



Georgia District Governor's Bulletin

July 2026 - #1

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Message from the Governor

WELCOME!

Everybody Can. Do More. Care More. Be More.

That is my theme for the 2026-2027 Pilot year, and you will be seeing it quite often during the upcoming months.

First, I wish to thank every Georgia District Pilot for all they have done in the name of Pilot throughout the years in each and every community of Pilot. You all are such a wonderful asset to the Pilot organization – we are Georgia District and we are No. 1!

I am excited to be serving as your Governor during this year and hope to be able to meet with each of your clubs at least once during this year.

Also, I am looking forward to seeing several of you at Pilot International Convention July 14-18, 2026, in beautiful Oklahoma City, OK. There are no pre-Convention excursions this year since there are a number of exciting activities planned plus meetings to conduct the business of Pilot.

On Friday, July 17 there will be a 'Live Bingo' PIFF Fundraiser Blooming with Excitement. The Grand Prize will be a Cash Prize. You can go to the Pilot Website to purchase tickets for the Bingo. Also, President Beverly is having a 'Scratch to Bloom' fundraiser for PIFF for which you can purchase tickets at Convention.

On Saturday, July 18 at 9:00 a.m. is 'A Pilot Blooming Experience – Bound to Bloom' – President Beverly's Breakfast. For this you may dress inspired by your favorite Disney character using color, style and creativity – no costumes are required. This is where Disney fans wear everyday clothing and not costumes to represent specific Disney characters. And this is optional.

Saturday night, July 18, Lisa Palmquist will be installed as our Pilot International President beginning at 6:00 p.m. The theme of the evening is "Daisies and Diamonds" – wear your diamonds (real or fake!) and formal dress of sparkle! And we are told to keep our cowboy boots handy!

Believe in Yourself!

Believe in Pilot!

Jacquie



Pilot Club of Jones County met on Tuesday, June 23rd, with forty-two members and four guests in attendance. The clubhouse was beautifully decorated featuring lighthouse centerpieces showcasing Governor Jacquie Hatcher's logo and theme for the year, "Everybody can Do More, Care More, Be More". Guests included Melissa Stephens, Lt. Governor, Southeast Region who installed the incoming Club Officers, Jacquie Hatcher, 2026-2027 Georgia District Governor, and Carol Simmons of the Pilot Club of Dublin.





Inspirational Message

Gov. Jacque has chosen the lighthouse as her symbol for this Pilot year. Lighthouses have long served as powerful symbols of hope, resilience, and guidance.

Here is a recap of a true story of this symbol: In September 1838, a luxury steamship called the SS Forfarshire crashed onto the treacherous rocks near Longstone Lighthouse in England during a ferocious storm. The ship broke apart rapidly, leaving survivors stranded on a reef surrounded by churning, violent waves. Grace Darling, the 22-year-old daughter of the lighthouse keeper, spotted the survivors through the morning fog. Knowing a boat from the mainland could not reach them, Grace and her father rowed a heavy wooden boat over a mile through terrifying, turbulent currents. Grace held the boat steady against the jagged rocks while her father pulled survivors aboard. They successfully saved nine lives, and Grace became a lasting symbol of selfless courage.

The lesson to take away from this story is that you do not need an official title or immense strength to make a difference, you just need the willingness to act when others are in distress. Sounds like our Pilot motto!!!! So, keep your light shining Pilots in all that you do within your homes and your communities!

JoAnn

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



Pilot Club of Washington Co. welcomes their newest member, Beth Copeland. Beth was previously a member of the Greene County Pilot Club. Pilot and District Secretary Ann Lastinger welcome Beth to our club.

Georgia District, Pilot International
2026-27 Memorial Forms need to go to:

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Lt. Governor (for your region)

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



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

Pilot/Family	Club
Jacque Hatcher (Grandson-in-law)	Washington Co.
Teresa Walston (Husband)	Jones Co.



Leadership

As we begin a new Pilot year, I want to challenge you to look for leaders in your club, and to look at yourself and see what areas you need to work on. No one is a born leader, but everyone can develop leadership skills, and everyone can benefit from using them.

Be honest with yourself. If you learn to understand yourself, it will help you understand others. Here are a few questions you can use to analyze your leadership skills.

1. What kind of leader am I? One who helps solve problems? A leader who helps people get along? How do others see me as a leader?
2. What are my goals, purposes, and expectations in working with this particular group?

Once you have asked yourself these questions identify areas for improvement. Here are a few questions you can ask yourself.

1. Do I try to be aware of how others think and feel?
2. Do I try to help others perform to the best of their abilities?
3. Am I willing to accept responsibility?
4. Am I willing to try new ideas and new ways of doing things?
5. Am I able to communicate with others effectively?
6. Am I a good problem solver?
7. Do I accept and appreciate other perspectives and opinions?
8. Am I aware of current issues and concerns on campus or in my community?

Once you have analyzed your strengths and weaknesses devise a strategy for upgrading your skills. If you would like some help, please let me know and I will be glad to send you more information. Everybody can be a leader!

Mary

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Jacquie Hatcher
Governor
Pilot Club of Washington Co.

I am so excited to be launching into this arena of Governor of the Georgia District of Pilot. Many of you know me and have known me for a number of years; however, you may not recognize the name.

In 2000-2001 I served as the Georgia District Governor, but my name then was Jacquie Kristoff and Racing was my theme! I had loads of fun visiting with most of the clubs in the District and I am looking forward to visiting with most of you again in the next two years. I have been in Pilot for a number of years and am a member of the Washington County Pilot Club and enjoy working with these members so very much and appreciate all the wonderful activities they do each year for the Washington County area.

I am married to my wonderful husband, Richard, whom you will see as my 'bodyguard' at a lot of the Pilot activities. He enjoys these almost as much as I do! I have two grown children, four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

In my free time I love to do embroidery work, spend time with my family and travel. I am a member of Davisboro Baptist Church and attend Dixon Methodist Church. I am looking forward to working with Pilot over this year as your Governor.



Avaline Adams
Treasurer
Pilot Club of Lavonia

I am honored to serve as your Treasurer this year and look forward to working with each club. Since I have been a member of the Pilot Club of Lavonia and Georgia District, I have had the privilege of getting to know many Pilots from around the state. I value each friend I have made and look forward to making many new friends.

My husband, Larry and I, both are natives of Northeast Georgia. We consider Franklin County where we live a little piece of heaven. We love exploring parts of the United States we have never seen and look forward to many more trips. We have six grandchildren that we adore and are fortunate to have four of them that live close by that we get to spend lots of time with and love it! Most any time you can find us either at the softball field, basketball court or the track field cheering our grands on!

I am only an email or phone call away. Please let me know if you have questions. I look forward to working with everyone this year while we "Everybody can Do More, Care More, Be More". I hope to see YOU in Oklahoma City in a couple of weeks!



Nancy Miller
Governor-Elect
Pilot Club of Newnan

Hello Pilots, I am honored to serve as your Gov.-elect for the coming year. Having been part of Pilot for 37 years, I can attest to how deeply this organization has shaped my life. It started with just one invitation, and since then, I have had the privilege of serving in many capacities. These opportunities have allowed me to grow and become an active member of this great community.

I have been married for 55 years and am grateful for my three grown children (two girls, one boy) and seven wonderful grandchildren. Throughout my Pilot journey, I've been a member of three different clubs, moving as my husband's career required. Each club has enriched my experience and strengthened my commitment to our shared mission.

Although we have lost clubs this past year, and that brings sadness because I know how hard these Pilots have worked, I am continually inspired by our collective resilience. Despite these challenges, our determination and spirit push us forward. Let us build on our strengths and focus on growing our clubs, even if only by welcoming one new member at a time.

Leadership is another area where we can make a significant impact. I encourage each of you to consider stepping into leadership roles within your club if asked. Together, we can foster strong leaders who will guide our clubs to new successes. If you are interested in a leadership role, please let your club president know.

I value your thoughts and welcome your ideas for our continued growth. Please reach out if you would like to get involved or share your experiences. What are your hopes for our clubs this year? I am confident that, with your commitment, we will continue to grow and thrive in the coming year.



Ann Lastinger
Secretary
Pilot Club of Washington Co.

For the past 19 years I have had the privilege of being a member of the Pilot Club of Washington County, located in Sandersville, GA. I have served in many capacities including three terms as President. Each step has been one of learning and serving. For the past 3 years I have been serving on the district level and the excitement and learning process has continued and magnified. This year I am looking forward to serving as your District Secretary. Over the years I have learned the importance of accurate record keeping and reporting of accurate facts. My goal is to give the best that I can to fulfill the large footsteps that have gone before me.

My initial reason for joining the Pilot Club so many years ago was to establish an identity for myself. I was known as the wife of a prominent member of the county with very few friends to call my own. All that changed after becoming a member of the Pilot Club of Washington County. I now have friends all over the United States as well as Internationally! I look forward to making many new friends this upcoming year as I take on the responsibilities of District Secretary. Please let me know how I can be of help to you as you complete the required forms and documents needed for Pilot International and Georgia District.





Shelby Holland
NE Region Lt. Governor
Pilot Club of Toccoa

With pleasure, I look forward to the new 2026-2027 Pilot Year as I begin my new position as the Northeast Lieutenant Governor. With this new Pilot year not only comes pleasure for me, but I also anticipate excitement as I become involved with the Northeast Region Pilots. I am already aware of the outstanding leadership qualities found in each of the eight North East clubs.

I have been a Pilot member in the Pilot Club of Toccoa since 2005 and served as Club President during 2013-2014. As I have just completed my term as Georgia District Treasurer during 2024-2025, I look forward to fulfilling my duties as Lt. Governor as I meet new Pilots and make new friendships.

My husband Ron and I continue to enjoy retirement life and look forward to August 2nd this year as we will celebrate our 50th anniversary. We are thankful for each day together. We are blessed with our daughter Hilliary, and son-in-law, Joshua Bentley, being a part of our family that also includes the love-of-our-life granddaughter, Lillian Mae, who will begin the third grade this fall. Also, I focus on my church family and activities with my church which are especially important to me. I enjoy being involved as a Life Director for the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs as well as being the current President of the Toccoa Woman's Club.

During the coming year, I look forward to sharing together with the Pilots of the Northeast Region as I serve as your Lt. Governor. I am proud to be a Pilot and honored to be a part of an organization that serves others through volunteer service.



Melissa Stephens
SE Region Lt. Governor
Pilot Club of Dublin

I am Melissa Stephens, and I am your 2026-2027 Southeast Region Lt. Governor of the great state of Georgia. I am married with 3 daughters, one son-in-law and one amazing granddaughter who is 3 years old. I have lived in Georgia since 1980, moving from West Virginia after the death of my father at a very early age. I am blessed to still have my mother living next door to me who will soon be 83 and in great health, thankfully.

Since July 2019 I have been working full time at the Laurens County Board of Education as a Payroll Specialist/Coordinator. Prior to here, I worked for almost 30 years at a local CPA firm where I worked for a former Pilot Member who introduced me to the club in 2014. Pilot has been a huge part of not only my life since then, but of my families as well.

When I became a member, I never dreamed that I would even be on the Board within my own Club, much less having the opportunity to be Lt. Governor. My motto for this term is not only to DO MORE, CARE MORE, BE MORE, but also to INVEST MORE. Investing time in our Members and our Community should be top priority within all our clubs and I hope to encourage that every time I can.

I am very thankful for this opportunity and look forward to making several new friends in the coming months.



Vickie Hammond
EC Region Lt. Governor
Pilot Club of Oconee Co.

I am Vickie Hammond, and I am humbled to serve you this year. Oconee County has been home to my husband, Doug, and me our entire lives. We graduated from high school together, married in 1983, and have built a wonderful life centered around faith, family, and service. We are blessed with two children, four grandchildren, and eagerly await the arrival of another grandbaby this September.

After retiring from a thirty-year career in education with Oconee County Schools in 2014, I have remained active in volunteering and advocating for educators throughout Georgia. Serving others has always been at the heart of who I am. My Pilot journey began in October 2017, when a dear friend invited me to a Share Pilot meeting. Pilot was already familiar to me, as my mother-in-law was a dedicated member of the Pilot Club of Oconee County. It didn't take long for Pilot to become an important part of my life as well. Over the years, I have had the privilege of serving as a Division Chairman, club director, club president twice, and completing six months of presidency as president-elect. Each role has strengthened my appreciation for the impact Pilot has on our communities and on one another.

As your 2026-2027 East Central District Lieutenant Governor, I look forward to serving and supporting the clubs throughout our region. I value open communication, active listening, and learning from others as we work together to strengthen Pilot and continue our mission of service. I am honored by this opportunity and excited to build relationships, celebrate successes, and support the incredible Pilots who make such a difference every day.

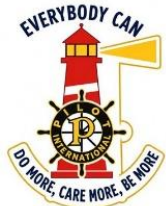


Cassie Cleland
NW Region Lt. Governor
Pilot Club of Carrollton

As I serve as your NW Lt. Governor, I look forward to reaching, promoting and supporting Pilot and its mission of spreading volunteerism and serving the varying needs of communities. I want us to serve our communities and participate in projects which focus on brain-related disorders. Caregivers need support, education and information as they carry out their daily tasks for people who need them.

I was introduced to Pilot by former Governor Judy Jackson 14 years ago. Pilot has allowed me to utilize my career as a Physical Therapist with specialty in treating concussions and brain related rehab to promote community education. My late husband died after a 12-year journey with ALZ at age 67. So, I have been a care giver, speaker and advocate for brain health, safety and caregivers. I look forward to seeing our region flourish and multiply in Pilot service.





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

July 1, 2026

GA District Dues

District Treasurer

Avaline Adams

Copy to District Secretary

Ann Lastinger

July 1, 2026

PI Dues & Form

PI Headquarters

August 15, 2026

Financial Records Audit

Audit Committee (Club & District)

August 15, 2026

Plans of Work

Governor, Governor-Elect, Region
Lt. Governor

August 15, 2026

2026 Fall Council Committees

Assignments due to:

Governor Jacque

August 15, 2026

Club Budgets & Standing Rules

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

September 20, 2026

Q1 Club Report

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

September 30, 2026

Club Ambassador Selection

Pilot International Headquarters
\$25 Fee

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



Message from Pilot International President

As one Pilot year comes to a close and another begins, my heart is filled with gratitude for each of you and all we have accomplished together.

This past year, we shared our time, talents, and compassion to make a difference in the lives of others. We celebrated successes, overcame challenges, and strengthened the bonds of friendship that make Pilot so special. Because of your dedication, Pilot International continued to shine as a beacon of service and hope in our communities.

As we begin this new Pilot year, I invite each of you to embrace the theme: "Believe in Yourself! Believe in Pilot!"

Believe in yourself—because each of you brings unique gifts, talents, and ideas that make Pilot International stronger. Never underestimate the impact of a kind word, a helping hand, or your willingness to step forward and serve.

Believe in Pilot—because together we are part of something greater than ourselves. For more than a century, Pilot members have changed lives through friendship and service. Our commitment to caring for others continues to create ripples of hope that reach far beyond what we can see.

As we transition into this new year, let us honor the accomplishments of the past while looking forward with confidence and enthusiasm. Please welcome your new ECR and begin to form your relationship with her. She will appreciate the warm greetings. Let us encourage one another, prepare for and welcome new opportunities, and continue building Pilot International where every member feels valued, empowered, and inspired.

Thank you for believing in our mission, in Pilot International, and in one another. I am excited about what we will achieve together in the coming year.

Here's to a year filled with purpose, friendship, service, and the confidence to believe in ourselves and in Pilot.

In Pilot Friendship and Love,

Lisa



Pilot Club of Macon: Governor Jacque Hatcher installed officers at the June 2, meeting.

Pictured left to right front row: Tiffany Overstreet, Denisia Franklin, Surelle Pinkston, Pat Vickers, Governor Jacque Hatcher, Cynthia Pitts, Bettye Middlebrooks,

Second row: Carolyn Glover, Dyann Moore, Renoalda Scott, President Deborah Searles, Pat Denmark, Joan Burney, Kathy Jones, Eliza Jackson, Phyllis Dorn.





2026-2027 GA District Appointees



Wanda Beard
Membership Coor.
(Hartwell)



Pat Jarvis
Parliamentarian
(Elberton)



JoAnn Akers
Inspirational Leader
(Atlanta)



Mary Turner
Leadership
FC 2026 Chair
(Elberton)



Kerrin Daniel
Anchor Coordinator
(Covington)



Janis Stallings
Assistant Anchor Coor.
(Carrollton)



Bennie Maddox
Projects Coor.
DC 2027 Chair
(Cuthbert)



Glynice Hayes
PIFF Rep.
(Peachtree)



Dene' Dixon
PIFF Co.-Rep.
(Atlanta)



Tammy Dalton
Fundraising Coor.
(Madison Co.)



Missy Belcher
Nominating
Committee Chair
(Bainbridge)

Katharine Banning
Website Editor
(Atlanta)



Kirsten Jorgenson
Governor's Bulletin Editor
GA Dist. Directory Editor
(Gainesville)



Genia Mitchell
GPF Rep.
(Peachtree)



Carol Jackson
Audit Committee Chair
(Elberton)



Susan Harbin
Awards Jury Chair
(Lavonia)



Shona Bales
FC 2026 Co.-Chair
(Eatonton)



Cindy Weaver
GPF Co.-Rep.
(Atlanta)





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Past Governors/Past PI

Presidents

Pat Jarvis
(2001-2002 PG)
(2009-2010 PIP)
July 3

Past Governor

Cynthia Spearman
(2016-2017)
July 22

Past Governor/District Governor

Jacque Hatcher
(2000-2001)
July 9



Pilot Club of Carrollton at Belk Charity Day!!



Pilot Club of Madison County names Kathy Ferguson Pilot of the Year. President Terri Mobley pictured left and Kathy Ferguson-right.



Welcome New Members

New GA District Pilots

East Central Region
Elyse Daniel (Oconee Co.)



Congratulations to Takia Wakefield, our 2025-2026 Pilot of the Year! Takia consistently goes above and beyond for our organization, dedicating countless hours and bringing passion, leadership, and commitment to everything she does. Her hard work and vision have helped propel our club forward and strengthened our ability to serve our community.

We are incredibly grateful for all she has done and excited to see her continue to lead as she begins her term as President for the new Pilot year. We know our club has a bright future ahead under her leadership.

Congratulations, Takia, and thank you for your outstanding service to the Pilot Club of Hartwell!



Pilot Club of Eastman awarded this year's Bertie Mae Garrett Anchor Scholarship to Dodge County High School Senior Lydia Jones. Lydia has been active in Anchor and served as club president during her senior year. Jones plans to attend Georgia Southern and State University in the Fall Semester and pursue a degree in Nursing.

