

# Oconee Spokes



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*President Mary*

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone has a safe, healthy, and happy New Year. With the new year also brings some sadness—illnesses and family deaths within our club this year during the holidays. Hold your loved ones a little closer and treasure all those moments together.

Our 5K Pilot Chase is almost here! Next Saturday, Jan. 10 is the biggest fundraiser of

our Pilot year! Everything is coming together nicely AND I think the weather looks like it will cooperate! Thursday, Jan 8, please join us at First Christian Church to help put goodie bags together. Pam and Jan will have our assignments and duties at our meeting Jan. 6.

Thanks to Projects Division for a wonderful Christmas Party for MHA Clients of Advantage. It was well organized and a very heartwarming experience. Great food served by Weaver D's, Christmas carols, gifts, and lots of mingling with these special guests helped make this party a huge success! Thank you to Membership Division for a great and fun Christmas Party for our club members and guests and Co-

Pilots. A wonderful meal was served for the last time by our fantastic caterer, Magnolia. After many years of hard work, Magnolia will be enjoying a well deserved retirement. We certainly will miss her!



We have a lot of activities coming up in the New Year. We are looking forward to continue to be of service in our community.

In Pilot Spirit,  
Mary



### *Projects Division*



*Coordinators*

*Judy Marable & June McKenzie*

December was a very busy but rewarding month for our club. As always the party for Advantage Behavior of the Athens Area was so much fun! We look forward to the ESP Big Hearts Pageant and Valentine's Party at Highland Hills in February. The Brainminders presentations throughout the next several months will continue to spread the mission of Pilot Club.

As we reflect on our community service during 2014, it is a wonderful time to review all the opportunities for us in 2015 to make a difference for our county and community.



Pilots donated coffee for the Action Baskets for Seniors at the December meeting, also.





## **Membership Division**



*Coordinators  
Joy Elder & Sandra Glass*

The Membership Division is working on the Appreciation Dinner for our appointed officials which will be on February 17th. I encourage you to invite guests to attend our business meeting. We always welcome them even though it is not a "Share Pilot" event. Also, Joy has been in contact with University of North Georgia about the scholarship that we award.

The Christmas party was well attended and the music provided by Sandra's group of barbershop quartet singers was outstanding.



great!! Thanks to all of you for your work in getting this done.

We have an original t-shirt design this year and all of the information has been given to the printer. We are anxious to see the finished product.

We will be letting everyone know what needs to be done and what time we need to be at Veterans Park to set up at our meeting Tuesday night.

We will be meeting at First Christian Church at 1:30 p.m. on January 8 to assemble the goody bags, sort, bag and label the shirts and put our awards in the boxes. Please make plans to help that day. Several of us can get the work done quickly. There will be a lot to talk about at our business meeting and you won't want to miss it.



## **Pilot Calendar**

- 1/10/15 5K Run/Walk
- 2/7/15 Big Hearts Pageant
- 2/17/15 Community Appreciation
- 3/31/15 Pilot Information
- 4/10-12/15 GA District Convention
- 5/16/15 NE Region Workshop
- 6/16/15 Installation
- 7/8-12/15 PI Annual Convention



## **Fundraising Division**

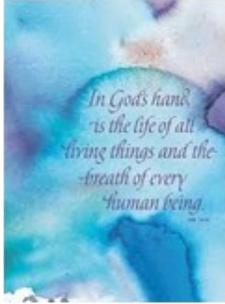


*Coordinators  
Jan Thomas & Pam Crawford*

The Fund Raising Division has busy getting all the last minute details done before our race on the 10th. We have raised over \$6,000 in sponsor money and that is



Jan Thomas: Jan. 9  
Darlene Adams: Jan. 13  
Pam Crawford: Jan. 13



Please be in prayer for Donna MacPherson, Joy Elder and Jan Thomas in the loss of their loved ones.

Luree Martin Thomas, age 90, passed away at 6:45 AM on Dec. 31, quickly, quietly, and without pain and that was a blessing! She was the Mother of Jimmy Thomas (Jan's husband) Joy, Jerry Thomas, Jane Thomas Wood, and was preceded in death by a fifth child, Joey Thomas in 1992 and her husband, Perry, in 1995. She is survived by a Sister, Peggy Martin Monroe. Our family sincerely appreciates your acts of kindness during our sorrow and grief.

Donors of all blood types are needed, especially those with O negative, A negative and B negative.

To learn more about donating blood and to schedule an appointment, download the Red Cross Donor App, visit [redcross-blood.org](http://redcross-blood.org) or call 1-800-733-2767.



## Health Tips

### January is National Blood Donor Month

by Ally Aldrete

It is now officially National Blood Donor Month and the American Red Cross is urging people to start a lifesaving habit of giving blood for 2015.

January is the National Blood Donor Month because it is a challenging time for donations. Inclement weather can result in blood drive cancellations, and cold and flu season can cause donors to be unable to keep blood donation appointments.

This month has been celebrated since 1970, raising awareness of the need for blood during the winter and throughout the year.



## Member News

After spending Thanksgiving with her son and family in Dacula, Mary spent the next week staying with her 3 grandsons while Mom and Dad went on a cruise. Love spending time with these precious boys, but that week certainly was challenging with meetings here and activities for them every evening all week long! Dec. 9 was Doug and Mary's 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and they celebrated by spending a few days in Pigeon Forge, TN going to several Christmas shows and shopping at The Christmas Place. Christmas Day they hosted 15 family members for a dinner (mostly not homemade this year!) and gift exchange.

Emeritus member, Myrtice Kilpatrick, enjoyed celebrating Christmas with her family and



friends and attending church services.

Gayle and Jimmy enjoyed touring Callenwolde in Atlanta. They also attended the Cooks Holiday at the University. Wow, what a meal and decorations to boot. They welcomed Jimmy's Sunday School class to an Open House. They enjoyed a delicious meal with friends in Conyers. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day were spent with family and lots of good food to boot.

Rosa and Freeman had a busy month. They enjoyed the Madison tour of homes and organ concert, the music and carols of Young Harris UMC, visiting with family and friends, and spending the beginning of the new year with their children.

During December Joy cheered on the UGA Basketball Men's and Women's teams at several games—now it's SEC time!!

Joy continues to walk with a friend at least weekly in her neighborhood – Tanglewood – which has beautiful homes and gorgeous landscaping.

Joy started delivering her fresh-baked cakes, and trays of candies and cookies to 35 friends/associates/service businesses, etc on December 3 – got the last ones delivered on Dec. 23. It is such a joy to get to spend time with these people during the Holiday season!

Joy also baked small loaves of quick breads and 2 recipes of fudge for the OCAF Holiday Market Golden Pear Bake Shop. Monies raised from the sale of food items in the bake shop help fund OCAF Seminars, workshops', etc.

Joy and Mildred Bell really enjoyed the holiday performance of the University of North Georgia Chorus held at Briarwood Baptist Church in early December. The young voices blended beautifully in their

songs.

Joy enjoyed to fellowship and food at Pilot Dennise Grayson's Open House at her Law Office in early December.

The Sunday Bible Study Class that Joy is a member of enjoyed beef tenderloin with lots of sides and wonderful desserts at their annual Christmas party and gift exchange. The gift exchange was a hoot, as usual, with lots of laughs.

Joy joined fellow Salvation Army Auxiliary Nancy Smith for an hour of ringing the bell at a kettle set up outside of the Alps Rd. Kroger on Dec. 10, and helped with the Angel Tree toy distribution and family food boxes on Dec. 18.

Joy enjoyed spending some time over a Chic-Filet meal with Coach Bob Heck who lives on Ohio, a neighbor of his, Gary, and Bruce Helms in mid-December.

Joy entertained longtime friend, Julia Daniell Phlegar, in her home for lunch and lots of "catching up" time in mid-December.

Joy and dear friends Martha Jo and Mark Collins, and Mary Beth McDonald thoroughly enjoyed the annual Athens Symphony Christmas Concert and Community Choir performance on Dec. 13. This always sets the Christmas season in Joy's heart.

Joy and Martha Jo Collins attended the Georgia Club Foundation's Tour of Homes on Dec. 14. Joy's Daughter Dawn and Hubby Michael had their home on the tour, along with 4 other homes. Dawn had a longtime friend who is an interior decorator from Tulsa, OK help her with the extravagant decorations.... It was so beautiful!

The Christmas musical program at Bethabara was a true blessing to those that attended on Dec. 14.

Joy and many of her neighbors attended

the Oconee Co. Planning Commission meeting held in mid-December to protest the rezone of nearby property for a storage facility for RV's and boats. The Commissioners voted unanimously to recommend to the Oconee Bd. of Commissioners that it not be rezoned. Three days later the applicant withdrew his rezone request! People working together for the good of their community can make a difference.

HEADS UP, Joy spoke with State Representative Chuck Williams recently about the horrible traffic problems at the intersection of Union Church Rd. and GA Hwy 53 (Hog Mtn. Rd.) He reported that something was recently started to get big improvements there – watch for results and a better traffic flow coming!!

The Thomas held their annual Christmas Dinner and gift exchange at the home of Jane and Colin Wood on Christmas Eve. Because of the weather and Mother's failing health, we decided not to bring her out from Arbor Terrace. Good food, fellowship and lots of gift bags and wrapping paper were the highlights!!

Joy treated a Cousin, Buck Thomas, and elderly friend, Harold Stephenson, to dinner at Fatz during Christmas...Lots of good conversation and some mighty fine ribs!!

Joy joined others for a Christmas morning brunch at the home of Dave and Julie Phlegar, and joined the Collins family for a Christmas dinner and gift exchange at their home. Many beautiful memories were made at their special events with friends.

Joy hosted long ago student and long-time friend, Lola Lumpkin Jones for lunch at Applebee's on Dec. 30, after attending the memorial service of Elsie Nadler, a friend Joy has known since she and Elsie participated in the Grief Workshop held by

St. Mary's Hospice in the Fall of 1997 after their spouses had died earlier that year,. She was a precious, sweet lady. That evening, Joy prepared and took supper and shared eating it with June and Dennis McKenzie in their home. We even got to see the start of the UGA Football Bowl game, before Joy got the call that Hospice had asked all her family to come to Arbor Terrace to be with their Mother as her passing was eminent.



### **Chicken Roll Up**

(submitted by Pam Crawford)

- 2 large chicken breast, cooked & shredded
- 1 Can of Crescent Rolls
- 1 10.5 oz. can cream of chicken soup
- ½ soup can of broth from cooked chicken
- ½ soup can milk
- 1 T. all-purpose flour
- 6 oz shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- Salt & pepper

Cook and shred chicken. Whisk together soup, broth, milk, and flour. Unroll crescent roll dough and separate. Place a little cheese on triangle and then a good spoonful of chicken. Roll up roll. Place in 9x13 casserole dish sprayed with Pam. Pour mixture around each roll and then a little on top. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake 375 for 25 minutes



## Help ACTS help others!

Please read the following info and find out how you can help ACTS. Community Program with Kroger and \$\$\$ come back to ACTS. Pass the word with your church groups, offices and clubs. Only 66 signed up last quarter and we received \$120. Just think if we all signed up and shopped at Kroger what the amount would be...

### TO USE THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM:

Simply encourage members to register online at [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com)

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- If a member does not yet have a Kroger Plus card, please let them know that they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.
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- Most participants are new online customers, so they must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box.
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions
- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter NPO number (**24254**) or name of organization, select organization from list and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.
- REMEMBER, purchases will not count for your group until after your member(s) register their card(s).
- Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 800-576-4377, select option 4 to get your Kroger Plus card number.

**Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.**