

# Oconee Spokes



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**President Mary**

Where has the time gone this year? We are already winding up our 2014-2015 year and busy making plans for our 2015-2016 Pilot year. Divisions are working hard on preparing and finalizing their plans of work so that a new budget can start to be prepared soon.

Four Oconee Co. Pilots attended the District Convention and enjoyed it very much. I know I always learn something

more each year from attending these conventions. Much work is put into making convention a really nice event. I continue to be amazed by the hard working group of ladies we have in our club too. As President, I never have to worry --- things will always get done.

We are looking forward to several of us attending the Regional Workshop May 16 in Winder. It's an important meeting to attend for the incoming officers. It's an exciting time in the spring for Pilots as new ideas bloom just as the flowers bloom.

In Pilot Spirit,  
Mary



President Mary with the certificate for our donation of \$69.00 to PIFF at District Convention..



## *Projects Division*



*Coordinators*

*Judy Marable & June McKenzie*

We look forward to supporting the Memorial Day Recognition Ceremony on Monday, May 25 at the Oconee Veterans Park. Also, our last parties at Highland Hills for the Memory Care Units have been planned for Friday, June 12 at 2 PM.

The projects division would like to thank all the members for a memorable year of service.

How can we forget the fun, smiles and songs at the Christmas Party for the clients of Advantage Behavioral Programs? We supported ESP's Big Heart Pageant by providing beautiful bouquets of flowers for the group to sell at the pageant. What a great opportunity to support ESP! Parents attending the school-sponsored workshops had an opportunity to learn, support each other, and make connections with other parents while enjoying the lunch we provided. Our partnership with our local health department to sponsor a WIC baby shower made a difference for 5 young mothers and their newborns. Our Brain-minders™ programs offered all kindergarten students in our public schools positive messages about brain safety. Clients of Oconee Action benefited from our coffee and Windex donations. Our members pampered Project Lifesaver caregivers with baskets of goodies. Our partnership with Highland Hills' Memory Care Units gave opportunities for residents to enjoy refreshments and enjoy an afternoon visit with our club members! Last but not least, the collaboration with our local sheriff's office to maintain Project Lifesaver cannot be mini-



Donna, Joy, Rosa and Mary at the installation banquet at GA District Convention.



Joy, Mary, Donna and Rosa with the vase and butterflies at the Pilot Memorial Service for Emeritus Pilot Millie Berryman.

minimized! What wonderful opportunities to serve others! Oconee Pilot Club members have made a difference in the lives of many of our neighbors!



### Membership Division



*Coordinators  
Joy Elder & Sandra Glass*

We have had a very successful year having installed several new members. Many thanks go to all members for talking about Pilot to friends and the difference we make in the community. Begin thinking about others who may be interested in being a part of "service and friendship".



The Pilot Club of Oconee is getting off to a good start with their planning meeting on April 15. The Club enjoyed a Tea Party before they got down to the business of planning for 2015-2016.



Pilots hard at work making plans for the next Pilot year.



## Pilot Calendar

5/16/15 NE Region Workshop  
6/16/15 Installation  
7/8-12/15 PI Annual Convention



June McKenzie: May 15  
Connie Wheeler: May 17  
Dennise Grayson: May 28





**Watkinsville Community  
BLOOD DRIVE**

*Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Oconee  
County*

**Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>  
12 p.m. – 4 p.m.**

**@ The Watkinsville Community Center  
191 VFW Drive**

To make an appointment, please visit  
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
(sponsor code: rotarycoc) or call 1-800-  
Red-Cross.



## Member News

Gayle, Jimmy and long time friends visiting from Pennsylvania enjoyed a day in Dahlonega . They had a great meal at Smith House and visited the Gold Museum.

Dennise’s mother, Faye Grayson, will be 93 on May 13<sup>th</sup> and that the Harmonettes serenaded her and a few neighbors and friends on May 2<sup>nd</sup> as a birthday surprise.

Myrtice & Pam were guests at a special BBQ in honor of Mrs. Fay Grayson for her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday. The Harmonettes did a beautiful job with our own Pilot member Sandra Glass as one of the singers. It was a delightful event!

Pam & Doc enjoyed helping First Christian Church-Watkinsville with some of their Relay for Life activities. Pam sold \$1100 in tickets for the golf cart raffle and actually sold the winning ticket. Doc put himself out there with two other members and got pie in the face...but they raised \$660. It was a beautiful night for Relay with nice warm weather and a beautiful full moon. Lots of money was raised for such a great cause!

Pam & Doc have been very busy spreading three truck loads of bark in the huge day lily and iris bed, putting out many bales of straw, cutting back huge shrubs to the ground with chain saw and pulling weeds. Yards are looking good! Now just to sit back and relax!

Pam’s OCHS Class of 1965 is hosting the Oconee County Alumni Banquet this June 27<sup>th</sup> and plans are underway. Invitations will go out early May. If you are alumni and would like an invitation please let Pam know.

Joy enjoyed attending the GA District Pilot Convention in Norcross in early April.

Joy and former Oconee Pilot, Doris Rusgrove, enjoyed visiting Former Oconee Pilot Melba Garrett and her Sister-In-Law Rachel Garrett Sims at their respective Assisted Living homes during April.

Joy joined many others for the Celebration of Life reception and movie about Louise Shearon’s 101 years and 3 months on this Earth. It was a wonderful tribute to an amazing Lady and a dear and close friend of Joy’s.

Joy attended a baby shower for Ruth Collins Wilson in Nicholson on an April Sunday afternoon. She is expecting her second child, a boy, in late May.

Some of the ladies of the Class of ’63 at



OCHS enjoyed lunch together at Cheddar's in late April. Joy's first time there – I recommend the salmon.

Joy and former Oconee Pilot Ruth Parsons enjoyed catching up over lunch at J. Christopher's in late April.

Joy made it back to her house in Hiawassee April 29 – May 1. Azaleas, snowball bush, and Rhododendrons are in full bloom- grass is green, and the scenery from Joy's front covered deck is just beautiful!

Several days each week now Joy is walking on the inside track at the Veterans' Park – sure makes you feel better to get the heart rate up!

Rosa and Freeman had a busy weekend with Steven and Mary Catherine visiting for Alison's graduation. Alison graduated from UGA with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. She is a cum laude graduate.



Craig Edelen is now a resident of Silverleaf. He would love to receive cards and short messages (reading is becoming difficult for him).

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### **Triple-Chocolate Coffee Cake** Submitted by Rosa Hall

1 (18.25-oz.) package devil's food cake mix  
1 (3.9-oz.) chocolate instant pudding mix  
2 cups sour cream  
1 cup butter or margarine, softened  
5 large eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
3 cups semisweet chocolate morsels, divided  
1 cup white chocolate morsels  
1 cup chopped pecans, toasted

Beat first 6 ingredients at low speed with an electric mixer 30 seconds or just until moistened; beat at medium speed 2 minutes. Stir in 2 cups semisweet chocolate morsels; pour batter evenly into 2 greased and floured 9-inch square cake pans.

Bake at 350° for 25 to 30 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely in pans on wire racks.

Microwave white chocolate morsels in a glass bowl at HIGH 30 to 60 seconds or until morsels melt; stirring at 30-second intervals until smooth. Drizzle evenly over cakes; repeat procedure with remaining cup of semisweet morsels. Sprinkle cakes evenly with pecans.



### **Strawberry Cream Salad Dressing**

3/4 cup sour cream  
1/4 cup strawberry preserves  
3 tablespoons red wine vinegar  
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard

Place all ingredients into a blender jar and blend until creamy.