

OCONEE SPOKES

JULY 2020

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Pilots,

It's been months since we have been able to be together. It looks like it is going to be a while before we can meet in person. Cyndee is able to lead us with Zoom meetings. They get the job done, but it sure isn't the same as being able to hug our sister Pilots. We will continue to have our monthly Executive Board and Business meetings on the first Tuesday of each month.

The Co-coordinators and their Divisions have worked hard to provide our Plans of Work. The Budget Committee was able to coordinate all their work by email. We will continue to serve our community; it will just be a different looking year for a while.

Our July Business meeting will be devoted to our Plans of Work and our Budget. Cyndee will send these out to all members. Please make a copy of each so that you will be ready to discuss any concerns.

I appreciate everyone that volunteered/agreed to serve in a Special Assignment. Everything is running as smoothly as it can during this time of Social Distancing.

In Pilot friendship and caring,
Rosa

OUR MISSION AND VISION



Pilot International's mission is to influence positive change in communities throughout the world. To do this, we come together in friendship and service, focusing on encouraging brain safety and health and supporting those who care for others.

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Pam Crawford & Jan Thomas

PRESIDENT ELECT

Well - we're halfway through 2020 and it seems like the time has ... dragged by! This has been a difficult time for our club, community, and Country as we search for ways to stay together while apart. But I am so proud of the work our Club has done to make things more comfortable for those in our community who are working so hard to keep us safe, fed, and healthy. I say it every time someone asks me why I'm a Pilot: Where there is a need, there's a Pilot - and I'm so proud to be part of a club for which that is always 100% the case.

I am also so proud of the way you have all embraced Zoom and have enjoyed working with many of you so that we can have a positive experience when we meet and continue to carry on our work even when we're unable to meet face-to-face. I look forward to learning so much more about Pilot as I embrace my role as President-elect and am grateful to have the best possible teachers in each of you.

Stay safe,
Cyndee

PROJECTS

The work we are usually doing has been halted or extremely slowed; however, there is work being done. Last week three veterans were fed with a "drop off" meal. Items were collected by individuals for the VA storage spot to be used for homeless veterans when a need is identified. No, these were not big projects but actions that needed to be done. Unfortunately volunteers cannot visit the VA clinic to identify needs. Pilot members will need to listen to conversations for hints of need in their circle/community.

There are always actions that can be done for first line responders during these days of reduced meetings. So my challenge to every member is listen for a person in your circle (or other circles) that is isolated and could use a ray of sunshine. Remember it is a good time to buy bottled water and sport drinks or snacks for Butterfly Dreams or items for Nigel's Nest and drop them off as you pass their location. Other segments of life that can be considered front Line is Hospice staff and in a few weeks teachers/school staff. Service is just an action done with love and compassion.

MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Division has put together a few fun activities for the upcoming year. At our July meeting we will be presenting our plans to all members. We are adding the Pilot Picnic back in this year and hopefully by the time it is scheduled we will be having meetings again. In the meantime, stay safe.

FUNDRAISING

Mark your calendar as our 2021 Pilot 5K Chase will be held on Saturday, February 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. We'll be asking Pilots to reach out to previous sponsors as well as help develop and recruit new sponsors for this year's race! Stay tuned for more information!



Mary Mattocks
July 22nd

SUNSHINE REPORT

Please remember to send names and addresses of those in the community who would appreciate a card from our club to this year's Sunshine Chair Pam Crawford.



Pam Crawford has already been sharing sunshine around Oconee County on behalf of our Club in the form of Pick Me Ups!

LEFT: A sweet, patriotic basket for Pat Huff.

RIGHT: Basket for Michelle Belmont, daughter of Cathy Moorehead who has been in Georgia from out of state for weeks helping Cathy care for her mother.



MEMBER NEWS & NOTES

Life at the Reese house has been a long, lonesome spring with hospitalization, scans, surgical procedures, hours sitting in parking lots and isolation at home but light has reappeared. Last week we got a good report from physicians that clots were no longer present and the "unexplained stuff" seen in lungs scans was not a problem. A couple more weeks of limited living means we can travel with care. I am ready to go to the farm and cut bushes! I think we are even looking forward to returning to gym for exercise. I appreciate and thank each one who provided support and friendly faces during these weeks.

- Jane Reese

I enjoyed 2 nights at my Hiawasse house in mid-June.

- Joy Elder



LEFT: This view is from my deck overlooking Lake Chatuge and some Georgia and North Carolina mountains. My house is about 4 miles from the North Carolina State line.



RIGHT: Doing my part providing food for the local birds...2 hummingbird feeders, 2 finch, chickadee and other small birds, and 2 feeders for cardinals, robins, and other large birds.

*Thank
you*

June McKenzie would like to thank all who sent cards of sympathy to her family on the death of her brother, Allan Hardigree. The family is doing okay. Vacation will not happen this year as June and Dennis are staying close to home.

I became a Great Grandmother on March 4 to James Coleman Padgett of Savannah, GA. Of course, he is precious! We are looking forward to a July wedding in the Tennessee mountains for another grandson. We struggle with quarantine but we have continued to prepare food for the Bigger Vision homeless and provide food for City of Hope Athens. I have read a lot, gardened, and worked on genealogy during this Q Time. I have learned a new level of patience, perseverance, and flexibility. Ha!
Pilot Proud, Darlene



NOTABLE NOTES



Pilots...

As I end my tenure as Georgia District Governor today I want to THANK YOU for joining our WALK TOGETHER as we walked in the many different shoes taking on the many different roles of Pilot. It's been an AWESOME and UNFORGETTABLE WALK and I appreciate everyone of you for the support I have been given during the years on the DAC/DEC!! Now it's time to bring out the TREASURE and PEARLS with Governor Susan and the 2020-2021 DAC/DEC. It will be a great year.

With Love and Many Hugs (that we will catch up on),
Jayne Lackey
2019-2020 Georgia District Governor

Bette Davis' husband Bob passed last week. Betty was a member for many years before moving to Lagrange. If you would like to send a sympathy card her address is:

Bette Davis
726 Teaver Road
Lagrange, GA 30240



June Robertson, Classic City Pilot Club, has found out that her cancer has come back and is "bigger". She is meeting with her doctors this week to figure out the next plan of treatment. Cards of caring and encouragement can be sent to June at:

June Robertson
155 Cedar Creek Dr.
Athens, GA 30605.

FROM OUR KITCHENS



Southern Skillet Fried Corn

Submitted by Pam Crawford



INGREDIENTS:

- 6-8 ears corn
- 3 Tbsp flour
- 2-3 Tbsp sugar
- 1 tsp salt and pepper
- 1 ½ cup water

DIRECTIONS:

Shuck and cut off corn, scrape cob to get all juices
Combine flour, sugar, salt and pepper in small bowl then add water and whisk.
Melt butter over medium low heat and add corn and other ingredients. Cook 20-25 minutes stirring frequently.

Marinated Cucumbers, Onions, and Tomatoes

Submitted by Jan Thomas

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 medium cucumbers, peeled and sliced ½ inch thick
- 1 medium onion, sliced and separated into rings
- 3 medium tomatoes, cut into wedges
- ½ cup vinegar
- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 cup water
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon fresh coarse ground black pepper
- ¼ cup oil

Directions: Combine ingredients in a large bowl and mix well.
Refrigerate at least 2 hours before serving. Enjoy!





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| July 7, 2020 | Business Meeting via Zoom |
| August 4, 2020 | Executive Board Meeting @ 5:30
Business Meeting |
| September 8, 2020 | Executive Board Meeting @ 5:30
Business Meeting |
| October 2 - 3, 2020 | Fall Council 2020
Epworth by the Sea
St. Simons Island, GA |
| October 3, 2020 | Pilot International Founder Fund Walk |
| October 6, 2020 | Executive Board Meeting @ 5:30
Business Meeting |
| February 6, 2021 | 12th Annual Pilot 5K Chase @ noon
Oconee Veterans Park |
| April 2 - 4, 2021 | District Convention 2021
Callaway Resort & Gardens
Pine Mountain, GA |



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