

Oconee Spokes



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President Judy

Happy Charter Month! We were officially a club on March 27, 1979 and our sponsoring club was the Pilot Club of Winder, Inc. As I reflect on the 39 years of our club's existence in the community, I appreciate the dedication and determination of the group of charter members who worked deliberately to form our club and mold it into the success it is today. Many of those charter members continue to play a major role in our club's success. Our current growing membership continues to guide the members on a clear and charted path for community service.

Many Pilots enjoyed the "Fun, Food and Flick" event in February and Pilots continue to talk about the movie. A group of Pilots enjoyed attending a picnic hosted by the Monroe Pilot Club and our Brainminders™ group is busy traveling to our kindergarten classes to teach brain health and safety. Our membership division has an interesting evening planned for us on Tuesday, March 20 at the University of North Georgia. We can look forward to the fellowship with our members and our invited guests from neighboring clubs. Our Lieutenant Governor, Faye Worthen, will join us for the evening.

As we finish strong during the last third of our fiscal year, think about the impact you have made in our community as a member of Pilot Club. Consider taking a few minutes to celebrate our club's charter on March 27th. I think it would be a great day to celebrate with a cupcake or ice cream cone! Don't you agree?



Pilots attending the Monroe picnic: Judy Marable, East Central Lt. Governor Faye Worthen, Roas Hall, Lavonne Lockwood, Rosanne Smith, Lindy Lively, Donna MacPherson, and Jane Reese.

Membership Division
Coordinator
June McKenzie

4 Pilot members and 2 guests participated in "Fun, Food, and Flicks" for this quarter. There will be one more event in the last quarter of the year.

Membership has been working on the picnic for March 20th. Please sign up for 2 dishes of food that will feed 12-14 people. Remember to bring the food by 6 PM to the University of North Georgia, Student Resources Building, Room 522. The sign-up sheet will be at the business meeting. Please bring a serving spoon with the dish. Chicken, tea, and bread is being furnished by the club.

Door prizes are needed and if you have one, let June McKenzie know. Also, please tell the caller in each division if you plan to attend and if you plan to invite and bring someone. The date for letting June McKenzie know is March 13th.

The Lt. Governor will be at the dinner and maybe the Governor of Georgia District Pilot Club. When these people are introduced, please stand and clap. This should be a fun evening and it would be a great opportunity to bring a guest to

them what Pilot is all about.

Cyndee Moore has finalized the speaker for our March 20th picnic. Diane Brantley, a Board member for Lydia's Place, will be joining us to speak about this fairly new not-for-profit group. Many of you may know its founder – April Farlow – who wanted to speak but has another commitment that evening that she couldn't change. I think this will be an interesting and energizing program for the group.



Lydia's Place serves young adults age 14-26 who have experienced foster care or homelessness. Built on Christian principles, we seek to demonstrate God's love by providing basic needs during the transition to independent living.

Currently, Lydia's Place is working to fund an on-campus apartment at the University of Georgia to be used for emergency housing. Students in need of housing will be given a place to stay for up to two weeks while a more permanent housing plan is being established.

Our next step is to build or renovate a larger facility in order to provide housing to needful students from UGA as well as surrounding schools such as Athens Technical College, Piedmont College and University of North Georgia.



Violet Whitehead and Anna Gillespie were installed as Pilot Members by Membership Chair June McKenzie at the February meeting.

Lindy Lively is Violet Whitehead's sponsor and Cyndee Moore is Anna Gillespie's sponsor.

Fundraising Division
Coordinators
Joy Elder & Dennise Grayson

Members will vote at the next meeting for the date of our 2019 Pilot Chase, either Monday, MLK Day (January 21st) or Saturday, February 2nd. NOON Start time for both dates.

Also, awards left over from this year's race will be available for purchase at the meeting.

Look for our Thank You advertisement in The Oconee Enterprise!



The heart of Pilot is service and so...we give of ourselves to others with love and purpose. One of our signature projects that we deliver every year supports brain health and fitness. That project is a puppet show called Brainminders™. We perform this show for Oconee County kindergarten classes in all the public schools. In addition, kindergarten students who don't have safety helmets are given one from the Pilot Club of Oconee County. We also have a puppet show for senior citizens to encourage safety.

How fortunate we are to be instruments of delivery for the message of brain health and safety! The children and seniors love the puppet shows and respond enthusiastically.

We Brainminder™ puppeteers hope that you will join us next year to be a part of our show. You will be taking an active role in promoting brain health and fitness.

Projects Division
Coordinators

Jane Reese & Donna MacPherson

We have distributed a lot of magazines recently. Thanks Pilots for bringing us a regular supply. They are very much appreciated at our various distribution sites. Thanks especially to Elaine Neal and Jane Reese who coordinate and make most of the deliveries.



In addition to magazines, drinks and snacks (regular and sugar free/reduced) are delivered to the Veterans Clinic. Such small things that we bring in really are helpful nutritionally and help brighten the lives of those we touch with this outreach project.

We also need to recognize and thank another one of our own: one of our Club's cheerleaders and the voice of Miss Brandy, Darlene Adams for leading us with our Brainminders™ presentations. As the Brainminders™ would we give a hearty Hip, Hip Hurray, thumbs up and two snaps. Those of you who have not come to see or help perform the Brainminders™ puppet show have really missed out. Next year another school will be added to the rotation as Dove Creek elementary opens.



Sally Sheppard of The Cottage was the speaker at the February meeting. The Club donated 10 blankets along with snacks, journals and a monetary donation.



Georgia District

Doretta Broughton, Georgia Governor Elect, asked Cathy Moorehead to be one of her appointees for 2018-19. She will be the Fundraiser Appointee. They had a meeting in Macon recently and Cathy took some pictures of the International Office.



Scholarship News



Kai Blankenship pictured with Joy Elder is the UNG Spring semester recipient of the Helen Parrish Scholarship. Kia graduated from NOHS and is a freshman nursing student. She enjoys helping people and recognizes how nurses impact the lives of their patients.



Abby Smith, pictured with Joy Elder, Donna MacPherson and Vickie Hammond has been selected to compete for the Lynda Goodwin Scholarship offered by the Georgia District. She is taking classes at GA Tech in Environmental Engineering.

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Pilots, please bring your dimes to each meeting and place them in the GA District water bottle. A full bottle holds \$90.00. The money will be used for Pilot International Founders Fund Grants & Scholarships. We will donate the money at the District Convention in April.



You could become the proud owner of these beautiful, handpainted items for as little as a \$5 donation to Pilot International Founders Fund. Tickets will be available for purchase at our Pilot Club business meeting.



Member's News

Sandra is very excited to share her news: great granddaughter Bianca Rose was born Feb. 6th and great granddaughter Georgia Joy Elise was born on March 1st. The 2 mothers are daughters of Paula Glass Hoover.



Donna has enjoyed participating in the BrainMinders puppet shows, four out of five this year with the last one coming up March 6th.

She has been watching her niece a lot the past two weeks as her brothers have worked to replace the plumbing in the big white house (formerly known as The Bishop House) in anticipation of two new businesses moving in. A florist and a photography business will be opening soon.

When Mother died last July our youngest grandson Logan asked if we could plant a tree in her memory. He said it had to be a tree we did not already have in our yard. It had to be one of a kind, just like Nana!

Last week Logan went to Cofer's, choose a beautiful Coral Bark Japanese Maple, listened to employee as to planting instructions and came back here and planted. Logan is twelve and will always remember this.

He used this as an Ag project and wrote a paper which he'll turn in later this month! So proud!



Pilot Calendar

Mar. 20, 2018	Share Pilot Picnic/Info.
Apr. 3, 2018	Pilot Meeting
April 6-8, 2018	GA District Convention
May 1, 2018	Pilot Meeting
June 5, 2018	Pilot Meeting
June 19, 2018	Installation
6/27/18-7/1/18	PI Convention

Pilot Birthdays

Violet Whitehead	March 14
Ann Giles	March 25
Sandra Glass	March 25