



Georgia District Governor's Bulletin

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Message from the Governor

The month of August has been a busy month! I have received most of your Plans or Work, Budgets, and Standing Rules. Looking at the Plans of Work, I can see that the Georgia District is going to be busy Doing More, Caring More and Being More for all the communities in the Georgia District. Four of our Region Workshops have been completed and as I write this article, one more is scheduled for August 29. I enjoyed spending time with the clubs in the region that I was able to participate in. Now it is time to start thinking about Fall Council. The planning committee has been hard at work planning Fall Council. Friday night will be our entertainment portion – ELVIS WILL BE IN THE BUILDING! Also, during Fall Council we will have a silent auction and a live auction, both of which will be on Saturday evening. And don't forget membership – President Lisa has issued a contest that will benefit your club and, possibly, some of your members. So, ask your Lt. Governor or your President for a copy of the flyer "Believe in Yourself! Believe in Pilot! On this flyer you will find all the details of how we can boost membership and there are some suggestions of ways to accomplish this within our clubs. So, come on Georgia Pilots, let's make the Georgia District the winning District we know we are!

Remember, go ahead now and make plans for Fall Council, which is October 2-4, 2026, at beautiful Legacy Lodge at Lake Lanier. You should already have Registration information and remember the cut-off date for Registration and Hotel Reservations is Friday, September 18, 2026. So, get your forms in early!

In Pilot Friendship,

Jacquie



Pilots attended a Southwest training workshop held in Adele, Ga. Saturday, August 29th.

Welcome New Members



New GA District Pilots

Northwest Region
Missy Bailey (Chatsworth)

East Central Region
Penny Nipper (Eatonton)

Southwest Region

Shea Campbell (Bainbridge)
Katrina Hodges (Bainbridge)
Brenda Bush (Bainbridge)
Alicia Hurtt (Bainbridge)





Inspirational Message

"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain."

Words of wisdom from Dolly Parton ...and just in case you need more quotes here goes:

"You'll never do a whole lot unless you're brave enough to try.."

"If you don't like the road you're walking on, start paving a new one."

"Storms make trees take deeper roots."

"Dreams are of no value if they're not equipped with wings"

And here is my favorite....

"You can wish your life away. But if you are going to dream, you're going to have to get out and, like I always say, you have to put some wings on them dreams, and some feet and fingers and some hands."

They gotta get into some stuff. You can't just sit around and think of all the things you want to do. You've got to think of what you want to do, and then you've got to get out and make it happen."

Doesn't that sound like what a Pilot would do....get out and make it happen within that Pilot club's respective communities...

I leave you with this final quote from Dolly: "If I see someone without a smile, I give them mine!" So share those smiles with all you come in contact with...today and everyday!

JoAnn

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Pilot Club of Newnan welcomed Northwest Region Lt. Gov Cassie Cleland for their Official visit. She gave a fantastic program all about the grants available to their 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 prayer

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



<u>Pilot</u>	<u>Club</u>
Melissa Feuer	Covington
Dee Glover	Dublin



District Governor-Elect

Hello Pilots, here we are sweltering in the August heat, but I know you are all thinking about what comes next in September and the following months. Cooler weather and Fundraising efforts. For almost all of our clubs will be going strong to keep those many and varied projects funded and completed. So, if you are getting tired just thinking about all that needs to be accomplished, let's take a brief break and come join me at the beautiful Lanier Islands Legacy Lodge October 2-4, 2026!

We have some fun and relaxing group activities planned to help relieve the anxiousness and tension in our neck and shoulders. We have a repeat visit from your favorite "Elvis Presley" dude to start us off Friday evening and then on Saturday there will be a presentation by Eric Redmond, he is a friend of Greg Jarvis. There will be a silent auction all weekend to bid on through Saturday late afternoon and a LIVE auction to round out our evening.

So come join us, bring your club sale items to bring in some \$\$\$ for your clubs and also help out your District with the auction items to bid on. As always, we love being together and catching up on all of the news from around the State.

Nancy

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Fall Council 2026
October 2-4, 2026
Lanier Islands Legacy Lodge





Parliamentarian

Parliamentary Procedure and Protocol

Parliamentary Procedure and Protocol work together in order for all members to have a right to be heard and be shown respect.

Some basic rules of protocol are the following:

If a member is to have knowledge of the workings of the Pilot Club, they should be present at all possible meetings; arriving promptly and wearing pin and/or name badge. Call the reservations chair if you are not going to be present.

When the roll is called, announce "Present."

During the Official Visit by your District Representative, stand with the he/she is introduced to the body.

Stand when addressing the Chair.

Do not walk between in front of the head table (if there is a head table at your meeting.)

There are 3 B's: Be brief, be courteous and be considerate.

Pat

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Pilot Club of Oconee Co. had the opportunity to help Oconee Therapeutic Riding with their 5K last weekend! We enjoyed the night before prep and the day of fun! It was great to see our Lynda Goodwin Scholarship winner, Tyson, his brother Sawyer and his mother volunteering for the Farm!!!



Georgia Pilot Foundation, Inc. (GPF)

Thank you, Georgia District Pilots, for your support during the 2025-2026 Year! Also thank you in advance for your continuing support this year!

During 2025-2026 we continued the transition/journey to "raising funds this year to be used for scholarships next year" and made significant progress to reach our goal. Work will continue this year to attain this critical goal that is part of the GPF Bylaws.

Plans of Work for the 2026-2027 continue to focus our efforts on our Goals year:

- **Increase awareness of GPF's Mission, Vision, and structure**
 - Requires enlightenment and communication of information to all Georgia District Clubs and Pilots.
 - Requires educational outreach to all Georgia District Pilot Clubs and Pilots to foster knowledge and participation in support of GPF.
- **Increase the Number of Scholarships**
 - Requires an increase in fundraising.
- **Enhance Administration Support**
 - Requires focusing on Rebranding, Corporate Records, Planning & Analysis, and Compliance.
- **Initiate funding support outside the Georgia District (i.e. Sponsors, Donors)**
 - Requires stability, consistency, and branding to reach out.
- **Increase the types of scholarships awarded (i.e. Trades)**
 - Requires more financial support and a change of scholarship approach.

Cindy and I look forward to seeing everyone at Fall Council in October. Presidents (or your representative) please stop by the GPF Table at Fall Council to pick up your club's 250 Raffle Tickets. We have again tried to disburse the tickets more fairly by including 2 tickets per club member rather than 40 for each club.

We are also excited to work with you to continue promoting the leadership development of Anchors and non-anchors throughout the Georgia Pilot District. Please, feel free to reach out to either of us.

Genia Mitchell, GPF Chair (geniamitch@gmail.com), and Cindy Weaver, GPF Co-Chair (cweave02@att.net)

Genia

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





Fundraising

I am excited about Fall Council at Legacy Lodge Lake Lanier! God provides such a beautiful atmosphere for this season of the year. Very peaceful.

As we plan our time together, in friendship and service, each District is asked to prepare ahead to bring a desirable LIVE auction item. Suggestions include Vacation/Getaways that may be inviting. Often local resorts, hotels, Bed & Breakfasts will donate a week or weekend to nonprofits and it helps promote their destination. It never hurts to ask in the name of Pilot service. Another suggestion is themed item or baskets...Spirits, UGA, Spa Day with gift card, a nice piece of jewelry, a specialty cake, or something that is specific to represent your district such as peach theme, Coca Cola, peanut, or pecan theme, etc. If possible, put together something that is a minimum of \$100 value or greater for the LIVE auction. The greater the value, the greater Pilot may serve the Georgia District.

Additionally, each club is asked to bring a silent auction item. Again, this could be something that represents your county, region, or club, UGA, Georgia On My Mind- in general, massages, mani/pedis, gift cards, homemade cakes, homemade candies, or anything you may find creative, inviting, and appealing to draw interest in bids. Georgia has many winery's and I find them to be generous in donating a bottle here and there to help promote their vineyards and distilleries. There are many businesses that will do the same.

The silent auction will open Friday evening, so please have your items to me by 3-4pm Friday afternoon, if possible. It will help tremendously if you kindly email me prior to Thursday so that I may prepare the bid sheets in advance to bring on Friday. The bids for silent auction are scheduled to end at 12:30 on Saturday afternoon. Winners will be announced after the LIVE auction.

The LIVE auction will be held Saturday afternoon, after the scheduled Leadership portion, appointee call, and invitation to GA District Conference, sometime prior to 3pm.

I look forward to hearing from you on your creative ideas and thank you for giving your BEST to Pilot so that we may Do More, Care More, Be More!!!

Let's put the FUN in fundraising together,

Tammy D 😊

Tammy Dalton
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The Pilot Club of Carrollton supported the National Night Out, the first Tuesday in August, with the Carrollton Police Department, and firemen and EMTs. Pilots gave away over 40 bike helmets and performed BrainMinders presentations. The Police provided helpful safety information to children, parents and sponsored a cookout for the community



In loving memory of Dolly Parton and in keeping with her family's wishes, the Pilot Club of Hartwell has donated \$1,000 to the Hart County Imagination Library.

This wonderful program provides a free, high-quality book each month to nearly 1,200 children in Hart County, helping foster a love of reading from an early age.

Pictured are Tammy Beard, Projects Division Lead for the Pilot Club of Hartwell, presenting the donation to Laura Bramblett, Chairperson of the Hart County Imagination Library.

Peachtree Pilot Club members attended the Northwest Region Officers Workshop today in Carrollton GA. They reported the Workshop was fresh and informative and as always, they enjoyed the fellowship.





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

September 15, 2026

PI Grants

Pick-Me-Up, BrainMinders™, Helmets

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

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

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

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



Message from our Georgia ECR

Dear Pilots, as summer begins to wind down and the "dog days" bring soaring temperatures of 90 degrees and higher, many of us find ourselves seeking a little relief—whether at the beach, by the pool, lowering the temperature on the air conditioner or simply enjoying time with family and friends. I hope you have found moments to rest, recharge, and reflect on the opportunities that lie ahead.

September also gives us the opportunity to recognize the hardworking men and women who keep our communities moving. This year's Labor Day theme, "Solidarity for the Next 250," reminds us that progress is built through unity, dedication, and service—values that are also at the heart of Pilot International.

As we begin a new Pilot year, I want to leave you with a simple message: "Believe in yourself."

- Believe in yourself when others may doubt your abilities.
- Believe in yourself when you have to be your own greatest cheerleader.
- Believe in yourself when the road becomes challenging and the waters seem rough.

And most importantly, remember that you are never alone. Your Pilot family is here to encourage you, support you, celebrate your successes, and stand beside you through every challenge. Together, we are stronger than any obstacle we may face.

Please keep these important deadlines in mind:

September 15th – Helmet, Pick Me Up, and BrainMinders Grant applications are due to Headquarters.

September 30th – Club Ambassador Donations are due to Headquarters.

October 15th – PIFF Matching Grant and Emergency Response Grant Application due to Headquarters.

These programs reflect the very heart of who we are—serving our communities, promoting brain safety and health, and making a lasting difference in the lives of others.

As we move through September, let us continue believing in ourselves, believing in one another, and believing in the extraordinary impact we can make when we serve together.

Believe in yourself. Believe in your fellow Pilots. Believe in Pilot International. Together, we will continue to inspire hope, strengthen communities, and leave our organization stronger than we found it.

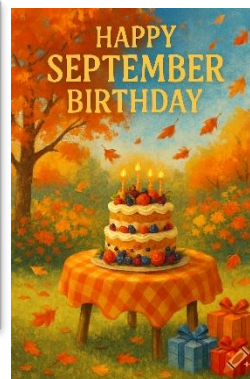
Yours in Pilot Friendship and Service,

Karen

Karen Ferguson-Bain
Executive Committee Representative
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Pilot Club of Hartwell members recently gathered for a little team-building and Pilot trivia, and of course, no Pilot gathering is complete without a service project! We topped off our time together by turning socks into adorable little cupcakes, which we deliver each month to residents at our local nursing homes and senior center. A little fellowship, a little fun, and a whole lot of service!



Maureen Stoy
(2023-24 PG)

September 10

Bernyce Stickle
(1986-87 PG)

September 12

Helen Winstead
(2005-06 PG)

September 14

Fran Hartley
(1998-99- PG)

September 21

