

Oconee Spokes



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President Rosa

Dear Pilots,

As we complete the work of our Pilot year, we need to continue attending both the monthly business meetings and the program meeting. According to our Standing Rules, Pilots should arrive on time and remain for the entire meeting unless, at the prerogative of the President, she/he is excused for a portion of the meeting because of extenuating circumstances. The President or Recording Secretary must be notified if a member must be excused from a meeting due to business reasons or family emergencies. Missed meetings

can be made up by following the guidelines set forth on page 17 of our Yearbook.

Although, it seems as if we have little to do for the remainder of this Pilot year, we are making lots of plans for our upcoming year. Each division has been busy planning. Fund Raising has new ideas on how to raise the funds needed to support our projects. Membership is busy with ways to increase and keep our membership. Projects is implementing new ideas and keeping some tried-and-true ideas that help our community. Please be an active member of the division you are a part of.

In closing, we will miss Marge with her enthusiasm and eagerness to spread Pilot love in our community. She has been an active part of our Pilot club for many years and her presence will be greatly missed. Please



keep her family in your thoughts as prayers as they celebrate her life on Saturday, May 7 at 11:00 am at the Catholic Center in Athens.

In Pilot love and friendship,
Rosa



President Elect Donna

Thank you Pilots for all your input during our Club's Plans of Work meeting on April 19th. For those Pilots that missed it there will be some new and innovative ideas for our 2015-2016 year. We are looking forward to another great year for the Pilot Club of Oconee County. A revised Club Divisions members list was emailed and hard copies will be available at the May Business Meeting.



**Membership Division
Coordinators**
June McKenzie & Darlene Adams

R U Nuts about Pilot?

Do you believe in giving your time, energy, and resources through Pilot to make our community better? If so...then share your passion with others who may have the same desire to serve. Who knows...they too may soon be "Nuts about Pilot"!

The Membership Division completes the "Pick Me Up" project by recognizing caregivers of our Project Lifesaver clients this quarter.

Donna MacPherson, Joy Elder and Gayle Christopher represented our club at the annual GA District Spring Conference. Thank you ladies.



Haley Grable was a recipient of the Lynda Goodwin scholarship for 2015-2016. Pictured L-R: Haley Grable, Jackie Jones, and Lynda Goodwin.

Pilot Calendar

5/30/16 Memorial Day at OVP
6/16 Highland Hills Party
6/21/16 Officer Installation



Member's News

Joy was among the 300 people who celebrated 100 years of the Salvation Army at a luncheon at the Classic Center in early April.

Joy enjoyed all the activities of the annual GA District Convention at the Atlanta NE Hilton. Cold meeting rooms are always par for the course, but warm fellowship, interesting and informative speakers, Club Awards, and Anchor and Lynda Goodwin Scholarships awarded all make us proud to be Pilots in Georgia!

Pilots Joy and Dennise enjoyed a financial seminar for women at the Porterhouse Grill in downtown Athens. Wonderful choice of menu items for the meal.

At the monthly Beyond Basketball meeting sponsored by Joni Taylor, head Basketball Coach of the Lady Dogs, her two top assistant coaches gave us the details of a typical day in their jobs – WOW, starting in the early morning, and often going until 8-10 PM at night. They both certainly earn their salaries!!

Joy joined a couple from her church and traveled to Conyers to hear the Sons of Jubal, a group of Southern Baptist Pastors, and church Music Ministers who perform around the State and have performed in several countries, including Russia and Israel. There are around 400 members of the group, - singers and musicians (30-piece Orchestra). Oh, what a blessing the 2-hour concert was to all who attended.

Joy's Sunday morning Bible Study class enjoyed their Spring fellowship in April with Barbequed chicken prepared by a class member, and lots of delicious sides and desserts provided by class members.

Over 240 people attended the Spring meeting of the Appalachee Baptist Association at Faith Baptist Church between Monroe and Winder in mid-March. The President of the GA Baptist Convention gave a wonderful sermon and the congregational and special music was inspiring.

Attending the Awards Banquet of the Lady Dogs Basketball team at the GA Center was a great celebration of a FINE season with Coach Joni Taylor as the new head coach! Many awards



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

NE Region News

The Pilot Club of Jefferson and the American Red Cross are teaming up to present an Emergency Preparedness Briefing at our regular Pilot Meeting on Tuesday, May 17th at 6:30 in the evening at the Jefferson Clubhouse, 302 Longview Drive, Jefferson, GA 30549. (A flyer is attached) If you are interested in attending just let Connie know (706) 338-4425 – how many – and then just show up. This meeting is open to the public, husbands, children, friends, neighbors are all welcome. We just need an idea of how many due to the room size.



**American
Red Cross**

were given to the various players for their outstanding individual achievements. The buffet meal had 3 meats, including prime rib, shrimp with a wine sauce, and chicken, along with several salads and vegetables. Two sinfully delicious desserts finished out the meal.

Joy's Brother, Jerry Thomas, is doing great after having surgery for spinal stenosis on April 22. He's having to stay in for a while, and is already tired of watching TV all day!

Joy attended a baby shower for a friend's son and wife on April 23. A huge group of ladies and children enjoyed watching this first-time mother-to-be open at least 60 gifts, which included only 2 boxes of diapers!!!

Joy attended the local Oconee Co. Candidates Forum at NOHS auditorium. All those vying for office did a good job in their presentations and response to questions.

Joy and the Bethabara widows dined at the Varsity in April and she visited her two Bethabara members at their Assisted Living facilities in Jefferson and Statham.

Rosa and Freeman enjoyed a week at Destin, FL. They enjoyed eating fresh seafood, geocaching, and walks on the beach.

During the month of April, we often see so many signs of Spring; new life as animal babies abound,

plants sprout and flourish and the warm weather increases our activities through-out the community. This month is also a celebration of family and friends' birthdays; Elizabeth, Brooke, and Cordy. April also brings moments seeped in memories of those gone before us; my sister-in-law, Lynn, 2 years ago, Dr. Roy Ward, 1 year ago, and now a great lady, Pilot and dear friend, Marge Saar. Marge was what some people would call "one-in-a-million" and will be truly missed by family, friends, Students, Pilots, and others world-wide.

Donna, Joy and Gayle attended the Georgia District Pilot International Spring Convention on April 8 - 10 in Norcross. It was informative and fun and each of us will give a brief report at the May meeting.

Donna has been accompanying her brother, Alan, to/from Augusta since early February's diagnosis and surgeries for tongue cancer. April 11th began his first week of radiation therapy; fortunately, he is keeping a good sense of humor despite some cumulative discomfort.

Saturday, April 23rd, Donna, Alan and niece

Bella went to North Forsyth High School to see niece,

Sydney, perform in their Broadway production of "Tarzan". It was great and such talented students.

It was great to see Marge Saar in the Survivor's lap at the Oconee County Relay for Life. While no words can truly express the loss of fellow Pilot Marge a few words came to mind while recalling time spent with her. Rest in Peace Marge.

M Mentor, Motivator, Mart's "better half"

A Altruistic, American

R Real, Marge told it how it was and how she saw it

G God loving, Gracious, Go-to-person

E Enthusiastic; Eternal, Marge lives on in many lives she enriched

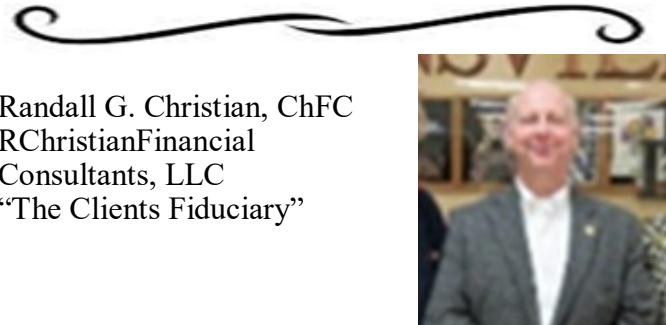
S Shining Star, Student's Hero, Survivor, Saint

A All, Marge gave her all in pursuits

A All Again, because of all she did, many gave their all too

R Respect, Responsible, Rare

PILOT EXTRAORDINAIRE



Randall G. Christian, ChFC
RChristianFinancial
Consultants, LLC
"The Clients Fiduciary"

Randall G. Christian, ChFC, is a 31-year veteran of the financial services business and a member of the third generation of a family owned company. Randy specializes in helping middle class baby boomers and especially seniors coordinate such complex financial issues as retirement income planning, Social Security, wealth accumulation and management, financial protection, lifetime income and long term care funding.

He is a member of the National Parks & Conservation Assoc., the Yosemite Association, Foundation Chair for Classic City of Athens

Rotary, Treasurer of The Athens Senior Resource Network, a former board member of The Athens Community Council on Aging, and was Chairman for 2015 Friends of Scouting Campaign. He recently established the Elder Care Planning Council of Northeast Ga dedicated to Educating, Counseling, Planning and Implementing care for our seniors and elderly.

His roots are here. His grandfather, Mr. G. A. Christian was born on Hog Mountain Rd in Bogart, and his father Jerry B. Christian, was born and raised here until 1930 when the family moved to Atlanta to establish a food brokerage business.

Randy was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia, and has lived most of his life there. He moved to Athens in 2001, where he lives with his wife, Soon, who is from South Korea. His son, Jason has recently moved to Missoula, Mt. to pursue a career in fine dining. They enjoy international travel and visiting National and State Parks.

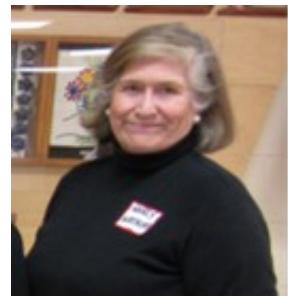
Topping

5 oz. evaporated milk
½ cup butter or margarine
1 cup sugar
1 ½ cups coconut
1 cup pecans, chopped

Mix milk, sugar and butter in a saucepan. Boil 5 minutes. Add coconut and pecans. Spread on warm cake.



Pilot Nancy Watkins



Do Nothing Cake
Submitted by Mildred Bell

2 cups all-purpose flour
2 eggs, slightly beaten
20 oz. can crushed pineapple, undrained
2 cups sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. baking soda

Combine all ingredients and mix by hand. Pour into a greased 9x13 inch pan and bake at 350° F. for 30-35 minutes. Spread topping on cake while warm.

I received my degree from Georgia State University and later studied horticulture/landscape design. I enjoyed a long career in banking and upon moving to Watkinsville, I soon went to work at UGA. Although banking was rewarding, gardening is a passion. Upon retirement I brushed up on my gardening knowledge by becoming a Master Gardener. I volunteer at the Master Gardening desk for the Clarke County Extension Office as well as conduct tours of the State Botanical Garden. I find I have more time for church involvement and more unhurried time with friends.

Recently I was invited to join The Pilot Club of Oconee County. This is especially meaningful to me as one of my dearest friends is the mother of a child with brain damage. I never really knew what I could do for her. I feel my being a Pilot enables me to offer better support and understanding not only to my friend but to many families with this specific need. With this in mind, the following anonymous quote speaks to me: "To those whom much is given, much is expected." I have not been directly touched by brain disorders/damage, so it is my responsibility to help those who have been.