

Oconee Spokes



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Pilot International envisions a world where all are valued.



President Rosa

Pilots,

We have once again had a very busy and productive month of serving others. We began the month with the installation of three new members after a fun-filled Share Pilot in September.

Projects had a successful collection drive for items for The Cottage. We also had a festive time with the residents of Highland Hills at the Tea Party.

Some of our Pilots were able to help with the road clean-up spearheaded by the North Oconee Rotary Club.

Our first fundraiser of the year was enjoyed by everyone who attended. The meal was spectacular and the silent auction items were greatly coveted. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a productive event.

During the next busy weeks, remember to take time for yourselves. A recent article in the AARP Bulletin showed a list of foods you should eat to keep your brain healthy. Some of the super foods were olive oil, green tea, leafy greens, beets, tomatoes, avocados, nuts, fish, blueberries, grapes, coffee and dark chocolate. Let's all keep ourselves and our loved one healthy

this year by incorporating these foods in our diets during the stressful holiday seasons.

In Pilot love,
Rosa



Projects Division

Coordinators

Gayle Christopher & Judy Murrow



Projects has had a good month. Gayle and Darlene delivered a car load of food items and cleaning products to The Cottage in Athens.

They also presented Sally Sheppard, the director with a check for \$200. This organization provides intervention, advocacy, referrals, and support for survivors and families impacted by child abuse and sexual assault. They service 10 surrounding counties.

Gayle is now working on our Mental Health Christmas Party. She will, hopefully, be able give dates and discuss what exactly the club will provide for this occasion. Judy Murrow will report on Brain-minders® and let us know when that program will begin.

The Projects Division is in charge of refreshments for our November meeting. We will have a festive table for the fall.

The Projects Division hosted the first tea of this year for the Highland Hills Memory Care unit. They used a fall theme with a touch of Halloween provided in games etcetera. This is a lot of fun for the residents and the Pilots who participate.



Pictured left to right are Darlene Adams, Sally Shepherd, The Cottage, and Gayle Christopher.



June, Joy, Darlene, Gayle, Mary, Sandra, Cathy, Ann and Rosa (not pictured) at the Highland Hills Tea.



Membership Division



Coordinators

June McKenzie & Darlene Adams

The Membership Committee was pleased to install three new members at the October meeting. They are Kathy Reising, Nancy Watkins, and Susan Ruter. There are plans to install more members in November and January. We welcome them with their new ideas to make Oconee Pilot Club even better. Please invite new people, when you can, to join us.



Pam Crawford, Nancy Watkins, Susan Ruter, Kathy Reising, and June McKenzie. Pam is the Pilot Sponsor of Nancy and Kathy. June is the Pilot Sponsor of Susan.

Please consider donating your current, 'gently-enjoyed' magazines for our magazine donation project. We are placing a sticker over your address to label them as a donation from the Pilot Club of Oconee County. This is a great way to promote our club in various locations in our area and offer additional reading materials for individuals.

November 9-13 is International Care and Kindness Week. Our committee decided to

do some care and kindness gift bags for caregivers who are associated to our Oconee Pilots either members or past members. Ann Giles, Dennise Grayson, Judy Marable, Joy Elder (hopefully), and June McKenzie will each fill a gift bag or do a kindness for those people and Darlene Adams will provide a card to go with it so they will know it came from the Pilot Club of Oconee Co. We plan to do others next quarter and will let you know how to participate in this event.



Cathy Moorehead recently attended the Chamber Picnic. Pictured are: Christine Tucker, Jonathan King, Lori Petersen and Peggy Holcomb and Cathy Moorehead.

A big Thanks to Pilot Club of Oconee County! Cathy Moorhead, Darlene and Herbert Adams, Judy Murrow, Kathy Reising and Denise Grayson all participated in the North Oconee Clean up Oconee Day--making it a big success!





Fundraising Division



Coordinators

Jan Thomas & Sandra Glass

We had a great turnout for our Italian Dinner and the food this year was outstanding. Thank you all for your help monitoring the tables, serving salads and drinks. We exceeded our goal of \$1,800. Darlene will give the final report at our November 3 meeting. A big thank you to those helping load and transport the tables and chairs we borrowed from Antioch Christian Church and a big, big thank you to our co-Pilots who helped. What would we do without them?



We hope to have some reports of contacts and donations already made or promised for our 5K. Pam will have more lists to hand out of sponsors to be contacting. Letters and brochures are available for each member to hand deliver to local businesses when asking for donations. Please use them.

We have really got to get busy on our race now. January 9 is only two months away!!!

If you don't ask, the answer is always no.

Pilot Calendar

11/11/15 Veterans Day at OVP
 12/15/15 Pilot Christmas Party
 12/15 Mental Health Am. Christmas Party
 1/9/16 5K Run/Walk
 2/13/15 ESP Big Hearts Pageant
 2/16 Highland Hills Party
 3/15/16 Official Visit/Pilot Info Meeting
 4/16 Relay for Life Bank Night
 4/16 Project Lifesaver Pick-Me-Up
 5/30/16 Memorial Day at OVP
 6/16 Highland Hills Party
 6/21/16 Officer Installation



Thanks to the efforts of Pilots everywhere, the second week in November has been named International Care & Kindness Week!

International Care and Kindness Week was created to bring awareness to how simple acts can change a day, a life, or the world by simply showing someone you care.

During this special week, Pilots engage in numerous activities to emphasize and encourage kindness, caring, and general good will to all!

From giving "Little Pick Me Ups" to strangers, family and friends to encouraging families (including our own!) to "Get Real"

and put their devices down during meal-times, Pilots spread the news that caring for one another means really engaging with one another. Put down your phone, and pick up someone's hand.

Although Pilot and Anchor Clubs perform full Pick Me Ups for family caregivers in their communities all throughout the year, special emphasis is also placed on this signature program during International Care and Kindness Week.

Take Time to Care
and Be Kind!

**International Care
& Kindness Week**

November 9-16,
2015



Please continue to bring your Dimes to our Business Meetings for the PIFF Grants & Scholarships. We will donate the money at the District Convention in April.

The GA Pilot Foundation 2015-2016 Fundraiser is now in progress. Each ticket costs \$10 or 4/\$20. The funds are used to award Anchor Club and Lynda Goodwin Volunteer Scholarships. The theme this year is "Happiness is a Strong Foundation".

NE Region News

Royston-Franklin Springs Pilot Club

Chicken Mull or Chili Supper

Thursday, November 12, 2015

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Royston Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

\$6.50 per plate: Mull or Chili, saltines, and dessert

Eat In or Take Out.

Contact Kathy Beacham

706-436-9260 for tickets

or kbeacham@lifesprings.net

Pilot/Anchor Clubs of Winder

Short Stacks for Big Change at Fatz Café in Winder

Breakfast Fundraiser (Adults \$7)

Saturday November 14 from 8-10:00 am

Contact Teri Phillips 770-686-0671

Classic City Pilot Club Holiday Auction

Monday, November 16, 2015

Jennings Mill Country Club

The silent auction begins at 6:00 pm & the live at 6:30 pm.

There will be snack food & no charge for the event.

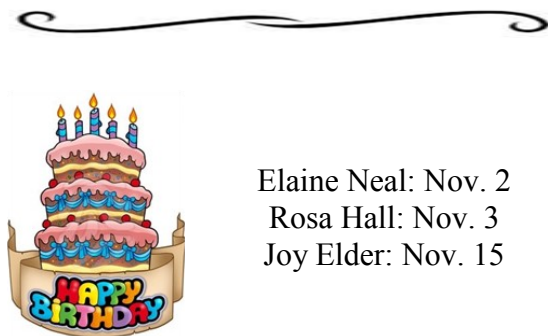
Only cash or checks will be accepted for auction items.

Call/text Sherry McDuffie at 706-540-8904 for reservations.



Classic City Pilot Club celebrated Pilot International Founder's Day in October. Pictured: Joy Elder, Jenni Overbey (NE Region Lt. Governor), Rosa Hall, Grace Crittenden (GA District Governor), and Judy Marable.

ship, riverboat, bus during those 12 days. The train rides were particularly fun for Mary, as she had not traveled by train anywhere before.



Elaine Neal: Nov. 2
Rosa Hall: Nov. 3
Joy Elder: Nov. 15



Member's News

Mary and Doug recently enjoyed several weeks of travel. The first two weeks in September, they traveled to Alaska for a fantastic 12 day cruise and land tour. They traveled by planes, trains, automobiles,



The first two weeks of October, Doug and Mary traveled to Lindsborg, Kansas, Mary's hometown, for a semi-annual Swedish Festival where Mary's 95 year old Aunt Wilma was crowned queen of the festival. A large family reunion was thoroughly enjoyed by several generations of cousins and many other family members and friends.

Joan Mann Dancers performed "Thriller" two weekends at Athens Little Playhouse with the play "The Haunted House". Joan Mann, with her ladies, "Encore Ensemble", performed "Uptown Funk" at the Athens 40 Watt Club this

month. Dancers perform Downtown Watkinsville for Trick or Treat. Joan's grandson, Chandler, is Drum Major for Cartersville High School. He won the Roger Dancz award this past summer at UGA Band Camp, and will be conducting the Georgia Red Coat Band at the November 22 Game. He will be attending UGA next fall as a music major.

Pilot Emeritus Myrtice Kilpatrick enjoyed her 94th birthday with 83 people attending a drop-in in her honor on October 25th at the home of Pam & Doc. Many of these folk she had not seen in months.

Pam helped with flood relief for Charleston area victims recently. Extra items from ACTS (Area Churches Together Serving), Child's Closet and towels

f r o m AmeriPride were loaded in a box trailer and taken to Charleston by members of First Christian Church, Joy and Ronnie Ogletree. The Ogletree's

son Chris teaches and lives in this area. Items were taken to Red Cross to be given out to community members.

Pam has started playing cards with some old high school friends one afternoon each week and really enjoying it! No...it is not Bridge! It is called Hand & Foot and so much fun!

Sandra has been busy practicing with the Harmonettes. She had three sing-outs in October, a church in Madison, a new



assisted living home in Putnam County and an assisted living home in Macon.

Sandra & her family are very proud of her granddaughter, Cami Grace Glass, as she was crowned homecoming queen for North Oconee High School. Also, her sister, Cassi, is on the flag team and plays in the band.

Gayle's Roadrunner group took a trip to Seneca, SC to visit a nuclear power plant. They provided all the safety measures they take on a daily basis and they had a virtual tour. Afterwards, the group enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Lighthouse overlooking one of the lakes that provides water to the power plant. The leaves were just beginning to change and the mountains were in the distance which made for a scenic ride.

The McKenzie family had a busy October. They were Hosts for the Covered Dish at Sterling Mill clubhouse October 1 where a good turnout of 28 enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs for Halloween. On Oct. 2 June enjoyed the movie "The Intern" with Gayle Christopher and Charlotte Goff, June's neighbor, and they also went to lunch.

October 4th June, Sandra, and Donna helped at Bishop Methodist Church with a shower for Pastor Joe Gunby and his wife Julie who were expecting their third baby in October. June and Dennis helped with a special Soup-R-Tramp dance at Classic City Square Dance Club on October 5. Many people brought different soups and fixings and every one put money in a basket for our donations to ESP and ACTS at the end of the year. That night we collected \$140 to go with money we continue to raise until the end of the year.

June went to the Chamber of Commerce meeting on October 7th and on October 8

Dennis and June ate dinner with Robin and Ben Whetstone in High Shoals, GA. They are members of Bishop United Methodist Church. October 10th Dennis and June and 140 people helped to celebrate Happy Squares Square Dance Club's 60th year. They are in Athens and are the second oldest club in America and Georgia. It was held at the gym of Young Harris United Methodist Church in Athens.

June attended a board meeting of the Emergency Food Bank on Barber Street in Athens on October 21. October 25th at Bishop United Methodist Church we welcomed the news of a new baby in the parsonage born October 24th, Simon Augustin. Mother and baby are doing fine. June helped with the Highland Hill's tea on October 30. She and Dennis also hosted June's niece, Dorothy, from Atlanta during the weekend.



Cathy visited her daughter Michelle and family in Oct. Daughter Rachel also visited. They enjoyed picking apples and visiting Pumpkin Farms. Brought home some delicious Honey

Crisp Apples. The apples were started in Minnesota.

Ann has been catching up on traveling this year; the bout with pneumonia last year hampered her trips.

Beginning in April, she went with Tennis friends to Charleston at Isle of Psalms for the Family Circle Matches. In May she spent time at the lake with Eleanor and David Perkins. June found her in Portland, OR for her granddaughter's college graduation and grandson's dream came true as a chef, and on with Ken to Davis,

DA where Ken has an International award from Int'l Engineers where he was recognized as a worldwide leading expert in Agricultural Engineering.

July brought a short trip to Highlands with bank friends. August found Ann and Alton in Minneapolis for the family's annual gathering. September: inspiration with the GA Disciple women at Toccoa. She finishes by spending a week at Pigeon Forge at the National Quartet Convention. I guess now she will only be traveling half as much since she sold one of her autos in October.

Joy attended the retirement celebration of Susan Nemetz, clinical oncology nurse at The Loren Smith Center for Cancer Support (LSCCS) at Athens Regional in early October. Susan has guided hundreds of women and men through their cancer journey and is highly respected for her skills, pleasant manner, and devotion to her career.

Joy has been a die-hard UGA football fan this season with bad weather, early and night games and some losses, also!

Joy joined friends for dinner at Dominick's in early October. Always good to find the time to catch up and enjoy a great meal together.

Joy enjoyed the opening reception for OCAF's annual Small Works Exhibit and the Nature exhibit by Kie Johnson during October.

Joy spent 4 days at her Hiawassee house during the GA Mountain Fair's Fall Festival in mid-October relaxing, visiting the local no-kill animal shelter, and attending the daily sows at the Anderson Music Hall. Performing were John Berry, Sammy Kershaw, Ronnie McDowell, and Ricky Scaggs. Each "put on" a great, entertaining show of their hits and those of others.

Joy enjoyed attending the OCAF WineFest, a fundraiser held at Ashford Manner during October.

Joy joined fellow OCHS Class of '63 classmates, some spouses, and family and friends of our classmate, Bobby Lavender, who lives in Oklahoma and whom many of us had not seen since just after our graduation, for a fun and food filled evening at Chops and Hops in mid-October. His wife of 3 years, Gigi, was introduced to us and lots of stories of our high school days were shared, causing lots of laughs and some "I don't remember that's" – It is an AGE thing!!!!

Joy, Rosa, and Judy Marable enjoyed the Pilot Founders Day dinner meeting of the Classic City Pilot Club of Athens at Jennings Mill Country Club on Oct. 19. The guest speaker was our GA Governor of Pilot International. Joy won one of the bluebird table decorations given as door prizes.

Joy hopped on a Delta flight to Springfield, Missouri on Wednesday morning after our Italian Supper/Auction. Upon landing and securing a rental car, it was a short 45 miles trip to Branson, Missouri where she and a friend thoroughly enjoyed as much of Branson as they could in 8 days, taking time out from the shows on Sunday to attend church in the suburbs. Joy and friend saw 17 shows, including 5 in one day on Monday, Oct. 26. Mickey Gilley's show was especially good - us in second row, center, no more than 10 feet from Mickey on stage!!! He will stop performing at his theatre in 4 weeks and will be touring around on a limited basis. Mickey will be 80 years young in June. Yokof Smirnoff will no longer be performing his daily morning show at his theatre in 4 more weeks. He is moving to California to work

on his PhD at Berkley, do TV appearances, and other fun and interesting things. The Acrobats of China a spin-off from the Shanghai Circus will continue to perform in his theatre. Shoji Tabachi, the fabulous violin/fiddle player who has performed for 50 years, most of which have been in Branson, is retiring at the end 2015. He stated that he was tired and ready for rest after those 50 years – WITHOUT ever missing a show!! Sight and Sound Theatres is the nation's largest professional Christian theatrical Company. Their stage productions featuring Biblical Characters are outstanding – featuring live animals such as camels, sheep, donkeys, burrows, and horses both on stage and being lead or ridden in the aisles of the theatres are intriguing, exhilarating, humorous, and soul-stirring. Joy and friend enjoyed Jonah which is in its last month in Branson. Next year Moses will be performed in Branson's Sight and Sound Theatre. When Joy was in Branson in 2012, she got to attend the stage production of Joseph.

Joy and the Bethabara Ladies group enjoyed lunch at the Varsity on Oct.

Sad day for the UGA Bulldawgs on Saturday: Losing to Florida is always had to accept.

Rosa and Freeman spent a very wet morning at the North GA Folk Festival recently. Rosa had once again been invited to demonstrate tying brooms. The event was finally cancelled after lunch because of the continuing rain.

They spent the next weekend in Durham, NC with their son and daughter-in-law. It was great seeing their new apartment and hearing about both of the kids new jobs, but sad returning the grand-dog after a month long visit.