

Oconee Spokes

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President's report

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your President this Pilot year. Who would have thought that we would have had a world-wide pandemic and over 100,000 Covid-19 deaths in the USA? We have been faced with quarantine, loss of work, school and canceled events. The challenges are still present but we are striving to make the best use of our time and service.

When I reflect on this year, I will remember how Pilots turned up to support new membership activities, new community partnerships, a multitude of projects, and a successful fund-raising venture. I will remember our new grant initiative and service to many on the front lines in the Covid-19 battle. Most of all, I will remember each of you...your encouragement, your giving spirit, your fellowship and your help.

I look forward to this new year...Pilots 100th Anniversary. Let us pledge to do our best and set a course for excellence. I am Pilot Proud!

Darlene

Executive Board

President: Darlene Adams
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Projects
Jane Reese
Donna MacPherson

Membership
Pam Crawford
Anna Gillespie

President Elect

Pilots, since we don't know when we can meet face-to-face, we will be conducting our meetings via ZOOM. It isn't the way we want, but it is the way to stay safe.

The Executive Board and Co-coordinators will meet via ZOOM on June 23 at 5:30. Cyndee Moore will send out the invitation and meeting ID number. We will have our July Business Meeting via ZOOM on July 7 at 6:30 and Cyndee will send out the needed information.

I look forward to another successful Pilot year. Rosa

Projects

When the rest of the world was shuttered away and sheltering in place, the Pilot Club of Oconee County was reaching out and taking care of others as they always do! During the last month we spent 117 hours volunteering in April alone (May hours to come)!

AS A CLUB:

1. Provided meals for various units at both Piedmont Athens Regional Hospital and St. Mary's. In the process we have also supported a number of restaurants including Fox's Pizza, Mama Jewel's, Taziki's, and Automatic Pizza!
2. Provided financial support to groups that have worked hard to make the lives of those experiencing food insecurities.

AS INDIVIDUAL PILOTS, we delivered food and snacks, volunteered our time and energy, and made donations of money and goods to the following:

1. Bigger Vision Homeless Shelter
2. Oconee Sheriff's Office
3. City of Hope
4. ACTS (Area Churches Together Serving)
5. UNG Oconee campus Food Pantry Nigel's Nest
6. Oconee Area Resource Council
7. Maria Reese's Mask Brigade
8. Mulberry Grove
9. Magnolia Terrace
10. Piedmont Athens Regional – Oconee Health campus

We've supported small businesses by shopping local, providing pick me up snacks, purchasing gift cards to be used at a later time, ordering take out AND we've lent our time and talents to Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, and many other worthwhile causes.

Membership

As we are ending the 2019-2020 year, we would like to thank each of you so much for the fun times we had throughout the Pilot year. Dames & Games at Akademia was a blast last September and we introduced so many guests about what our club is all about. We created fidget blankets at Ann Peden's studio in November and although it was a challenging task, we learned so much. And, we used our creativity at Board and Brush in February to make fun board signs for ourselves or for a friend. We didn't get to do the other membership events in April and May, but appreciate your enthusiasm, willingness to help, and trying new things. Hope to see you all soon--Pam Crawford and Anna Gillespie

Fundraising

Mark your calendar as our 2021 Pilot 5K Chase will be held on Saturday, Feb. 6th, noon at OVP. This is the only fundraiser Pilot Club of Oconee County does each year and money raised allows us to provide the support to our community as listed above as well as to continue our work with Brainminders™, Project Lifesaver, and other groups that work in the areas of promoting brain health and supporting those with brain related injuries and issues.



Anna Gillespie	June 9
Donna MacPherson	June 20

Member's News

I have been sick for 3 weeks but I am much improved. Dennis and I have a new car but we have nowhere to go. We are so ready to get back to normal. June's brother, Allan Hardigree, is at Park Place in Monroe and has the virus so we all need prayers. His wife Diane once was a member of our Pilot Club. I hope everyone in Pilot Club will be ready to return when we can get together again. Hugs for all. June

I hope you're doing well and staying safe and healthy! These are indeed strange and challenging times. We have done great work to support our community over the last few months and it has been appreciated more than we'll likely ever realize. I hope you took the time to read the thank you notes than Cathy forwarded. Behind each of those notes were literally hundreds of people who had a better day because you all showed your care and concern. I like to tell people that I joined the Pilot Club of Oconee County because everywhere I looked when I first moved to Georgia, where there was a need there was a Pilot. That has not changed. Many are often, in fact, surprised that the work we do in the community is done by a group as small as ours. I also want to tell you that over the last couple of months I have come into contact with so many people who have expressed an interest in joining our Club because of the caring and kindness you all have shared during this pandemic. With each delivery made I have seen tears, fear, exhaustion, gratitude and – most importantly – hope! Please understand that the tears and fear and gratitude didn't just come from the medical personnel, but from restaurant owners and workers who could breathe a little easier as they worked to put together food from us. Those restaurants included Fox's Pizza, Automatic Pizza, Mama Jewel's Taziki's, and Suncatcher Café. Thank you for allowing me to be the face of your service to our healthcare communities during this critical time. I would also caution that just because the news stations have stopped featuring COVID-19 24 hours a day does not mean we're out of the woods or that we shouldn't continue to care for those who care for the most vulnerable in our society. Our local ICU units are currently full and they continue to need our prayers and support. If you have a moment, send a note to Piedmont or St. Mary's thanking them for showing up so we could stay safe.

My children spent every summer of their young lives at Billy Graham's Camp Cove in the mountains near Asheville. They loved their time there and – quite frankly – it gave me a little breather from mom duty. Each year when I went to their graduation, they sang a song that has filled my mind for the past few weeks: "They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love. No matter what we each believe individually, the world knows who we are by what we do. I know our little part of the world knows that Pilot means friendship and caring, love and service.

Stay safe. Cyndee

PAY DAY CANDY BARS

Submitted by Joy Elder

3 CUPS SALTED PARTY PEANUTS
2 CUPS PEANUT BUTTER CHIPS
2 CUPS MINI MARSHMALLOWS
3 TBSP UNSALTED BUTTER
½ TSP VANILLA EXTRACT
1 14OZ CAN SWEETENED CONDENSED MILK

GENEROUSLY GREASE A 9 X 13 BAKING DISH WITH BUTTER OR LINE WITH PARCHMENT PAPER. SET ASIDE.

MELT BUTTER AND PEANUT BUTTER CHIPS OVER MEDIUM HEAT IN A HEAVY SAUCEPAN, STIRRING UNTIL SMOOTH.

STIR IN SWEETENED CONDENSED MILK MINI MARSHMALLOWS AND VANILLA (AT THIS POINT I USE AN ELECTRIC HAND MIXER TO MIX UNTIL SMOOTH AND THOROUGHLY COMBINED.

SPREAD HALF THE PEANUTS IN THE BOTTOM OF THE BAKING DISH. POUR THE CONDENSED MILK MIXTURE EVENLY OVER THE PEANUTS. GENTLY SPREADING TO EDGES OF DISH. SPRINKLE THE REMAINING PEANUTS ON TOP AND GENTLY PRESS SLIGHTLY INTO THE TOP OF THE MIXTURE. LET SET FOR AT LEAST 4 HOURS BEFORE CUTTING INTO NARROW OBLONG BARS.

