

# Oconee Spokes



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## President Donna

Happy New Year Pilots,

We welcome 2019 with two major events. Our 10th Annual Pilot Chase 5K to be held at noon on Monday, January 21st, at the Oconee Veterans Park. They may have missed the t-shirt deadline but it is not too late to still get sponsors. Focus now on telling/sharing about the event to get more Runners, Walkers (with and without dogs), and Families signed up to come out and support and enjoy the event.

Then in March the Pilot Club of Oconee County will celebrate its 40th Anniversary of service with a grand picnic. Please be submitting names and

contact information of those who you want to be invited to the Membership Division which will come up with a master list.

In January and February, we will present Pilot International's signature BrainMinders™ puppet show at the Oconee County schools. Bicycle helmets will be donated for children in need.

If you have not had the pleasure of participating in a BrainMinders™ presentation please make room in your schedule and take this opportunity to do so.

At the Chamber of Commerce morning coffee on December 5th it was announced that they will be making changes in the meetings schedule; perhaps not all previous meetings will be held every month. An email will be sent out with these new details.

Please plan to purchase Raffle tickets for the GPF and PIFF raffles and bring in your dimes for the Dimes to Dollars bottle. This money supports Pilot Scholarships. The Club has budgeted for and will also purchase tickets.

It's a new year and a time for new beginnings so let's invite-invite-invite like-minded men and women to join our Club.

Let's remember others with "Pick-Me-Ups", cards, emails, calls meal and treats. But also remember our Club with health issues and on leave of absences.

It's 2019 and the Pilot Club of Oconee County is ready and coming at you to "Be More, Do More and Care More" in "Harmony with Friendship and Service".

Donna



### ***Fundraising Division***

*Coordinators*

*Kathy Reising & Pam Crawford*

Pilots...Mark your calendars for January 21st and contact your runner friends to sign up for our 10th annual 5K! Sponsorship results will be announced at the January Business meeting and your instructions for race day will be given! T-shirts are great and awards by Laura Eby are beautiful!



It will take our entire membership to make this, our only fundraiser for 2018-2019, work!!!

### ***Projects Division***

*Coordinators*

*Jane Reese & Rosa Hall*

Several Pilots enjoyed singing Christmas carols and drinking cocoa with the Thrive Assisted Living residents.



A very nice gift basket will be delivered to April Sims by Pam Crawford. It's filled with wonderful spa Avon products, candles, candies, gloves and lots of love. April Sims is daughter of Harry and Sharon Sims and is a teacher and mother to a handicapped child who is ten years old. This will be a great "Pick Me Up!"

Darlene Adams has contacted the schools about BrainMinders™ presentations. She will give an update at the January Business Meeting.

UNG Food Pantry is our special donation for January. Cyndee provided a list of needed items: individual snacks—chips, snack cakes, Rice Krissy treats, snack cracker packs, cookies, pretzels, etc. as well as individual cup sized servings—cup of soup, Mac and cheese as well as the Knorr's packets of noodles or rice meals and granola bars.

If you need to make up a missed meeting, you can do any of the projects listed in our Yearbook, attend a meeting of another Pilot Club, help at the 5K race, or attend the information meeting the Membership is planning. Contact Rosa for more information on make-up meetings.

# Pilot Calendar

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



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

## Local Clubs News

Local Tour of GAWD art  
 Sponsored by the Pilot Club of Madison County  
**Madison County Library**  
 1315 Highway 98 W  
 Danielsville, GA  
 January 7 - February 27, 2019

Hours  
 Mon., Wed., Fri.-Sat.: 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.  
 Tues.-Thurs.: 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.  
 Sun.: 2:00-6:00 p.m.

# Publicity Report

We've been working to promote the Pilot 5K Chase, which is just around the corner (Monday, January 21, noon at OVP)! Many thanks to the Oconee Enterprise for running 6 ads to help us promote the race in addition to the larger thank you ad (up from 2 + the larger ad they did last year)! Thanks also to:

- Bulldog 93.3 for running some public service announcements for us to boost registrations (please listen when you have the radio on to see if you hear it)
- The Oconee County Chamber of Commerce for boosting on Facebook and in its newsletter;
- and to the Tourism Office for linking on their website and promoting via their calendar!

Please take a moment to share our club's Facebook posts via your own Facebook page.

Additionally, the Oconee Enterprise will be doing a feature article on our Pilot Club's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary for an upcoming edition of its magazine publication. Cyndee will keep members posted regarding information, interviews, etc. needed.

## Project Lifesaver

Project Lifesaver International is proud to announce the ambassadorship of Max Gail. The actor, most currently known for his portrayal of an Alzheimer's patient on ABC's hit soap opera, *General Hospital*.

"In the 20 years since I founded Project Lifesaver, we have only inducted a handful of individuals as Ambassadors. This important role is only conferred to individuals who, without personal gain, go above and beyond in providing support for our lifesaving program. Max will be joining the ranks of prominent influencers who believe, trust, and advocate for our mission," explained Chief Gene Saunders, Founder & CEO of Project Lifesaver International.



## Member's News



Charter member Joy Elder (left) along with President Donna MacPherson (middle) represented the Pilot Club of Oconee County at the University of North Georgia Oconee campus annual President's Holiday Luncheon in December. Joy, Donna, and the Club were recognized by UNG Executive Director (and fellow Pilot) Dr. Cyndee Perdue Moore (right) for the support they provide students through scholarships and donations to Nigel's Nest – UNG's Food Pantry.

Saturday, December 1st, Donna enjoyed participating in the Watkinsville Christmas Parade. Our tractor driving carriage pulling host was Larry Ansley. He has offered his services for next year as well.

December 4th heralded the birth of a son to a niece in Florida.

Donna and Joy E. enjoyed a great Holiday Luncheon at UNG on Dec. 12th and then Donna enjoyed the annual Wreath Stroll charity fundraiser at Thrive that evening and won two of the wreaths she bid on.

Dec. 13th Donna attended the RAW artists show at the Masquerade in Atlanta to support her niece(in-law). Always interesting to see so many different people, art and music styles.

Donna and June and Dennis McKenzie enjoyed participating in the cantata "Gather at the Manger" Dec. 16th directed by Sandra Glass.

Dec. 18th Donna, June and Dennis and others from Bishop UMC enjoyed visiting the Apalachee UMC for service and fellowship.

## Local News

### OCAF Thrift Sale:

- o Drop off donations every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday from Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 9 at Rocket Hall from 10a.m. – 2p.m.
- o Call Cyndee if you have items that need to be picked up (434-203-1885).
- o Sale Day: Saturday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, 8a.m. – 2p.m.
- o If you'd like to volunteer in any capacity (before, during, or after the sale) – let Cyndee know!

### Relay for Life Oconee County:

If you're a member of a church, work, or community group and would like to form a team for that group, please let Cyndee know and she'll give you all the information as she is serving as this year's Event Lead for the County! This year's Relay for Life (to raise money for the American Cancer Society) will take place at Oconee County Middle School on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 6p.m. – midnight. Sponsorships and donations are also welcomed as we work hard to reach our goal of \$143,000 raised locally!



### Quick Cake

Submitted by Pam Crawford

1 box cake mix, any kind  
1 can pie filling, any kind  
3 large eggs  
Mix together, pour in 9x13 greased dish and bake at 350 for 35-40 minutes.  
I used yellow cake mix and peach filling and it was delish.

