

Oconee Spokes

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President's report

Greetings Pilots,

I hope that you are spreading the good news about Pilot!
We need all hands-on deck as we recruit new members, retain our current members and reenlist former members!

"What can I do?"

1. Dust off your 2-minute Pilot testimonial and USE it.
2. Invite your friends, family and neighbors to one of our meetings or fun nights. Our Membership Division is busy putting together a welcoming folder for those who visit and when they come, please be welcoming and personable.
3. Attend monthly meetings and participate in as many projects and activities as you can.
4. Let's grow in friendship and service to make that positive impact in Oconee County and take others with us on this journey. For it is in the giving of ourselves to others that we stand the most noble.

As we continue increasing our visibility, brain health and fitness agenda, caregiver support and other volunteer pursuits, let us seek to leave a legacy of a servant's heart and hand.

This month, we will elect a PI Club Ambassador in addition to our regular business and speaker. Also, look for the puzzle on the tables.

See you on Tuesday night.

Darlene

PIFF Ambassador

Our club recognizes a PIFF Ambassador each year. When our club selects our Ambassador, the individual is recognized for her contributions to the club and we donate a minimum of 25 dollars to the Founders Fund at the Georgia District level by September 30.

This month we will vote by secret ballot for our 2019-20 Ambassador. During our September meeting, we will announce and recognize our PIFF Ambassador.

Pilot International offers guidelines to assist us with the selection of the Ambassador recognition. The following information was obtained from the Pilot International website.

“To celebrate Founders’ Month, clubs may honor one or more members by designating her/him as the Pilot International Club Ambassador. This candidate should:

- ** Be active in an assigned role within the club.
- ** Promote and support Pilot International and its activities.
- ** Be active in a project that addresses one of Pilot International’s core areas of service focus: Anchor Clubs (Youth Development & Leadership), Brain Safety & Fitness, and/or Caring for Families in Times of Need.
- ** Be faithful in attending meetings and give generously of his/her time to assist with service projects and fundraising activities.”

We look forward to selecting our Pilot Ambassador at the meeting this month! It is always a difficult choice in our club because our members are awesome Pilots!!

Projects

Hello Pilots, our new year is about to get busy and we look forward to volunteer and service hours in our community.

We also have opportunities to mingle with other Pilots. The Pilot Club of Monroe usually has their Annual Picnic the second Tuesday of September and the Pilot Club of Covington usually has their annual Salad Luncheon and Auction on the third Thursday of September. We look forward to those invitations. Also, the GAWD, Georgia Artists with DisAbilities exhibition, awards presentations and luncheon will be Saturday September 21st in Atlanta.

At our October 1st Business Meeting, our speaker will be Ann Gagnier with GLASS (Georgia Libraries for Accessible Statewide Services) Outreach Specialist with Talking Books. Letting you know this early so that you can invite people to attend. Talking Books is a free service provided by the Library of Congress for visually or physically or brain injured individuals who can longer read standard print material, hold or turn pages of a book or have lost the ability to read. We would like to invite representatives from ESP, OC Senior Center, Veterans Clinic and other individuals to hear this presentation (about 15 minutes) and invite them to stay and learn about our Pilot Club. Please note that Ann G. is doing her presentation at the PC of Lavonia in August. You can check out the Talking Books website at georgialibraries.org/glass.

The Georgia District Fall Council will be October 4 - 5; please plan to attend for great fellowship, fun and workshop. Put on your walking shoes and participate in the "Walk to End Alzheimer's" on Saturday morning October 26th.

We would like names of organizations or sites that would like to recycle magazines next year. We have been supplying Piedmont Athens Regional and Athens VA clinic regularly. Also leave at Oconee Health Department, Salvation Army Office and the long-term hospital occasionally. If you know of other sites let us know and we will check.

Vicki and Darlene took boxes of popcorn (24) to elementary schools for back to school pick me up. We work with these elementary schools for BrainMinders™ and Food for Kids. We are so proud of our schools.



Membership

A big thanks to everyone in Membership division who helped provide the refreshments at the July meeting to celebrate SUMMER BEACH ENTRSVAGANZE. We had so much fun with everyone in their summer wear along with flip flops and sandals to support this year's larger theme "Walking together in friendship and service". We had two guests at the July meeting—Frances Gibson and Angie Venator.

Growing our membership is the main focus of our division. We have new Pilot member folders available. When we have greater strength in membership, we have more exposure in the community and able to be of more service to Oconee County.

Mark your calendars and be thinking of a guest you would like to bring to our big "Dames & Games" evening event on September 17, 2019. It will be an evening of fun and games along with recruiting new Pilots. Location and guest incentives will be determined later. If you have suggestions or ideas, please contact us.



Fundraising

Fundraising division has refreshments and the program for the September meeting. Wear your favorite walking shoes and your favorite race T-shirt as we prepare to kickoff our 11th Annual Pilot Chase 5K - Walking in Friendship and Service.

Hi Oconee Pilots! I want everyone to know that I am planning on running a Pilot 5K Chase in the future!!

~~Caleb Young (grandson of Judy Marable).



Closet Update

Pilots, Pam and Rosa, cleaned the Pilot closet at the church last week. It was a mess with lots of items that needed to be discarded or placed in our storage unit. There are plenty of napkins, hot/cold cups, plates, dessert plates, plastic silverware, stainless silverware, punch bowl, table cloths, and zip lock bags. There are lots of name tags and pens, a box of Pilot stationery and envelopes, and a box of brochures. Please check the closet for items needed for refreshments; what you need may be right there.

The Club has a storage unit in Watkinsville that is large enough to hold all the old treasurer's and secretary's books, along with our BrainMinder's™ items and items needed for our annual 5K race. Our closet at the church isn't large enough to accommodate these items and we were asked to not have any Pilot items left out because of WFCC's Homecoming Celebration.

There will be small white lanterns, along with old lighthouses and humming bird memorabilia at the August meeting that needs to be claimed by its owners. Any item not claimed will be donated.

Pilot International

Pilot International wants us to join the movement and participate in Pilot First Saturday! On the first Saturday of EVERY month, wear your Pilot shirt/gear and share your Pilot International pride! Send a photo or selfie to Cyndee or Judy and they will add it to our Facebook Page and use the hashtag [#PILOTFIRSTSATURDAY](#).

Calendar

August 6, 2019	Business Meeting
August 6, 2019	Georgia Options Donation
September 3, 2019	Business Meeting
September 3, 2019	Nigel's Nest Donation Night
September 17, 2019	Dames & Games Event
Sept. 21, 2019	GA Artists with DisAbilities
October 1, 2019	Business Meeting
October 1, 2019	ACTS Donation Night
October 18, 2019	PI Founder's Day
October 26, 2019	Walk to End Alzheimer's
Nov. 3-9, 2019	Care & Kindness Week
November 5, 2019	Business Meeting
November 2019	Craft Night/Ann Peden Spark
December 3, 2019	Business Meeting
December 7, 2019	Watkinsville Christmas Parade
December 17, 2019	Pilot Christmas Party
January 7, 2020	Business Meeting
Jan-Mar, 2020	BrainMinders™ Presentations
February 1, 2020	Pilot Chase 5K
February 4, 2020	Business Meeting
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 7, 2020	Business Meeting
April 7, 2020	Nigel's Nest Donation Night
April 2020	Dinner & Movie
April 2020	Special Olympics Cheerleaders
May 5, 2020	Business Meeting
May 5, 2020	ACTS Donation Night
June 2, 2020	Business Meeting
June 2020	Summer Food for Kids Vol.
June 16, 2020	Officer Installation

August

- 14: Lindy Lively
- 17: Rosanne Smith
- 20: Jane Reese
- 24: Judy Marable



Member's News

It's been a business summer for the Perdue Moore's with so much travel they may need a vacation from their vacations! Cyndee and friends traveled across the pond to spend some time in Paris, Brussels, and London where she gained 5 pounds from eating daily chocolate croissants. Trips to Spokane (WA), Longboat Key (FL), Myrtle Beach (SC), and Virginia Beach (VA) followed. While in Virginia Beach, she narrowly avoided disaster when she brushed past the Secret Service agents assigned to Mike Pence who had stopped by the Wyndham for a morning meeting. In between travels, Cyndee has been busy hosting 35 middle schoolers for the inaugural 3-week session of Nighthawks SOAR, a summer campus for economically disadvantaged and English as a Second Language students from Oconee County, Commerce City, and Athens-Clarke County. Cyndee and the rest of the UNG team are now headed down the homestretch preparing for the Fall semester, which begins August 19th! NOTE: If you live in Oconee County and would like to help welcome back UNG students by placing a yard sign in your yard, please let Cyndee know!



Blane and Judy welcomed little Caleb into the world at 12:53 AM on Wednesday, July 24. He weighed 6 lbs. 13 ounces. Mary Ashley and Tim are so happy and of course JuJu may never stay in GA for long periods of time!!



Rosanne Smith shared a favorite recipe.



Shrimp and butter bean salad

Prep 10 min | Serves 4

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1 lb cooked fresh shrimp	1 small garlic clove, minced	bowl. In a small bowl whisk together lemon zest and juice, mustard, garlic, salt, black pepper, and red pepper flakes. Whisk in olive oil. Pour this dressing over the shrimp and vegetables, and toss gently to coat. Sprinkle with remaining basil to serve. Makes about 12 cups. SERVING SIZE: 3 cups
8 oz fresh grape tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ tsp kosher salt	
$\frac{1}{2}$ small red onion	1 pinch black pepper	
2 15 oz cans butter beans, drained	$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp red pepper flakes	
1 fennel bulb	4 tsp extra-virgin olive oil	
2 ribs celery, sliced	1. Combine shrimp, tomatoes, onion, beans, fennel, celery, and half the basil in a large	
$\frac{1}{3}$ cup chopped fresh basil		
1 tsp lemon zest		
$\frac{1}{4}$ cup fresh lemon juice		
1 tsp Dijon mustard		

Artists with DisAbilities

Georgia Artists with DisAbilities, Inc. was founded by the Pilot Clubs of Metropolitan Atlanta in 1985, enabling disabled artists throughout Georgia with the opportunity to display and sell their original art, as well as being eligible to compete for awards. Based on the awards given, artists may also have the opportunity to have their artwork displayed in a statewide tour and exhibit.

The awards luncheon is held the third Saturday in September. It is open to any artist in Georgia who is disabled physically, mentally, or emotionally. The artist may submit any form of art. The art is judged by three very reputable and known art aficionados. Awards are given based on technique, creativity, and originality. The winning art then tours throughout the state for a period of one year. At the luncheon and during the tour if the artist chooses, the art can be placed for sale.