

Oconee Spokes



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President Donna

Thank you, Pilot Club of Oconee County Pilots, for sending me as Club representative and delegate to the 2018 Pilot International 97th Annual Convention & Leadership Conference held June 27 to July 1, 2018 in Nashville, TN at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center.



Formerly known as the Opryland Hotel it was designed to recreate the feeling of a stately Southern mansion and opened Thursday Thanksgiving Day in 1977. The Gaylord is a huge beautiful place with 2,882 rooms, 220 suites, 15 restaurants, several pools, a spa, numerous shops, a radio station, multiple meeting rooms, conference rooms, beautiful indoor garden conservatory, fountains, riverboat(s) and an indoor water and snow park is under construction. One Pilot I met said it was half a mile from her room to the main conference room.



During the opening ceremony we were reminded of the Girl Scout song that many of us remembered "Make new friends but keep the old, some are silver and the other's gold". That song is most applicable to Pilot as we attend the Pilot International Convention, Fall Council, Georgia District Convention, Regional Leadership Training, our Club meetings and our other associated/community organizations as well as our 2018 -2019 Governor Doretta Broughton's Georgia District theme of "In Harmony with Friendship and Service".

I met my roommate, Cassie Wright, President of the Pilot Club of Carrollton, GA last April at the Georgia District Convention. She works for a larger company with a branch in Athens called Physio. They may be a future resource for speakers including concussions.



I also met Martha Ann Hinson Altman, President Elect of the Pilot Club of Jones County, and a first timer at a Pilot International Convention. She is a great southern lady full of stories and kept us laughing often. President Elect Darlene, I highly recommend that you look up Martha Ann when you attend the PI Convention in Chicago next year.



(Roommate Cassie Wright, Pres. PC of Carrollton, Donna MacPherson, Pres. of Oconee County and Martha Ann Hinson Altman, First Timer, PC of Gray, GA. at Installation Banquet)

Wednesday June 27th, I attended two informative workshops. The first was Grant Update for Clubs (handout to be on PI website) which reviewed 7 grants that Clubs can apply for: 1. Emergency Response Program Grant 2. Pick Me Up Grant 3. Safe Harbor Relief Grant 4. Matching Grant 5. Anchor Grant 6. Brain Safety and Fitness Grant and 7. Caring for Families in Need Grant.

The second workshop was Scholarship Update for Clubs. We were given three words to simply summarize how to think about scholarships...the ease is in the "E's" that is to Educate, Embrace and Excite everyone about scholarships. P.J. Sardona the very new PI PIFF contact is already suggesting great changes and mentioned an example that PIFF (Pilot International Founders Fund received 39 applications and that almost all of them received money. The 8 scholarships mentioned were: 1. PI Scholarship, 2. Becky Burrows Memorial Scholarship, 3. Marie Newton Sepia Memorial Scholarship, 4. Ruby Newhall Memorial Scholarship, 5. Bob King Memorial Scholarship, 6. KC Anchor Scholarship, 7. KC International Scholarship, and 8. Anchor Achievement Scholarship. Concerning these we need to Educate our self, our Club and our community by embracing print media and all forms of social media because "Scholarships are EASY!". Also, major change is that right now there are no limits on how many applicants a Club can sponsor (so send 6 applications instead of 1). P.J. Sardona agreed that we need to coordinate contacts with the Clubs so the Clubs can contact these applicants (not met as applied directly to PI) for local publicity opportunities.

Wednesday evening, I attended the Nash Bash Welcome Party and Donor Recognition Program. Enjoyed music, singing and meeting more Pilots.

Thursday June 28, the 1st Business Session/ Flag Ceremony was impressive and interesting. A few years ago, Pilot was active in 8 countries but is now active in only 4 countries. PI staff is energetic and hopeful following recent membership drives and showing growth from 6,584 to 7,072. Also, this year there were 14 new Anchor Clubs (9 in GA) established and 1 new Anchor District (NC), bringing up a total of 7, 036 Anchor members (as compared to zero new Pilot Clubs established).

During the Flag Ceremony the flags were presented while the country's national anthem played from the Bahamas, Japan, South Africa, and the United States of America. Additionally, flags were presented from Pilot International, PI Founders Fund, Anchor Club, and the Tennessee State Flag.



Bahamas, Japan, South Africa, USA

The final Registration Report showed a Voting Body of 235 Delegates, 29 International Administrative Council Delegates, and 16 Past International Presidents (not serving as Club delegates) for a Total Voting Strength of 280. The Non-Voting Attendees included 393 Other Pilots, 34 Co-Pilots and 70 Anchors for a Total Non-Voting Attendees of 497. Total Registered 777 with 3 Countries Represented (South Africa not present).

There were 9 proposed PI Bylaw Changes. Proposal number 1 it was explained did not change PI's Mission Statement however for the Bylaws it was proposed..."that support the focus on brain-related disorders and disabilities"... be dropped. There was clearly adamant opposition to that change. It was also explained that the proposal was created with the 5013C regulations in mind to use more general terms.

Extended time was required for comment and discussion especially on Proposal number 1 but also, on number 6 (discussion focused on adding additional time to receive standing rules based on time of the month that Clubs meet and both Proposals 1 and 6 were referred back to the bylaws committee. Some discussion on Proposals numbers 3 and 7. Proposals numbers 2,3, 4,5,8 and 9 were adopted and number 7 remained unchanged as the motion lost. The Bylaws will be available later on the PI website.

During the 2nd Business Session (including Election) the 2018 -2019 Budget for PI was approved following few questions. Then Elections were held but a Run Off was needed for the position of Vice President and ultimately Merrily Burns was elected to that position.

During the 3rd Business Session we enjoyed our keynote speaker Jen Slaw who used her juggling skills to teach team work and creative problem solving. Pilot members participated in juggling and a crisscross ball exchange circle exercise. She reminded everyone that the expert in anything was once a beginner and to look for unexpected combinations and creative patterns. She spoke of the B-A-L-L method. B-Break it down. Process, Focus, Prioritization, and GOSPA model to analyze your Goals, Objectives, Strategies, Projects and Actions: A-Ask for Help, communicate clearly L-Learn from the drop,



mistakes are stepping stones to success L-Let it go, let go of old patterns that are not working. Jen encouraged everyone to ignite positive growth through embracing a growth mindset, deliberate practice and change in communication (from "Too busy" to..."I know I have the opportunity to..").

Thursday evening, I attended the fundraiser activity at the Wildhorse Saloon in downtown Nashville. Martha Ann, Fan and I along with busloads of Pilots enjoyed a great band and buffet and the great decor.



Donna and friend at the Wildhorse Saloon

Friday June 29th morning our keynote speaker was Jean Nadeau from Quebec City, France presenting "I Have No Time to Lose". Yes, he was easy on the eyes and had a nice accent but he meant business with the F*** word. Okay Pilots it is hopefully not what you are thinking. His F*** word was "FINE". People who really have just a "FINE" life are stuck until they make it better. As a personal development trainer, he aims to make people uncomfortable with what they know they need to change in their life to the point that they take action and move from where they are to where they want to be. He used great visual imagery and simple activities, some statistics and three areas of concentration and a couple more F*** words. He said we need to Stop and Think and then Re-Think by 1. Taking Responsibility (weight, relationship with children/meaningful time spent, debt}, 2. Attitude (good or bad not matter as much as what you do with it/ results), 3. Passion (can be a trap, better to be excellent). His second F*** word was "FEAR". Fear of the unknown or missing something and the antidote to stress/fear is to take action. The screen displayed a large coffee cup with the saying "Don't Settle for Just a F*** Life" as he closed with "Have a Fantastic Life".



Nancy White, Pilot International Executive Director, presented the State of the PI Organization, with a recent growth in membership and a surge in giving, she announced a joint agreement with the Brain Injury Association of America and the "Performa" Store that PI now fully owns all their merchandise (in past PI received 10%).



Faith Stamps, Executive Committee Representative (ECR), reminded us that we must be extremely diverse to grow. She said we have grown over 500 members but the attrition rate will lower that but we will still be better than in years. She stated "Here's what I know: Attitude Matters, Support Matters, Change Matters and Kindness Matters". She asked us all to invite a friend to come to a Pilot Meeting.

Doretta Broughton, 2018-2019 Georgia District Governor, chaired our Georgia District Meeting. She introduced the Governor Elect Jane Lackey, Secretary Robin Williams, Treasurer Avaline Adams, Lt. Governor Beth Copeland (who plans her official visit to our Club at our November 6th Business Meeting) and Chaplin JoAnn Akers (send your email if you wish to be on her mailing list, open to all Pilots). Doretta asked us to refer to pages 36 - 45 to review Club and individual contributions (Pacesetters, 250 Clubs-Districts-Members, President's Circle Members, Emerald Club Members (Note our own Joy Elder), Honor Wall (PC of Oconee County), Legacy Wall, Founders Circle, Dream Builders, Vision Seeker, and Golden Legacy. Doretta said to make sure all Club members get the Governor's Bulletin (which will be out soon) and to submit pictures with descriptive captions to Kirsten Jorgenson at kajorge@yahoo.com for inclusion in the Governor's Bulletin. Also, her sister, Emily Jorgenson, is doing this last year and next year's Governor's scrapbook so please send her pictures/articles at emiljorg@bellsouth.net. The Directory will be updated just before the Fall Council so Club Rosters need to be kept up to date. Each Club can be listing their upcoming events on the calendar on the Georgia District website at www.pilotgeorgia.org. Georgia District announcements included 1. PC of Oconee County's Pilot Chase 5K on Monday January 21, 2019, 2. Georgia Artists With DisAbilities (GAWD) art exhibit-awards presentation-luncheon on Saturday September 22 at the Georgia Power building in Atlanta; Note that the Call For Art deadline is August 31st so please contact

ghayes@learningservices.com for further information and applications, 3. Classic City (Athens) Pilot Club's 7th Annual 5K in memory of Diane Roberts at 7:30 am on Saturday August 11th at the Sandy Creek Nature Center, and 4. "Stand Up For Stand Down" campaign of the PCs of Atlanta and Peachtree City, collecting travel size toiletries for veterans and at risk homeless people. Last year they collected 6 tons worth of products; the campaign collection runs July 4—Labor Day September 3rd and the collected items can be dropped off at any Georgia Cancer Specialists office. Our last year's ECR (Executive Committee Rep.) Collette Cross (MISS) invited us to like her on Facebook and send her our Club newsletters. Our incoming ECR Peggy Benton (SC) said to feel free to call on her. Governor Doretta stated that "It's going to be a Wonderful, Wonderful Year" (homage to Dr. Seuss).



Friday afternoon I attended a workshop "Creating a Google Workshop" by Michael Lopez. It is to be put on the PI website later. He recommended creating a Pilot Club of ___@gmail.com account (a Club account that can be passed to next president) and to start out with the free version. He suggested before you go public to have extra sets of eyes look over it. Later I attended a second workshop "President/President Elect Training" presented by Karen Cupit (Louisiana) our incoming PI President. She stated that "Leaders don't create followers, they create more leaders" and sited expectations to Be a Pilot Ambassador, Be a Good Role Model, Be a Team Leader and Represent your Club at Civic and Community events. Also, to refer to the Club Manual, Read and become familiar (not memorize) with PI Bylaws, Club and District Standing Rules, familiar with Robert's Rules of Order, to keep a Current Calendar and Adhere to Deadlines, Set Goals-Prepare & President Meetings-Oversee Club Officers-Appointees-Members, Communicate in various ways. Note that PI's "Constant Contact" has been changed to "Member Clicks". You can check out PI's Strategic Plan 2016 - 2019 on the website www.pilotinternational.org. Encouraged us to use our District Officers, telling them what we need from them. Be preparing to attend 2021 Pilot International Convention in Atlanta as we celebrate Pilot's 100-year anniversary.

Friday late afternoon, we Pilots and Anchors gathered for a service project with **No Child Hungry**. Together we packed 30,000 meals for those in need in the Nashville area.



Packing for No Child Hungry project and Martha Ann and Donna in stunning packing attire

Friday evening busloads of Pilots attended the fundraiser activity at the Grand Ole Opry and gave it rave reviews.

Saturday June 30th morning began with the Awards breakfast. As usual Ann Adams was recognized as the longest active member present of 63 years. The PC of Carrollton has a member of 65 years, Margaret Perkins, but she was not in attendance. The newest member in attendance had joined June 19th.

A couple of quotes were shared: Martin Luther King, Jr. "Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love. Anne Frank "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world".

The 100 Year Committee is doing planning, we will celebrate at the Marriott Marquis in downtown Atlanta with a party Wednesday evening and people dressed on roles as **Lucy B. Allen**, first Pilot International President elected at convention 1922; Elizabeth **Leonard**, Founded Pilot in Macon, GA October 16, 1921 and **Pearl Sparks** of Florence, AL wrote the Pilot Code of Ethics first presented in 1926 at the 5th Annual Pilot International Convention held in Montgomery, AL with 69 Pilots attending.

All Clubs will be receiving information about a Founder's Day Program.

A PI Cookbook (last done 50th Anniversary) with 1,000 recipes in 8 categories is in the works to be available at next year's convention in Chicago. Each Club will be allowed a set number of recipe submissions...keep it simple.

PI Award Winners and Anchor Award Winners were announced. You may note that the PC of Madison County placed in the top three internationally in 4 categories: Outstanding Community Service Pilot Award, Outstanding Club Visibility Award, Pick Me Up Award, and Outstanding Pilot Club Award.

We Pilots were thrilled with the announcement of the Lifetime Achievement Award which went to Gary Jarvis, Co-Pilot of Pat Jarvis (Elberton, GA) 2009 -2010 Past Pilot International President. Gary Jarvis has always had a great personality and interaction skills. He was very ill this last year and, in his comments, stated that "the doctor said I wasn't going to make it, but he didn't tell me and God" with Christmas he was a "walking miracle", then a birthday in February, Father's Day in mid-June and now Pilot International Convention.

Anchors chaired a Panel for questions and answers.

PI bestowed an Honorary Pilot status to Susan Conners of the Brain Injury Association of America.

Incoming PI President Karen Cupit presented her vision for 2018 - 2019 with focus on New Member Orientation and Mentoring (see new manual on PI website); Growth and issued a Presidential Challenge for each Club to increase by 15% and each District by 1 Club by adding diversity and asking people/not saying "No" for them; Expansion in the U.S. and Internationally; BrainMinders™ (see also Spring 2018 Pilot Log article); Revenue Development; Anchor and creation of both Anchor Alumni Association and Compass Clubs (existed in past and noted can be campus or community based); 100th Anniversary; and mentioned her favorite quote by John Wesley "Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as you can."

The Co-Pilots, led by Gary Jarvis, sang their specially created song to outgoing PI President Faith Stamps.

Fundraising for the Bob King Scholarship Fund raised \$11,700 which allowed \$5,700 to the Fund and numerous money prizes ranging from \$50 to \$1,000 to be awarded to ticket holders.

The Fundraising Committee (Dolly's Dollars, Wildhorse Saloon and Grand Ole Opry) raised \$30,132.

Saturday afternoon I attended two workshops. The first was "Leadership: Advancing to the next Level" presented by Judy Jackson. She referred to the PI website to see qualifications for position opportunities at the District, State and International levels of Pilot. Suggestions for getting more Club members to attend District Convention (April) and Fall Council (October) included Club paying for registrations and mileage and carpool (Note Oconee does). It was also suggested to get together socially outside of the Club (Note Oconee does Fun, Food and Flicks).

The second workshop was "Attracting and Engaging Younger Members" by Ariel Ellis. She started with a quiz that demonstrated that stereotypes don't always match individuals and cautioned us that we need to start by stopping unconscious stereotypes and biases. We need to diversify recognize and use methods that appeal to multiple generations. Intergenerational leadership matters for Organizational Success and Sustainability; Advancement and Retention; Personal Achievement and Work - Life Balance; and Diversity and Inclusion (gear more activities that younger members are interested in; invite younger relatives to Pilot; flexible and short-term projects; mentor and give credit to them; use all forms of communication; be both relevant and transparent).

Saturday evening there was the receiving line for the Executive Committee and the much-anticipated Installation Banquet. Karen Cupit's two nieces provided entertainment by singing during the meal. The dinner was good and the dessert (four sampler) was delicious. The Installation went smoothly and we ended the evening with the Code of Ethics read by both Pat and Gary Jarvis.

Sunday morning found all kinds of partings and good byes as the mass exodus of Pilots progressed.



It was all about being awesome at Convention



A heart felt thank you to all who joined the Thrive Residents for the paint party. The number of residents was small but they enjoyed the attention from their Pilot friends. Watch for the fun planned for the activities next year. Elaine delivered 250+ magazines this month.



Our June installation at Thrive Assisted Living was well attended. We look forward to a new and exciting Pilot Year.





President Donna is ready to lead us to a harmonious Pilot year with her conductor's baton. 2018-2019



Abby Smith, NOHS graduate, was the recipient of the Lynda Goodwin Volunteer Scholarship. She and her parents, Kip and Marian Smith, were guests at the June Business Meeting.



Pilot Officers: L-R, Donna Macpherson , President; Darlene Adams, President Elect; Rosa Hall, Recording Secretary; Cathy Moorehead, Treasurer; Jane Reese, Corresponding Secretary, Directors Lavonne Lockwood, Judy Marable and Rosanne Smith (not pictured)



Pilot Charter Emeritus member Ann Giles passed away June, 10, 2018.

Contributions may be made to the Judy Giles Memorial Scholarship Fund at Antioch Christian Church, P.O. Box 1273, Watkinsville, GA 30677.

Pilot Birthdays

April Few July 11
Mary Mattocks July 22

Our 5K Race sponsors were invited to our June Business Meeting. Six sponsors were able to attend: Cyndee Moore, UNG; Joy Elder, JTE Rentals; Sandra Glass, Oconee Timber Holders; Kathy Reising, G. Michael Smith & Associates, CPAs; Katie, Roll Off Systems; Lori Peterson, Bank South.



Katie



Lori



Member's News

Pam, Doc, daughter Kristen and three teenagers ventured to Topsail Beach, North Carolina for a nice week. After returning home on Thursday evening Pam had daughter Kim and husband Rick plus two dogs from Ft Myers, Florida arrive then Marine grandson Josh from Virginia Beach arrive all to stay a week. We had planned a surprise birthday party for grandson Noah who turned twenty on July 2nd. Lots of fun!

Anna's family (Matt, Madi, Andrew, and I) and parents (Harry and Deborah Martin) at Cooperstown Dream Park in NY during June 8-14th. Andrew's 12U baseball team got a certificate to go and play ball there for a week. We got to visit the Baseball Hall of Fame along with other sightseeing. While it was in the 90's here---it was in the 50-60's where we were! It was so beautiful up there and experience of a lifetime for him play ball in this tournament.

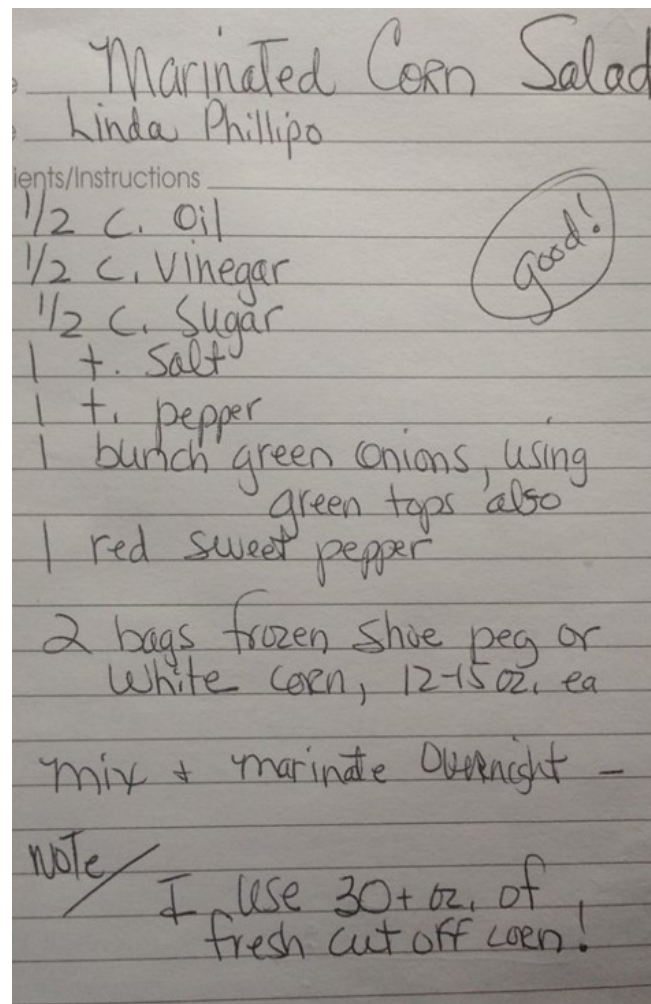


Dennise enjoyed a working "staycation" at Jack's house, during which she handled a NY probate matter and still managed to: have a Mario Badescu facial, meet Martha Stewart, walk the Brooklyn Bridge, see Steely Dan play on the site of the 1969 "Woodstock" festival, enjoy a high goal match at the Greenwich Polo Club and of course do a little shopping in Manhattan.



Rosa and Freeman enjoyed a visit to Warm Spring geocaching.

Pam Crawford shared a recipe that she received from a church friend.



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MemberClicks!

We are excited to welcome you to our new Pilot International Membership Portal. Powered by our new vendor MemberClicks, this site will help with the work of keeping our membership connected. With social networking support, simple tools for staying in touch, space for sharing documents and photos and resources to support committees, we can use it to help market Pilot International and highlight our great work being done. In addition, this site will be the workhorse that collects member dues and supports Convention registration and payment.