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President Rosa

Dear Pilots,

I want to thank Gayle Christopher and Pam Crawford for helping with the closet clean-out at the Community Center. We went through everything and sorted out the trash, items to donate to OCAF, items to keep and things to store in the storage unit. It took just over an hour and it will make the move to Watkinsville First Christian very easy.

Pam Crawford and I will work on the closet at the Church on Wednesday at 1 pm. I'll schedule a move to the church closet later.

We have become such a large group that we need to begin coming to the podium to speak so that everyone can hear us. Please plan to make any presentations to the group from the podium.

We will be selecting a nominating committee for our 2016-2017 officers this evening. Please prayerfully consider taking any position that you are asked to fill.

In Pilot Service & Friendship,
Rosa

Projects Division

*Coordinator
Judy Murrow*



We have been busy setting up BrainMinder® presentations with the local schools. We will have two programs in February and two in March. Please sign up and help if you are able.

We are also responsible for a Valentine Tea at Highland Hills this month. We'll have a sign-up sheet for this tonight, also.

The contribution for the Big Hearts Pageant has been sent. We will be working on the flower bouquets on Saturday morning, Feb. 13 at 9am at Watkinsville First Christian Church. Please make plans to help.



Membership Division

*Coordinators
June McKenzie & Darlene*



Aaahhh.....February, the month of LOVE! Celebrate love on February 8-14 during Care and Kindness Week. Choose people or groups to recognize with a special note, valentine, cookies, or a kind word...that's the Pilot Way.



A big welcome to Randy Christian who was installed in January. Get to know him, as well as our other new members; you'll be glad that you did. Continue looking for potential members who have altruistic hearts and a passion for service. Invite those to a Pilot meeting to check us out.

Membership will deliver "Pick Me Ups" to five identified Caregivers who are providing loving care for members of the Oconee Community. If you know of a special caregiver in our community who deserves a "Pick Me Up", please contact a Membership,co-chair.

Remember to bring in current, gently-used magazines. Show and share the love!



Ann Giles, Membership Chair, Randy Christian, Sponsor BeBe Reed, and Mildred Bell, Membership.

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Fundraising Division



Coordinators
Jan Thomas & Sandra

Unity is strength. When there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.....Mattie Stepanek

Thanks to everyone for your hard work making our 7th annual 5K another great success!! We will have the final report at our meeting.

Darlene has done a great job keeping up with all of the sponsors and money. We have raised the money needed to cover our projects plus some this year. Both of our fundraisers exceeded our goals.

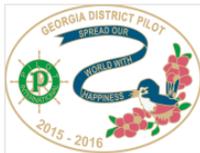
Our thank-you ad for our sponsors ran in the Oconee Enterprise last week and we will be handing out thank you letters for members to either mail or hand deliver to them. We can never thank our sponsors enough.

If you were unable to attend the race your t-shirt will be available at the meeting. Again, a BIG thank you to everyone.



Pilot Calendar

2/13/16 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



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.



Member's News

Marge sends her love to everyone in the club and appreciate the calls, cards, and visits.

Jan celebrated her birthday with her Pilot friends and about 150 strangers at the Pilot Club 5K. Later that evening she and

evening she and Jimmy enjoyed dinner at Longhorn. The next day she and Jimmy traveled to Norcross to celebrate their "grand" baby Skylar's second birthday. Lots of grandparents and presents for the "Princess" party.

Sandra enjoyed seeing Paula Deen at Festival Hall in Greensboro. She didn't do a cooking demonstration but helped sponsor a fundraiser for Circle of Love, a safe house for battered women. The food was wonderful (Lee Epting) the band from Macon was very good and the auction items were tempting. Paula walked around talking to everyone and having her picture taken with them. VERY successful fundraiser. Auctioned off a dinner for 10 prepared by Paula in her home in Savannah or in the bidder's home.

Joy joined several of the other "OCHS Girls of '63 class" for lunch at Chops and Hops on the second Friday in January. Lots of catching up on family events of the Christmas Season. As always, the food was delicious and service was excellent!

Joy is enjoying attending the pregame "sessions with a Coach" presented before the UGA

Lady Dawgs play each home game. One of the assistant Coaches give us a scouting report on the team the Dawgs are playing and an update on the Lady Dawgs – top players, injury report, starting lineup, etc.

The Athens Salvation Army Auxiliary met in the lounge at the Athens Country Club in mid- January to hear a summary of the Army's Christmas Season Activities. Juices, hot and cold tea, hot chocolate, and coffee were enjoyed as we learned that we served 802 families, including 2100 children, (ages birth through age 12) with the Angel Tree Program and collected over \$176,000 in the red kettles during the Season. All the money collected in the kettle stays in our area to take care of the costs associated with the 3 types of homeless shelters at the Hawthorne Ave.

Joy attended the January Beyond Basketball breakfast meeting held at the Holiday Inn on the second Wednesday of each month. This is a networking opportunity set up through the UGA Women's Basketball Office. This month's program was presented by "Wee Read" a local program whose goal is to get a dozen books per year into the hands of primary school-age children in Clarke County Schools. These books will remain with each child as many have never owned a book of their own.

Joy enjoyed a meal with a friend at the Atlanta Highway Publix, catching up on her Holiday travels.

Joy was on one of three buses full of Lady Dawgs Basketball fans who traveled to Tuscaloosa, Alabama on Jan. 17 to cheer the Lady Dawgs on in a game against AL. The trip was fun. Some of us took a 40-minute walk around the Campus before the game started. The Dawgs played well the first half, but just fell apart during the second half, ending with a disappointing loss, and a quiet bus ride back to Athens, arriving around midnight!

Joy attended the funeral of former student, Tina Williams Savage, and the funeral of her 9th grade Home Economics teacher, Marjorie Hale, during January.

Joy hosted a dinner party at The Porterhouse Grill in Athens for a party of 6 in late

January. Lots of laughs, reminiscing, and fellowship while enjoying a wonderful meal, great ambiance, and excellent service!

Fellow Pilot, Dennise Grayson, joined Joy for the Alumni Weekend game between the Lady Dawgs and LSU. Retired coach, Andy Landers who coached the Lady Dawgs for 36 years, was honored at halftime and also at an after game, invitation only reception. Coach Landers was honored with several awards, gifts, hugs, and "Thank You Coach"

praises for a phenomenal coaching career at UGA!

Joy Elder with UGA women's basketball coach Joni Taylor at the reception for Andy Landers on Sunday.



Joy joined her cousin and a mutual friend for lunch at the Outback Steakhouse late in January and joined the Bethabara ladies group for their monthly lunch, this month, at Rafferty's

Joy took part in a pot-luck lunch and viewing of the movie War Room at Bethabara on January 30. Good food and a wonderfully inspiring movie.

The UGA Men's basketball team has given fans some exciting games to attend in January, also.



Wrapped Meatballs (submitted by Joy Elder)



- 1 bag Italian-style meatballs
- 2-8 oz. cans refrigerated crescent rolls
- 1 cup Parmesan cheese, grated (can us pkg. already grated)
- 2 cups pasta sauce (for dipping)

Thaw meatballs. Set oven temperature as directed on crescent roll package. On an ungreased baking sheet, separate crescent rolls into 8 pieces. Cut each piece in half to form 2 narrow triangles. Place a meatball onto each triangle. Pull up the corners of the roll, wrapping the meatball. Bake for the amount of time stated on the crescent roll package. If desired, sprinkle cheese on wraps while still warm. Serve with pasta sauce for dipping. These may be frozen for up to three weeks after baking.

Meet a fellow Pilot.



I am originally from Johnson City, Tennessee but transferred to Oconee seven years ago with my husband's job. We have been married 28 years and have three children: Madison 25, Trey 23, and Staley 18. I love spending time with my family and we attend Bethlehem United Methodist Church.

I have been a Registered Nurse for 23 years and I am currently the Executive Director at Thrive Senior Living. I have a passion for working with senior adults and I thoroughly enjoy mentoring and developing leadership skills in others. I was thrilled to join the Pilot Club. Because my children are now older and I finally have a job that affords me the opportunity to be more involved in my community, I wanted an avenue where I could give back but also develop friendships with others. After looking at several other community organizations, Pilot Club was a great fit for me based on their mission and the work they do in our local area. I am happy to be a part of this organization and I am looking forward to getting to know the members.

Bebe Reed

Just in case you were not at the race at 7:00 am.....it was a chilly but happy group of Pilots.

