

Oconee Spokes



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President Rosa

Dear Pilots,

February was a very busy month for Pilot activities. We were sad that member Millie Suttles chose to resign from the club in good standing for health reasons. We will miss her smiling face and helpful ways.

We provided flowers bouquets for ESP's Big Hearts Pageant. Judy Murrow picked up the flowers on Friday and 7 pilots were on hand Saturday to arrange the bouquets. We certainly missed Marge during this endeavor.

Projects sponsored a Valentine's tea at Highland Hills Memory Care Unit. The ladies loved the special treats and hot tea. Nine Pilots were able to attend this festive project.

Projects treated the kindergarteners at HSES and CRES to the BrainMinders'© Puppet show. Three Pilots helped at HSES and there were four Pilots at CRES. There will be two more puppet shows in March. It really helps to have at least four Pilots presenting the puppet show.

We are all set to begin meeting at Watkinsville First Christian Church. The Board will meet in one of the Sunday school rooms and leave the Fellowship hall free for set-up. The closet is all organized and neat. Let's work hard to keep it neat

and not store odds-and-ends of paper products or decorations that will not be used for an extended period of time.

Keys will be distributed to the Executive Board and 1 set to each division. Please do not make copies of the keys. The keys are labeled so that they can be passed on to the next person accepting the positions.

Please be gathering ideas for activities for our next Pilot year. We will have our planning meeting on April 19.

In Pilot Friendship,
Rosa



Projects Division

Coordinator: Judy Murrow



Projects has been extra busy this month with the flower bouquets for ESP's Big Hearts Pageant, a Tea at Highland Hills and two puppet shows. A huge thank you to everyone that was able to help with these projects.



Pilots: Judy Murrow, Elaine Neal, Ann Giles, Jane Reese, Darlene Adams, Rosa Hall and Judy Marable, not pictured, helped arrange the bouquets.



ESP posted this picture of the flowers on their instagram account.



Pilots helping at the Highland Hills Valentine Tea: Judy Murrow, Ann Giles, Darlene Adams, Rosa Hall, Nancy Watkins, Joy Elder, Gayle Christopher, Bebe Reed, Judy Marable. The residents were served cookies, cheese straws, strawberries, tea sandwiches and hot tea. Each resident also received a Valentine card from the Pilot Club.



Darlene Adams portrayed Brandi at the puppet show at CFES with Sandra Glass and Rosa Hall acting as the puppeteers. New member Lavonne Lockwood was the photographer.



Sally Shepard, from The Cottage, spoke to the club about the focus of their program and the number of clients they serve during a typical year. She thanked us again for our monetary contribution and donations we collected for their program.



Membership Division

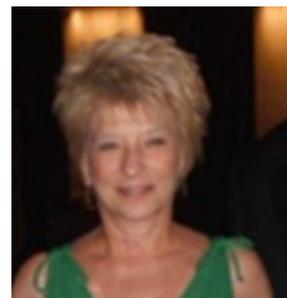
*Coordinators
June McKenzie & Darlene Adams*

A favorite 1960's musical, Finian's Rainbow, relates a tale of a Leprechaun's pot of gold, a rainbow and a dream. Adopting this St. Patrick's Day theme, we also look for the rainbow so that we find our own Pilot pot of gold. That pot of gold would be our new members and their contributions to our community!

How can I welcome new members and get to know them?

1. Wear your name tag to every meeting.
2. Come to the monthly meetings at 6:30 to "eat and greet".
3. Engage in conversation.
4. Sit at different places in the meetings.
5. Assimilate new members into division activities.

You are cordially invited to the March 15 Pilot Informational Dinner at 7 P.M. Our N.E. Regional Lt. Governor, Jenni Overbey, will be our guest. Our dinner will be catered by Piccolo's, we will enjoy a fun game and have some door prizes. This year's sponsors of new members should plan to personally contact new members to strongly encourage their attendance.





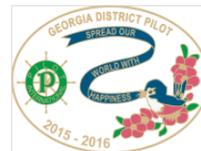
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I am Lavonne Lockwood, and I am new to the Watkinsville area. My husband Fred and I moved here from Jesup, Georgia in January of 2015. I retired from my teaching career that same month. We had been here for three months when Fred was called to his heavenly home. We have two sons and when they married we were blessed with two daughters. Daniel and Nichole live in Nashville with their three little ones. Ben and Sarah live in Athens with their puggle! I am a member of Grace Fellowship and have become involved in several ministries of the church. The Lord opened up an opportunity for me to be able to stay involved in the lives of little ones by substituting in the Clarke county Pre- K classes. It is the best of both worlds, I get to love them and then leave them!!

When Darlene invited me to come to a Pilot meeting I didn't know anything about the organization. I was very impressed with the friendliness and welcome you extended to me. When I learned more about the opportunities to serve in the community I knew I would like to be a part of it. I typically am not impressed to join an organization, but I saw that you were much more than a "social" gathering. Thank you for allowing me to be a part and I feel blessed to serve with you.

Pilot Calendar

- 3/15/16 Official Visit/Pilot Info Meeting
- 4/16 Relay for Life Bank Night
- 4/16 Project Lifesaver Pick-Me-Up
- 4/8-10: District Convention
- 5/30/16 Memorial Day at OVP
- 6/16 Highland Hills Party
- 6/21/16 Officer Installation



Georgia Pilot Foundation Fundraisers

Anchor Club and Lydna Goodwin
 Volunteer Scholarships
 Drawing held at District Convention
 Tickets \$10 each or 4/\$20

Dimes into Dollars

Raggle for one week stay at Sky Valley
 Resort: tickets \$5 each or 5/\$20



Marge Saar: Mar. 8
 Randy Christian: Mar. 22
 Ann Giles: Mar. 25
 Sandra Glass: Mar. 25



Member's News

February has been another busy month for June and Dennis McKenzie. The first week in February brought us two concerts. The Hugh Hodgson Choir brought us beautiful music for Valentine's Day and the end of the week brought the String of Pearls traveling orchestra to Hugh Hodgson Hall with more Valentine music of the 40's and 50's.

Our bridge club re-started after holiday break and some illness with two days of bridge at Gayle Christopher's and Jan Thomas's. We got caught up on our news and played some cards.

Jan Thomas and June were fortunate to be able to visit with Myrtice Kilpatrick while Doc and Pam had a little break.

June helped with the puppet show at High Shoal's Elementary.

Sterling Mill had a covered dish dinner on Feb. 4th with an Italian meal and then went later in the month to Olive Garden with the Lunch Bunch.

February 19th the Athens Emergency Food Bank board was presented with a Congressional Commendation by Congressman Jody Hice for its 35 years of outstanding service to the Athens Community. June has been on the board for 14 years and worked in the food bank since retiring from teaching. It is located on Barber Street and was begun by Mayor Nancy Densen who is still on the board.

June and Dennis were able to see Dennis's great nephew, Cody Powell, play baseball for Rockdale Co. School against Oconee Co. where Oconee beat Rockdale. Dennis's family stayed with them overnight and they went to see Rockdale Co High play Discover Mills



Samuel Perry, Helen Parrish scholarship recipient, and Joy Elder, scholarship chairman

Samuel, a graduate of OCHS, was the 2015-2016 recipient of the Helen Parrish scholarship. He is enrolled at UNG.

Pilots,

Please update your information for Kate Bergen. Kate recently moved.

Kate Bergen
 330 Great Oaks Drive
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High in the Gwinnett Braves stadium where Rockdale won 11 to 1. It was a fun weekend.

Gayle enjoyed a Roadrunners Trip to the Bremen Museum in Atlanta. This museum houses Jewish history in Atlanta as well as a Holocaust section. We listen to a Holocaust survivor give an account of his childhood during this time. Very interesting and moving. The speaker had a very positive attitude which probably gave him the strength to survive and grow into a college educated individual. Fascinating stuff!

Jan, June and Gwen Greenway enjoyed an afternoon of bridge at the home of Pilot Gayle and later in the month Jan hosted the group at her home.

Jan and Pilot Jane enjoyed a "catching up" lunch at Cheddars.

Jan and June enjoyed visiting with Myrtice for a couple of hours while Pam and Doc were away on their anniversary trip.

Jan and Pilot Mary had lunch at Loco's.

Jan and Jimmy attended their car club meeting where they were having their annual soup and chili contest. Out of ten entries, Jan won the first place trophy for her Chicken Chili.

Joy and a friend enjoyed a concert of Benny Goodman music at The UGA Performing Arts Center in early February.

The February Beyond Basketball networking group sponsored by Joni Taylor, UGA Women's Basketball Coach was well attended: A good breakfast buffet and an interesting speaker were both enjoyable.

The "girls of OCHS Class of 1963 enjoyed a meal and delightful time together at one of the restaurants in Epps Bridge Centre in mid-February. Got to celebrate the engagement of one of our 'girls'!"

Joy attended the annual UGA Scholarship Luncheon held at the Tate

Center on campus on Feb 13.

Joy enjoyed treating a longtime friend and former High School student to lunch at The Olive Garden late in the month. Each of us tried new menu items which were both delicious!

The 39 annual FACS (formerly The School of Home Economics at UGA) awards luncheon on Feb. 20. Current FACS students displayed research projects that had worked on, and were there to discuss their findings with attendees, too. Nice luncheon and interesting program.

Pilots Dennise and Joy had a couple of fun and interesting evenings during the month: We attended a special evening of information, demonstrations, games, and tasty foods at the office of Pittman Plastic Surgery. All we had to "pay" to attend was to donate hygiene items for Project Safe! Fabulous door prizes were available but so far, we have not heard that we won any of them!!! Another evening, we ventured to LRG, a restaurant in the former home of The 5 and 10 Restaurant in 5 Points, where The Last Resort Grill is open a few nights each week to test new menu items and serve as a training ground for the wait-staff. Our meals were each tasty and well-presented. We highly recommend trying this establishment!

Joy enjoyed the UGA Lady Dawgs game with a victory over Florida on Sunday, February 21, followed by a reception for the 5 Senior players, sponsored by the FastBreak Club. Lots of the player's family members were there and we all got to say or write notes of thanks to these wonderful players.

The Bethabara widows group had lunch at the Steak and Shake in February. Our plans were to eat at the Varsity, but 7 busloads of school kids got there just before we did and OVER filled the entire Restaurant!!!

Former Pilot Doris Rusgrove joined Joy for lunch followed by visits to former Pilot

Melba Garrett and Rachel Garrett Sims. Both ladies were doing well.

Special friends of Joy, Dradyn and Maylyn Hinson visited with her on Sunday, Feb 28. They had been in Athens over the weekend for Maylyn to get a look at the UGA Campus as she begins her college selection process.

The Lady Dawgs will be in Jacksonville, FL this week, playing in the SEC Tournament, in hopes of earning a spot in the NCAA Tournament!

The UGA Men's basketball Team has 2 more games in their season before the men's SEC Tournament in Nashville the second week of March--- Then it's MARCH MADNESS!!!!!!

Rosa and Freeman had an enjoyable weekend recently with all their 'kids'. Freeman and Steven enjoyed making pizza on Freeman's new Acorn grill.

Just One

One song can spark a moment
One flower can wake the dream
One tree can start a forest
One bird can herald spring
One handclasp lifts a soul
One star can guide a ship at sea
One word can frame the foal
One vote can change a nation
One sunbeam lights a room
One candle wipes out darkness
One laugh will conquer gloom
One step must start each journey
One word must start each prayer
One hope will raise our spirits
One touch can show you care
One voice can speak with wisdom
One heart can know what's true
One life can make the difference
That difference starts with you

Written by BJ Gallagher



Pilots putting away tables and chairs for the last time at the Watkinsville Community Center, where the pilots have been meeting.