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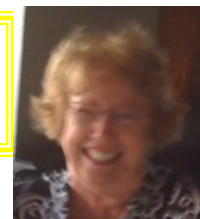
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A Message from our President: June Robertson



As we continue on our Pilot Year goal of service, fellowship and fun, it has been quite a ride!

October 2 and 3 found six of us at Georgia District Fall Council in Macon. Marsha Strobel designed and printed creative name tags for the 225 attendees. We all met before the trip and prepared the name tags with appropriate stickers and organized into club and region packages. Margaret Johnston, Doretta Broughton, Sherry McDuffie, Mary Lou Dixon, Sandy Walker and I were ready to begin registration at 7:30 AM. Whew! We have “done our duty” for a few years.

Our Founders Day Program was an event to treasure. All Pilots with “before” responsibilities were on time and ready to work. Doretta Broughton designed the programs. Pilot Clubs began arriving at 5:30 to “meet and greet” with Pilot International President Pat Jarvis. Pat privately related to me that the opportunity to meet with club delegations one on one was the greatest gesture provided to her. Georgia District Governor Louise Shimer and Northeast Lt. Governor Vonnie Brown honored us with their presence. Diane Roberts and the Membership Division is commended for the organizational planning and executing in a delightful and efficient manner. Diane reports 28 guests were in attendance. As we have come to expect, the Piccadilly staff was superb!

President:

June Robertson

President-Elect:

Mary Lou Dixon

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Marilyn Montgomery

Corresponding Secretary

Sandy Walker

Treasurer

Marsha Strobel

Directors:

Kaye Boatright

Nancy Denney

Sherry McDuffie

Joyce Reynolds

Diane Roberts

Happy Thanksgiving



FUNDRAISING DIVISION UPDATE

Coordinator: Sherry McDuffie

Assistant Coordinator: Marsha Strobel

Division Members:

Vickie Eldredge

Marilyn Montgomery

Mary Ogletree

Donna Tate

Pilots, we have our Holiday Auction Monday November 16 at Piccadilly. We need your items by 5:00pm. We will eat at 6:00 pm in the dining area with the auction at 6:30. Guests are welcome. We want to make a lot of money, so I hope all of you plan to attend and participate. I've still not heard from most of you as to what you are donating. Please let me know right away. We would like around 75 items. Pecans will be here any day now. Marilyn gave you price list at the last meeting for you to pre-sell. We would like to increase our pecan sales this year, so start talking "Nuts". The more we sell, the more we make. Last year we made \$6,500 and we would like to increase that amount. We did a mini raffle at Founders Day and made \$145.00. We will do another one at the January meeting. Please continue selling cookbooks for \$6.00 each. That's a real bargain. In the spring, we are planning on resuming Auction Athens. Marilyn and I met with Buffalo's Café in Beechwood. They are giving us a deal. I thank all of you for continuously making our fundraisers a success. See you November 16 at the Holiday Auction.

UPDATE FROM PROJECTS DIVISION

Coordinator: Joyce Reynolds

Assistant Coordinator: Elizabeth Nevil

Members:

Sandra Blount Margaret Johnston

Kaye Boatright Dottie Rodgers

Gay Crawley Sandy Walker

Wanda Grogan Carol White

Teresa Kesler

Sandy Walker headed up a presentation of our Project Life-saver program to the Athens-Clarke Alzheimer's Walk on October 17. It was a cold rainy day; however Sandy, Joyce Reynolds and Doug Howard of the Athens-Clarke Fire Department made some contacts. Marsha Strobel provided brochures for the group to hand out to caregivers, etc.

On November 19th at 5:00pm in the small meeting room at Piccadilly, there will be an opportunity for all members to learn how to change batteries in clients' transmitters. Sandy Walker will be the instructor.

About **Brain Minders**: Please contact Joyce if you will be able to help with puppets at Whit Davis Elementary School tentatively the week of November 16-20th.—Joyce

PIF NEWS Do You Know?



- Pilot International Foundation will be celebrating its 35th Anniversary in 2010.
- PIF daily operations are supported by Pacesetter contributions of \$5.00 per member, fundraising at PI Convention (such as the Treasure Chests) and PIF Sweetheart contributions.
- Grants and scholarships are funded by PIF through contributions made through Goals for Grants and Scholarships. (CCPC was a recipient of a grant last year to help with expense for Project Lifesaver.) *This information was in the PIF October Online Newsletter.*

UPDATE FROM MEMBERSHIP DIVISION

Coordinator: Diane Roberts

Assistant Coordinator: Nancy Denney

Division Members:

Christy Belflower

Peggy Branton

Doretta Broughton

Nira Haggard

Mary Jones

Marie Moran

Virginia Schultz

Founder's Day

Our meeting celebrating and commemorating Pilot Founder's Day was held on 19 October. Ms. Vonnie Brown, Lieutenant Governor of the NE Region, was in attendance as were 28 guests from area clubs. These guests represented the following Pilot Clubs: Jefferson, Monroe, Madison County, Oconee County, Toccoa and Winder. As a special presentation, Georgia Governor, Louise Shimer, shared with us the minutes of the first Pilot meeting. Our Guest of Honor and Speaker was Pat Jarvis, Pilot International President. President Jarvis spoke on Pilot's many new directions. I want to thank everyone for helping make this a very successful event and extend a special thanks to the Membership Division for an excellent job.

New membership: It is always a good time to invite guests to our meetings; it is not necessary that we wait until a scheduled Share Pilot meeting. Remember to "talk Pilot" to your friends, family, co-workers, etc. The following announcement was in the Governor's Bulletin, Georgia District for November 2009: *Remember the Membership Incentive from Pilot International - A Pilot bringing in 5 new members by May 1, 2010 will have their name entered for a grand prize drawing at the Louisville Convention. This drawing is for a 3-night weekend in Nassau, Bahamas on the beach at the Breezes Hotel. Let's have a vast majority of GA District Pilots qualify for this drawing!!*

What's Happening

Gay Crawley went to Cherokee, NC and had a great time losing her money in the slot machines. She saw "Little Anthony and the Imperials" Show and said it was really good and lots of fun.

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Wanda Grogan is traveling to New York City December 2-4 to enjoy all the Christmas decoration, to see the Rockettes Show and just gather in all that the Big Apple offers during the season.

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Marie Moran enjoyed a beautiful Fall trip to New River Gorge and Cumberland Falls. She rode the special train to view leaves in the mountains of West Virginia and Virginia. The trip included a show in Pigeon Forge, lunch at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville and also a play at the Barter Theater in Virginia.

On Thanksgiving weekend, Carol White will drive a load of Christmas toys and gifts to Webster Springs, W. VA, for a project called "Christmas Store". For 34 years, St. James United Methodist Church in Athens has collected funds and purchased toys for this county-wide non-denominational activity held the first weekend in December at the Webster Springs Methodist Church. In 2008, Christmas Store served 522 children in 330 families with an average of four items per child. Imagine Carol's driving trip with all the mingled noises from singing animals, race cars and clanging bells everytime the vehicle hits a bump!

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Nancy and Wilson Denney enjoyed a trip to Vermont and New York during Sept. 29-Oct. 5. The leaves were beautiful as well as all the scenery. A wine bottling party in Poughkeepsie rounded out the week.

## THIS PILOT SHINES



Sherry McDuffie was born in Dumas, Arkansas, but spent her first few years in Chicago where her mother worked. They moved back to Gould, Arkansas when she was three. She lived on the farm with her grandparents while her mother worked in the city. The day before Sherry's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday, her mother married, and when she was six they moved to McRae, GA with Sherry's stepfather. Her mother, a brother Don and his wife Deb still live in McRae. A niece, Heather, lives in Dublin with her husband Craig and a great-niece, Laney, born July 30, 2009.

Sherry has always been single but says "It's not too late to spend my golden years with a mate, but then again, maybe not!"

Sherry does not have children, but does have her precious Raven Laura Carter, the daughter of friends Curtis & Lisa Carter. They have been together ever since Raven was born on June 11, 2004. Sherry says that Raven is the bright spot in her life.

After getting her Associates degree at Middle GA College, Sherry worked one year for the Telfair County BOE trying to decide if she wanted to teach. It was in 1972 when the Head Start program was taking off, and she accepted an aide position in a TMR/EMR trial class. It was cancelled after a few months, so she was moved to the preschool class. Sherry says this is probably when her love for children began, but she also realized that teaching was not for her. When her job finished June 1973, she moved to Athens to attend UGA and work. She started at the Registrar's Office August 1973 as a Student Records Clerk and retired June 2003 as the Office Manager of Data Entry. There were no computers in 1973 but in 2003, all records were handled with computers. Sherry saw many changes during that time. She cites her concentration was mainly on work and socializing.

In 1983, Sherry joined the Classic City Pilot Club and her life started taking a new turn. She already knew Marilyn Montgomery and Becky Smith and had actually helped sell baked goods at the Oconee Fall Festival before joining the club. For several years she was just a Pilot learning the ropes. She attended her first district convention in 1984 and hasn't missed one yet. She describes herself as "an all or nothing kind of person" and she wanted to learn all she could about Pilot. During this time, Margaret turned the UGA Compass Club over to Sherry. They were able to keep Compass alive until the early 90s, but it finally fizzled out. After several years, Sherry moved up the ladder to be president of the club during 1990-91. It was during her Presidency that PI decided the international focus would be persons with brain related disorders. The club got the ball rolling with the help of Margaret Johnston and started the Social Club, September 1991. Sherry says, "It was our biggest accomplishment and has touched so many lives. We still have many of the charter members."

At the end of her club presidency, Sherry moved to the district level as Assistant Anchor Coordinator and next as Anchor Coordinator. Past Governor Lothair Allen encouraged Sherry to start this long journey of leadership. She told Sherry that she hoped she was not just another pretty face and that she would walk the walk and not just talk the talk. "I believe that I might have made her proud" says Sherry, because she then served as the East Region Lieutenant Governor, Governor Elect, and then Governor 1996-97. Sherry adds, "Most of you were there with me as we went through that very busy year and I could not have done it without you. This has been one of my greatest achievements. Thanks for all your help and support."

## Reminders



### November 16– Club Holiday Auction:

- Each member should bring at least one item for auction.
- Have items at Piccadilly between 5-5:30.
- Dinner at 6:00
- Auction starts at 6:30
- Invite guests

### November 22– Social Club

**December 1**—Christmas Party at Athens Country Club– 6:00 Cocktails; 7:00 Dinner– Entertainment: Darrell Huckaby

**December 4**—Social Club Dance at Bogart Community Center– 7:00



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY !



**Wanda Grogan–  
Nov. 1**

**Sandy Walker– Nov. 14**

**Dottie Rodgers– Nov. 23**

**June Robertson– Dec. 15**

## Pilot Pictures At Social Club 18th Anniversary Party



## Founders Day Dinner and Program



## Recipe Share

### Carolina Fudge Cake (Also known as Texas Sheet Cake)

Oven: 375°F 25-30 minutes

Yield: 32-36 servings

**1 Cup margarine or butter**

**4 Tablespoons cocoa**

**1 Cup water**

**2 Eggs**

**1/2 Cup buttermilk**

**1 teaspoon vinegar**

**1 teaspoon baking soda**

**1 teaspoon vanilla extract**

**2 Cups all-purpose flour**

**2 Cups sugar**

**1 teaspoon salt**

Combine margarine, cocoa and water in a saucepan; bring to a boil. Mix together eggs, buttermilk, vinegar, baking soda and vanilla. Stir together flour, sugar and salt with a wire whisk to distribute well; add to buttermilk mixture. Add cocoa mixture; mix well. Pour batter into a 15 1/2x10 1/2x1-inch jelly roll pan that has been sprayed with no-stick cooking spray (like PAM) or can grease and flour. Bake at 375 for 20 to 30 minutes.. Can be baked in a 13x9 inch pan but will take longer to bake.

### Chocolate Icing

**1 stick margarine or butter (1/2 Cup)**

**6 Tablespoons milk**

**4 Tablespoons cocoa**

**1 lb. box confectioners sugar**

**1 teaspoon vanilla**

**1 Cup chopped pecans (opt)**

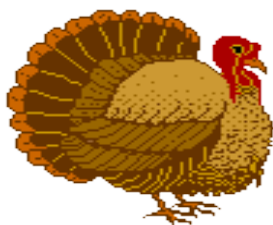
Bring margarine, milk and cocoa to boil in saucepan. In mixing bowl, mix cocoa mixture with confectioners sugar, and vanilla. Mix well and spread on cake while warm. Sprinkle chopped nuts on top.

## Sunshine Report

**Wilson Page will undergo his first "Photo Chemotherapy" treatment for skin cancer on November 11. Please remember him in your prayers.**

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Dottie Rodger's mother is doing great at Mulberry Grove. This is near Dottie's home and makes it convenient for Dottie to look in on her more frequently.



Birth Announcements



Dottie Rodgers has a new grandson named Jensen Grove, born October 27, 2009. This is Dottie's and Tink's third grandchild. Congratulations!

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**Becky Smith's Niece, Kelly, has a new daughter, Gracelin Rose Westbrook, born on 9/26/2009...weighed 9# 13 oz. She joins sister, Olivia in the family. Grandmother is Sara McNamara, former CCPC member. Congratulations to the Smith family on this new addition!**