholarship Flyer. Award winners will be announced and celebrated in Oklahoma City. We look forward to celebrating with these wonderful young leaders and their respective clubs!

In Pilot Love, friendship and service!



May the early spring
Awaken your soul and
Remind you to
Celebrate the season with the
Hope and joy it brings!

In Pilot Friendship,

Leslie

Leslie McLaughlin
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The Pilot Club of Oconee County held their 17th annual Pilot 5K on February 7. It was a beautiful day to enjoy this fundraiser that funds many of our projects!



In February, the Pilot Club of Chatsworth celebrated their 53rd Birthday. After a delicious meal, the club was entertained by the Fundraising Division with a game of The Price is Right 1973 version featuring items from that era. Member Glenda Sneads won a new car!!!



The Pilot Club of Toccoa enjoyed sharing the "BrainMinder Puppets" at First Baptist Toccoa Pre-K this morning. The children were alert and able to answer questions at the end of the program from the scripts presented. "Play Smart. Play Safe." Was the theme learned as you protect your brain!



The Newnan Pilot Club celebrated our 80th birthday Tuesday evening! We were chartered on March 6, 1946, in Newnan, Georgia. For the past 80 years we have worked diligently for the people of Newnan and Coweta County



Happy 97th Birthday Pilot Club of Atlanta.....