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To my fellow Ambassadors,  
I want to tell you that I'm honored to serve as your State First Vice President this year. I hope I can meet your expectations by supporting your efforts both as a chapter and as an individual. Please call on me or any of the other members of the 2020 State Executive Committee. We're here to help with any needs that come up throughout the year.



As I write this article, we're in the grasp of the COVID-19 virus. With all the precautions put in place by the CDC, the state of Georgia, and Georgia Power, many of the April chapter meetings have been cancelled. Most regretfully, the Ambassador Retreat at St. Simons has also been cancelled. All these restrictions and cancellations are for our protection and to assist in controlling the spread of this virus. I'm sure we'll all miss the fellowship, entertainment, and food that we've enjoyed at the Retreats in the past. I encourage you to remain positive as we navigate through these next few days and weeks. With meetings being cancelled, continue to check in on your friends to encourage them and insure they have the needed supplies or support during this time. If you exhibit any of the symptoms, don't ignore them, get it checked out.

Please follow all the precautions from the CDC, the state of Georgia, and Georgia Power to minimize your risk of picking up or spreading the virus. These restrictions will pass. And, please wash your hands.

If I, or any of the State Board can assist in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.

*David R. Pitts*

State 1ST VP 2020

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## Athens Meeting

The Athens chapter recently had two great programs at their chapter meetings. In February, they welcomed Kim Franklin from the local Alzheimer's Association. It was a very informative program for all in attendance.

In March, the chapter welcomed two employees from Cofer's, a local home and garden store, to discuss upcoming planting season for crops, container gardens and other flowers that can be planted in our climate here. We can't wait to see pictures of your flowers this year!



## Sinclair-Oconee Meeting

The Sinclair-Oconee chapter has been having a lot of fun recently at their meetings. First up, the James Deraney Band joined by chapter President, JoAnne Clark, Jimmy Johnson and Don Clark, presented a wonderful musical program in February for all members.



In March, Garnett and Peggy Grubb hosted a raucous game of Bingo. Ambassadors State President Gail Johnson was also on hand to join in on the fun. A great time was had by all!

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## Heart Of Ga Meeting

Kelvin Butler with the Better Business Bureau stopped by the Heart of GA chapter meeting and presented a program on scams. He provided insight on how to spot a scam, not fall victim to one and where to report one if needed.

## Metro West Meeting

The Metro West chapter met a real-life cowboy at their meeting recently. Jim Dunham, Director of Special Projects and Historian at Booth Western Museum in Cartersville, stopped by and entertained the members with stories of the Wild West. Before settling in the Georgia area, Dunham performed in many shows and historical re-enactments across the United States. He has also taught the techniques of gun-slinging, especially the quick draw, to many actors in Hollywood performing in Westerns. He also let the chapter know about the many upcoming exhibits at Booth Western Museum for 2020. State President Gail Johnson was also in attendance and presented the plans for the Ambassador organization in 2020.



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## Augusta Meeting

Kaycie Kersey with i-Care4.org agency visited with the Augusta chapter. The agency serves women and children who have been victims of exploitation. They seek to prevent, intervene and restore those who have been or could be victims. It was a very informative program.



## Rome Meeting

Ron Harris of the Rome Police Department recently presented a program on predatory schemes and scams. Harris said that these scams can be either via computer, by phone and even in person. It was useful information for all in attendance.



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## Metro Central Meeting

The Metro Central Ambassadors were entertained by the musical stylings of Craig Gleason at their recent chapter meeting. Everyone sang along as Gleason played many favorite tunes. A great time was had by all.



## Columbus Spaghetti Dinner

Twenty-seven Columbus Ambassador members prepared and served the Valentine Spaghetti Banquet for Girls, Inc. on February 13. The chapter has been doing this event for over 30 years. This is the annual talent show event for Girls, Inc where the girls in the program get a chance to perform in front of their parents and friends. Thank you, Columbus for continuing this tradition.

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## Rome Mathcounts

Savannah chapter members recently brought in a variety of donations to help several charities in their community. Members brought in pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House, peanut butter for Second Harvest Food Bank, books and magazines for Wounded Warriors and toiletry items for the Georgia Power Family House. Thanks Savannah for helping fulfill some wish list items for those agencies.



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## Join your local Ambassadors chapter

Chapter	President	Meeting Schedule
Altamaha	John Blewett	4th Thursday
Athens	Gene Ussery	1st Thursday
Augusta	Terry Reeves	2nd Tuesday
Columbus	Glen Gosa	3rd Monday
Golden Isles	George Ellis	3rd Tuesday
Heart of GA	Vivian Thomas	3rd Wednesday
Metro Central	Jim Weldon	2nd Tuesday
Metro East	Milton Smith	4th Wednesday
Metro North	Karen Powell	2nd Thursday
Metro South	Barbara Harness	2nd Monday
Metro West	Steve Hopkins	2nd Monday*
Northeast GA	Richard Webb	4th Wednesday
Rome	Audrey Wimberly	2nd Wednesday*
Savannah	Louise Grotheer	4th Tuesday
Sinclair-Oconee	JoAnne Clark	2nd Wednesday
South GA	Vicky Biles	3rd Tuesday**
Southwest GA	Alonzo Morman	3rd Thursday
Statesboro	Jack Deal	3rd Wednesday
West GA	Terry Parham	1st Tuesday

\*Meets every other month beginning with even months

\*\*Meets every other month beginning with odd months