

Oconee Spokes

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President's report

Greetings Pilots,

What a busy month we have had! Fall Council, fundraising, Founders Day, Oconeefest at UNG, Oconee Scholarship Fair, Walk to End Alzheimer's, not to mention, PMUs. I must say, that those Pilots participating handled these activities with "grace, aplomb, and a whole lot of fun".

November is a time for Thanksgiving and an attitude of gratitude. How great it is to be traveling this Pilot Pathway with you all as we seek to make a positive impact in Oconee County. I am looking forward to our Fidget Quilt project for seniors and this opportunity to have prospective members attend. Keep on inviting and sharing the Pilot story.

Lastly, this is peak time for fundraising and we need everyone's help to call our contacts to encourage their support. Together we are Pilot Strong!

In Pilot Friendship and Service,
Darlene

Scholarship Committee

Thank you to Pilots who helped prepare for and/or attended the annual Scholarship fair at the Oconee Civic Center on October 22nd.

Vickie the new Pilot Club of Oconee County table cloth looked great and added a very professional touch. June added a nice seasonal touch to brighten the table with fall flowers. June, Darlene, Elaine and Joy greeted students and provided information and even some Pilot networking.



Projects Division



Ann Gagnier with GLASS (Georgia Libraries for Accessible Statewide Services) Outreach Specialist with Talking Books was our speaker at our October business meeting.

We are pleased to have our Georgia District Pilot Lt. Gov. Beth Copeland and her Pilot husband here for our November 5th Business Meeting. She will address our Club as our program.

Projects Division is providing refreshments for the evening.

Thank you to our Pilots who participated in the Alzheimer's Awareness walk. Darlene, Rosanne, Judy, Rosa and Francis (and family) well represented our Club and looked to have had a great time.



Let's start the rumbling thunder of B-R-A-I-N-M-I-N-D-E-R-S for 2020. Please pre-plan to keep some mornings available to do our BrainMinders™ puppet show presentations. They will be presented at the six elementary schools in Oconee County. We are also planning for Senior BrainMinders™ presentation(s).

The lovely Fall season temperatures have finally arrived; please plan to get out and enjoy yourselves.

Working together we can accomplish much as we Walk Together in Friendship and Service,
Donna MacPherson
Jane Reese

Area Churches Together Serving (ACTS)

is now in need of fall/winter clothing for men, women and children! Jackets, coats, sweaters, shoes, pajamas and underwear. ACTS accepts good clean used clothing. Also needed are kitchen items of all kinds! Towels, washcloths, hand towels, blankets, sheets, comforters and bedspreads are also needed.

Items can be dropped off at 130 East Thompson St in Bogart on Tues. and Fri. between 9:00- 1:00. Located in old Bogart Elementary School near ballfields and library.

ACTS is Oconee County food bank and clothing closet for those who need a little assistance to get thru the month. For more information you can reach Pam Crawford at 706 310 9399.

PI Club Ambassador



Rosa Hall was selected as the Pilot Club of Oconee County's Pilot International Club Ambassador for 2019-2020. President Darlene presented her with a certificate and a GA District shirt.

GA District Fall Council

Pilots Darlene, Donna, Rosa, Vickie, Judy, Rosanne and GA Dist. Treasurer Cathy attended the 2019 Georgia District Fall Council October 4-5 which was hosted by the Southwest Region at Hilton Atlanta Airport. PI president Deb Hayes also attended.

On Friday evening, several of our Pilots attended the Welcome Party and made purchases at the Market Place. On Saturday at the Governor's breakfast, we were introduced to other Pilots in attendance, and we were briefed on at the total number of projects completed by Pilots statewide. Following our meeting, we all participated in "Pick Me Up Service Project" (assemble small personal items in a bag), and we walked for Pilot in and outside the hotel.

At lunch, winners of the raffle tickets purchased at the Market Place for various club fundraisers were announced. In the afternoon we attended different workshops that covered various topics (how to fill out various Pilot forms , how to find out about small grants ,how to gain and retain members, and how to step up using social media, The Pilot weekend generated much excitement and new ideas to bring back to our clubs.



Membership Division

“Pilot Craft Night” at Ann Peden Spark in Watkinsville has been changed to Monday, November 18th from 6PM-8PM. Let’s kick off the week with making a craft together, helping others, and having fun! National Alzheimer’s Disease Awareness Month is in November and we will make a fidget blanket to donate to memory care facilities in the local area. We encourage guests—we have 5 free guest passes left. Please pay \$23 on November 5th at our meeting and RSVP on the evite. The \$23 class fee covers all supplies and instruction along with snacks and drinks. Expectation is to complete the blanket with your partner in two hours. Please contact Anna and Pam with any questions.



Our club is very focused on bringing prospective members into our meetings to get an idea of how we conduct business and to see what a great group we have. When they are present please greet and introduce yourselves.

Deanna Bradshaw Smith from the Oconee Sheriff's Dept is a guest tonight of Pam and we welcome her to our business meeting and to join us on craft night on 18th.

If you have a guest that will be attending please let our division know in advance so we can have an information folder for them.

Please include the following birthdays in your Pilot Yearbook:

Angie: Jan. 18

Frances: Jan. 29



Member Spotlight

My name is Angie Venator and I was born and raised in Valdosta, GA. I moved to the Atlanta area about 17 years ago. We have lived in Winder now for about 12 years. I have been happily married for nearly 14 years to a wonderful, supporting man named Gary. We do not have any children, but our doggies and birds fill that void. We have two dachshunds, Penny & Pixie, and three cockatiels, Rocko, Squirt, and Noel. We also have 3 nieces and a nephew that we adore! I work for Progressive Insurance in the Auto Claims department handling claims in Athens. I've been there just a few months, after working at UNG for 1 1/2 years and the mortgage/foreclosure department at a bank for 16 years. I have an Associates in Accounting, Bachelors in Psychology, and a Master's in Business with concentrations in Human Resources and Project Management. I also had the opportunity to graduate from UNG with a post-graduate certificate in Diversity.

For the fun stuff, I like to scrapbook and make cards, but finding the time has been a challenge. I love spending time with my friends and family, when I get to see them. I love the beach and the mountains, depending on the time of year.

The PILOT group is such a great group of ladies and I am so excited to see what the future holds! I was initially invited into PILOT by Cyndee Moore when I first started working at UNG. I really do not think the time was right for me. Cyndee and Anna continued to invite me and I finally decided to give it a try. I was so impressed with what the club stands for! Personal to me, my Mom fell at work in 2006 and she hit her head. That caused her to have a severe brain injury and was on life support for a week and was in the traumatic brain injury unit at the hospital for a week following that. That was eye-opening. I had no idea what the patients and families go through until I experienced it for myself. My mom ended up recovering enough to go home and she lived with her sister for a few years. She never fully recovered from that and passed away in 2012. This club is important to me to spread awareness of what these families and patients go through. Thank you all so much for welcoming me with open arms and hearts!!

Fundraising Division

This has been a fantastic group effort for Fundraising!! Huge shout out to Frances and June for hosting our stuff and stamp parties. I had a wonderful time at both! Wish I had taken pictures! Pam Crawford, while convalescing, has stamped envelopes, added numerous folks to her original list, don't worry no duplicates. Our total cost for printing and mailing 500 plus sponsorship forms, was \$445.97, but zero burden on the members for costs associated with Fundraising. We have had **100%** participation in our fundraising event and I am so excited to see our results! We have had our first logo emailed from Oconee Well Drillers!



Pilot International

Amy and Michelle at PI are busy getting ready for GivingTuesday. This year we hope to raise \$10,000 which will be used for Helmet Matching Grants. Mark your calendar for December 3rd and be sure to give – we have some fun events planned if we reach our goal.



Today I donated. Will you?

The contributions to the Pilot International 2019 GivingTuesday campaign benefit our Helmet Matching Grant Program. Clubs participate in our Signature Project promoting Pilot International by ordering quality, branded bicycle helmets to provide to individuals, starting them on a positive path to protect their brains for life.

Pilot's light shines in communities all around the world. Help Pilot continue to remain on our "True Course Ever" with your donation!

<https://pilotinternational.org/givingtuesday>



Use the Hashtags
#GivingTuesday
and
#PilotInternational
on Social Media

SAVE THE DATE
DECEMBER 3, 2019



International Care & Kindness Week starts the November 3rd. Pilot International created and supports International Care & Kindness Week to bring awareness to how simple acts can change a day, a life, or the world by simply showing someone you care.

Now in its 98th year, Pilot International is a volunteer service organization with over 300 clubs throughout the world. Committed to "Do More. Care More. and Be More" for their communities every day, Pilots, Anchors and Compass members provide financial and hands-on support for numerous national and local initiatives in keeping with Pilot International's focuses – Brain Safety & Health and Supporting those who care for others.

Regional Activity

Founder's Day at Classic City Pilot Club. GA President Jayne Lackey was the speaker and presented a program about the fashion through the Pilot years and the accomplishments of the club members.



Calendar

Nov. 3-9, 2019	Care & Kindness Week	March 16-22, 2020	Brain Awareness Week
November 5, 2019	Business Meeting	March 17, 2020	Membership Drive Brunch
November 18, 2019	Craft Night/Ann Peden	Apr. 3-5, 2020	GA Dist. Conference
December 3, 2019	Business Meeting	April 7, 2020	Business Meeting
December 7, 2019	Watkinsville Christmas Parade	April 7, 2020	Nigel's Nest Donation Night
December 17, 2019	Pilot Christmas Party	April 2020	Dinner & Movie
January 7, 2020	Business Meeting	April 2020	Special Olympics Cheerleaders
Jan-Mar, 2020	BrainMinders™ Presentations	May 5, 2020	Business Meeting
February 1, 2020	Pilot Chase 5K	May 5, 2020	ACTS Donation Night
February 4, 2020	Business Meeting	June 2, 2020	Business Meeting
February 13, 2020	Galentines/Board & Brush	June 2020	Summer Food for Kids Vol.
March 3, 2020	Business Meeting	June 16, 2020	Officer Installation
		June 24-27, 2020	PI Convention



Elaine Neal	November 2
Rosa Hall	November 3
Vickie Hammond	November 13
Joy Elder	November 15

Member's News

Donna's nephew in handmade (by Mom) dinosaur costume for Halloween.



Joy will be having right hip replacement on the morning of Wednesday, December 18 at Piedmont Athens Regional Hospital. This is a change from the originally scheduled date because of a couple of scrapes on her right leg that are needing to heal before the surgery to prevent the possibility of infection.

My surgeon is Dr. Christopher Gaunder, a native of Cherokee County, GA and a 2004 walk-on for the UGA Bulldogs football team. He was a Dean's list student majoring in Cellular Biology who was named a SEC Student Athlete upon graduation. He went to Mercer University for his medical degree and then signed on to a 10-year stint with the Air Force. He has practiced orthopedic surgery of the knee and hip for 7 years, at the Air Force base in Columbus, GA, then at a much larger Air base in San Antonio, Texas, and is now at a large air base in Ohio. He is one of 3 new Orthopedic surgeons in a Piedmont practice under the direction of Dr. Robert Hancock, who has a Sports Clinic and this surgical practice in the new 2-story building behind the Oconee Campus of Piedmont Athens Regional on Jennings Mill Rd. Dr. Gaunder is married and has 3 children and is only 34 years old. A BIG PLUS for him is that he took a foods class in Home Economics in high school, loves to cook, and after finishing his stint with the Air Force, would like to open his own restaurant (but is not giving up his medical practice!) I ask for your prayers as I go through the surgery, rehab, and complete healing.

Rosa and Freeman enjoyed 10 days at the beach early in October and later traveled to St. Augustine with three other couples. Rosa stayed in the room and knitted while Freeman and the others went to Jacksonville to see the Bulldogs play.



Jane Reese joined other DAR members in support of the Sons of American Revolution

honoring James Barrow, Rev Hope Hull and Charles Strong. Each of these graves were marked with a permanent marker at the foot of their grave in Oconee Hills Cemetery, Athens. A member of each family spoke about the life of their



Patriot. Ending the ceremony, the GASSAR Militia honored the men with a three-volley musket salute.



A picture to honor veterans and their horses that were killed in battle. Since November 11 is a national Day of Remembrance.

Apple Salad

10-19
Becky
Montgomery

- 1- 20 oz. Crushed pineapple w/ juice
- 1/3 C. Sugar
- 1- 3oz. Lemon jello
- 1- 8oz. Cream Cheese - softened
- 1/2 C. To 1 C. chopped pecans
- 1 C. Chopped Celery
- 1 C. unpeeled Granny Smith apples - diced
- 1 C. whipped topping (8oz. container)

Mix pineapple w/ juice & sugar - boil for 3 mins
Stir in dry jello & cream cheese. Cool. Fold in nuts,
celery, apples & whipped topping. I put pecans,
celery, & apples through my food processor.

What a great poem by the late Spike Milligan about smiling



Smiling is infectious
You catch it like the flu

When someone smiled at me today
I started smiling too

I walked around the corner
And someone saw me grin



When he smiled I realised
I had passed it on to him

I thought about the smile
And then realised its worth



A single smile like mine
Could travel round the earth



So if you feel a smile begin
Don't leave it undetected

Start an epidemic
And get the world infected.

