

# Oconee Spokes



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## President Donna

Projects Division provided a great BBQ and fixings meal and decorations recognizing our Veterans.



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Hello Pilots,

I trust that everyone enjoyed a good Thanksgiving with family and friends. Knowing that some of you have been dealing with illness and physical ailments you have been lifted up in prayers for good healing and recovery as soon as possible.

We enjoyed having our East Central Region Lt. Governor, Beth Copeland, and her Co-Pilot husband join us for her Official Visit at our November 6th Business Meeting. Ms. Copeland's address to our Club was filled with praise, encouragement, enthusiasm and support. The

Both Pilot International and the Georgia Pilot Foundation (GPF) have fundraising activities underway which they expect Pilot Clubs to participate in. These include the "Dimes for Dollars" dimes collection bottles and raffle tickets. These are available from Fall Council October 2018 until April 2019 District Convention. Judy Marable, our Club's PIFF representative is your contact for these contributions.

The PI Headquarters News reported several positive happenings. The PI Fall Membership Drive report stated that 128 new members joined Pilot between September 4th and November 30th. The Giving Tuesday Campaign raised \$7,665 on November 27th and gifts are still coming in. There are three new staff at PI Headquarters: Krishelle Hatcher Founder's Fund Specialist, Michelle Bliss Communications Director and Claire Wells Membership Specialist. They are ready to assist us.

The December Governor's Bulletin includes a lovely poem "My Christmas Wish for You" in the Governor's message. Check out the "Eight Gifts You Can Give at No Cost" listed in the Inspirational Message. Our Own Cathy M. has Fundraising comments. The ECR says to carefully follow the guidelines for charitable donations to PI and mentions new items are available in the Pilot Store which make good gifts for others and yourself.

Please remember to read your handout about Standing Rules revisions (given out at November meeting) and be prepared with any questions and for discussion at our December 4th meeting. The Standing Rules Revisions will then be voted on at our January Business Meeting without further questions or discussion. Please bring the handout with you to the December meeting.

Let us all remember the real reason for the season as Christmas approaches. Try to simplify, avoid stress, be generous to those in need and enjoy this wonderful time of the year. May God continue to richly bless each of you and may you have safe travels and joyous gatherings and a very Merry Christmas.

"In Harmony with Friendship and Service" as we Do More, Care More and Be More,

Donna

## ***Fundraising Division*** *Coordinators* *Kathy Reising & Pam Crawford*

Cash sponsorships received as of 11/30 is \$15,700 and we are expecting a few more checks. In kind sponsorships received to date is \$1100. Make those last follow up calls for those names you were originally given, they were all sponsors last year!

We have 4-\$1000 sponsors plus 1 with funds to be received and 1 In-kind for a total of 6 Platinum sponsors. We will be finalizing sponsors and tee shirts this month. Now start spreading the word for runners.

## ***Membership Division*** *Coordinators* *Lindy Lively & Violet Whitehead*

Membership needs Pilots to sign up to attend the monthly Chamber of Commerce early morning Meet & Greet Coffees.

## ***Projects Division*** *Coordinators* *Jane Reese & Rosa Hall*

Pilots kicked off November with PI's Care & Kindness Week activities. Here are a list of a few of the things that our Pilots did: Cooked a meal for a family, helped senior citizens with several tasks, helped a friend with a computer task, visited shut-ins, sent Thanksgiving greeting cards to shut-ins, took cans to the OCES faculty & staff, donated items to a consignment shop that supports a no-kill shelter for dogs, made cookies for the staff at an assisted living facility, baked cakes for NOHS teachers and administrative staff, purchased luminaries for the Oconee Relay for Life, working at ACTS.



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December came in with the tenacity of the March wind. Saturday, December 1, began our month of celebrations. Most have family traditions at their church and in the home. These times are filled with love, excitement and lots of delicious food. Pilot Club of Oconee began with a wet parade that was filled with friends having fun. A very big plus was making a wonderful new friend, Larry Ansley, our chauffeur for the parade. He was such a positive, happy guy that personified the "be more" in Pilot's motto.



Co-Pilot Justin Reese and tractor driver, Larry Ansley.

This month our project is UNG Food Pantry/ Nigel's Nest. Students need: Snack cakes: individually wrapped things like Little Debbie's, honey buns, etc., Packs of snack size cookies, chips, pretzels, Rice or Pasta just add water pouches, NOTE: We have plenty of macaroni and cheese and Ramen noodles right now, Pop Tarts of any kind, Laundry detergent, Dryer sheets, Spaghetti sauce, Cereal (cold). Another example of Pilots "doing more".

The wreath for Thrive is being decorated using a Pilot theme. If you have any time free on December 12 go by Thrive and enjoy their Wreath Stroll. As one resident said "they have slowed down but are not out for the count" so they are using this fund raiser to give back to their

community. Last year the Pilot wreath was one of their favorite items in silent auction.

December 13 is our next activity with the residents at Thrive. We will begin our Cocoa & Carols program at 2:00 pm. We are finalizing our plans. Pattie Wagner will play the piano for a carol sing. Music is an important therapy for our seniors. Pilots "care more" for the senior members of our community.

Then we will celebrate each other with a wonderful meal and fellowship time at our annual Christmas Party. Be sure to include your Co-Pilot or friend in this fun activity. Your calendars are already marked for this fun filled evening so watch your e-mail for details.

Remembering our own Pilot family members who are having illnesses. Rest as much as possible and get well. Elaine Neal is having a knee replacement on Monday, December 3. Our prayers for successful surgery and rehab.

Merry Christmas to each of you and your families. Safe travel for those who must travel during this season.



# Pilot Calendar

Dec. 4, 2018	Business Meeting
Dec. 13, 2018	Thrive Social
Dec. 18, 2018	Pilot Christmas Dinner
Jan. 2, 2019	ESP Big Hearts Donation
Jan. 15, 2019	Business Meeting
Jan. 21, 2019	Pilot Chase 5K
Jan.-Mar. 2019	BrainMinder Presentations
Feb. 5, 2019	Business Meeting
Feb. 5, 2019	Sp. Olympics Donation
Feb. 5, 2019	The Cottage Donation
Mar. 5, 2019	Business Meeting
Mar. 27, 2019	Club's 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Apr. 2, 2019	Business Meeting
Apr. 5-7, 2019	GA District Spring Conference
May 7, 2019	Business Meeting
May 7, 2019	ACTS Donation Night
June 4, 2019	Business Meeting
July 3-7, 2019	PI Convention
Sept. 21, 2019	GA Artists with DisAbilities



December 3 Joan Mann  
December 17 Judy Murrow

# Member's News

## Local Clubs News

On Monday November 12th the Classic City Pilot Club held their Holiday Auction fundraiser.

There were seven from our Club that enjoyed the fun, food, fellowship, laughs and bidding.



Convention planning for 2019 in Chicago is well underway. We look forward to sharing details in the New Year. We are especially excited about the post-Convention excursion that includes two nights at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island! Please be aware that the reservation deadline for this exclusive Pilot tour is **by January 7, 2019** (what a great gift idea!). You may call Collette at 800-581-8942 and refer to booking #892996.

## GA District

Pilots, please support the GPFF, and PIFF fund raisers this year. The bottle for Dimes to Dollars is at each meeting, along with the raffle tickets.

Our Club has had four Lynda Goodwyn Scholarship winners:

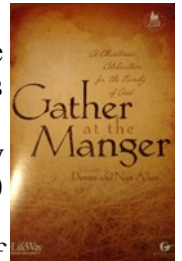
- 2014: Scott Bowman
- 2016: Haley Grable
- 2017: Pam Poteh
- 2018: Abby Smith

November 1st Rosanne, Jane and Justin, and Donna attended the 2018 UNG President's Dinner and Donor Wall Presentation at the UNG Dahlonega campus. We enjoyed great fellowship, speakers and a fabulous meal. It is a valuable connection our Pilot Club has with UNG.



Donna and her family enjoyed an early Thanksgiving family gathering November 11th in Carrollton, GA. This facilitated our gathering as well as freeing up family to visit extended family on Thanksgiving Day. A win - win.

Everyone is invited to attend the Bishop United Methodist Church's annual cantata presentation of "Gather at the Manger" on Sunday December 16th at 11:00 am and 6:00 pm.



Dennise was elected Secretary of the Athens senior resource network last month.

Dennise was also asked to teach Georgia attorneys about Special Needs Trusts and had 35 attendees; three were from the Athens area.

Dennise and Jack hosted Thanksgiving and enjoyed Tony Brown's homecoming concert at the Foundry with her nephew who recently won Georgia Country Music's Overall Artist of the year award.

Rosa and Freeman enjoyed a trip to Plains, GA where Rosa demonstrated making brooms, spinning on her wheel and drop spindle and knitting. They stayed in the 1970's room at the Plains Inn.

UNG's 7th annual Scholarship Gala will be held Friday, March 29, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the UNG Convocation Center in Deleagona, GA.

