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Hello Pilots,

Spring is upon us, although with our crazy Georgia weather it has already felt like both Spring and Summer. Spring is a season of renewal and a friend of mine suggested "Try Something New!". It can be as little as sitting next to someone different in a meeting or trying a new recipe, activity or game. It can be a little more such as inviting prospective members to our meetings. I urge you to expand your horizons and take the challenge.

On March 21th our Club will have a Pilot Information Meeting. It's a fun event to inform newer members and remind more senior members about "all things Pilot". It's also a good opportunity to showcase the Pilot Club to prospective members. There are people in our community who have a lot to offer and would enjoy giving back if they were just asked and invited to be part of a worthwhile group. Think about it, was there someone you recently encountered that you think would make a good Pilot?

Are you making plans to attend the Georgia Pilot District Convention? It would be great to have a larger group attend from our Club. It will be April 7-9 at the Hilton Atlanta Northeast in Norcross. Attending the GA District Convention (Spring) and the Fall Council really helps broaden your view and appreciation of Pilot. Thank you all for making the Pilot Club of Oconee County strong.

In Pilot Service, Donna



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As president-elect of our club, I look forward with excitement, confidence and anticipation of the adventures and opportunities for our next year. We will continue to build on the things we stand for as members in Pilot and support the needs of our community and club.

With these things on my mind, I look toward to our service together. I am hopeful that the opportunity for us to complete several surveys will guide our work and fun. The first survey allows us to rank our preferences for committee service next year. The second survey allows us to select our area of interest for special assignments/ committees. Finally, a survey to gain your input about the upcoming year for short term and long range planning will be helpful in our decision making.

In an effort to conserve your time during our meeting this week, you may complete these surveys and get them to me at the March 21 Pilot Information meeting, mail them to my home address, email them to me or complete at our meeting Tuesday. I will bring some envelopes for you. It will be helpful for me to have the information by the end of the month so I can begin to prepare for our April planning meeting.



The Projects Division wants to thank everyone that was able to help present the BrainmindersTM Puppet shows this year. We were able to present the shows to kindergarteners at five Oconee County Elementary Schools.

The donations to The Cottage, sexual assault center and children's advocacy center, were deeply appreciated by Sally Sheppard, our February speaker. The Club also made a \$200 donation to The Cottage. We were happy to help out at the Butterfly Dreams Farm Family Festival and Horse Show in February. Dennise Grayson, Jane Reese, Cathy Moorehead and Rosa Hall represented by club by grooming horses, directing traffic, checking in guests, encouraging chickens to poop, serving pizza, taking photos and cheering the riders.



Carrie was excited to be helped by the UGA Equestrian Team.

(photo by Cory Almond of Alljoy Photography)



Happy Membership Month! Let's put our best foot forward before the end of the Pilot year by adding new members. As we "walk and talk Pilot", invite interested folks to visit a Pilot meeting.

Pam Crawford was chosen as the Pilot of Distinction for February. She is very active being a caregiver, volunteering at ACTS and participating in church activities.



We are getting ready for the Pilot Information dinner meeting to be held on March 21, at 7:00 p.m. at Thrive. This meeting is also the official visit for our State Governor Cynthia Spearman. This meeting allows us to dine together, to hear from our Governor, and to have fun by playing a Pilot Information game. We will have some team game prizes as well as door prizes so plan to be there!





Pilot Rosanne Smith

As a new member of the Pilot Club of Oconee County, I have the opportunity and privilege to do volunteer work for mv local community. While serving on the Fundraising Committee, I have learned many new things and I have enjoyed making new acquaintances. I am a newly retired teacher who has worked for the last 23 years in the area of Special Education. For many years, I traveled through India and the United States doing volunteer work for a humanitarian

organization whose focus is to provide assistance to those in need both in the US and in India.

I was introduced to Pilot Club last summer by a member who was in my water aerobics class. I was expressing my desire do community service locally and she told me about the Pilot Club 's mission and various projects. I was given a warm welcome by the Club and have served as a member ever since. I feel proud to be a Pilot and look forward new experiences in helping others.



Coordinators Joy Elder & Dennise Grayson



The Fundraising Division continues to receive money from race services, purchase of awards, etc. Hopefully, we will have a complete total profits report at our March 7 meeting. We will be collecting the surveys from any Pilots who have not already returned them to June. If you have misplaced yours, please contact June to get another one to complete.

As our program at the meeting, we will continue to formulate and share plans for all our club members to be FULLY INVOLVED in making the 2018 Pilot 5K even better and the most financially successful Race yet!!

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Gayle and Jimmy attended a preview of American Artists from 1915-1950 at the High Museum. A very well done exhibit. Along with the exhibit there was a film showing snippets of films that were made during that era.

Pam and Doc enjoyed a short anniversary trip to the gulf coast. They celebrated fifty-one years!

Pam recently spoke to members of North Oconee Rotary on the ACTS Clothing Closet and what it means to her to be a community volunteer.

ACTS (Area Churches Together Serving) update! Approximately 250,000 items of food were provided to neighbors in need in Oconee County in 2016!

A huge thank you to my club for recognizing me last month for "Pilot of Distinction". It was very much appreciated!



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