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"Making A Difference In Our Community"

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



What a Difference You Are Making In Your Communities!! You started our Pilot Year with a "bang" and I know you will continue into 2010. I am so proud of what each of you are accomplishing. I challenged you to bring in new members and you have. We will be on the positive side at the end of this Pilot year! Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to Pilot. Thank you for caring about others.

Each of you set goals for your club at the beginning of our Pilot year. Your January Business Meeting is a good time to go over what you have accomplished and what still needs to be done. The key to achieving your goals is to commit to taking action.

Thank you for the many cards, emails, phone calls and prayers during a very difficult time for me. It is hard to lose a loved one during the Christmas Season but my mother knew it was time to go home. She is with my dad and other loved ones looking down on us with joy and love.

Don't forget to send in nominations for District Officers by February 8, 2010. If you have any questions about qualifications, duties, or the nomination process, please contact any of us on the DAC/DEC or Nominating Committee. It is a rewarding experience to serve at the District Level.

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

Newsletter entries due to your DCR (Lt. Gov.) – January 8, 2010
District Nominations due – February 8, 2010 (Ann Adams, Chairperson)
Georgia District Awards Submissions to Linda Buffington – February 25, 2010



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MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH YOUR GOVERNOR ELECT

I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas. It is always good to be with family and friends at this time of the year.

The year 2010, is now upon us and clubs will soon be electing their officers for 2010-2011. Leadership Training for new officers will be held in each Region. Listed below are the dates that have been scheduled for each Region. If you are unable to attend the workshop in your Region, you are encouraged to attend another Region. You will be receiving information very soon about which clubs will be host and also the location of each workshop.

<u>April 24</u>	<u>May 1</u>
West Central	East Central
Southeast	Northeast
Southwest	Northwest

REMINDER! Newsletter Award Entry Forms are due January 8. All entries must be postmarked on or before this date to be included in the competition. Send one copy of three (3) consecutive newsletters dated July 2009 to January 2010, with the Entry Form to your Lt. Governor. Newsletters will be judged on format, contents, layout, and general suitability to Pilot and individual clubs. Entry forms are on the Georgia District website: www.pilotgeorgia.org or you may request a copy from your Lt. Governor.

All other Award Entry Forms are due February 25 and must be postmarked on or before that date.

Esther Foster, Georgia District Governor – Elect

FROM THE CHAPLAIN.....



NEW YEAR WISHES AND CHOICES

“Any day we wish, we can discipline ourselves to change it all. Any day we wish, we can open the book that will open our mind to new knowledge. Any day we wish, we can start a

new activity. Any day we wish, we can start the process of life change. We can do it immediately, or next week, or next month, or next year.

We can also do nothing. We can pretend rather than perform. And if the idea of having to change ourselves makes us uncomfortable, we can remain as we are. We can choose rest over labor, entertainment over education, delusion over truth, and doubt over confidence. The choices are ours to make.” Jim Rohn

What wishes will we put into action this year? What choices will we make? In this New Year we have 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days, 8,760 hours, 525,600 minutes, 31,536,000 seconds. How will we choose to use this precious gift of time? We can waste it. We can worry it away. We can spend it on selfish things and selfish thinking. Or we can use it for good.

Let’s resolve to make this year the best yet...for ourselves, our families and friends, our communities, our world, and our Pilot organization!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Norma McKellar, Georgia District Chaplain



A NOTE FROM PI PRESIDENT, PAT JARVIS

Happy 2010! During the month of January, we realize that it is time to celebrate the beginning of the new year of 2010. It seems like only yesterday we were quite concerned about what the year 2000 would do to our computer systems. We worried for nothing, which is often the case.

In a recent Monday Message from AR-OK, there was a quote by New Tribes Missionary which said, “**Our greatest fear should not be of failure but of succeeding at something that does *not* matter.**” As we prepare for 2010, a new look at our mission will help us to NOT fear failure while at the same time, make those changes that will help us succeed in those matters that truly matter. As businesses take inventory at this time of year, perhaps it is time for Pilot Clubs, Districts and Pilot International to take inventory of what is needed within our communities, Districts and within PI so that we continue to give the service for which we are known. We can make a positive difference within our Pilot communities, throughout our districts and our world.

In friendship,

Pat



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MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH CLUB OPERATIONS

Jacque Kristoff, Membership Coordinator



Where is Your Club Now. . .

Wow, can you believe our Pilot year is half over. How is your club performing? It's time for us to have a mid-year check up and see exactly where you are in your club plan. Pull out your Plans of Work and do a check up.

Are you having more success in your projects, your fundraising efforts, or your member participation? Are your members more knowledgeable about Pilot? Have you increased your membership? Are you retaining and training your members? If you don't answer yes to all of the above, maybe you need to re-evaluate and perform a little more surgery on your club, taking a totally different approach. A new approach may be to just ask each member to come up with a solution to your club's specific problem. Make it fun for your members... have a contest with those offering winning ideas being treated to ice cream and cake at the next meeting, give them a prize for the most effective, most creative ideas, etc. Just determine where the need is and "go for it."

One area that sometimes proves to be a dilemma for some clubs is the recruiting of new members. Members and the retention of members are vital to our organization. We all enjoy the fun of being a Pilot and want to share it with others. Devising new ways to share our love of Pilot is an avenue that involves the participation of all members.

A few suggestions:

- . Assign two or three of your members a certain meeting night to bring a prospective member and rotate this until all your club members have brought a possible new recruit.
- . Make the prospective member the highlight of your meeting, (not a special Share Pilot meeting, but a short portion dedicated to your "special guests").
- . Make sure that every member present speaks to the guests.
- . Have a special ten-minute segment on "Why I Love Pilot," "How Being a Pilot Has Made a Difference In my Life," or "What Pilot Offers" topics presented by members of the club.
- . Provide name tags for each member so the potential member will not have to fumble for a name.
- . Have a detailed handout on the "Facts" of your club to distribute to prospects so they will know what is expected of them (time, participation, etc.) and what they can expect from the club in return.

Always remember that the "Club Members" are your most valuable asset. Their ideas, participation and dedication are reflected in the success of your club.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY THROUGH PROJECTS

Virginia Garrison, Projects Coordinator



Pilot Clubs throughout the Georgia District continue to have successful projects in their communities. I challenge each club to find an ongoing project that is needed for the community and make it happen.

Pilot Club of Gainesville purchases shoes for Hall County School children. The club purchased 35 pairs of shoes last year and as of Fall Council had purchased 18 pairs this year.

Pilot Club of Hartwell helps with Friendship House. Friendship House loans home health care items such as walkers, canes, shower stools and wheelchairs free of charge to those who need the items.

Pilot Club of Greene County states that one of their projects is not one that makes a big splash or even one that a lot of people know about. The project consists of preparing and serving a meal to Penfield Christian Home. The home is an inpatient facility for drug and alcohol addiction. The members prepare a meal, take it to the facility, serve the men, and then go out and eat with the residents. A monetary donation is also made once year.

These brief descriptions might give your club an idea of a project that would be appropriate for your community. I am sure that any of the clubs would give your more details if needed.

PIF SCHOLARSHIPS

Brenda Walker, PIF Representative



It's time to think Scholarships for the 2010-11 academic year. Did you know the PIF Board of Trustees administers not one but three scholarship programs for students preparing for careers working with people affected by brain related disorders or disabilities? Last Pilot Year alone, 41 scholarships were awarded internationally where there was a Pilot Club. Total value of those scholarships was \$59,000. Of the 41 scholarships awarded, one was for a student attending a Georgia university.

I know there are many deserving students who meet the criteria for these scholarships in our Georgia District. Applicants must be sponsored by a Pilot Club (limited to two applicants per program). That means we must be

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proactive in identifying potential applicants. Does your club advertise the fact that we have scholarships available? If not, please consider doing so.

Go to the PI website and click on Foundation, then click on Scholarships to see what is available and the criteria for each Scholarship Program. Remember the only way a student can apply is to get the scholarship application from a Pilot Club member. All scholarship applications must be postmarked to me (Georgia District PIF Rep) no later than March 1st.

I challenge each Georgia District Pilot Club to sponsor at least one scholarship applicant. Do I have any takers?

THE HEART OF LEADERSHIP

Jo Farish, Leadership Coordinator



Where is your heart when it comes to serving others? Do you desire to become a leader for the perks and benefits? Or are you motivated by a desire to help others?

If you really want to become the kind of leader that people want to follow, you will have to settle the issue of servant hood. If your attitude is to be served rather than to serve, you may be headed for trouble. If this is an issued in your life, then heed this advice:

- * Stop lording over people and start listening to them.
- * Stop role-playing for advancement and start risking for others' benefit.
- * Stop seeking your own way and start serving others.

It is true that those who would be great must be like the least and the servant of all. Albert Schweitzer wisely stated, "I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: The ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve." If you want to lead on the highest level, be willing to serve on the lowest.

EXAMINE YOUR MOTIVATION FOR LEADING OTHERS TODAY.

An excerpt from The 21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader by John Maxwell



HOLIDAY FUNDS

Patricia L. Whatley, Fundraising Coordinator

The New Year is always the time to make New Year's resolutions.

Make your Pilot resolutions too.

Start by reviewing your club budget. Are you on target for the club year? Based on the answer, you must make the



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decisions to go forward with your plans or make adjustments. Perhaps one or more fundraisers have not done as well as you planned. Be flexible and change plans for the second half of the pilot year. Adjust your future fundraisers to make up your losses or plan a new fundraiser.

Another strategy is to adjust your spending for the remainder of the year. This is a good idea if you have surplus built in your budget. This is much like many of us are doing in our personal lives. We must cut back where we can. Don't forget we have people depending on us with our service projects.

As we look for solutions for our budgets, think about sponsorships. Businesses in your community may be looking for advertising possibilities within the community and local club activities could offer economical opportunities. Sponsorships can range from small sponsorships of \$50 to \$100 or large sponsorships of \$1000 to \$5000. Adjust the fees to match the type event you are having.

New membership drives bring in additional members who provide new ideas and additional revenue. Membership is the key to all successes in our clubs. Keep the present members and add new members. Resolve to grow your club in the New Year.

Happy New Year!



FROM YOUR SE REGION LT. GOVERNOR...

Vickie Cheek

Now that the holidays are behind us our Pilot train can move full speed ahead into 2010! This first half of the Pilot year has been busy and challenging for many of the Southeast Region clubs. Cochran and Baxley held their golf tournament fundraisers and Brunswick held their annual luncheon and fashion show. Chatham County was able to donate two Wii's to nursing homes and gain seven new members! Vidalia is regrouping and making baskets to sell. Hazelhurst and Ocilla/Irwin seem to be holding their own. Fitzgerald, Eastman and Okefenokee have faced challenges. President Betty Bishop of the Fitzgerald club lost her husband in October, President Nylan Hinson of the Eastman club went in for a simple procedure in October which turned into a nightmare in which she spent two months in the hospital and is still slowly recovering from, and the Okefenokee club lost President-Elect Delane Griffin during the Christmas holidays. Please keep these clubs in your prayers. I hope that 2010 is a great year for Pilots, that we may touch many lives in our communities and make a difference where ever we are.



FROM THE MEMBERSHIP TEAM

JoAnn Akers, Membership Chair

Happy 2010 from your Membership Team! It sure does not seem possible that another year is upon us and what better time than to begin anew growing and strengthening your own Pilot Club. This is now the perfect time to re-visit those club goals and objectives and move forward with renewed enthusiasm for Pilot. Do you have plans to have a share pilot gathering? If so, remember the importance of marketing that to your community leaders. Is someone in your club a member of your local Chamber of Commerce? This is a great way to get the name of Pilot out into the business community. Have you considered the e-member category? Some of you may be reluctant to look at this category, but it truly does allow a person to be kept informed of the club's activities and then when their circumstances change perhaps they will be able to more active

Your membership task force "team" will begin working on some more "tools" to go into your tool kit and these will be rolled out at District Convention. What we will be working on is the importance of mentoring and how to be a mentor; the importance of strategic planning and how they can strengthen your club – just to name a couple. If you have a specific question/need please feel free to call me or drop me an e-mail.

May 2010 prove to be an exciting time for your club and each member – keep talking up Pilot and let's make this a year that Pilot becomes the organization of choice for many!



AHOY GA DISTRICT PILOTS

Donalee Andrews, District Anchor Coordinator

Our Anchor Clubs all over our District have been busy with their service projects to their schools and communities!!!

We had great response with dues being paid on time!!! We thank you for your efforts and if you have an opportunity, please thank your Anchor Advisor and Anchor Club Officers for their efforts!!!!

It is now nearing time for our Anchor District Convention!!! It will be at Lake Lanier again this year and our theme is "Blast through the Past with Anchor": We will be remembering that Anchor Clubs were started in the 1950s and each Region of our District will represent a decade.

Southwest Region – 1950s
West Central Region – 1960s
East Central Region - 1970s
Northeast Region - 1980s
Southeast Region – 1990s
Northwest Region – 2000s



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I encourage, particularly our Pilot Club Anchor Coordinators, to get involved with these young people – they truly are our future and good leadership and community service skills learned now will last them a lifetime!!! I invite you to attend our convention and you will be blessed as you see them in action!!! If you would like registration information, please email me at frankstein@windstream.net and I will get the information emailed to you!!!!

Thank you to those Pilot Clubs who sponsor an Anchor Club at your local high school!!! If your Pilot Club is not sponsoring an Anchor Club but would like to start one, please email me at the address the above and I will be glad to assist you in getting started!!!

God bless!!!

Pilots,

Thanks so much for your prayers, calls, cards, visits and concerns during my recent illness and long hospital stay. Many of you came to visit during my worst hours in ICU and I so much appreciate you being there for me and my family during such a stressful time. I am now home slowly recovering. Please continue to remember me in your thoughts and prayers. I am a true example that miracles do happen and prayers have been answered. I am blessed to have so many dear caring Pilot friends.

Pilotly,
Nylan Hinson
PC of Eastman



CALLING ALL GEORGIA DISTRICT PILOT CLUBS

It's time to submit nominations for District Officers for the 2010-2011 year. Nominations are needed for GOVERNOR ELECT, REGIONAL DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES (LT. GOVERNORS), and TREASURER to serve with Esther Foster who will be installed as Governor for the 2010-2011 Pilot year. If you or someone you know are interested in serving our District, please submit the nominations by February 8. Forms for Nominees, procedure for nominating, as well as qualifications for each position, can be found on the Pilot International website at www.pilotinternational.org and in your Club Manuel, section II, page 151-153.

Nominating Committee members are:

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Please contact us if you have questions, concerns, or comments about making a nomination, being a nominee, or if you just want to suggest a potential nominee.

Thank you for becoming involved in the nominating process.

The Georgia District Nominating Committee

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December Birthday

SW Region Lt. Gov.
Marcia King – December 27

January Birthdays

Treasurer
Barbara Wright
January 17

SE Region Lt. Gov.
Vickie Cheek
January 25

Past Pilot International President

Nancy Henrick
January 8

Past Governors

Gwen Yarbrough
January 10

Sherry McDuffie
January 29



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



Pilot	Pilot Club
Sybil Gaddy	Hogansville
Inez Jackson	Commerce

Pilot	Pilot Club	Relationship
Louise Shimer	Macon	Mother
Barbara Haxton	Commerce	Brother
Mary Himenez	Brunswick	Brother
Mary Ellen Thompson	Warner Robins	Husband
Doris Joiner	Eastman	Brother
Claudia McCartney	Toccoa	Father
Keifer Long	Toccoa	Brother

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

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

New Member	Club	Sponsor
LeSean Renee Abney	Atlanta	Peggy Fletcher
Lea Merrey Burdett	Atlanta	Sheryl Merrey
Charlene Ashley	Blakely	Cindy Morgan
Aldene Lee	Blakely	Theresa Davis
Terri Marie Floyd	Chatham Co.	Sheila Ashway
Linda G. Malhoyt	Chatham Co.	Sheila Ashway
Pamela Kullman	Chatham Co.	Helen Winstead
Edward Strauser	Chatham Co.	Helen Winstead
Dawn Williams	Eastman	Audrey Hurd
Valeriya Anderson	Elberton	Valgene Anderson
Sarah Hackle	Emanuel Co.	Jill Collins
Mary Thrower	Perry	
Lavern Pate	Perry	
Linda Doyle	Perry	
Christie S. Thomas	Perry	
Ryann Alana Pearson	Statesboro	Helen Winstead
Matthew Blake Willoughby	Statesboro	Helen Winstead
Jennifer DeFoor	Toccoa	Diane LeCroy
Keifer Long	Toccoa	Betty Troup
Kathy Harvey	Toccoa	Nancy St. Clair
Michelle Lamping	Toccoa	Diane LeCroy
Tonya Michelle Royal	Chatham Co.**	Sheila Ashway

**Correction from December Governor's Bulletin



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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

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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.



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