

Oconee Spokes



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President Judy



Pilot Donna MacPherson as Co-Chair of GA District Fall Council.

Our Oconee Pilots continue shining the Light of Service on our work and projects. Congratulations to Donna MacPherson for providing the leadership and dedication to the Georgia District for spearheading Fall Council. A special thank you to Pam Crawford, June McKenzie, Cathy Moorehead, and Joy Elder for helping with the table decorations for the fall council luncheon.

One of the table decorations for Fall Council.



We were honored to attend the University of North Georgia's President's Reception and Unveiling of the Donor's Wall in Gainesville. As we "lived in the moment" of the reception's significance, it was humbling to see our club's name on the Silver Donor's Wall (\$10,000). All the planning, dedication and determination to lead us to partner with UNG has culminated into creating a beautiful lasting legacy for our club. The heartfelt appreciation shown by the UNG President, UNG Foundation and student recipients was expressed throughout the evening. Congratulations to all Oconee Pilots who have supported this project throughout the years.



Judy Marable, Gayle Christopher, and Joy Elder



Honor Wall at University of North Georgia

Please continue to bring in magazines, non-perishable foods and supplies for our veterans. Jane has suggested canned foods or boxed foods, pasta beans, canned meats and soups for our veterans. Peanut butter or cheese crackers, fruit cups or juice boxes for our veterans who are diabetic are welcomed. Christmas Cards and pocket calendars for Joy to distribute or package for several service projects are appreciated.

We also begin our dime collection for PIFF this month. Please consider tucking away your dimes for this project. Each month at our meetings the collection water bottle will be available to collect our dimes. This is a great way to support Pilot International's many projects.

Our November meeting guest list will include representatives from Butterfly Dreams and our fall UNG scholarship recipient. The projects division will present a Veterans' Day program.

It is a great time to be an Oconee Pilot. We are thankful to have an organization with like-minded individuals who support the community and most importantly support each other! I am thankful for you!

Happy Thanksgiving, Pilots!



Membership Division
Coordinators

June McKenzie & Nancy Watkins

We welcome all the new members to Pilot! Please continue to ask others to come and join.

Gayle Christopher will have the sign-up sheet for the next "Fun, Food & Flicks" which is lunch at the Blue Willow Restaurant in Social Circle December 1, 2017. Our reservations are for 1 PM but we will meet earlier to carpool over. Please come and enjoy an outing with other Pilots.

December 19th will be the Pilot Christmas Dinner at Thrive. Plan to invite your spouse or a guest. Judy Murrow will have details at the Nov. 7th meeting. Please let each caller know if you plan to bring someone with you. Callers are: Sandra, Lavonne, and Gayle.

Membership Division is making plans for the picnic in March and they will also have refreshments at the January business meeting with Mary and Pam in charge.



New members and sponsors: Carol Gurley, Pam Crawford, Vickie Hammond, Membership Nancy Watkins, April Few, Jennifer Healan, and June McKenzie.

Pilots, Please add these names to your Yearbook.

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 Date joined 10-3-17



Fundraising Division
Coordinators
Joy Elder & Dennise Grayson

Pilots, we are doing well with securing sponsorships for our 2018 5K Run/Walk.... Now it is time for our FINAL push. If you have those businesses on your list that you need to follow up with, NOW IS THE TIME!! We would like to have all sponsorships secured before the end of November!

Cathy will give us an up-to-date status report at our Nov. 7 meeting.

Again, CONGRATULATIONS to Jane Reese for securing STRIPLINGS GENERAL STORE as a \$500 sponsor. This is a first-time commitment for them, and we hope they will choose to continue to be a sponsor in the future!



Projects Division
Coordinators
Jane Reese & Donna MacPherson

The Pilot Club of Oconee was a busy group during the month of October. The puppet team took their talent to visit residents at Thrive. Wise Ole Owl and his friends reminded everyone about staying safe in their rooms and on the campus. After the production the puppet friends visited with their new Thrive friends. Wise Ole Owl even had a bag of treats for each resident to carry "home". The Puppeteers were Darlene Adams, Rosanne Smith, Donna MacPherson and Rosa Hall.



Pilots at Thrive Puppet Show: Darlene Adams, Jane Reese, June McKenzie, Judy Marable, April Few, Rosa Hall, Donna MacPherson, and Rosanne Smith.

Three of our ladies participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer's, October 21. Thank you, ladies, Judy Marable, Rosa Hall and Rosanne Smith for lacing up your sneakers. (photo by Blane Marable Photography)



Diabetic snacks were delivered to VA Clinic in Athens. Remember we will help restock the veterans' food pantry this month.

Magazines are being delivered weekly. If you know of an office that need reading materials just let us know.

Lavonne still needs water, individual snacks and sport drinks for Butterfly Dreams volunteers.

November is the month we honor anyone who has worn a military uniform for the United States of America. The monthly meeting will acknowledge the service by family members of our Pilot Club. As you meet veterans this month along with thanking them for their service ask them to tell their stories. Their history needs to be kept alive. Projects Division encourages each of you to participate in a Veterans celebration/event this month.

Donna has completed an application for Oconee Pilot to be in Watkinsville Christmas Parade, December 2. Elaine Neal will be driving her green truck for some members to ride (and some to walk) the parade route. Pilot shirts with

with red or yellow slacks/jeans uniform of choice. Pilot puppets will be there too.

ACTS can-a-thon will be November 17th! Come help to sort foods donated by all Oconee Schools!



Pilot Calendar

Nov. 7, 2017	Pilot Meeting
Dec. 2, 2017	Christmas Parade
Dec. 5, 2017	Pilot Meeting
Dec. 19, 2017	Pilot Christmas Party
Jan. 2, 2018	Pilot Meeting
Jan. 13, 2018	Pilot Club Chase 5K
Feb. 6, 2018	Pilot Meeting
Mar. 6, 2018	Pilot Meeting
Mar. 20, 2018	Share Pilot Picnic/Info.
Apr. 3, 2018	Pilot Meeting
April 6-8, 2018	GA District Convention
May 1, 2018	Pilot Meeting
June 5, 2018	Pilot Meeting
June 19, 2018	Installation
6/27/18-7/1/18	PI Convention

Pilot Birthdays



Elaine Neal	November 2
Rosa Hall	November 3
Vickie Hammond	November 13
Joy Elder	November 15

Georgia District

Hi, Pilots! Wouldn't you love to travel to your next destination using an Anuschka purse with matching wallet? You could become the proud owner of these beautiful, handpainted items for as little as a \$5 donation to Pilot International Founders Fund. Tickets were distributed at Fall Council in the Marketplace. The drawing will be held on April 8 at District Convention.

Please make every effort to sell your tickets, so that our district can reach our goal!

Tickets will be available for purchase at our Pilot Club business meeting.



Pilot International

Dear Pilot family,

Your headquarters staff has worked hard to generate energy for the Fall Membership Drive. We have a few weeks to go until our first-ever Giving Tuesday Campaign (remember – only \$5/member to reach our goal!). Thank you for your support and responsiveness to these important endeavors! This time next month, we'll be sharing results!

As Thanksgiving approaches this November, I can't help but reflect on all that Pilot has meant to me over the last 10 months. I share my list below as an expression of gratitude to each of you.

T – the **Trust** you placed in me to take on the role of PI's Executive Director.

H – the beautiful **Headquarters** building we work from each day.

A – the **Amazing Abilities** of each Headquarters staff member; daily they strengthen PI and serve our members with effort and sincerity.

N – the club **Newsletters** that pop up on my Google e-mail almost daily; they keep us energized and excited about all things Pilot!

K – the **Kindnesses** extended to me by Pilots across our geographic spread – through cards, e-mails, phone calls, gifts and other thoughtful gestures (like that surprise birthday party at Convention!).

S – the **Service** focus that unites and distinguishes Pilots, wherever we may be found.

G – the perennial **Generosity** of Pilots; they **give** lovingly and tirelessly.

I – the **Investment** in Pilot's future and legacy we will each surely make this #GivingTuesday!

V – the **Variety** of approaches to serving and funding across the Pilot spectrum; we sharpen and grow as we learn from each other's best practices and innovations.

I – Pilot's **Ideals** of Doing, Caring and Being More. They are expansive and applicable to all of us, in all circumstances.

N – the **Network** of Pilot. We are widely dispersed. Where you find a Pilot, you find kindness and hospitality and generosity. We connect at an intrinsic level immediately.

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G – Pilot is a **Gift**, pure and simple. For 96 years, we have navigated the “True Course Ever.” As we pause this Thanksgiving holiday to recognize and give thanks for our blessings of the past year, Pilot surely tops the list for us all.

Thank you.
In Pilot friendship,
Nancy White, Executive Director

Member's News



GA Pilot Clubs

The Classic City Pilot Club invited local Clubs to attend their annual Founder's Day Program on October 16. Georgia District Governor Katherine Banning was the guest speaker.

Gayle and Jimmy went to Virginia and Pennsylvania on their vacation this year. They enjoyed visiting family and friends as well as thoroughly enjoying their B and B in the middle of Amish Country. The mountains and farms were really beautiful. This is the area where Gayle's ancestry is from.


Sympathies to the Teresa Guthrie family. Over the last 20 years many times Teresa came to our meetings and provided beautiful entertainment. One year even going to a regional meeting and entertained. She will be missed!

Rosa and Freeman enjoyed a long visit with their son and daughter-in-law recently.



Kathy Reising, Lavonne Lockwood, Donna MacPherson, Jan Thomas, Georgia District Governor Katherine Banning, Mary Mattocks, Joy Elder, Rosanne Smith, Rosa Hall and Judy Marable

Rosanne Smith was the lucky winner of a caramel cake.



Sausage Bites (submitted by Rosa Hall)

- ½ pound sage sausage
- 1 large tube, butter flake biscuits
- 1 tablespoon dry ranch dressing mix
- 4 tablespoons cream cheese
- 2 tablespoons sour cream
- ½ cup mozzarella cheese, grated
- Herbs de Provence, or parsley

Brown the sausage and drain well. Add the ranch dressing, cream cheese, and sour cream in the pan with the sausage. Stir until well blended. Separate the biscuits into 3-4 pieces each and press into a mini muffin pan. Spoon a teaspoon of sausage mixture into each biscuit. Top with mozzarella cheese and a sprinkling of Herbs de Provence. Bake at 350° F. for approximately 10 minutes until well browned.



Thrive Tour of Wreaths
Silent Wreath Auction
 Tuesday, December 5th
 4:30-6:30pm

We would love to partner with you! Decorate a wreath for our silent auction

Decorate your wreath promoting your business with samples, gift cards, etc..
 or
Decorate your wreath with a theme-holidays, sports, pets, etc...

Drop-off/Pickup will be Friday December 1st
 2040 Resurgence Drive Watkinsville, GA 30677
 706-521-0550

All proceeds to benefit ESP

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Do you know the symptoms of heart failure?

Shortness of Breath **Chronic Coughing or Wheezing** **Build-up of Fluid (edema)** **Fatigue or Feeling Lightheaded** **Nausea or Lack of Appetite** **Confusion or Impaired Thinking** **High Heart Rate**

People who experience more than one should be evaluated.

Volunteer Hours

Georgia District Nancy Henrick Friendship & Service Award

This award honors Past GA District Governor and Past Pilot International President Nancy Henrick. It is presented to the individual Pilot Club who has the highest average of service hours. Rosa will be responsible for keeping track of hours and reporting to PI and the Club.

The following may be counted as service hours:

1. Time a Pilot gives in personal volunteer service on a project adopted by the club as well as those included in Plans of Work to meet a community need.

Working with Youth in projects providing service to the community

Brain Safety & Fitness

Project Lifesaver, BrainMinders™ & other community projects

Caring for Families in need: hours spent in respite care for another Pilot

Pick-Me-Ups: hours spent providing kind acts for those who care

2. Time a Pilot gives to assist a community fund-raising drive. Examples include: United Way, Red Cross, Alzheimer's Associations, etc. Any monies collected must be given directly to the organization and are not contributed in the name of Pilot.

3. Time a Pilot spends officially representing his/her Pilot Club at meetings of civic boards and communities, inter-club meetings, or similar public groups.

Transportation hours for a Pilot to travel to the destination only may include the following:

Project Lifesaver client visits, GAWD events including the tour, other community service related projects.

The following may Not be counted as service hours:

Time spent preparing for or carrying out club plans for fund raising activities whether for service projects or operational expenses of the club.

Time given as a member of another organization that counts service hours.

Time spent in service work for which a Pilot is paid.

Time spent going to club meeting, district or PI conventions, or fall council

Please email Rosa when you have completed an activity that counts toward volunteer hours. Include the project/hours volunteered/ and the date, along with your name. She will also have the sheet available at every Business Meeting.