

Oconee Spokes

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President's report

Greetings!

Christmas is the time of the year that assails our senses...the sights, sounds and the smells provoke thoughts of yuletide memories. It is my hope and prayer that we all continue to joyfully celebrate this special time, together with family, friends and even strangers. Make new memories to cherish as we honor the BIRTHDAY OF THE KING!

We have opportunities in December to celebrate Christmas and to live the gift that is ours. Remember the Watkinsville parade, tree lighting and helping out with Relay for Life luminary sales, and don't forget the Pilot Christmas Dinner. I am thankful for each one of you and your caring hearts. Our altruistic work does make a positive impact in Oconee County. Live the legacy daily.

In Pilot Friendship and Service,
Darlene



East Central Region Lt. Governor Beth Copeland was our speaker at our November Business Meeting. She spoke about "What is Leadership" and left us with these words of wisdom from John C. Maxwell:

A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way.

Projects Division

Believe it or not we are completing a decade and looking forward to the next one. We hope you all have enjoyed the past week with family and friends through Thanksgiving week. Now to begin a month of celebrating the birth of our Savior.

Life in Pilot this year has been one of full schedules with so many worthwhile projects, each beneficial to a segment of our community. This month we will be participating in the Watkinsville Christmas Parade on Saturday 14. The Pilots will be walking or riding on our wonderful and comfortable “sleigh”. We need to be at Southwire at 2:00 to decorate with giant candy canes, garland and wreaths. We need two members for banner brigade and two or three to walk to hand candy to spectators. Also, lots of riders with festive costumes and our puppets to bring in the season.

Then on Tuesday, December 17 is our Christmas Celebration at UNG. Cyndee Moore has a great party planned as usual. Beginning at 6:30 with fellowship then the delicious meal by UNG’s caterer. The gift exchange is always exciting. Bring a gift in \$20.00 range for each person participating, wrapped designated as male, female or unisex. The guest you invite will be an extra \$15.00, paid at door or at December meeting.

After our celebration you all have a short rest break but tasks that need attention is planning for Brain Minders. Look at your calendars and keep several early mornings open to spend with energetic kindergarten children. More dates and times at January meeting.

On a somber note remember one of our Project Division members as Joy Elder has surgery on December 18. Prayers for the surgical team and for Joy during recuperating period for smooth healing and rehab period.

Again, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all members and their families. Always remember the reason we are celebrating this month.

Fundraising Division

Sponsorships to date is \$7275. We need to check on those sponsorships we received last year, that have not responded yet.

We have so many new ones! Thank you all.

T-shirt design for our 11th Annual Pilot Chase 5K is short sleeve this year so that we could have more colors available for the front of the shirt.

Pilot Club 5k 4 Color - 2019

Heather Slate Shirts



Membership Division

We had so much fun at the Pilot Craft Night at Ann Peden Spark on Monday, November 18th. Thanks to all 17 Pilots who participated and a special thanks to our guest, Deanna Smith for joining in on the fun. Anna's mom, Deborah Martin, was also a guest, along with Donna's niece, Bella. The fidget blankets were a challenge but we successfully made 9 amazing blankets. Some will be given to Pilot family members and some will be donated to memory care facilities.

The next Pilot Membership event is on February 13, 2020 at Board & Brush. Send any ideas you have to Pam and Anna. Merry Christmas!



Member Spotlight



My name is Frances V. Gibson and while I consider Athens home, my history takes me all the way back to Russia! I was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to two wonderful parents. Quickly after, we moved to Miami, Florida where I spent the majority of my childhood. It was there I developed a passion for helping others, which I have translated throughout my 30 years here in Athens.

This year marks 26 years with my husband, Philip. Much has happened in those 26 years, most notably the birth of my daughter, Ava Marie. Raising her has been such a joy! I was also gifted with two step children, both expecting in May. How exciting!

Beyond humans, my family also includes our horse Lewis, my Labrador Dover, along with my grand-dog Dobby.

My life has taken me all over; my first career was as a nuclear photographer. I then moved to DC as a floral designer and lighting stylist. Soon after, I opened a floral business in Atlanta, while teaching design. But my true calling was being a mother. So, I spent the latter of my life, raising my family and building a home.

In 2012, I opened Dover Grace Bridal Boutique in historical downtown Watkinsville. Beyond finding the perfect dress for any occasion, the boutique is centered around empowering and mentoring young women. Our motto is "where a girl can be a girl!"

I was introduced to the Pilot Club through a few wonderful women. After being involved for some time, I recognized the ethics and principles to be parallel with my own. I cannot speak highly enough of the Pilot Club and consider my membership of the utmost importance. The women I work with are not only inspirational, but they challenge me every day to be the best, Christ-centered woman I can possibly be. I have not only found a place where I can serve and use my talents to help others, but I've found true friends who make a difference.

Pilot International



Today I donated. Will you?

The contributions to the Pilot International 2019 GivingTuesday campaign benefit our Helmet Matching Grant Program. Clubs participate in our Signature Project promoting Pilot International by ordering quality, branded bicycle helmets to provide to individuals, starting them on a positive path to protect their brains for life.

Pilot's light shines in communities all around the world. Help Pilot continue to remain on our "True Course Ever" with your donation!

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SAVE THE DATE
DECEMBER 3, 2019

Scholarship Committee

2020 Georgia District Pilot Foundation Lynda Goodwin Volunteer Scholarship

Student Information

The Georgia Pilot Foundation will award up to three \$1,500 scholarships for outstanding community volunteer service to a graduating senior within the Georgia District. Students must be sponsored by a Georgia District Pilot Club.

Pilot Clubs within the Georgia District that do not sponsor an Anchor Club are eligible to submit one application per Pilot Club for the Lynda Goodwin Youth Volunteer Scholarship.

Scholarship funds may be used for tuition, room & board, or books. Scholarship payment will be mailed directly to the applicant's educational institution after proof of the student's registration from their selected college is provided to the Georgia District Treasurer. Any unused funds must be returned to the Georgia Pilot Foundation, Inc.

Requirements - The applicant must:

Be a graduating senior from an accredited Georgia High School and have a minimum of a 3.0 or B academic average.

Plan to attend an accredited college.

Live in or attend an accredited high school in the **county** of the Georgia District Pilot Club sponsoring the applicant.

Submit a completed application by to school counselor or advisor by **Wednesday, January 15, 2020 9:00 am. There will be NO applications accepted after this date.**

Complete applications should include:

Attached application signed by student

150 to 200-word Essay on the student's volunteer experience

Official High School grade transcript

Letters of recommendations from:

Two from the following: Teacher, school counselor, clergyman, employer, scout leader or community leader who has knowledge of the applicant's volunteer activities

Pilot Club of Oconee County Responsibilities:

Application signed by Pilot Club nominating the applicant

Pilot Club Sponsorship Form signed by the sponsoring Pilot Club

Scholarship Application, Essay, Transcript, Student's TWO recommendation letters, and Pilot Scholarship Chairman Letter of recommendation will be **postmarked by Saturday, February 1, 2020.**

***The selection to move to the Georgia Pilot District Level will be notified the week of January 27, 2020.**