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The **Vision of Pilot** is to achieve universal awareness and prevention of Brain-related Disorders and Disabilities.

"Making A Difference In Our Community"

February is a wonderful month. We all enjoy the celebration of Valentine's Day, a special day to tell your family and friends that you love them. It is also a good time to share your love by visiting a shut-in or hosting a valentine party for a nursing home.



March is Membership and Brain Minders Month. Are you planning something special to tell others about Pilot? Has each member committed to bringing a guest? I congratulate all of you who have sponsored new members. I encourage you to continue to obtain new members in order to reach our goal of getting our totals to what they were last year.

The DAC/DEC had their midyear planning meeting last weekend. We finalized plans for the remainder of the year and completed plans for District Convention. We are proud to announce that we will have as our guest speaker, Vicki Clark. She is a noted speaker and consultant who spoke at our Pilot International Convention last July. We have wonderful workshops planned and a great welcome party on Friday night. On Saturday night, Governor Elect Esther will be installed in a beautiful ceremony. Make plans now to attend and help welcome our ECR, Beverly Wilkes to Georgia.

I hope to see you at our Anchor Convention on February 26-28. It is exciting to attend their convention. They do such an amazing job. We are very proud of what the Georgia District Anchors are doing in making a difference in their community.

Louise Shimer, Georgia District Governor

DATES TO REMEMBER

Georgia District Anchor Convention, Lake Lanier Island, GA – February 26-29, 2010
Georgia District Convention, Marriott Gwinnett Place, Atlanta, GA – April 9-11, 2010
Pilot International Convention, Gault House, Louisville, KY – July 7-10, 2010

Reminders

Pacesetter & Goals for Grants due to PI – February 1, 2010
District Nominations due – February 8, 2010 (Ann Adams, Chairperson)
Scholarship Applications due to GA District PIF Representative – February 15, 2010
Georgia District Awards Submissions to Linda Buffington – February 25, 2010



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MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH YOUR GOVERNOR ELECT

Pilots Touching the Lives of Others...through Friendship and Service. This theme is a reminder of the work yet to be done in 2010-

2011 as we continue to make a difference in our communities and world. The angel depicts the love and care shown by Pilots as we reach out to those with brain-related disorders and disabilities, as well as the many other projects done by Pilot Clubs within their communities. My idea of using an angel came from a limited-edition Alzheimer's Research Support angel figurine that I found on the internet. Last fall Georgia District had just partnered together with the Georgia Chapter Alzheimer's Association in our fight against Alzheimer's and other brain diseases and disorders -- so this was like a confirmation for me. We are in this fight together!



I wanted an angel with a sweet angelic expression which was designed from one of my angels. I hope you enjoy her company this year as she travels throughout the Georgia District.

Esther Foster, Georgia District Governor – Elect

FROM THE CHAPLAIN.....



David Lucas wrote this perfect story for February:

There once was a ROBOT with a broken heart. The others did their best to fix him, but it wasn't any good. So he was sent to sit on

the scrap heap with all the other old machines.

He tried talking to them. He said, "My heart was broken, you know." But they didn't answer.

So he lay down and looked up at the sky. He lay there through the long, dark nights and the empty days. He lay there rusting in the autumn rain. He lay there when the first snows of winter fell. And there, one day, was a BLUEBIRD, fighting against the freezing wind. She landed on his shoulder.

"What are you doing here, little bird?" he said.

"I'm flying south," she said weakly, "South, where the sun

shines. But I'm so cold and tired I can go no farther."

"I'm sure you don't want to stay here," said the ROBOT.

"I'm rubbish." But the BLUEBIRD just shivered and said nothing.

"There's a space where my heart used to be," the ROBOT said gently. "You can sleep there if you like."

So the BLUEBIRD settled down to sleep on a nest the ROBOT made. As the ROBOT looked out into the night, he was astonished to feel as if he had a warm, living, beating heart. And when the BLUEBIRD fluttered, he felt as if his own heart were fluttering. The next morning, the door to his heart opened and the BLUEBIRD sang, sweet and bright in the icy air.

"It feels as if my old heart is singing," said the ROBOT.

And the BLUEBIRD flew a little way up into the air, and the ROBOT felt like his heart was flying.

"I wish I could live in your heart," said the BLUEBIRD, "but I'll die of cold if I stay here. I have so far to go and I don't even have the strength." Sadly she settled in his hand.

"Then let me carry you," said the ROBOT. "I'll carry you in my heart, and shelter you from the cold and storms."

And so he carried her in his heart, across frozen wastes and over mountains, through blizzards and fog, until he was deathly tired. And when at last the sun shone, he opened the door to his heart and out flew the BLUEBIRD singing thank-yous. The ROBOT lifted his arms toward her, but he couldn't take another step. His strength had failed at last. "Make your home in my heart," he said in the faintest whisper.

The BLUEBIRD lived in his heart always. And the ROBOT stands there still, his arms outstretched like an old, hollow tree, home every year to singing birds.

I hope your heart has been warmed by this loving story.

Norma McZellar, Georgia District Chaplain

A NOTE FROM PI PRESIDENT, PAT JARVIS



The month of love! This is often the way February is described, and so it is. The month we, each in our own way, show our love to each other--spouses, children, parents, siblings, and other relatives and non relatives. Gifts of valentines, roses, chocolates abound. It is a good month!

Have you thought about giving the gift of Pilot membership to someone in your life? This can easily be done by inviting a friend or acquaintance into our Pilot friendship circle and telling them what being a Pilot member means to you. Giving an Associate Membership is another way of sharing our friendship with others.

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As the December membership analysis was reviewed, it was very apparent that we are only 409 members below our starting point in July. And there are 419 clubs. Let's do the math—if each club has a net gain of one member from this point in our year, we will be on the plus side!! And there are new clubs almost ready to charter. Wouldn't that be a great present for Pilot and for all members! Can we do it? YES WE CAN! Though some say no, we are Pilots, and that means we can do whatever we determine needs to be done. March is Membership month, let's work to meet this goal and strengthen our organization so we can be different and make a difference in our world.

In friendship,

Rat



LET'S TALK PILOT

I hope each of you had a wonderful Holiday Season. It is so exciting to spend time with family and friends. I wish each of you a Happy and Prosperous New Year. As we start a new calendar year it is time for us to

evaluate our projects and goals for the year. We need to make a list of the things we need to accomplish in the second half of our Pilot Year.

I know that each of you is Talking Pilot and recruiting new members so you can have a chance to win a 3-night weekend in Nassau. Remember each Pilot who enrolls five new members between August 1, 2009 and May 31, 2010 will have their name entered for the grand prize drawing at the 2010 Convention in Louisville. So please Talk Pilot and recruit new members.

Plans have been made for the 2010 PI/PIF Convention in Louisville. There are lots of workshops being designed to help your club in the 2010-2011 year. Louisville is home to the Kentucky Derby and Churchill Downs and what an amazing facility. There will be more news about an event at Churchill Downs that I know each of you will want to attend!!!

Project Lifesaver introduced 2 funding opportunities for Pilot Clubs and their Local Emergency Response Agencies, Project Lifesaver International received federal assistance to help agencies (Pilot Clubs) across the country start the Project Lifesaver program in their communities. The U.S. Department of Justice-Office of Justice Programs-Bureau of Justice Assistance has awarded this funding to assist in education, awareness, equipment, and public policy efforts to help expand the life saving program across the country. Also through federal funding, Project Lifesaver will be awarding family/client stipends for up to 2 clients per existing agency. Please contact Jennifer Overbay with Pilot International Foundation if you have any questions.

Your District Leadership Team has worked very hard planning your District Convention. I hope each of you will make plans to attend and support your District. District Convention is where you conduct the business of your District, elect officers and attend dynamic workshops. So make your plans now to attend District Convention.

In Pilot Love,

Severly Wilkes, 1st VP

WHAT DOES PILOT MEMBERSHIP MEAN?

Jacque Kristoff, Membership Coordinator



I took the liberty of borrowing the following from a past 'Pilot Log'. However, the message is as valuable today as it has ever been. Has your club become "comfortable" with things "the way they are"? Has your club become stagnant and it seems you are going nowhere or perhaps, sadly, backwards? Please read the following questions and answers and see if they would work for your club.

Why do we need more members?

1. Benefits the quality of life in communities around the world, especially your hometown!
2. Accomplish more projects
3. Membership is the lifeblood of Pilot International
4. Natural attrition every year requires the addition of new members

What are the benefits to new members?

1. Opportunities to "give back" in their home town.
2. Acquire a new circle of friendships and support
3. Opportunities for developing personal and professional skills
4. Opportunities to experience global cultures

How do you get new members?

1. Word-of-mouth is the strongest approach. Tell your story, why Pilot means so much to you. Personal experiences and the rewards of membership to fellow Pilots.
2. Look at your club... are the meetings worth attending? Are they informative, entertaining, and worthwhile for the time spent?
3. ASK! It may be to a regular meeting or to a special "Share Pilot" or tea.
4. Offer to mentor a younger friend as a member.
5. Offering child care during a meeting is often very attractive to busy parents.
6. Plan a theme party or special event for each member to bring a potential new member.
7. Build your media relationships. If your club is not promoted in your hometown it is time to get acquainted and build a relationship with your local media.



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SERVING THE COMMUNITY THROUGH PROJECTS

Virginia Garrison, Projects Coordinator

Is there a home for mentally challenged men or women near you? If there is, that is a wonderful place to look for a project.

These groups often are overlooked when groups look for projects.

Mentally challenged individuals love anything that you give them. Men often need items such as shaving foam, body wash, socks, deodorant, tooth paste, and tooth brushes. Women like body wash, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, tooth paste, tooth brushes, tissues, make up, and jewelry.

Try looking for all of these items at the dollar stores that are in every community. Notice that nothing on the list cost very much. The men and women enjoy even small gifts. It does not have to be anything 'fancy'.

Some other items to think about donating include detergent, fabric softener, towels and wash cloths. These are items that everyone needs and uses on a daily basis. Several local Pilot Clubs make packages of these for residents of personal care homes for mentally challenged citizens. Search for such an opportunity in your community. You will find that it is a very rewarding project that requires very little time or very little effort.



GEORGIA PILOT FOUNDATION

Pilots, have you sold all of your GPF/PIF tickets for our Fantasy Fundraiser? The drawing will be held Saturday, April 10, 2010 at the District Convention Installation Banquet at Gwinnett Place Marriott? If not, please remember to take your tickets to your February and March meetings. Ask each club member to buy tickets or ask for donations and purchase the tickets in the name of the club. Don't forget to save some money each week to purchase your own tickets. Each club has been asked to sell 60 tickets. If you have sold all your tickets, please turn them in to Robin Perry and request some more.

Also, we did not receive all of your gift card/cash donations for this fundraiser, but you can mail them to Brenda Walker at the address below. We asked each of the 63 clubs to donate two \$25 gift cards or \$50 cash. There will be eight chests with a total of \$4,000 in cash. This will be taken from the ticket sales. We will have 2 with \$1,000 each, 2 with \$500 each, and 4 with \$250 each. There will also be chests with gift cards and cash to be donated by the clubs and individuals. The winners will use a key to open the chests to see their bounty.

The tickets are \$10 each or 4 for \$25. This fundraiser has the potential to raise us \$25,000 and after deducting expenses, GPF and PIF could each have \$10,000.



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We also hope that you have budgeted at least a \$100 for a club donation to the Georgia Pilot Foundation as well. These donations got us over the \$10,000 mark last year.

This should be another exciting Fantasy Fundraiser. With a district membership of 1,682, we should be able to raise a lot of money for GPF and PIF. Thanks for your continued support for our Foundations.

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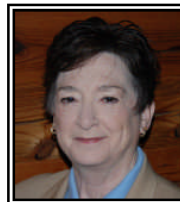
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FUNDRAISING

Patricia L. Whatley, Fundraising Coordinator



Time is here to be thinking about new officers and the new Pilot year. Time flies when you are having fun.

Who will lead your club in fundraising next year? That can be a scary task when you are asked to be in charge of the funding of your Pilot Club. Now is the time to overcome those fears and hit the books. Go to the library and check out the nonprofit and fundraising books. This will help you with the basic ideas of how nonprofit clubs operate. Look for the "made easy" and "for dummies" type books to begin with if you have no experience in fundraising. They also work as a good review if it has been a while.

The current and past fundraiser chairs, in your club, are great resources for what has been tried and what has worked in your club, but do not forget the one thing I have suggested before, try new ideas.

Time is too slow for those who wait,
too swift for those who fear,
too long for those who grieve,
too short for those who rejoice,
but for those who love, time is eternity.
... Henry Van Dyke



GROWING TO YOUR POTENTIAL

Jo Farish, Leadership Coordinator

Novelist H. G. Wells held that wealth, notoriety, place and power are not measures of success whatsoever. The only true measure of success is the ratio between what we might have been and

what we have become. In other words, success comes as the result of growing to our potential.

It has been said that our potential is God's gift to us and what we do with it is our gift to Him. But at the same time, our potential is probably our greatest untapped resource. Henry Ford observed, "There is no man living who isn't capable of doing more than he thinks he can do."

We have nearly limitless potential, yet too few ever try to reach it. Why? The answer lies in this: we can do anything, but we can't do everything. Many people let everyone around them decide their agenda in life. As a result, they never really dedicate themselves to their purpose in life. They become a jack-of-all-trades, master of none - rather than jack-of-few-trades, focused on one.

If that describes you more than you'd like, you're probably ready to take steps to make a change. There are four principles to put you on the road to growing toward your potential:

1. Concentrate on one main goal.
2. Concentrate on continual improvement.
3. Forget the past.
4. Focus on the future.

When you know your purpose in life and are growing to reach your maximum potential, you're well on your way to being a success.

WHAT MUST YOU GIVE UP TO FOCUS ON THE ONE THING THAT WILL SET YOU APART?

DISTRICT AWARDS

The deadline for award applications to be postmarked is February 25, 2010.

Send to:

Linda Buffington
Pilot Awards Jury Chair
1356 Montrose Dr.
Gainesville, GA 30501

Remember to send copies to those listed on the application form. You will find the forms on our website – pilotgeorgia.org – under Pilot Resources.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February Birthdays



GA District Governor-Elect
Esther Foster
February 20

Past Governors

Melodie Smith
February 8

GOVERNOR'S SCRAPBOOK



It's the time of year to start planning for the Governor's scrapbook. In years past, we have not had 100% participation from all the clubs. So, this year we are urging each club president to select someone to be the club photographer. This individual should be someone who is willing to make pictures of all the club's events and to submit them and articles from local newspapers and other periodicals to Joan McCannon, Governor's Scrapbook Chairman (mcc46@bellsouth.net). By sumitting these throughout the year and lessening the end-of-year burden, we hope to have 100% participation and a quality scrapbook.

****Georgia District Convention****

The registration and marketplace forms for District Convention will be sent in a separate email following the "Governor's Bulletin".

There will be a Friday night celebration. There is also a flyer attached for that fun event!

The official call to District Convention will be sent later in February.

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

The Georgia District would like to welcome all the newest members to our organization! WELCOME!!

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Fran Reed	Newnan	Jean Lyles
Barbara Davidson	Statesboro	Gwen Yarbrough
Peggy Causey	Blakely	Reinstated – Delores Eubanks
Beverly Dudley	Madison Co.	Louise McElroy
Jane Detzel	Marietta	Libby Latty

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



Pilot	Pilot Club
Mary Lena Durham	Atlanta
Mae Russell	Manchester-Warm Springs
Reatha Mooney	Heard County
Delane Griffin	Okefenokee
Velma Williford	Jones Co. & Macon

Pilot	Pilot Club	Relationship
Sally Storey	Blakely	Sister
Kitty Smith	Monroe	Father
Verna Moon	Moultrie	Brother
Diane Giddens	Cochran	Mother
Betty Dailey	Atlanta	Sister
Marie Bridges	Gainesville	Son
Faye Pinson	Gainesville	Sister
Vicki Pinson	Gainesville	Aunt
Trudy Couch	Gainesville	Aunt
Nancy Shealy	Peachtree	Aunt
Mysteris Brown	Peachtree	Sister-in-law
Margaret Williams	Peachtree	Mother
Edna Thigpen	Peachtree	Sister
Denise Williamson	Peachtree	Mother
Angela Gillis Brown	Peachtree	Aunt
Cindy Churney	Elberton	Mother



HOW WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

PIILOT CLUB ENTERTAINS TOOMBS SERVICE CENTER

In keeping with its motto "Friendship and Service," The Pilot Club of Vidalia entertained Toombs County Service Center clients at a Christmas party on December 7, 2009. The groups gathered at the Calloway Center in Lyons for a fun-filled afternoon. This party has become an annual event and a highlight of the Christmas season for both groups for more than a decade.

Clients danced to the music of Kurt Kight and his Big K sound and enjoyed pizza, soft drinks, and Christmas cookies. Each client had a personal visit with Santa who brought presents to each.

A special guest was Helen Winstead, a member of the Pilot Club of Statesboro and a Director of Pilot International.

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With the goal of improving the safety of the children of Madison County and surrounding areas, the Pilot Club of Madison County held their first Child Safety Seat Day on September 19, 2009 with another day being planned in November. For the two days, twenty eight seats were checked, 21 were unsafe and replaced, 6 were safe and reinstalled properly and ONLY one seat was safe and properly installed. Randall Townley, North Georgia Rural Roads Co-Ordinator, Pioneer RESA, who was the checker for the two days, stated "This kind of response today indicates a great need for Child Safety Seat Check Programs in the area."

Following the interest generated by this Child Safety Seat Day, a meeting with representatives of the Madison County Sheriff's Department, Madison County EMT Department, and First Responders who were represented by a county government official, was held. High interest was expressed in having a Nationally Certified Checker Training Class in Madison County. In planning the first Child Safety Seat Day, it had been determined that there are few or no Certified Child Safety Seat Checkers in the County. Currently a potential training program for certified checkers and a second Child Safety Seat Day to be held in the Spring are in the planning stage.

The Madison County High School Anchor Club also supplied workers for the Child Safety Seat Check Day.



Georgia Pilot Foundation, Inc.



CONTRIBUTION FORM

The Georgia Pilot Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit, charitable foundation, which currently provides post secondary education scholarships to Georgia District Anchor Club members, as well as to benefit people with disabilities and brain related disorders.

Please send your gift, along with this completed form to: **BARBARA WRIGHT**
2009-10 GA DIST. TREASURER
4012 FIVE BRIDGES ROAD
BLAKELY, GA 39832

Enclosed is a gift of \$_____ as a:

- Memorial Gift in Memory of _____
- Honorarium Gift in Honor of _____
- Special Gift _____
- Other Gift _____

Please send an Acknowledgement to:

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Address _____

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Address _____

Pilot Club _____



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Please e-mail articles to Governor Louise at louiseshimer@yahoo.com.

Every effort will be made to publish news by clubs.

Articles may be edited to fit space.

Club Presidents: Please pass on a copy of the Governor's Bulletin to EACH member of your club. If lack of money for photocopying is a problem, bring a few copies of the Governor's Bulletin to your meeting and pass them around for everyone to read. Have each member initial it when he/she has read it.



Louise Shimer

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