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President Mary

Everything is beginning to take shape for the new Pilot year, beginning July 1, 2015.

It's been an honor to have served as President of this fantastic group. I know you will give Rosa the support in the coming year that you have given me the past year.

Thank you, thank you!

In Friendship and Service,
Mary

Pilots,

Here we are getting ready to have our last business meeting of the 2014-2015 Pilot year. What a wonderful time it has been. Our club has accomplished everything we planned for this year—and much, much more.

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Projects Division



Coordinators

Judy Marable & June McKenzie

The projects division will conclude this fiscal year keeping Pilot members busy serving our community! The members who volunteered at the Memorial Day celebration had an opportunity to see first-hand the significance of the work the Oconee Veteran's Foundation is doing for Oconee County! The crowd was standing room only! The weather was perfect! Red, white and blue showcased the patriotic attendees! Pilots directed traffic, distributed programs, sold commemorative coins, welcomed the guests at the registration table, and assisted families to find their loved ones' names on the new Memorial. How fortunate we are to be able to support this group as they honor the individuals who have served our country!



Our final project will be a Summer Kick-off Luau at Highland Hills on Jennings Mill Road on Friday, June 12 @ 2 PM. Gina, the activities coordinator, is planning the games for us and we are providing the leis, paper products and supplies for lime sherbet floats, and festive umbrellas for the drinks. Highland Hills is providing the fruit for the fruit cups. We will keep you posted, but we should plan to arrive no later than 1:45 for the first party. There won't be a lot of tables or chairs to set up for these parties. We will combine both groups in the Memory Care areas so we will have only two parties this month. Please continue to check your email for additional updates for this event on June 12. The sign-up sheet for this party will be available at our June meeting.

June will provide us with additional details for the installation dinner at our meeting. We look forward to planning a festive evening for everyone.



Pilot Calendar

- 6/16/15 Installation
- 6/23/15 Executive Board Meeting
- 7/8-12/15 PI Annual Convention
- 7/21/15 Business Meeting



Karen Finnerty: June 16
Donna MacPherson: June 20



Member News

June and Dennis ate at a covered dish on May 3 at Bishop Methodist.

June hosted the bridge club on May 6th with Gayle Christopher, Jan Thomas, and Gwen Greenway.

May 7th Dennis and June ate at Logan's Roadhouse Grill with 17 residents of Sterling Mill Subdivision.

Darlene Adams and I met at her house to work on the Membership Plan of Works on May 13th and later that day June hosted the Women's group from Bishop UMC where they watch the ending of "Women of the Bible".

May 15, June's birthday, Dennis carried her out to Cararba's for dinner.

May 20th was bridge at Gayle Christopher's house where she served a wonderful lunch.

May 21 a group of neighbors went to Cheddar's for lunch.

June and Dennis traveled to McDonough to celebrate a 50th wedding anniversary for Ron and Tonya McKenzie, Dennis' brother and sister-in-law. They traveled to Conyers to celebrate their niece, Lane Powell, graduate from Salem High School. She will be in Watkinsville to go to college in the fall. They attended the Veteran's Day at the Park and also helped to celebrate Alexandra Baxter's 80th birthday with their family at Hilltop Grill May 30th.

Pam & Doc would like to thank all who have prayed for our daughter Kim after her attack by a neighborhood pit bull. She is a

strong person and is improving each day. She has weeks to go before her arm will be healed and keep praying for no infections.

Pam has been working with other classmates of OCHS Class of 1965 on their 50th Class Reunion and the Oconee County Schools Alumni Banquet. It has been lots of work but great to get reacquainted and work together. Pam & Doc will also host the party for her class on Friday night before the alumni banquet.

Jan and Jimmy enjoyed a BBQ dinner with members at their antique car club meeting on May 9. Jan enjoyed playing bridge with Gayle, June and Gwen Greenway at June's home on the 6th and later in the month Gayle hosted a bridge luncheon for them. Always good food and good fun when these ladies get together.

Jan and Mary enjoyed "catching up" with lunch at Loco's.

Jan and Jimmy celebrated their 12th anniversary on May 24. Jimmy is improving slowly from back surgery but still having a lot of back pain.

Kim ran two 10k, 6 miles, on May 9: Madison in May in Madison, GA and one on May 16 the Marigold Festival 10k which is one of Georgia's oldest 10k races. Please pray for my cousin's baby Bella Smith she is currently in Egleston Children's Hospital with health problems. Bella was born on March 7, 2015. My cousin's name is Missy Smith.

Gayle and a friend went to Biltmore House to see the Downton Abby wardrobe collection that is traveling the country. She recognized several of the dresses. Asheville is a fun place to visit as well. The restaurants are great and the chocolate shops are pretty good too.

Joy attended a bridal shower for a church member on the afternoon of May 2. She received many beautiful and functional gifts!

On May 4, Joy attended the annual stockholder's meeting for Oconee State Bank. As usual, the refreshments were beautiful AND delicious!

Joy and a friend enjoyed 5 days visiting in Santa Fe, Taos, and Albuquerque, New Mexico during May. The scenery was beautiful and interesting, the history was fascinating, the New Mexican food was great – “Do you want red or Green?” was asked each time when taking our orders for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Red chili sauce is VERY hot but good! New Mexico was the 47th U.S. State Joy has visited – one off the bucket list, and 3 States to go!!!!

Joy got another good report from her Hand Doctor at her May appointment – nothing is new and nothing has digressed.

Classmates from the OCHS Class of '63 met at Outback during May for a get-together lunch... Good food and wonderful fellowship. It was GREAT to have Ann Parrish Ferguson back with us!

Joy attended the NE Region Workshop in Winder on May 16 and enjoyed a fun cook-out in celebration of the UGA Graduation of John Collins. He will be teaching High School Vocational Agriculture in Lee County, GA this fall.

On May 17, Joy enjoyed celebrating the 2nd birthday of Collins Ava Wilson of Nicholson. She is the Granddaughter of Martha Jo and Mark Collins.

Joy and Doris Rusgrove enjoyed their monthly visits with Rachel G. Sims and Melba Garrett during May.

The Celebration of Memorial Day with the dedication of phase 2 of the Oconee Veteran's Memorial at Oconee's Veteran's Park was very moving and so well-attended, too!

Bethabara Widows dined at Rachel's in late May.

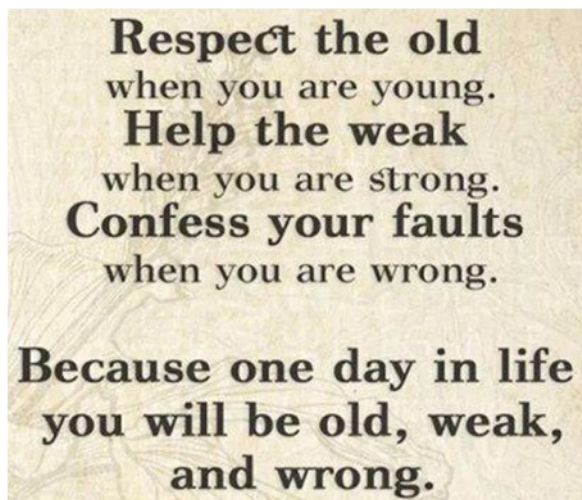
The Opening reception of the annual Member's exhibit at OCAF was well-attended and the artwork was wonderful, as usual. So many talented people in our area of Georgia.

Joy enjoyed the musical presentation, meal, and auction at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on May 31.

Rosa and Freeman enjoyed a spectacular May. Both of their children graduated: Alison with a doctor of pharmacy and Steven, magna cum laude, with a MFA in medals.



Rosa, Freeman along with Ed and Shelby Wiezorek enjoyed a relaxing weekend in Gatlinburg listening to the Gaither Family Fest in the Smokies.





The spring 2015 edition of the geography newsletter is dedicated to a special alumna: Mrs. Elaine Collier Neal (M.A. 1969 Geography), whose gifts in a single year have impacted the department in profound and on-going ways. In the past year:

- Elaine initiated, and largely funded, the restoration of the iconic geophysical globe on the second floor of the Geography-Geology Building.
- She provided a magnanimous gift to support events in honor of her mentor Louis De Vorsey in conjunction with the SEDAAG conference. Her gift brought a renowned scholar to deliver the keynote address that opened the conference. It also provided festive hospitality for all attendees and guests at the UGA Special Collections Library.
- Elaine also established a permanent endowment to commemorate Dr. De Vorsey, in perpetuity. The Louis De Vorsey endowment will generate funding on an annual basis to offer research and career-building opportunities to our students and faculty.

She gave a grand piano to the Music Department in memory of Richard. As you read details about the SEDAAG meeting and the restoration of the globe, I hope you will join me in saying “thank you” to Elaine. Her generosity is deeply appreciated and truly inspiring.

Chocolate Cheesecake (submitted by June McKenzie)

1 graham cracker crust
2-8 oz. pkg. cream cheese
1 ½ cups sugar
1/3 cup cocoa
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla flavoring

Cream cheese and add the rest of the ingredients until smooth. Pour in to crust. Bake at 375 degrees f or 35-45 minutes. Cool.

Topping: 1 cup sour cream, 1 tsp. vanilla, 2 tbl. sugar. Mix together and top the pie that is cool.



Pilots,

Thank you for all the articles, pictures, recipes, news, etc. that you have contributed to our Pilot Spokes this year. I would not be able to publish a quality newsletter without the help of everyone.

Keep up the good work for 2015-2016,
Rosa