

Oconee Spokes



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President Rosa

Dear Pilots,

Once again, Pilot has had a busy month. Projects completed the iPod purchase with the grant our club received from Walton EMC for Highland Hills Memory Care Unit and delivered 7 iPods and headphone sets. Gina Hobbs and the staff were very appreciative of the gift and were excited to

get the playlists loaded so the clients could begin using them immediately.

Judy Murrow is busy lining up schools for our BrainMinder® presentations after Christmas. She is also making sure the club has enough helmets for distribution.

As we are gearing up for our annual race, we have much to be thankful for. Our membership has increased. Our Italian Dinner was a successful fundraiser. Membership has been active distributing Pick Me Ups to caregivers. We have completed several successful projects and we have had items published in the local papers. Thank you Pilots for the continued

achievement of our Plans of Work we began planning in April.

I want to thank the club for all the baby yarn I received for my birthday. I have spent an enjoyable time crocheting 2 baby afghans and 4 baby hats during the past month. It helps pass the time at doctor visits with my brother.

In Pilot Love,
Rosa



Projects Division



Coordinators

Gayle Christopher & Judy Murrow

Projects has been busy purchasing the iPods that go to Highland Hills Memory Care Unit. With discounts provided by Best Buys, we were able to purchase 7 iPods and 7 headphone sets. We are very grateful to Walton EMC's Round Up Program that provided us with a nice grant to fulfill this need for the Memory Care Unit. On November 30th the Projects Division along with Walton EMC Board

Members and Staff of Highland Hills Memory Care Unit gathered for a photo op upon the receipt of the iPods.

Our Christmas project with Advantage has hit a snag. Our new contact is having difficulty getting Milledge Ave Baptist to respond to her. Hopefully, there will be a report at the meeting concerning this project and what we will do to fulfill this activity. Projects will provide flowers for the Big Hearts Pageant in February. The Catholic Center has been reserved for this project if we need it or we might try another location to assemble the posies.



Pictured from left to right are Laura Child's, Highland Hills Alzheimer's Care Unit director, Elaine Neal, Pilot Club Projects Division, Judy Murrow, Pilot Club Projects Division, Rita Knudsen, member of the Operation Roundup Program at Walton EMC, Rosa Hall, President, Pilot Club of Oconee County, Gina Hobbs, Highland Hills director of the Memory Care Of Unit, Gayle Christopher, Pilot Club Projects Division.



Membership Division



Coordinators

June McKenzie & Darlene Adams

Two new members were installed at the November business meeting.

In November, some of the division presented Pick-Me-Up bags. International Care and Kindness Week was Nov.9-13. We tried to give them out that week, but it was not convenient for everyone. Members can report on their progress at the December Business meeting. Membership Division has refreshments at the January 5th meeting.



Pictured: Ann Giles, Membership Chair, Jan Thomas, sponsor of Jane Reese, Bebe Reed and Sponsor Dennise Grayson, Mildred Bell, Membership.

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Fundraising Division



Coordinators

Jan Thomas & Sandra Glass

We are off to a good start getting sponsors for our 5K in January. We have collected enough to cover race expenses so we really need to get busy to make our goal. Darlene will give an update at the meeting.

If you have not made your initial contact with the sponsors on the list you were given, please try to do so as soon as possible. We are happy to have Zaxby's as our first Platinum sponsor and the return of several of our Gold ones from previous races.

We will discuss more of what is being done toward getting other things ready for the race at our meeting. Keep up the good work.....remember, if you don't ask, the answer is always "NO."

Hopefully, this race will be as successful as last year's race. The weather was very cold, but it was a dry day.



Pilot Calendar

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



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- promote the organization and operation of Pilot Clubs
- study and teach the principles and ideals of Pilot International
- encourage Pilot Clubs to participate in service activities that will improve the quality of life in their communities
- develop friendship and increase the opportunity for service
- encourage and promote international peace and cultural relations
- encourage high ethical standards among executives and professionals
- further the organization's charitable and humanitarian efforts



Please continue to bring your Dimes to our Business Meetings for the PIFF Grants & Scholarships. We will donate the money at the District Convention in April.



Joan Mann: 3rd
 Judy Murrow: 17th
 Mildred Bell: 20th



Member's News

Darlene recently spent a great day reminiscing and "solving problems in education" with several retired administrator friends from South Georgia. The Veterans State Park in Cordele, GA was our beautiful, hospitable gathering place.

Darlene's oldest grandson, Joel Padgett, is serving in Afghanistan with the U.S.

Army. We are all proud of his commitment to our God and country.

Busy week for Chandler Mann, grandson of Joan Mann. Thursday was eighteenth Birthday; Friday was accepted to UGA as a music major; and on Saturday directed UGA Red Coat Band. He won the Roger Dancz young Conductors Award this past summer. Joan found out about acceptance to UGA at Practice. They introduced Chandler adding his acceptance to UGA. What a Surprise!!

Nancy Watkins and Cathy Moorehead were among the crew of Disciple women who recently took a bus trip to the mountains.

Cathy Moorehead helped with the ACTS can-a-thon in Nov. ACTS served 113 families with a total of over 400 family members on Nov 24th.

Cathy has attended the 6A high school playoffs pulling for Archer High School in Gwinnett Co. Her nephew is a senior defensive line backer. They defeated McEachern in Powder Springs Fri. Nov. 20. They will be playing Mill Creek Fri. Nov. 27.

Gayle and Jimmy worked the Can-athon, sorting cans for ACTS. Gayle and sister-in-law Gwen stayed at a friend's apartment in Midtown Atlanta. While there they got a start on Christmas shopping while enjoying the sights and sounds of the big city.

Gayle took a Roadrunners trip to Sauté where she enjoyed a beautiful exhibit of the local and renowned potters of the area. They enjoyed a delicious lunch then toured the Hardman House that now belongs to the state of Georgia. A very interesting trip. Gayle and Jimmy hosted thanksgiving with friends and family.

Pam, Doc and Miss Myrtice were con-

tacted by Bebe Reed from Thrive after new member Bebe found out Pam and Doc took care of 94 year old in their home. They were given a apple pumpkin pie as a thank you for caring for your family. It was delicious and appreciated. Thrive is an assisted living and memory care business. Thanks Bebe!

In early November, Joy attended the dedication of the newly remodeled First Christian Church of Athens. It is beautifully updated and much more functional now. The Accidentals from UGA provided the musical entertainment.

Joy packed 20 shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child for her church, helping Bethabara Baptist surpass their goals of 300 boxes with a total packed of 343 boxes!!! Our God is awesome!!!

Joy began celebrating her 70th birthday on Nov. 6 with lunch with former student and dear friend Lola Lumpkin Jones at Rafferty's, followed by 5 more meal celebrations through the end of the month. Lots of food, fun, and good times were gratefully enjoyed!!!

Girls from the OCHS Class of '63 enjoyed trying out the menu at new "Traveling Hobo Café" in Watkinsville during November.

Joy and a friend enjoyed the UGA Women's Basketball team's first home game under Coach Joni Taylor, followed by a meet the Coach and Team reception for season ticket holders on Joy's 70th birthday. Looking forward to a good season for these hard-playing Lady Dawgs!!

Joy attended the UGA Football game against Auburn in November, but bowed out on the UGA -GA Southern game which was held on a cold and somewhat damp Saturday evening.

Joy has also been attending the home games for the UGA Men's Basketball Team. There are some bright spots, but it may get dimmer when the SEC games begin in January!

Joy's siblings all gathered at sister Jane's home for Thanksgiving with everyone bringing foods for a hearty meal together. This was our first "family Meal" together since their Mother died December 31, 2014.

Joy has begun volunteering with the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Christmas, helping to sort up the distribution center in the old Piccadilly Restaurant in the GA Square Mall. Lots to do before the Angel gifts are picked up by the families on December 17!!!!.



Rosa, Freeman, and daughter, Alison, spent a day recently at the Biltmore House. It was nicely decorated for Christmas and the weather was perfect for a walk in the gardens. Lunch at the Stables was delicious and the wine tasting in the afternoon was tasty.

Rosa and Freeman spent an enjoyable weekend in Plains, GA at the invitation of the National Parks Service. Rosa was a demonstrator at Cane Syrup Day at the Home place of President Jimmy Carter. Rosa demonstrated broom making, spinning on a wheel and on drop spindles, tatting, crocheting and knitting. They were able to stay at the Plains Inn in the 1970's room.

Rosa pictured with President Jimmy Carter



Dennise participated in the special Thanksgiving Day dinner for homeless at Timothy Baptist Church. She was asked to apply make-up on the female guests and really had fun helping them get all glitzed up for this special sit-down dinner sponsored by and held at the Church. Their event is held twice per year: Thanksgiving and Easter/Mother's Day and volunteering here is always a rewarding experience.

BIG THANKS to the PILOT Club for their participation in Rotary Clean Up Oconee Day in October. Our club was well represented! Good Work, Pilots!



Pimiento Cheese



8 oz. shredded sharp cheddar cheese
2 T. chopped onion
2 T. diced jalapeno
¼ cup diced pimiento 4 T. mayonnaise

Mix all ingredients together and refrigerate.