

# Oconee Spokes



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President Donna

Happy New Year!

May 2017, bring you health, happiness, love, joy, knowledge, laughter, wisdom, praise and so much more. Let it be a year of coming together and building great memories for you and yours.

Each and every one of you have talents that benefit and make the Pilot Club of Oconee County stronger. Voice your suggestions and participate in all the activities your schedule permits. We are a club, a team, a well-oiled machine; it's not all on you, not an individual effort.

This new year please say "yes" when asked. Step-up (again and further) and take that position to shine by serving as a Division Co-Chair, Director, or Officer in the Club. You have the Club members at your side supporting and assisting you.

See you at our January 3rd Business Meeting and our biggest event, the Pilot Chase 5K on Saturday, January 7th.

In Pilot Service,  
Donna





## President Elect Judy

January is the month we select our nominating committee for 2017. At our meeting on the January 3<sup>rd</sup>, you will be offered a nominating committee ballot to list 3 Pilot members to serve on this important leadership committee. The names that have the top three votes will serve and the next two names in order of votes will serve as alternates. Members that served on last year's committee (Dennise, Joy, and Ann) are not eligible to serve this year. The nominating committee will be presented to the club at large during our February meeting. I thank you in advance for your commitment to the club's leadership and work for our community.

In review, I cannot say enough about the Christmas Party at Thrive. The fellowship was fun, food delicious and the room was beautiful. Lauren Manders' program was not only beautiful but so fitting for the season. Thank you Bebe and Thrive. Judy Murrow led the members of Projects to make this event happen. Thank you, Judy.



## Treasurer

Pilots please remember to bring your dues to our January Business meeting. Regular members owe \$52.00 and Associate members owe \$33.00.

In January, we will be supporting the 5K helping the club make that a tremendous success. Fund raising is a difficult part of the life of any organization but the members of Pilot has done a great job with this effort. We all don't run but we can certainly be present cheering for the runners, filling all the slots needed to make event run smooth, and ensuring the runners and spectators have fun.

So, as we say goodbye to 2016 let's enter 2017 with lots of energy to get all the work done and have fun doing it.



## Projects Division Coordinators Judy Murrow & Jane Reese



## Membership Division Coordinators Darlene Adams & Mary



As we come to the end of 2016, the Project Division looks forward to the upcoming projects that we will be presenting. The puppets are ready to teach children safety and have fun while learning. I know this is important because I watch my four-year-old grandson practice the rules he learned when loving ladies came to his preschool class to instruct them in safety.

Happy 2017! As we Pilots gear up for the last six months of the Pilot year, you are encouraged to participate in the projects and activities that have been planned. Together we are Pilot Strong and serving our community is a real privilege. Remember to invite prospective members to our meetings.

Please update Bebe Reed's email address:  
Bebe.Reed@ThriveSL.com



**Fundraising Division**  
*Coordinators*  
 Joy Elder & Dennise Grayson



# Pilot Calendar

Members, we have done an EXCELLENT and UNPRESENTATED job of raising funds for our Club activities through our 5K Race Sponsorships!! Thanks to all who got out there and secured sponsors for our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilot Club Chase 5K. NOW, we are ready to carry out the plans that our Division has been working on since early August.

**Points to remember:** Be at the Oconee Veterans Park by 10 AM on Saturday, January 7, 2017. Be dressed appropriately for the weather that day. Please bring a chair so that you will not have to stand the entire time that you are at your assigned race station (if you need one and it is appropriate for you to sit at your station). Be friendly and upbeat on race day—SMILE as you work, if on the course with your assignment, cheer the runners and give them words of encouragement – again while Smiling!

EVERYONE is expected to help with our CLEANUP - there will be many little things to take care of so that we leave a “clean footprint” at Oconee Veteran’s Park. June will give you your assignments at our Tuesday, January 3 meeting.

January 3, 2017	Pilot Meeting
January 7, 2017	Pilot 5K Chase
January 17, 2017	BrainMinders: HSES
January 25, 2017	BrainMinders: OCPS
January 31, 2017	BrainMinders: CFES
February 7, 2017	Pilot Meeting
February 8, 2017	BrainMinders: MBES
February 11, 2017	ESP Big Hearts Donation
February 23, 2017	BrainMinders: RBES
February, 2017	Concussion Workshop
March 7, 2017	Pilot Meeting
March 7, 2017	The Cottage Donation
March 7, 2017	The Cottage Donation Night
March 21, 2017	Pilot Informational Meeting*
April 4, 2017	Pilot Meeting
April 7-9, 2017	GA District Convention
April, 2017	Alzheimer’s Movie^
April, 2017	Dessert Auction^
April, 2017	Dessert Auction^
April, 2017	Relay for Life Bank Night
May 2, 2017	Pilot Meeting
Spring, 2017	Special Olympics Lunch
June 6, 2017	Pilot Meeting
June 20, 2017	Officer Installation*
July 6-9, 2017	PI Convention

\*Catered Meals  
 ^Fundraising Event



# Pilot International



(l-r: Kathy Rising, Darlene Adams, Joy Elder, Dennise Grayson, June McKenzie, Elaine Neal, Jan Thomas)

June McKenzie brought in the most sponsorship money in November for our 5K race. Joy Elder, Dennise Grayson, Elaine Neal, June McKenzie, Jan Thomas and Kathy Reising all brought in \$500/sponsors in December.



**Pilot International's 95th Annual Convention & Leadership Conference /// JULY 6-9, 2017**

President Elect Judy Marable is our official delegate.

## Georgia District

I want to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season. I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas with family and friends. In a few days we will be seeing a New Year begin and I want to tell you what a blessing you are to the Georgia District.



Happy New Year!  
Cynthia Spearman



## Member News

Gayle, her sister, sister-in-law, and two friends had a great time in New York City during the



Christmas season. They were thoroughly entertained by The Rockettes Christmas Show. They attended Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral where Cardinal Dolan said the Mass. Very special for Gayle and her sister. They toured the city stopping to see the windows of Macy's, Lord and Taylor and the very best windows of Saks. They stood in line at Macy's with a whole bunch of adults just to sit on Santa's lap. Truly a Miracle on 34th Street 😊. They got to see the tree at Rockefeller Center. They also got on GMA their last morning in town. All in all, a wonderful way to start off the Christmas Season

Pam & Doc enjoyed hosting the Kilpatrick family for Christmas this year. 38 attended and lots of fun, food and photos.

It was nice to see Ginger Randall, actually twice, during December at The Frosted Lion antique store. Last year she had bought a gift for a friend's collection and returned this year to find another piece. Some of our newer members may not recognize her name but Ginger was a major contributor to starting and setting up our first Pilot Chase 5K.

Also, at TFL, had a visit from Margot W. We had worked together at Belk at Georgia Square Mall.

My dear Smokey entered her heavenly sleep December 7th. She was a great companion for 10 years and is very missed.

It was a great Christmas and New Year's with multiple visits with family and friends.

Rosa and Freeman Hall, Nancy Watkins and friends enjoyed John Berry's Christmas concert at the Civic Center.



## Pilot Birthdays



Jan Thomas	January 9
Darlene Adams	January 13
Pam Crawford	January 13
Elaine Whitmire	January 22



Mandi Mathis, Autism awareness author and lawyer was the speaker at our December Business Meeting. She wrote the book: *The Littlest Inventor* about how her son, Sawyer, deals with his sensory issues.

It is a brilliantly colored picture book featuring a smart, sensitive boy with sensory issues. These issues make it challenging to experience something most of us have no problem with, like a simple trip to the grocery store. But, by being both self-aware and proactive, the Littlest Inventor can help

*Lauren Miller Rogen is an actress and screenwriter who co-founded the nonprofit Hilarity for Charity with her husband, actor Seth Rogen. Hilarity for Charity is a movement that aims to raise awareness of Alzheimer's disease with young people. Since it began in 2012, Hilarity for Charity has raised more than \$6.5 million to help families coping with Alzheimer's and support medical advances in the field. Lauren's mom was diagnosed with the disease at the age of 55 ten years ago.*



Millions of families and individuals across the country and the world care for loved ones with this disease, it is still easy to feel incredibly alone. Alzheimer's is a very isolating disease. It isn't talked about in the same way as other illnesses, and this can prevent people from seeking out the support they need and being fully aware of the resources that are available.

The Alzheimer's Association examined issues facing caregivers in the 2016 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures report and found that nearly half of care contributors must cut back on their own expenses -- including basic necessities like food, transportation and medical care -- to afford dementia-related care, while others must draw from their own savings or retirement funds. Care contributors are also 28 percent more likely than non-care contributors to eat less or go hungry because there wasn't enough money to afford proper meals. Twenty percent of care contributors sacrificed their own medical care by cutting back on doctor visits, according to the report.

### Pineapple Tea Sandwiches submitted by June McKenzie

- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 1 tablespoon sugar, optional
- 8 oz. crushed pineapple, slightly drained
- 1/2 cup chopped toasted nuts
- 1 loaf raisin nut bread

Blend softened cream cheese with pineapple. Add some of the juice to spread, if needed. If pineapple is unsweetened, add the sugar and chopped pecans (may toast them). Spread on raisin-nut bread and cut edges and then cut into desired shapes. Keep cold. Yields:30-32 sandwiches.



### Benedictine Sandwich Spread submitted by June McKenzie

- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 16 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1 cucumber, peeled and chopped
- 1/4 teas. salt
- 2 tablespoons Ranch dressing, dry pkg.
- 1 tablespoon mayo
- 2 drops green food coloring

Food process the onion and cucumber until fine. Pour into a cloth and drain completely. Mix cream cheese, drained vegetables, salt, ranch dressing and Mayo until well blended. Chill thoroughly. Spread on white or pumpernickel bread and cut into small sandwiches. Yields:2 1/2 cups.

