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Message from the Governor

WOW! And WOW!

Wasn't our Fall Council wonderful! Elvis was a BIG hit and we all enjoyed listening to him perform and some of us who were brave enough to get out and do a little dancing enjoyed that as well. And all of you who dressed in your 50s attire, you looked absolutely stunning. It really did bring back a lot of memories for me and I am sure a lot of you as well.

Our ECR, Karen Ferguson-Bain, gave us some inspiration to work toward earning our PI dues paid for the 2028 Pilot year just by bringing in new members. Easy, peasy, right!! Seriously, her message on that incentive was inspiring and we all need to get out and work on bringing in new members – maybe even charter a New Club! Think about all the entries you could earn if you chartered a new club.

And, later our own Mary Turner, PI Director and Immediate Past Governor, along with Karen gave us a lot to think about in being leaders in our Clubs, our Regions, our District and Pilot International. Every one of you can become a leader, especially in your club. So, step outside your comfort zone and accept a leadership position when asked to do so. We all have clubs that will support us and help us along the way on that journey. It is a very rewarding experience to have been an active participant on the Executive level of our clubs, Regions, District and International levels.

Thank you all for your active participation in Pilot and I strongly encourage you to keep up the great work you are doing in each of your communities and for your continued support of the Georgia District.

Remember...*Do More. Care More. Be More.*

Jacquie



Governor Jacquie, PI Director/PG Mary & NE Reg. Lt. Governor Shelby rockin' the 50s at Fall Council Welcome Party



Governor Jacquie, Covington Pilots-Stephanie Scarborough, Ann Cargile, Club Pres. Kerrin Daniel & EC Reg. Lt. Gov. Vickie Hammond





Inspirational Message

What a blast our Fall Council was...dancing with Elvis, so many Pilots dressed up in 50's attire - poodle skirts and all, mingling with others at Market Place, hearing inspirational words from our ECR Karen Ferguson Bain (and envying those beautiful silver shoes!), but the best part was connecting with old and making new Pilot friends! Let me share with you this message that was from the Pilot Club of Gadsden, Alabama and written in 1971:

A Pilot Friend

I think that God never sends,
A gift so precious as a Pilot friend,
A friend who always understands
And fills each need, as it demands.
Who does far more than creeds could do,
To make me good, to make me true.
Earth's gifts, a sweet enjoyment lend,
But only God can give a Pilot friend.

"Friends are angels who lift you to your feet when your wings have trouble remembering how to fly."

JoAnn

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PG Table at Fall Council 2026



Elberton Pilot Gary Jarvis



Georgia District, Pilot International
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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 prayer



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

Pilot	Club
Ruby Dukes	Brunswick
Marcelle Watkins	Peachtree
Wanda Poteet	Chatsworth



District Treasurer

With the month of October comes a quick reminder that goes to the Anchors as they prepare to meet the November 1st deadline for sending in their Anchor dues.

The needed forms can be found on the Georgia District Pilot International website under www.pilotgeorgia.org, go to the Members Only section, scroll down to Anchors section. Then scroll down page until you see the needed forms located under "Anchor Forms and Information". The forms required are:

- 2026-2027 Pilot International Anchor Dues Invoice
- 2026-2027 Pilot Annual Anchor Club Treasurer's Report (Address is included on forms of where to remit payment to Pilot International.)

Pilot International dues are \$10.00 plus \$4.00 insurance for a total of \$14.00 per Anchor member.

- 2026-2027 Georgia District Anchor Dues Invoice
- 2026-2027 Georgia District Anchor Club Treasurer's Report (Address is included on forms of where to remit payment to Georgia District Treasurer.)

Georgia District dues are \$10.00 per Anchor member. Please send original form with check on or before November 1, 2026.

This process will ensure that Pilot International, Georgia District, and the Anchor Club has the same information. Please contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to receiving your 2026-2027 Anchor dues.

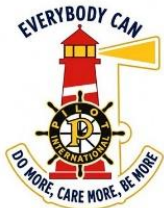
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REMINDER: Our District has a Facebook page, so get your members to sign up.





Awards Jury Chair

AWARDS FOR THE 2025-2026 CLUB YEAR

YOU have a few more days to get those Awards ready. We are eagerly waiting for the 2025-2026 Awards entries for:

Governor's Cup
Ann Adams Attendance Award,
Edwina Gill Growth Award,
Nancy Henrick Friendship and Services Award,
Vivian Hartman Memorial Award C
Cindy Weaver Spirit Award.

Website: www.pilotgeorgia.org – look under forms in the membership area. Email : SUSANHARBINPILOT@GMAIL.COM

I will be accepting awards until midnight on October 15th.

Susan

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Awards Jury Chair
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Pilot Club of Cochran Pilots, Club President Alice Mullis & PG Maureen Stoy



Pilot Club of Madison County



Anchor

Happy Fall Y'all!

This year has already been super busy for Anchor!

Your Anchor Board has met three times and have an AMAZING convention practically already planned. We have implemented a new monthly Chat for Anchor Advisors and Pilot Coordinators to provide consistently open communication and support. This is optional, but it is a great way to stay in the know, find out what other Pilot and Anchor Clubs are doing around the state, and to get clarification on any questions that may arise.

Currently, we are planning a chartering ceremony for a brand-new Anchor Club in the Atlanta area, reorganizing a couple of clubs aiming to restart this year, and hopefully chartering a previously disbanded club.

Anchors are also hard at work redesigning the GPF logo!

There are so many great things happening right now in Anchor! We hope you have made plans to have your Anchors present a program- or participate in a joint fundraiser or project!

Just a reminder, Anchor dues need to be sent in no later than November 1st- \$10 for district and \$14 to PI. This is very important for those graduating seniors to receive their free Anchor graduation cord. Also make sure to have the photo and video release forms signed by all Anchors.

And PLEASE send in all of those pics so we can see ALL the wonderful things our Anchors are doing!

And remember, I'm just a text, call, or email away!

Kerrin

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Pilot Club of Gainesville Pilots filled goody bags for Fal Council 2026





Projects

Pilot Clubs throughout the Georgia District are full steam ahead, making a difference in their communities through meaningful projects that provide support, education, and needed services.

The Pilot Club of Cuthbert is combining its Projects and Fundraising Divisions at the Randolph Crossroads Festival in October. BrainMinder Buddies puppets will entertain children while teaching important lessons about brain safety. Helmets will also be fitted and provided to children who do not have one. Festival visitors can enjoy fresh corn for sale and purchase chances for delicious homemade cakes.

The Pilot Club of Washington County has a BrainMinder Buddies puppet show planned for second graders as well as a presentation at the Senior Center. Members are also planning a "Car Seat Safety Check" and will provide car seats to families who are in need.

The Pilot Club of Bainbridge works closely with the Anchor Club on many community projects, while the Pilot Club of Adel is getting into the holiday spirit by sponsoring a float in the Christmas parade.

There are so many other Pilot Clubs giving their time, love, and hard work to make their communities better. I wish I had space to highlight them all, but I can only share a few examples here.

I also want to remind clubs that grants are available through Pilot International to help support your projects. Be sure to apply early so you have the best opportunity to receive funding.

Thank you to all of our Pilot Clubs for the wonderful work you are doing and exceptional service with unwavering commitment to making a positive difference throughout Georgia. Your dedication is truly the driving force behind our shared success.

Bennie

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Leadership

Over the last several months I have been reading some of John C Maxwell's books on leadership. I encourage you to check out some of his works if you would like to strengthen your leadership skills. In his book "Relationships 101 What Every Leader needs to Know" Maxwell describes how important relationships are to leaderships.

John C Maxwell states that "Relationships are the glue that holds team members together." The more solid the relationships, the more cohesive the team. Most everything you do depends on teamwork. The best chance of leadership depends upon connecting with your team.

Here are five characteristics you need to look for in your relationships.

1. Respect – You need to show respect to others before they have done anything to warrant it. You should always expect to have to earn it.
2. Shared Experiences – You cannot have a relationship with someone you don't know. It requires shared experiences over time.
3. Trust – If you respect people and spend enough time with them to develop shared experiences you can develop trust. Trust is essential to all good relationships.
4. Reciprocity – A one-sided relationship doesn't last. In order to improve relationally there must be some give-and-take so that everyone benefits.
5. Mutual Enjoyment – If relationships grow and start to get solid everyone involved will begin to enjoy each other.

Let's stop and think about what kind of relationships we are building as leaders. Are we building strong relationships or weak relationships? As leaders we need to strive to build strong relationships.

Mary

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Welcome New Members

New GA District Pilots

Southwest Region
Scott Wilkerson (Cuthbert)

Southeast Region
Penny Nipper (Washington Co.)
Becky Reynolds (Washington Co.)



Pilot Club of Jones County Pilots with EC Lt. Gov. Vickie at Fall Council 2026





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

October 15, 2026

Governor's Cup, Ann Adams Attendance, Edwina Gill Growth, Nancy Henrick Friendship & Service, Vivan Hartman Memorial, Cindy Weaver Spirit Awards due to Susan Harbin (Awards Jury Chair), copy to: Governor, Governor-Elect & your Region Lt. Governor

October 15, 2026

PIFF Matching Grant & Emergency Response Grant Application due to Headquarters

October 25, 2026

Make a Difference Day
See ECR Karen's article with more detail

November 1, 2026

2026-27 GA District Anchor Dues – due to Treasurer Avaline Adams

November 1, 2026

2026-27 PI Anchor Dues due to Headquarters

November 9-13, 2026

International Care & Kindness Week

November 13, 2026

World Kindness Day

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



Myrna Warner
(1984-85 PG)
October 28



Message from our Georgia ECR

Embrace the Season of Change

Greetings!

October brings a beautiful reminder that **change can be inspiring**. As the leaves begin to change and a new season unfolds, we are reminded that every season brings opportunities to pause, reflect, grow, and begin again. What better time to embrace our theme: **"Believe in Yourself."**

Across our Pilot family, Districts are gathering for their **Fall Council Meetings**, with training, learning, planning, and fellowship taking place. These gatherings strengthen our leadership, provide opportunities to share ideas, and help prepare our Clubs for a successful year ahead.

As you participate in District training, remember: **you have something valuable to contribute**. Believe in your abilities, your ideas, and your ability to make a difference. Encourage those around you to believe in themselves too for leadership positions.

October also brings several meaningful opportunities to celebrate our Pilot legacy and put service into action. **October 15 is the deadline for PIFF Matching Grant applications**, a wonderful opportunity to turn creative ideas into meaningful community service. On **October 18, Founders Day** gives us a chance to honor the vision and commitment of those who began Pilot International and the legacy of service they created.

As we celebrate **Make a Difference Day on October 25**, let us remember that making a difference does not have to be complicated. A helping hand, a kind word, or a simple act of kindness can have a lasting impact. Looking ahead to November, remember to **"fall back" one hour on November 1** where Daylight Saving Time applies, and ensure **Anchor & Compass dues are submitted on time**. International Care & Kindness Week, November 9–13, culminates in **World Kindness Day on November 13**—a perfect time to let our kindness shine through our words, actions, and service.

As the leaves change, let us embrace our own opportunities for growth. Believe in yourself. Believe in your Club. Believe in your ability to make a difference.

Together, let us **Do More, Care More, and Be More**—one act of kindness, one service project, and one person at a time. Believe in yourself...because the world needs what you have to give!

Karen

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Pilot Club of Monroe Club Pres. Karen Beall & Ann Fielder at Fall Council 2026



Pilot Club of Carrollton





PIFF

Pilot International Founders Fund: The Heart of Our Global Impact

Known affectionately to our members simply as **PIFF**, the Pilot International Founders Fund is truly the lifeblood of our organization. It provides the essential support that allows our clubs to influence positive, lasting change in communities worldwide.

Think of PIFF as a sturdy umbrella shielding and uplifting our mission. Extending from its central pole are vital ribs that represent the wide variety of funds and initiatives making a difference every day:

- **Grants & Scholarships:** Awarded directly to deserving clubs, districts, and ambitious students.
- **Safe Harbor Fund:** Providing urgent disaster relief when Pilots face unexpected emergencies.
- **General Fund:** Flexible funding applied directly to where the need is greatest.
- **Ambassador Fund:** Dedicated support that flows directly into the Safe Harbor Fund.
- **Dreams Ahead:** Financial awards empowering our Anchors with leadership training and conference opportunities.
- **Endowment:** Strengthening the long-term sustainability and future of Pilot International.
- **Brain Safety & Health:** Targeted funds advancing research for Alzheimer's and other brain-related conditions.
- ...and so much more!

Important Upcoming Dates & Action Items

A big thank you to every club that submitted their **Ambassador nomination and \$25 contribution** by September 30th! Be on the lookout to see your club's Ambassador featured in the upcoming *Winter Pilot Log*.

As we head into the fall and winter seasons, keep these critical deadlines and opportunities on your club's calendar:

October

October 15: Grant applications must be mailed or emailed to Pilot International Headquarters. Final notifications for this grant cycle will be sent out in **January 2027**.

November

- **Scholarship Preparation:** Now is the time to plan scholarship workshops at local high schools and colleges. Visit the Pilot International website to review all available national scholarships (postmark deadline: **February 1, 2027**).
- **Georgia Pilots:** Don't forget to also check for scholarships available through the **Georgia Pilot Foundation**.

December

- **Winter Pilot Log & Annual Report:** Watch for the PI Annual Report and the full list of Club Ambassadors in the winter issue.
- **Pick Me Up Grants:** Remember that each club is eligible for **one (1) Pick Me Up Grant per Pilot year**. The upcoming submission deadlines are **December 15, March 15, and June 15**.

If you have Questions or Need Guidance?

Your PIFF representatives are always here to help your club make the most of these grant and scholarship programs:

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Pilot Club of Eatonton Pilot with EC Lt. Gov. Vickie at Fall Council 2026





District Newsletter Competition

Hello Pilots, this is a friendly reminder that if your club is planning on submitting for the District awards, NOW is the time to have them almost completed. All awards need to be submitted by October 15, 2026. These award submissions need to be sent to this year's Awards chair, Susan Harbin. Your best bet is to mail them to Susan at P.O. Box 421, Lavonia, GA 30553 and they need to be postmarked by the October 15th date.

If your club has a newsletter, they also need to be in by the October 15 date. I believe that I have the majority of them as your Lt. Gov. Asked that you send them and I received the bulk of those at Fall Council last weekend. Please, if you did not get your submission in, they need to be postmarked (mailed) to me, Nancy Miller.

Thank you for your attention and I apologize that I did not get this reminder to you earlier.

Nancy

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Pilot Club of Elberton



GPF Reps PIP/PG Cindy Weaver & Genia Mitchell



GA ECR Karen Ferguson-Bain & Madison Co. Pilot Tammy Dalton



Pilot Club of Bainbridge Pilots, PG Gail Sharber & Club Pres. Missy Belcher

Fall Council 2026 Lake Lanier Islands



Pilot Club of Atlanta Pilots, PG Katharine Banning & PG (FL) Dene' Dixon



Peachtree Pilot Club of Atlanta Pilots, Carla Tatum & Linda Spratling

