

# Oconee Spokes

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## President's report

Greetings Pilots,

Coming to you from isolation in my home. Who would have believed that so much could have happened since our March Pilot meeting? My hometown of Albany has been devastated from the Coronavirus and we are living in confinement. But...we are blessed by family and friends who call to check on us, having a home to live in, clean water and food and adequate TOILET PAPER. I am buoyed up when I focus on the fact that God is in control and that I can trust Him always.

During this time, when we have so much at stake, what can I do for my community personally and as a Pilot?

1. First of all, heed the instructions and guidelines of the Federal, State, and local authorities. Take care of yourself!
2. Practice social distancing, leaving home only for food, medicine, Medical care, essential business, etc. Wear a mask, scarf, bandana, etc. when out among the public, and wash your hands often.
3. Support our local small businesses. Order Pick-up or delivery food from local restaurants, use Bells for groceries, Golden Pantry, Kiki's Bake Shop, share with friends and neighbors, donate to support others who are giving of their time and talent to others i.e., Maria Reese who has organized a mask-making community and the hospital Coronavirus staff. There is so much more that we can do to make a positive impact. Do you have an idea or know someone who needs help, let us know? We already will feed the Coronavirus staff of Piedmont and donate to Marie Reese so that she can purchase more material to make face masks.

Look for an email from me on Tuesday for additional information on Pilot business.

Stay safe.



Some of the nurses in the unit at Piedmont for whom we provided lunch this week. We will do this several more times.

# President Elect's report

Pilots, planning for our 2020-2021 Pilot year will be a little different this year. We hope to be able to meet on May 19 for our Plan of Works Meeting.

At this time, everyone is choosing their Division for next year. I will send out a list of projects we did this year and ask for suggestions on other projects we may undertake or deleting ones we have been doing.

Thank you for your responses and keep safe.

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## Projects Division

Hello Pilots,

Hope this finds you well and with supplies to shelter in place comfortably.

Our final elementary school presentation of BrainMinders™ was March 10<sup>th</sup> at Dove Creek Elementary School. It was well received by the students and teachers. Plans for a senior's presentation will be on hold temporarily.

The Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup> announcement that schools were closing for two weeks as a precaution to the spread of COVID 19 brought rapid and major changes to our community and continues to do so. Our ongoing projects have had to be adjusted. Unfortunately, meetings, activities (including Special Olympics, Business Expo) and Georgia Pilot District Convention (and the great welcome party our Club planned) had to be cancelled. Donna mailed in the

PIFF (Pilot International Founder's Fund) and GPF (Georgia Pilot Foundation) sold ticket stubs, money and remaining tickets (drawings will be done at a future date). Fortunately, social media and financial contributions, postal and phone service have been able to continue. Pilots adjust, remain flexible and continue the best we can to uplift each other and our community.

March 27, 2020 passed quietly as our Club's 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary but memories continue of our Club's great 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration with attendance of so many of our fellow Pilots, wonderful foods and teas and our fellowship.

A Club Grant Application was mailed to and a copy also hand delivered to ESP (Extra Special People) in response to their request for financial assistance for ESP families during this time. Perhaps this is also a time for Nigel's Nest (food and assistance pantry at UNG) to apply for a grant (as well as others our Club have donated to). Our community's nonprofit organizations are asking for assistance and our Club's Grants may be an answer.

Please be giving thought to our Club's Plans of Work for 2020-2021.

One of the most important projects we can do during these days is checking in (by phone) with seniors or house-bound neighbors/family. Depression and/or confusion can be serious due to no contact. Check to see if there is something you can do or an errand you can run. Remind them you cannot come in for a visit. Remember seniors came from era of independence and pride. "Care for yourself" was their mindset.

Pilotly,  
Donna MacPherson  
Jane Reese

# Membership Division

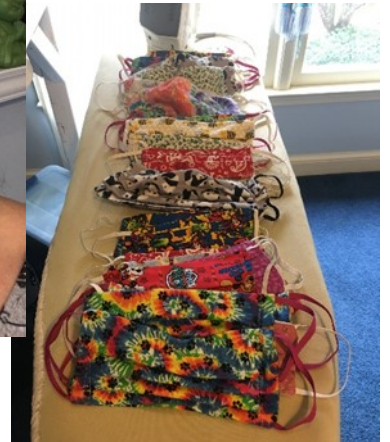
Greeting to all members to take care and stay well. We look forward to our next "real" meeting.

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## Calendar

May 5, 2020	Business Meeting
May 5, 2020	ACTS Donation Night
May 19, 2020	Plan of Works Meeting
June 2, 2020	Business Meeting
June 10, 2020	Summer Food for Kids Vol.
June 16, 2020	Officer Installation
June 24-27, 2020	PI Convention

Frances sewed and donated over 200 to vet hospitals, elderly, public workers. UPS, postal workers, special need people and caregivers, ambulance services, elderly persons, persons with lupus, urgent care centers, and doctors' offices.

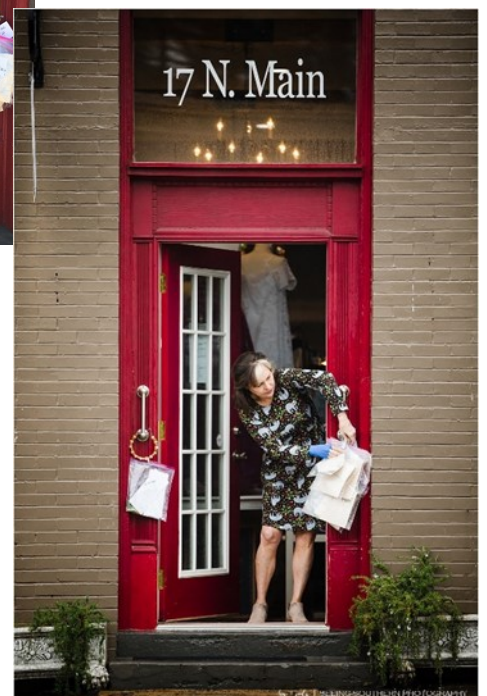


## Member's News

Donna's ongoing Pick-Me-Up 91-year-old caretaker's wife passed away March 4th (dementia related). She continues daily social media contact with him as Service to Seniors and recently added a lone neighbor to this daily interaction as well. Both have also received drop off Pick-Me-Ups in the form of supplies while they shelter in place.

She realized that this has been the longest period that she has not been in school or a work situation since college graduation.

She has enjoyed watching chickadees nesting in a bird house off the back patio and wrens in the garage. The weather has been nice for garden preparation.



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Once all the health issues that attacked my body in early January, 2020 were treated and resolved over a period of time, my Cardiologist, Dr. Catherine Marti was able to declare me CURED of HEART FAILURE. Thanks to my Pilot club members for your prayers, cards, phone calls, visits flowers, food (especially dark chocolate) and many other caring gestures during this very trying time in my life. You are very special in my life. Joy Elder



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*Thank you for your support.  
Stay safe and stay healthy.*

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