

# Oconee Spokes

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## President's report

Greetings Pilots,

Ahhhh FEBRUARY...when we pause to celebrate LOVE and those whom we love and have loved! We remember our school days and Valentines from classmates. We remember special friends and the Valentine gifts they offered. But...we will never forget the Valentine beaux who stole our hearts and kept them.

Let us celebrate love anew this February 13 at our Galentines event! You don't want to miss it.

We just completed a successful Pilot Chase fundraiser! Thank you to Kathy Reising and the Fundraising Division. Thank you to those who hosted letter writing parties and those who wrote letters, phoned, and visited prospective sponsors. We are grateful to those Pilots who stepped up to assist the Fundraising Division...Cyndee, Pam and Anna.

Our club is busy planning for the District Convention Welcome Party on April 3. When you read Governor Jayne's February Bulletin, please notice the green sheet flier designed by our own Anna. You will hear more at our meeting.

We are in the middle of BrainMinder™ kindergarten presentations. Please sign on to help if you can. Jane is in charge.

Colham Ferry - Thursday Feb 6  
Rocky Branch - Tuesday Feb 11  
High Shoals - Thursday Feb 13  
Dove Creek - March 10

Please be at the school at 8:00 am.

We will be voting for the Nominating Committee at this month's meeting. Begin thinking about your vote. Lavonne, Pam nor Darlene are eligible as they served last year.

There is still money available for Pick-Me-Ups. Pick up a form at the meeting if you have someone.

# Projects Division

The Brain Minder Puppet shows began Thursday morning at Oconee County Primary School. What a delightful morning with SEVEN kindergarten classes. The children were so well behaved and attentive, answering Miss Darlene's questions and following instruction. The principal and faculty were prepared, allowing the team to practice with their microphones. What a difference that made. Also, the classes were divided allowing the team to do back to back performances. We found out that the work goes much smoother with three puppeteers. If anyone can give one of the puppeteers a break during the last three weeks, call Rosa and she will swap you out with Donna, Vicki or herself. Shows are on either Tuesday or Thursday.

Do you know someone/a caregiver who could use a "Pick-Me-Up"? A little treat and knowing that someone cares can be the encouragement that person needs sooner



rather than later. Please notify Donna of the person's name, what your plans are for the "Pick-Me-Up" and when it has been presented. Forms will be at the

meeting if you wish to apply for some reimbursement towards the expenses. Reimbursement is capped at \$50, but only if the Pick-Me-Up and amount has been pre-approved by the Project's Division.

Lavonne is finding welcoming places for your magazines. Just bring them to each meeting.

Darlene presented a \$2,000 check to Joey Bristol of Butterfly Dreams Farm in support of their work with wounded veterans.

There are several volunteer opportunities available. Refer to the Projects Plan of Works in your yearbook and contact the Pilot member listed next to the activity.

Thank you all for your support and participation.



Blane Marable Photography

# Membership Division

Membership Division would like to invite you to join for “Gal-entines” fun on Thursday, February 13 at Board & Brush beginning at 5:30PM to 8:30PM

Attendees must register in advance at: <https://boardandbrush.com/athens/events/galentespilotclubofoconeecounty>

Access Code Entry: **PILOT**

After choosing your project, apply “**PILOT10**” discount code for the \$25 price.

*Share the link and discount code with a “gal” friend of yours.*

We will share information to guests regarding our Pilot club at the beginning of the class.  
Board & Brush address: 8851 Macon Hwy, Suite 301, Athens, GA 30606 (706-202-5969)



We would like to thank OCAF for allowing us to have our January meeting there and learn about the many opportunities available to our community. As many of you know, this was the old Watkinsville High School and Elementary School.



# Fundraising Division

Fundraising would like to thank everyone for their support and help with our 11<sup>th</sup> annual Pilot Chase 5K Run/Walk. Thankfully, it was a beautiful, although overcast, day at OVP. A final report will be given at the March Business meeting.

Many runners appreciated having ESP's Java Joy available. The Club paid for this convenience to support the ESP program of work.



# PIFF

Tickets are available for the Georgia Pilot Foundation 2019-2020 Fundraiser. Tickets are \$10 each or 4 for \$20. Drawing to be held on Saturday April 4th for \$2,000 first prize and 8 "glass slipper" prizes of \$250 each. Another set of tickets are available to win a Smart TV. Please see Darlene for tickets. Your purchase helps fund scholarships.

Also, don't forget to bring in your Dimes for Dollars. The water bottle holds approximately \$90 in dimes.

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## Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee has been busy in January getting ready to send in the nominee from Oconee County for the Lynda Goodwin Scholarship. It was mailed on January 29th. We feel that we have a good chance (again) to have a winner!

The Helen Parrish Scholarship winner for both Fall and Spring at UNG will be with us at the February meeting. Her name is Elizabeth Pare.

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## Calendar

February 13, 2020	Galentines/Board & Brush
March 3, 2020	Business Meeting
March 16-22, 2020	Brain Awareness Week
March 17, 2020	Membership Drive Brunch
April 2, 2020	Special Olympics Cheerleaders
Apr. 3-5, 2020	GA Dist. Conference
April 7, 2020	Business Meeting
April 7, 2020	Nigel's Nest Donation Night
April 2020	Dinner & Movie
April 21, 2020	Pilot Planning Meeting
May 5, 2020	Business Meeting
May 5, 2020	ACTS Donation Night
June 2, 2020	Business Meeting
June 10, 2020	Summer Food for Kids Vol.
June 16, 2020	Officer Installation
June 24-27, 2020	PI Convention

# Member's News

Joy is recouping nicely from her right hip replacement of Dec 18. She is now going to rehab two times each week with Sophia at Oconee P T and Sports Rehab with a goal of attending the SEC Ladies Basketball Tournament in Greenville SC March 4 - 8.

Sophia was not able to do her therapy for 3 weeks while Joy dealt with a 6-day hospital stay resulting in a diagnosis of 2 bleeding ulcers which took 1/2 of her red blood cells and dropped her hemoglobin down to a reading of 4 when she arrived in the Emergency room on Thursday, Jan. 9 and after lots of scopes, IV drugs and numerous tests, it was determined that the second diagnosis was Heart Failure.

Thanks for heeding the request to not visit or call me for a few days after I returned home on Tuesday, Jan. 14. Texts or messages were fine, but I came home totally exhausted and needed quiet time to get settled down mentally and emotionally. I got at the most 4 hours of constantly interrupted sleep for 5 nights.

I have been uplifted by and am thankful for your hospital visits, flowers, cards, texts messages and prayers. Pilots are special to me in my life and most especially each of you in The Pilot Club of Oconee County....you are THE best.

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Joy Elder was recognized at our February meeting for being a 1873 Circle Member in her support of UNG.

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## Oconee Chamber of Commerce

### Business After Hours

Feb. 27  
June 25  
Sept. 15  
Nov. 10

### AM Exchange

April 1  
June 3  
Sept. 2  
Nov. 4

### 8:00 Coffee

March 31  
May 12  
Aug 13  
Dec/ 10

### Women in Business

Feb. 19  
May 6  
Aug. 26  
Dec. 16

### Network Lunch

June 16  
Nov. 18

### Featured Events

30th Annual Business Expo: Mar. 19  
Chamber Golf Tournament: Apr. 23  
46th Annual Fall Festival: Oct. 17

### Events

State of the County Luncheon: Mar. 12  
3rd Grade Ag Day: March 26-27  
Mini Grant Awards After Hours: May 7  
State of the Schools Luncheon: Sept. 24  
Farm City Tour: Nov. 12