

Oconee Spokes



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President Rosa

Dear Pilots,

Membership deserves a huge thank you for the wonderfully successful Share Pilot that they sponsored. The evening was a delight from the number of potential Pilots in attendance, to the wonderful caterer, to the enlightening program. Way to go Membership!



A huge thank you to everyone who has sold tickets for our Italian Dinner, signed up to bring food, and a dessert for the auction. This is a very lucrative endeavor for our club and is well received by the public.

Fall Council was a very informative meeting with 142 Pilots, 13 past governors, and 10 members of the District Administrative and Executive Council. The Friday evening welcome party had a western theme with a DJ and Line Dancing.

Saturday morning began with a continental breakfast followed by the Stop Hunger Now Event. 107 Pilots packaged 10,152 meals in sixty minutes; which is 47 cases of nutritious food packaged in lots of six meals per bag. It was a fun-filled hour with lots of laughter and a shared work load. Thank you Pilots for donating \$60.55 towards this worthwhile project.



Donna and I attended the informational workshops: "What Pilots Need to Know" and "Fundraising, Projects & More". I shared about our 5K race and our Italian Dinner during the workshop.

I want to thank everyone who donated goody bag items or money to buy items.

In Pilot Love,
Rosa



Projects Division

Coordinators

Gayle Christopher & Judy Murrow



Projects wants to remind the members that our October meeting is "The Cottage" night. Please bring some of the following items: juice boxes, bottles of water, non-perishable foods such as crackers, cookies, individual Mac and cheese, or cups of soup. Household items such as toilet paper, paper towels, hand soap, cleaning products. These items along with our club donation will be delivered to The Cottage. This organization provides help for families impacted by child abuse and sexual assault. Thank you in advance for your help.

Projects will be hosting the Highland Hills Halloween Tea. Gayle will have a sign-up sheet for those attending and a sign up for some of the food items we will need. Gayle will also have the date confirmed by then. The tentative date is the 30th of October. Gayle will have specific informative at the meeting.



Membership Division

Coordinators

June McKenzie & Darlene Adams



Membership is pleased and excited to welcome three new members to our club in October and we are planning for three more in November. It will be good to have new ideas. Please welcome them. Kathy Reising, Susan Ruter and Nancy Watkins will be installed at our October business meet-

ing. Pam Crawford sponsored Kathy and Nancy and June McKenzie sponsored Susan. Thank you all members for your help in making "Share Pilot" such a big success. Networking to get new members is hard but it will pay off in getting new members with new ideas and helps our Oconee Pilot Club be a success. It is called TEAMWORK! Membership is not just one month. We need to bring in new members throughout the year.



Membership Division will work on the Thank-You baskets for care givers for the near future. If you have ideas for this, please let me know. Membership will be in charge of refreshments for October.



Fundraising Division

Coordinators

Jan Thomas & Sandra Glass



If you have not signed up to bring an Italian dish, dessert or homemade auction item for our Italian Dinner on October 20, please contact Sandra or Jan. A lot of food

will be needed to feed the 150 people buying tickets. We have some good cooks in our Club and they know it!!



We will be giving each member a list of businesses to contact for sponsorship at our 5K in January. Letters with the new the levels we will be presenting this year will also be handed out. We are already receiving checks from previous sponsors and hopefully will get all those from last year and more. We will need all sponsors and money turned in by December 23.

Pilot Calendar

- 10/6/15 Cottage Night
- 10/20/15 Italian Dinner
- 10/30/15 Highland Hills Party
- 11/11/15 Veterans Day at OVP
- 12/15/15 Pilot Christmas Party
- 12/15 Mental Health Am. Christmas Party
- 1/9/16 5K Run/Walk
- 2/13/15 ESP Big Hearts Pageant
- 2/16 Highland Hills Party
- 3/15/16 Official Visit/Pilot Info Meeting
- 4/16 Relay for Life Bank Night
- 4/16 Project Lifesaver Pick-Me-Up
- 5/30/16 Memorial Day at OVP
- 6/16 Highland Hills Party
- 6/21/16 Officer Installation



The 2015 Winter Pilot Log is now available for online viewing! Read what Pilot clubs did to celebrate International Care & Kindness Week and the caregivers that were touched

by Pick Me Ups. Read about Pilot International's first homeschool Anchor Club and a Traumatic Brain Injury Camp that is in awe of their success! Tell us what your Pilot club is doing by submitting your news online. We want to know how Pilot clubs are changing communities all around the globe!



Each club has been assigned 40 tickets for a raffle for one week's stay at Sky Valley Resort in Dillard, GA on November 19-26, 2016. Tickets are \$5 each or 5/\$20. Proceeds to benefit PIFF.

Each club has also been assigned 40 tickets for a raffle to benefit GPF (Anchor Club/Lynda Goodwin Volunteer Scholarships). The drawing is for 8 \$250 prizes. Tickets are \$10 each or 4/\$20.

We are also collecting dimes to benefit PIFF so please bring dimes to each meeting.

NE Region News



Pilots attending the Monroe Picnic on September 8: front row Mildred Bell, Ann Giles, Judy Marable, Kate Bergen, Rosa Hall. 2nd row: Sandra Glass, Pam Crawford, Joy Elder, June McKenzie, Donna MacPherson, Jan Thomas, Joan Mann, Cathy Moorehead.

Classic City Pilot Club
Founder's Day Celebration
Monday, October 19, 2015
6:00 PM
Speaker: Grace Crittenden,
GA District Governor



Cathy Moorehead: Oct. 12
Kate Bergen: Oct. 20
Myrtice Kilpatrick: Oct. 24



Member's News

Gayle and Donna attended the 35th annual Artists with DisAbilities on Saturday, September 15. Our club designated \$100 for this project. Donna purchased this photo.



Darlene and Herbert traveled with Grace Fellowship Classics to Savannah. They enjoyed a river boat gospel cruise and dinner, a Savannah and Tybee Island tour, City Market explorations, and the Savannah Theatre musical review.

Dennise attended the Greek Festival in Atlanta. It was a fun day and brought back

many memories of her 4 months of "living" in Greece during her study abroad program.

Please help celebrate emeritus member Myrtice Kilpatrick's 94th birthday by mailing a card to her. She enjoys notes and cards, calls and visits.



Pam & Doc are excited to have oldest grandson Josh moving back from PA. Prayers for grandson Stephen stationed in Egypt. Stephen has recently been promoted to Sergeant and has been there for over a year. He hopes to be home for Christmas. Josh is still in Marine Corps Reserves and has recently been promoted to Staff Sergeant. Grandparent pride is showing!

Pam and ten others church members attended a Christian Women's Retreat in Toccoa recently and had a wonderful two days.

Gayle and Jimmy really enjoyed a trip to New England. Saw lots of beautiful sights throughout the area. Also visited Gayle's sister in the DC area where they enjoyed a trip to Mount Vernon and the Virginia countryside.



Rosa and Freeman enjoyed a short visit with their son and daughter-in-law in NC recently. They brought their granddog, Wonton, home for a few weeks while the kids moved from Greenville to Durham where they both have new jobs.

Pilot Joy joined 39 others from around the USA for a 15 day tour of parts of Spain and Portugal and a day-trip to Tangier, in Morocco across the Strait of Gibraltar in Africa. The trip was marvelous, exciting, fun, educational, and full of new experiences, new foods, new adventures, and getting to know new people. Arriving in Madrid, Spain, after an eight-hour 5 minute over-night flight from Charlotte (preceded by a 2 hour flight from Atlanta to Charlotte) we had an hour and a half to relax before a get-acquainted get-together with our Grand Circle Tour Guide, Victor, a handsome, 38 year-old who speaks 5 languages, is very knowledgeable, and is a native of Malaga, Spain. We all knew right off that he was going to make our tour fun and full of surprises!! He guided us on a brief tour of the area around our “home” hotel for 3 nights, pointing out good shopping, good restaurants, and places we might want to visit in our limited space time. We toured Madrid, the capital of Spain since 1561, which is a HUGE, thriving city, including the main square, and the exterior of the Royal Palace, a 2800-room complex. The following day our tour included visiting parts of the Royal Palace that are open to tourists – all rooms of which are ornately decorated, including the Royal Library which houses the first edition of DON QUIXOTE. In the afternoon, we the El Escorial, a 16th century architectural masterpiece completed in 1584 as a residence from the King of Spain and a monastery. It is the resting place of 500 years of Spanish Kings. Those two tours

involved climbing over 400 dimly lighted stone steps with no handrails, all of which we got the pleasure of walking back down. At the end of that day, we had walked 6 miles!!!! Our next stop was medieval Toledo – a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It has preserved its 2000 year history in more than 100 buildings and monuments. At its peak Toledo was embraced by three cultures, harmoniously: Christian, Muslim, and Jewish Communities. By evening we had arrived in Cordoba where we were to spend the next two nights. Cordoba was founded by the ancient Romans. It is home today to the third largest Mosque in the world, which was built during the tenth century. We toured the Mosque and the sixteenth century cathedral at its center. With its beautiful mahogany pulpits and choir stalls. This is the site of some of the finest Islamic architecture in Spain. This tour was only 4 miles. We enjoyed free time in the afternoon and evening. On day 7 we left Cordoba and drove through the countryside headed to Granada, Spain. There we toured the Moors citadel one of the great architectural wonders of all time: The Alhambra. The building of the Alhambra began in the thirteenth century and continued for several centuries resulting in a mixture of surfaces and styles. Our tour included palaces, and courtyards which were deliberate efforts to create a paradise on Earth. It was breathtakingly beautiful: full of patios, pools, graceful arches, cupolas, fountains, the Royal Palace, and the harem. Can’t imagine any King and his family having a more beautiful retreat at which to relax from the daily duties of running a country. This was a 2 hour tour and covered 3 miles of walking. We then enjoyed the countryside again as our bus took us to Torremolinos where we would spend the next two nights. 26 of us

opted to take a day trip to Tangier, in Morocco, Africa the next day. Leaving our hotel in the dark hours of very early morning, we motored across the countryside, boarded a ferry, and crossed the Strait of Gibraltar, to Morocco. Africa. Our guide gave us an orientation tour of Tangier, visiting the port and marketplace before enjoying Moroccan cuisine and local culture during lunch at a local café. Next stop was our guide's hometown of Malaga, Spain, featuring a distinctly Spanish flavor, with twisting, narrow streets, and a lovely waterfront promenade. The birthplace of the artist Picasso looks like a tropical paradise with tall palms, aloes, bougainvillea, and geraniums everywhere. There are ruins of an ancient Roman theatre, built more than 2000 years ago that we admired as we took a walking tour of the city. The afternoon was completed with a lunch provided in several homes of locals in the village of Salinas, where our group was divided into groups of 6 – 8 enjoyed a home prepared meal and time visiting with our hosts, many of whom did not speak much English – it was quite an experience, one that we will all remember!!! Most of us tried dinner on our own in the town of Costa Del Sol said to be the where tapas were first introduced. Next was a visit to Ronda, a city that had its glory days under Moorish rule. It was one of the last strongholds of the Arabs, and their architecture dominates the old city, set on one side of a 360 foot-deep river gorge El Tajo of which Ernest Hemmingway wrote about in *For Whom The Bell Tolls*. El Tajo was the place from which Fascists were thrown to their deaths during the Spanish Civil War. Our city tour revealed whitewashed houses with charming balconies on the winding streets of the old town and the Palace of Mondragon

where Moorish Kings and later King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella took up residence. The afternoon was traveling to our next city to spend two nights, Seville, passing many whitewashed houses in classic Andalusian villages tucked into hillsides and framed with greenery during our very scenic ride. We enjoyed a group dinner at one of our hotel's restaurants that evening. Upon rising and enjoying a bountiful buffet breakfast, we toured the city of Seville which is fabled to be the home of Hercules, which is filled with magnificent monuments and buildings. Seville is known for its fiesta, bougainvillea, strolling musicians, gypsies, and is the birthplace of the flamenco dance and Don Juan. Our morning tour included lovely neighborhoods, narrow streets, whitewashed homes, impressive mansions and Plazas, and a tour inside the Seville Cathedral, which was ornately magnificent. We were able to stroll around and shop on our own in the afternoon, before going to a dinner followed by a flamenco performance which was amazing and very entertaining. Not sure how those dancers were able to move their feet so fast during this beautiful dance!!! The next day we began our journey from Spain into Portugal's southern-most region before heading north to Lisbon, which is built on 7 hills and has been the capital of Portugal since the 13th century. On the way to Lisbon, we toured a working horse farm, saw a horse performance in the farm's beautiful inside arena, and enjoyed a wonderful home-prepared meal provided by the owner, who told of the family's loss of the farm to the Russian Communists in the 1960's and the difficulties of regaining their holdings over a period of years. The farm raises several breeds of horses which they minimally break, sell, and export to other European

countries to be trained and shown. This was a delicious meal and very entertaining visit. The 13th day of our tour brought a tour of Lisbon showcasing the birth of Manueline architectural style with its ornately carved decorative motifs. The historic section of Belem showcased the style best in a 16th century church and monastery, housing Vasco da Gama's tomb the ornate Belem Tower, and nearby Monument of the Discoveries. The afternoon was on our own for shopping and exploring more of the city. The 14th day was our last full day of our tour and we travelled to the beautiful Atlantic Ocean coastal towns of Sintra and Cascais. The English poet Lord Byron called Sintra "the most beautiful in the world". Lots of good shopping here in this truly beautiful little seaside town!! On to Caasais, once a humble little fishing village, now popular as a lively coastal resort town. It is known for its stores filled with beautiful porcelain, which most of our group couldn't resist buying!!!! That evening we had a wonderful fine dining Farewell Dinner in the exclusive restaurant in our hotel. Lots of smiles, hugs, "hope to see you again" and "keep in touch" conversations, and personal goodbye words, hugs and thank yous to Victor our tremendously enthusiastic and fantastic tour guide for 15 days. Sept. 25 found us up early, transferring to the airport and flights home to various parts of the USA, My 7 hour, 55 minute flight landed in Philly, and after a 3 hour layover, (customs, etc.) my final flight got me to Atlanta at 6:45 PM – only to be welcomed by RAIN – which we had not experienced in our 15 days of touring – Victor called us his "sunny group" saying that we must have brought the sunshine with us, since his 3 previous 15 days tours

had rain several times. Made it home to my bed at 10:30 PM, and collapsed!!!!!!

Joy attended the UGA Southern football game on September 26, her first game to attend this season, after not missing a home game in almost 30 years – back spasms and her trip to Spain and Portugal kept her away from the previous 2015 home games.

Banana Bread

1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups sifted all-purpose flour
 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoons baking powder
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
 1/3 cup shortening
 2/3 cup sugar
 1 beaten egg
 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cups ripe banana pulp
 2 teaspoons lemon juice
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped walnuts, optional

Mash the bananas with the lemon juice to keep from browning. Sift together the flour, baking powder and salt. Blend the shortening and sugar until creamy and then beat in the egg. Add the flour mixture, nuts, and bananas to the creamed sugar mixture. Mix gently until the flour is no longer visible. Place the batter in a greased 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch bread pan. Bake at 350° F. for 1 hour or until done.

