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President Rosa

Dear Pilots,

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for a wonderful Pilot year. We have shown our community that we *Do More, Care More & Be More*.

We have had many opportunities to help in our community. We participated with Artists with DisAbilities, The Cottage, Highland Hills parties, Walton EMC grant for iPods for Highland Hills, presented Brainminders™ puppet shows to OC kindergarteners and presented helmets to needy children, donated money and flowers to ESP Big Hearts Pageant, and helped at Relay for Life bank night.

Membership has been very busy this year with eight new members. Share Pilot was a total success along with the participation in two First Fridays in downtown Watkinsville. Quarterly Pick-me-ups have been distributed. Magazines have been distributed to hospitals. We have been an active member of the Chamber of Commerce and even sponsored a Chamber of Commerce Coffee.

Fundraising has been a success this year, again. Lots of people in the community were happy that we once again had the Italian Dinner. The Pilot Chase 5K was well attended and we had several new sponsors this year.

Let's make 2016-2017 an even better Pilot year.

In Pilot service and friendship,
Rosa



Pilot Calendar President Elect Donna

We are winding down our 2015 -2016 Pilot year and gearing up for 2016 -2017 with our Georgia District Governor Cynthia Spearman's theme of "Soaring into Service" using the (ruby throated) hummingbird image.

Our Club's Divisions have come up with great ideas, activities and plans. The Budget Committee will meet Thursday, June 16th and the new Executive Board will meet Tuesday, June 28th. Our new Club Officers will be installed Tuesday, June 21st, and a catered meal will be served.

I will be representing the Club at the Pilot International Convention in Montreal July 6-10. Club member, Joy Elder, will also be attending. Club members may want to start planning now to attend the PI Convention July 2017 which will be held in Las Vegas. Attending the International Convention shows you the "bigger picture" of Pilot's impact not just in home communities and states but all over the world.

The Executive Board and I are looking forward to working together with all our current members and new members joining the Club to make 2016 -2017 another great year for the Pilot Club of Oconee County.



Our division is also working on a gala officer installation event to be held on June 21 in the lovely Thrive dining room. More information will be forthcoming at the June meeting.

It's never too early to begin thinking about new members for our Pilot Club so please consider friends and family members who have a desire to serve. We are looking for men and women who have an altruistic vent and possess a strong level of commitment.

To those whom you identify, begin talking up Pilot and the upcoming Share Pilot event in September. Together...we are Pilot strong!



Membership Division

Coordinators

June McKenzie & Darlene Adams



June is "busting out all over" and we are excitedly planning the Chamber of Commerce breakfast for June 1. We will take this opportunity to share with the Chamber Exchange group, our Pilot Club purpose and projects.



Pilot Calendar

- 6/16 Highland Hills Party
- 6/21/16 Officer Installation
- 7/6-10/16 PI Convention



Karen Finnerty: June 16
Donna MacPherson: June 20



Member's News

Gayle and Jimmy saw the play Beautiful, the Carol King Story, in Atlanta. A very entertaining show with lots of good music. While in Atlanta they visited the Botanical Gardens where the Dale Chihuly Glass Exhibit is on display. A very nice exhibit.

June celebrated her 75th birthday in Pensacola, Florida where she and Dennis went to 2 baseball games at the Blue Wahoo stadium on the bay playing the Mississippi Braves farm team. They saw the Blue Angels practice one day and ate lots of seafood. June enjoyed the beach and read books which was a perfect way to spend a birthday. June thanks all who sent cards to her.

Bebe says that on June 1, we opened the doors at Thrive Assisted Living and Memory Care and moved in our first residents. Yeah! My youngest daughter, Staley, graduated from North Oconee High School on May 21 and will be going to GCSU in the fall.

Friday, May 13th, Donna enjoyed attending the Bishop Town Supper along with her sister Sheila, niece Bella, brothers Alan and Bruce, and Bruce's girlfriend June. It was good to see everyone and get to meet and speak with some of the locals running for political offices.

Saturday, May 14th, Donna and newer Club member, Lavonne Lockwood, attended the NE Region Leadership Workshop in Royston. It was well organized, informative and jointly hosted by "rival" Pilot Clubs, Lavonia and Royston-Franklin Springs, along with the PC of Hartwell. Ann Adams was honored for her 60 years of Pilot service.

Donna's brother, Alan, finished his radiation therapy Wednesday, May 25th. They are very thankful to God and to the wonderful physicians and staff at the Georgia Regents University Hospital. They look forward to his continued recovery and to spending less time traveling to/from Augusta.

Thursday, June 2nd, Donna visited the Bishop Farmers Market season opening day (Thursdays 4 - 7, corner of Hwy 441 and Old Bishop Road near gazebo). She bought a lovely, big cabbage, bag of green beans, and squash (Ms. Joyce Bennett) and ordered a fresh baked coconut pie for next week (Ms. Colin Lee).

Joy attended the annual stockholders meeting of Oconee State Bank on May 2. Retiring President, Amrey Harden, gave a wonderful historical speech about his many years working for Oconee State Bank and the many changes, innovations, improvements and the growth of the bank during his tenure. As usual the refreshments were wonderful, selected from various caterers, sweet shops, delis, and other food outlets in the Athens/Oconee area.

Joy accompanied Pilot Dennise Grayson to Senior Honors Night at North Oconee High School. Dennise presented a GA Pilot Foundation Lynda Goodwin Volunteer Scholarship to Haley Grable, who received many other scholarships, academic and sports awards that evening as well as being named Salutatorian of the class of 2016! Haley is truly an outstanding student, gifted athlete, and an amazing person who will go far in this world!

Joy and a friend dined at Krimson Café for lunch during May. The food was tasty and fresh as always.

Joy and a fellow Salvation Army Auxiliary member enjoyed lunch and 'catching up' at Cheddars in early May.

Marge's celebration of life was an inspiring and very personal tribute to Marge and her life. We will all miss her in our Pilot Club.

Joy joined the Collins, Wilson, and Wood families for a Mother's day meal and celebration at the Collins home on the Saturday afternoon before Mother's Day.

The last Beyond Basketball hosted by UGA Women's Basketball Coach Joni Taylor was held on May 11 at the Downtown Holiday Inn. A nice breakfast and a good program were enjoyed and everyone was happy with Coach Taylor's news that she and hubby Darius are expecting a baby

girl in early November. She said that Darius has already told her that he will not be able to discipline a baby girl because she will be too sweet to need it!

Joy and another Sunday Bible Study classmate took a meal to new parents – Beth and Tiny Mitchem during the week after their first child, Judd, arrived.

The Girls of '63 met at La Parilla for lunch during May. 8 members attended and lots of laughter and sharing was enjoyed along with the food.

Joy attended the wake of Mrs. Trudie Giles, Mother of our club's former member and President, Ginger Randall.

Joy attended a 3-year-old's birthday party at the Athens/Clarke Trail Creek Park where the kids enjoyed a water feature called a splash pad, which was much safer than watching 3-year-olds in a pool!!

Mildred Bell treated Joy (and herself) to lunch at Cracker Barrel paying with a gift card she won as a door prize at the Oconee State Bank Stockholder's meeting.

Joy and a friend dined at Longhorn Steak House in mid-May. We had an enjoyable time together and the salmon salad was yummy!

Joy attended a graduation party for Katie Beth Bray, a 2016 honor graduate of North Oconee, hosted by her family after the 9 AM graduation was held at the UGA coliseum. Lots of nice gifts, beautiful decorations, yummy food, and family and friends enjoyed celebrating with her. She is going to Mary Harden – Baylor College near Waco, Texas this fall.

Bethabara widows group had a fine country-cooking meal at Strickland's in May.

Joy spent the night of May 27 – 29 at her Hiawassee home. While there, she attended the celebration of life service for a friend and neighbor, B. J. Peters, who succumbed four months after the diagnosis of a brain tumor.

The Athens Area Salvation Army Auxiliary held its quarterly meeting at the Athens Country Club on May 31. We will be having a fashion show/silent auction/luncheon on Tuesday, August 23, at the Athens Country Club. The fashions modeled will be from Sonya Says on Prince Ave. See Joy if you would like to purchase a ticket: Cost is \$50 and funds raised will be used for shelter programs of the Salvation Army in Athens.

Rosa and Freeman spent the weekend with son

Steven and his wife Mary Catherine in Durham, NC recently.

Rosa, Freeman and another couple enjoyed the Gaither Family Fest in Gatlinburg, TN over the Memorial Day weekend.



KEY LIME CAKE (June McKenzie)

2 1/3 cups plain flour
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoons baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cups sugar
1 cup butter
5 large eggs
Juice and zest from 4 limes
1 pkg. lime jello
1 cup buttermilk

Oven: 350° F. Grease 2 9-inch or 3 8-inch pans and flour. Mix flour, baking powder, soda, salt and jello in a pan. Set aside. In a large bowl cream sugar and butter until fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time. Mix well after each addition. Mix in juice. Alternate adding flour mixture and buttermilk. Mix on low after each addition until just combined. Hand stir in Key lime zest. Pour into pan. While hot and still in the pan, I poured a mixture of 1/3 cup lime juice and 1/3 cup 4X sugar on top. Bake 25-30 minutes until toothpick comes out clean. Cool in pans. Allow to cool completely before frosting. (I froze mine)

CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

1 cup toasted pecans
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 stick butter
1 box 4X sugar
1 8-oz. cream cheese softened
Mix and spread on cake. I saved some zest to put on top.

Breakfast Cookies (Donna MacPherson)

2 Medium Ripe Bananas, mashed
1/4 Cup Chocolate Chips
1 Cup Uncooked Quick Oats
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray non-stick baking spray on baking sheet. Mix oatmeal into mashed bananas then blend in chocolate chips. Drop by tablespoons onto baking sheet and bake for about 15 minutes and enjoy warm from the oven.