

# Oconee Spokes



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President Judy

Every day holds 24 hours for opportunities of kindness, service, work, rest, prayer and reflection. During those hours, we enjoy the choices of our opportunities mixed with fun, happiness and peace.

Our club spent the month of August engaged in various activities. Many of us enjoyed food and fellowship at the Beechwood Cinemas watching *Newsies* and dinner at Zoe's. What a great evening of fun! Thank you, Gayle, for organizing this for us. Many of you spent time volunteering and obtaining sponsorships for our

upcoming 5K race as well as serving your families, churches, people in need in Texas, and other civic organizations. September will provide opportunities to share Pilot with others in our community at our Share Pilot Dinner, to celebrate the Georgia Artists with DisAbilities award winners in Atlanta, and to provide joy for the residents attending the Tea at Thrive.

We also will focus our attention to Fall Council in October. It is my prayer that during your 720 hours in the month of September you will find happiness and joy in your words and experiences that you share with others. You are valuable shining the light on service!

## **Membership Division**

*Coordinators*

*June McKenzie & Nancy Watkins*

The first "Food, Fun, and Flicks" was enjoyed by 7 Pilots. They enjoyed the food at Zoe's and the movie version of "Newsies" from Broadway. We hope more Pilots will get to know each other at the next event. Thank you, Gayle Christopher, for planning this event which can be used as a makeup meeting.



September is "Share Pilot" month and the theme is 'Do More, Care More, Be More'. Oconee Pilots are excited to have "Share Pilot" September 19, 2017 at Thrive, 7:15 PM. We have invitations ready to mail for 22 future Pilots. The callers for each division need to let June know by Sept. 13th how many are going to attend. Gayle and June will meet at Thrive to plan the menu and give a count to Chef Kayla. Thank you to all who turned in names. Thank you to Projects Division for showing the Brain Minders Puppets to us, and Fundraising Division for the door prizes (awards from 5K).



## **Fundraising Division**

*Coordinators*

*Joy Elder & Dennise Grayson*

GREAT NEWS ... We have already received several sponsorships for our January 13, 2018 Pilot Club Chase 5K Run/Walk. You are reminded that you should have already made your

first contact with the prospective sponsors on the list you were given. If you need help, additional information, or a pep talk, PLEASE contact your Team Leader from the Fundraising Division: They are here to HELP you in any way they can to make your contacts, follow ups, and secure a sponsorship from each of the prospective sponsors on your list. Our goal for October 1 is to have at least \$8000 in sponsorship IN HAND, so get your Pilot juices flowing and let's be PILOT STRONG in reaching our October 1, goal!!



## **Projects Division**

*Coordinators*

*Jane Reese & Donna MacPherson*

Our first Thrive Tea Party is in the works and the date will be announced. Jane has spoken with April at Thrive and she will be updating their calendar later in the month.

We will plan to car pool to the GAWD (Georgia Artists with DisAbilities) art exhibition, awards presentation and luncheon on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. You may purchase many of the artists' works. On September 5<sup>th</sup>, we will need to confirm who plans to attend this inspiring event.

We are looking to hear from you to submit people's names and contact information for a Pick-Me-Up. You can let us know at our Club meetings or give us a call anytime.

The magazine and snack donations are being warmly received and can be brought to any meetings. Most requested are drinks including water and Gatorade, individually packaged snacks, both boxed and canned goods and sugar free/reduced items (especially for veterans). A large magazine delivery was made to Piedmont Athens Regional and a smaller delivery to Landmark. St. Mary's is in progress. Please bring drink/snack and other suggested items (see handout) to our October meeting for A.C.T.S.

Darlene is working on a presentation for Share Pilot about "new friends" coming to join our Brain Minders puppets. We also plan to present them at Thrive in the future and have them included in the Christmas Parade (Sat. Dec.2<sup>nd</sup>). Our Club will be purchasing the three new puppet friends.

Check your schedule and plan to participate in the Alzheimer's Walk on October 21. Our Club is making a donation in support of this. You can register on-line at [alz.org](http://alz.org) or print out a form. The name of our team is the Pilot Club of Oconee County Georgia.



Registration at 8am  
 Ceremony at 9am  
 Walk at 9:30am

Clarke Central High School  
 350 South Milledge Avenue  
 Athens, GA 30605

Our Pilot East Central Region (that's us and eight other Clubs) is hosting the 2017 Georgia District Fall Council on Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> and a Welcome Party Friday October 6<sup>th</sup>. Table decorations with a lighthouse and nautical theme will be our Club's responsibility and members may be requested to assist in other areas as well. We plan to be "Shining the Light of Service" with record breaking attendance.

## Pilot Calendar

Sept. 19, 2017	Share Pilot
Sept. 23, 2017	GA Artists/DisAbilities
Oct. 3, 2017	Pilot Meeting
Oct. 7, 2017	GA District Fall Council
Oct. 21, 2017	Alzheimer's Walk
Nov. 7, 2017	Pilot Meeting
Dec. 2, 2017	Christmas Parade
Dec. 5, 2017	Pilot Meeting
Dec. 19, 2017	Pilot Christmas Party
Jan. 2, 2018	Pilot Meeting
Jan. 13, 2018	Pilot Club Chase 5K
Feb. 6, 2018	Pilot Meeting
Mar. 6, 2018	Pilot Meeting
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



Kendall Edelen	September 5
Kathy Reising	September 5

## Georgia District

The 2018 GPF (Georgia Pilot Foundation) raffle will again be for \$2,000—8 awards of \$250 each. All clubs are being asked to sell a minimum of 40 tickets. Tickets are \$10 each or 4 for \$20, and will be distributed to the Club Presidents at Fall Council. The drawing will be held at the 2018 District Convention.

The raffle proceeds, along with donations, allowed us to award \$13,500 in scholarships for 2017—6 Anchor and 3 Volunteer scholarships. With continuing increases in the cost of tuition for our college students, these scholarships are needed more than ever by these deserving students.

# Pilot International



As Pilots, we are charged with helping others find their “True. Course. Ever.” and navigate their way through the rough waters of life. With determination and compassion, we stand ready to help our communities and the world at large face obstacles, overcome challenges and weather the storms.

But there are times when it is our fellow Pilots who need us most.

Pilot International wants to remind our members of the Safe Harbor Fund that raises emergency funds for individual Pilot members affected by disasters such as the recent earthquake in Kumamoto (Japan) and the recent flooding in Texas.

If you would like to help please mail your donation check marked “Safe Harbor Fund” -to:

### **Pilot International Headquarters**

102 Preston Court  
Macon, Georgia 31210  
or

[Donate](#) today and choose “Make A Donation.” On the donation form, under “Select Purpose,” choose “Disaster Relief.”

Your contributions will make a difference in the lives of your fellow Pilots.

# GA Pilot Clubs

Battlefield Pilot Club is collecting white linens to donate to the Jimmy Simpson Foundation Safehaven facility in Rock Spring, GA. The facility needs white 100% cotton large bath towels, hand towels, wash cloths and twin fitted sheets (large pocket). Please bring your donations to Fall Council.

The Safehaven facility provides long-term total care in a home environment promoting safe and loving care to the non-ambulatory individual suffering from brain injury. The facility can be contacted at: [www.safehavenjsf.org](http://www.safehavenjsf.org)



# Member's News

Pam and Doc enjoyed several trips this month... Navarre Beach, Florida and Pigeon Forge. Much needed get away! Trying to get used to a "new normal"!

June and Dennis McKenzie spent their vacation in Charleston August 2-7, 2017. They enjoyed 2 minor league baseball games at the River Dog Stadium and toured the town by water and land. It was fun but very humid and hot.

Rosa and Freeman enjoyed a Banks and Shane concert with friends at the Cumming Playhouse.

Rosa and Freeman traveled to Greenwood, SC to view the eclipse in its totality.



# Directors

Pilots, please remember to turn in your volunteer hours monthly.

## Volunteer Hours

### Georgia District Nancy Henrick Friendship & Service Award

This award honors Past GA District Governor and Past Pilot International President Nancy Henrick. It is presented to the individual Pilot Club who has the highest average of service hours. Rosa will be responsible for keeping track of hours and reporting to PI and the Club.

#### **The following may be counted as service hours:**

Time a Pilot Gives in personal volunteer service on a project adopted by the club as well as those included in Plans of Work to meet a community need.

Working with Youth in projects providing service to the community

Brain Safety & Fitness

Project Lifesaver, BrainMinders & other community projects

Caring for Families in need: house spent in respite care for another Pilot

Pick-Me-Ups: hours spent providing kind acts for those who care

Time a Pilot gives to assist a community fund-raising drive. Examples include: United Way, Red Cross, Alzheimer's Associations, etc. Any monies collected must be given directly to the organization and are not contributed in the name of Pilot.

Time a Pilot spends officially representing his/her Pilot Club at meetings of civic boards and communities, inter-club meetings, or similar public groups.

Transportation hours for a Pilot to travel to the destination only may include the following: Project Lifesaver client visits, GAWD events including the tour, other community service related projects.

#### **The following may Not be counted as service hours:**

Time spent preparing for or carrying out club plans for fund raising activities whether for service projects or operational expenses of the club.

Time given as a member of another organization that counts service hours.

Time spent in service work for which a Pilot is paid.

Time spent going to club meeting, district or PI conventions, or fall council