

# Oconee Spokes



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President Judy

Happy New Year, Pilots!

As we reflect on our community service during 2017, it is a wonderful time to consider all the opportunities for us in 2018 to make a difference in our community. 2017 was a great year of service and fellowship in our club. Thank you for your roles in making a difference. I hope this year offers happiness, memories and good health for you and your family.

Our big event this month is our Pilot Chase on Saturday, January 13. As each of us enjoys the spirit of the day, this event offers the community the benefits of the profits. Commendations are extended to our fundraising division for their yearlong dedication to plan an event that will continue to be a well-known and valuable event for our community. Congratulations to all Pilot members for their support in securing sponsorships, in-kind donations, and volunteering for the many tasks to keep our 5K a profitable and fun event.

Our Georgia District is requesting nominations for district leadership roles. This could be the year for one of our eligible members to lead the Georgia District. I will have the information at our meeting to share with everyone.

Over the next couple of months, we look forward to Cottage Night, BrainMinders™,

Thrive socials, our Pilot Picnic and much, much more! 2018 promises to be fulfilling for our club.

January is the month we select our nominating committee for 2018 Pilot Year that begins in July. At our meeting on January 2nd, you will be offered a nominating committee ballot to list 3 Pilot members to serve on this important leadership committee. The names with the top three votes will serve and the next two names in order of votes will serve as alternates. Members that served on last year's committee (Gayle and June) are not eligible to serve this year. The nominating committee will present the slate of prospective officers for a club vote at our February or March business meeting. I thank you in advance for your commitment to the club's leadership and work for our community.



***Membership Division***  
*Coordinator*  
*June McKenzie*

Membership Division provided a great Christmas party with the help of April and Kayla and the staff at Thrive. 36 Pilots and friends enjoyed a wonderful dinner provided by Chef Kayla at Thrive. Mary Mattocks and some of the other Membership Division provided fun games. Santa Mary then gave out gifts that we all shared. It was nice to meet the newest Pilot spouses and get to know them a little better. Thank you to all who came and all who helped with the plans for this event.

March 20, 2018 will be the Picnic and Informational meeting. We are looking for some ideas for a speaker who will teach and inform us. If you have an idea, please let June McKenzie know. The event will be at the campus of the University of North Georgia, 7 PM. Please think of friends or workers, or relatives to "Share Pilot" at this event.

January 2 Membership will have refreshments. New member Cyndee Moore will be bringing a guest from UNGA to "Share Pilot". Please welcome her.

I hope all of you have had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



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***Fundraising Division***  
*Coordinators*  
*Joy Elder & Dennise Grayson*

Fundraising Division is so excited for our 9<sup>th</sup> annual Pilot Chase 5K being held on January 13<sup>th</sup> at Noon, at OVP Park. We will be advising members of their race-day assignments and stations at our next regular business meeting (Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>) and via email.

**THANK YOU to our MEMBERS who worked so hard and made this the MOST successful race to date!** We have brought in **over \$18,000 in sponsorships**, so far... and a few more checks are floating in... so keep on knocking on those doors, and **THANK YOU** Pilot Club members!!

If anyone would like to work on the refreshments after the race, please email [PilotChase5K@gmail.com](mailto:PilotChase5K@gmail.com)

**Projects Division**  
*Coordinators*  
*Jane Reese & Donna MacPherson*

# Pilot Calendar

First let us extend very Happy New Year wishes to you all and secondly thank you for your participation and support of our Club's projects. We know we can count on you as we enter into 2018 and the second half of our Pilot year.

A very nice "Pick-Me-Up" basket was delivered to Shirley Kennedy, caretaker of husband Darrell. Thanks again Pam Crawford for additional items and for making the delivery. Club members please submit names with suggestions (items) for "Pick-Me-Up's to Darlene A. or another member of the Projects Division.



BrainMinders™ is readying for the 2018 start-up. Stay tuned for updates and sign-up sheets and join us for a fun and educational puppet show that is always well received.

Remember you can bring (to any meeting) your magazines and snack items (individually packaged, include sugar free/reduced items, drinks) for our Magazine Distribution and Service to Veterans projects.

"Shining the Light Through Service"  
 Jane Reese and Donna MacPherson

Jan. 13, 2018	Pilot Club Chase 5K
Feb. 6, 2018	Pilot Meeting
Mar. 6, 2018	Pilot Meeting
Mar. 20, 2018	Share Pilot Picnic/Info.
Apr. 3, 2018	Pilot Meeting
April 6-8, 2018	GA District Convention
May 1, 2018	Pilot Meeting
June 5, 2018	Pilot Meeting
June 19, 2018	Installation
6/27/18-7/1/18	PI Convention

## Pilot Birthdays

Jan Thomas	January 9
Darlene Adams	January 13
Pam Crawford	January 13
Elaine Whitmire	January 22

## Member's News

ACTS (Area Churches Together Serving) was a wonderful place to be the week before Christmas! 88 families were served on the 19th and received Christmas stockings, hams and fixings in addition to their regular monthly foods. Mrs. Santa was also there to offer gifts for all the children! Another 35 families were served on the 22nd.

Wonderful Christmas here on the hill at 1160 Ridgefield Drive! Thirty plus Kilpatrick family members gathered on the 23rd to celebrate and remember! Our first without our Mother. Great fun with our photo frame!

Pam and Doc enjoyed daughter Kim, husband Rick and two miniature Greyhound here for ten days. Kim moved to Fort Myers, FL in July.

Several pilots enjoyed the John Berry Christmas Concert!

Christmas at the Glass house. Perry is a certified drone operator so if you need pictures or videos give him a call.



Darlene shopped for and prepared 20 gift bags for the homeless. Then distributed those bags at Bigger Vision to the homeless.

The McKenzies had a busy holiday. June and Dennis along with Donna MacPherson and Sandra Glass worked since September for the Bishop United Methodist Church Cantata "The Greatest Story Ever Told". The Cantata was performed on December 17th at 11 AM followed by a soup and cornbread lunch for all who wished to stay. There were about 75 people there that day.

December 1 June went with other Pilots to eat at the Blue Willow restaurant in Social Circle, GA. On December 6 June, Gayle Christopher, Jan Thomas and Gwen Greenway dined at Chateau Elan for lunch and to see all the Christmas decorations. December 9 June and Dennis attended a Christmas Dinner at Hot Thomas's Peach Shed for the Georgia State Patrol.

Following the Christmas Cantata on December 17th, Dennis and June traveled to McDonough, GA for Christmas with Ron McKenzie, Dennis' brother, and his family. December 19th June helped and attended the Pilot Christmas Party at Thrive. December 21 June went to Piedmont Athens Regional Hospital where she spent three days getting better from heart failure and fluid, she was home December 23rd.

December 25th, Christmas Day, June's family brought in brunch items and she had a much better day than she thought she would. Happy New Year.

Dec. 2nd, Our club's participation in the Watkinsville Christmas Parade was fun, successful and good exposure for the Club.

Dec. 7th passed the year mark of the passing of my beloved Smokey. She was a great dog and companion.

On Dec. 17th, at Bishop United Methodist Church and under Sandra's leadership, the choir performed a great Christmas cantata followed by a delicious soups, breads/crackers and dessert lunch. That evening Donna had the pleasure of attending the cantata service at First Christian Church in Watkinsville followed by a great meal there.

Our Club's Christmas Party Dec. 19th was especially nice with lovely decorations, fun games and gift exchange and another great meal at Thrive. Donna's guest, Rosanna Rose, very much enjoyed the evening and may become a member in the future.

December brought a slew of birthdays to Donna's nieces and nephews including Dec. 12th, 20th and 24th. Most of the family was able to join together to celebrate Christ's birthday on Christmas Day.

Rosa and Freeman enjoyed having their daughter, son and daughter-in-law home for Christmas this year.



### Sour Cream Coconut Cake

(Marsha Lee gave this recipe to Pam Crawford)

#### Cake

1 box yellow cake mix

Bake as directed on package for two layers and allow to cool.

#### Topping

2 cups sugar

2 cups sour cream

18 oz frozen coconut (plus extra package if you want to pat on outside of cake)

Cool Whip, small and thawed

Mix topping well and spread between layers. For the remaining topping, add just enough cool whip to give body for the topping to stay on sides of cake.

Then spread the topping/cool whip on outside of cake. If desired, take extra package of frozen coconut to pat on top and sides of cake.

Put cake in air tight container and freeze or wait three days before cutting to give cake time to get moist.