

# OONEE SPOKES

DECEMBER 2020

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Merry Christmas Pilots,

It is hard to believe that another year is coming to an end. Celebrations with families will be very different for many of us this year. Our family will celebrate Christmas with FaceTime. Not what we want, but what we need to do to keep Freeman healthy.

The Scholarship Committee is gearing up for the selection of a representative for the Lynda Goodwin Scholarship. Joy and Elaine may be calling on Pilots to help with the selection.

The ABCs of Pilot are being reintroduced to include both Anchor and Compass. The ABCs are a marketing tool that define what we do as Pilots:

Advocating Leadership and Service in Youth and Young Adults

Brain Safety and Health

Caring and Supporting Families in Times of Need

In Pilot love and Blessings,  
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.

December 7, 2020  
Pilot Club of Oconee County, Inc.  
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Watkinsville, GA 30677

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## Executive Board

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Anna Gillespie & Dr. Cyndee Moore

Projects  
Jane Reese & Lavonne Lockwood

Membership  
Pam Crawford & Jan Thomas

# PROJECTS

Despite all our apprehensions, we made the parade – with four Pilots onboard (Rosanne Smith, Darlene Adams, Donna MacPherson and me) - and had lots of fun doing it! The floats this year were really outstanding – including ours with the animated version of Rocking Around The Christmas Tree. (I got to rock the entire route.) People on the route were more responsive and happier than any years before and turnout was much more than expected. Great day and Pilot did get some coverage from our favorite photographer!

Jane Reese, Projects Co-Chair



A.C.T.S. is now accepting donations each Tuesday and Friday.  
Needed at this time are:

- Coats
- Sweaters
- Jackets
- Flannel shirts
- Warm pants
- Children's clothing (the bins are completely empty – GREAT need)
- Kitchen items
- Blankets



This year's Christmas party allocation was diverted to the Support Our Seniors Program. We were pleased to be able to provide some basic supplies that will be distributed to seniors in need! For Pilots who are interested, SOS has also begun a pen pal project! If you would like to send a note or a card to one of our senior neighbors you may mail it to:

Support Our Seniors  
P.O. Box 823  
Watkinsville, GA 30677

If you would like to receive a reply please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. We would especially like to be able to give each senior Christmas cards to brighten up their homes during the holiday season, but the hope is to continue this for months to come so write letters or cards and keep them coming!



We uplift and appreciate caregivers by providing needed services or small gifts to brighten their day, also known as Pick Me Ups. At its most fundamental level, the Pick Me Up program is here to provide additional care and kindness to caregivers, individuals, and groups. If you know an individual or group that would benefit from a Pick-Me-Up, please submit a request to Donna MacPherson, Projects Division contact for the PMU program. Once approved, you can help spread cheer, support, and kindness on behalf of the Pilot Club of Oconee County!

## MEMBERSHIP

News from Pilot International: The district with the greatest percentage of growth in 2020-2021 will be recognized at the 100 Year Anniversary Celebration in Atlanta, have their picture in the Fall issue of the Pilot Log and receive \$100.



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Recruiting a new member can be as simple as offering information about our club. Extend an invitation to attend a meeting so they can see us "in action" discussing our plans and reporting on our activities. Pilots come together in friendship and give people an outlet for service.

A lot of things have been put on hold this year but you never know when you might meet someone who just needs an invitation. Talk Pilot. Stay safe.

# FUNDRAISING

The 2021 Pilot 5K Chase will be VIRTUAL this year with participants running or walking at the location of their choice during the week of February 1 – 6! Each member of our club is asked to register 8 – 10 friends, co-workers, or family members this year to help support this event (which should be super easy since they don't have to live here). So get on Facebook and start spreading the news! Participants can register at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) or use the paper form at the end of our newsletter!

## PRESENTING

Piedmont Athens Regional Foundation (Joy Elder)

## PLATINUM

Athens Construction (Pam Crawford)

Resource Partners (Cyndee Moore)



## GOLD

University of North Georgia (Cyndee Moore)

Seymour & Allen, LLC (Cyndee Moore)

OWD (Jan Thomas)

JTE Rentals (Joy Elder)

Bell's Food Store (Cathy Moorehead)

## SILVER

Striplings (Jane Reese)

Roll-Off Systems (Pam Crawford)

QCC Properties (Pam Crawford)

Parker & Associates (June McKenzie)

Athens Dermatology (June McKenzie)

E. R. Snell Construction (Jan Thomas)

Memory Station (Elaine Neal)

Newell Orthodontics (Cyndee Moore)

Oconee State Bank (Darlene Adams)

Peacock Acres (June McKenzie)

## BRONZE

Herbert & Darlene Adams (Darlene Adams)

Hall Dental (Darlene Adams)

Garnto Family Dental (Darlene Adams)

Zaxby's Watkinsville (Pam Crawford)

Synovus Bank (Pam Crawford)

Power Building Products (Pam Crawford)

Murrow-Jones Properties (Pam Crawford)

Elizabeth Schoepf (Pam Crawford)

L. Baker Enterprises (Pam Crawford)

Athens Eye Associates (June McKenzie)

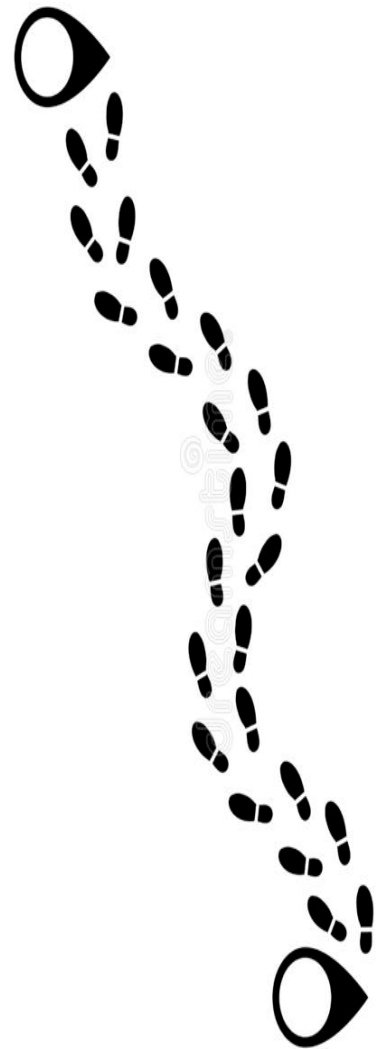
Quarterman, Hodson & Morang, P.C. (Jan Thomas)

Mobley Family Dentistry (Jan Thomas)

BankSouth (Cyndee Moore)

Ginger Randall (Pam Crawford)

Jimmy & Gaye Christopher (Cyndee Moore)





## 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 sent out 12 cards this month on behalf of our Club!



## SCHOLARSHIP NEWS



The 2020 Fall recipient of the Helen Parrish Scholarship is Scott K. Conner, a sophomore at the University of North Georgia's Oconee campus. Scott is a native of Oconee County who is debating between a major in Engineering with Physical Science Concentration and Math. He definitely wants to earn a 4-year degree, and in 10 years he sees himself doing pharmaceutical research in the area of Narcolepsy, a sleep disorder with he suffers with now.

Pictured left to right Joy Elder, Pilot Club of Oconee County Scholarship Committee, Scott Conner, Anna Gillespie, Pilot Club of Oconee County Treasurer.

## MEMBER NEWS & NOTES



Our deepest sympathies to Pilot Jan Thomas on the loss of her husband and Joy Elder on the loss of her brother. Jimmy Emerson Thomas who passed away on November 23, 2020. You are in our hearts, thoughts, and prayers with hopes that your sadness will soon be lessened by the lifetime of memories you created with Jimmy.



Some of our longtime Oconee Pilots will remember Doris Rusgrove, a longtime member of our Club who served two terms as Lt. Governor of our Region. She passed away at age 98 on Monday morning, December 7. Doris was a native of Maine and moved to Georgia in the late 1960s and settled in Oconee County in the Eastville Area. She was a neighbor of Pilot Helen Parrish. She dearly loved her years in Pilot, represented us well and had a life well-lived.

Joy Elder collected and mailed more than 500 blank Christmas cards to the Middle East this year. These cards are distributed to our troops stations abroad so that they can send them to their loved ones!



Joy, with some help from Anna Gillespie, also supplied dozens of calendars to the Salvation Army this year for distribution to the individuals they serve.

Thank you Joy and Anna for helping us spread holiday cheer and kindness beyond Oconee County!



Joy reached  $\frac{3}{4}$  century living with her 75<sup>th</sup> birthday in November!! She was blessed with many well wishes through cards, phone calls and internet wishes. Even some of her students from the LATE 60's whom she taught at Loganville High School beginning in 1968 blessed her with greetings!



Donna enjoyed a trip to Virginia Beach, VA from November 7 - 12 to see extended family and a special high school friend. She enjoyed nice weather and great meals and is already planning to return in the spring. She has continued weekend trips to SC to assist with a college friend's recovery and care after surgery. She closed out November with a big Thanksgiving meal which they moved to Saturday so her brother and niece could join!



Support UNG Nighthawks SOAR (Student Opportunities for Accelerated Readiness) program this Christmas! With a \$20 donation you'll receive an ornament by local artist Loretta Eby! These limited edition (only 150 made), signed and numbered ornaments are this year's commemorative Christmas ornament for Watkinsville (commissioned by the City and provided at cost to UNG)! Contact Cyndee ([Cyndee.moore@ung.edu](mailto:Cyndee.moore@ung.edu) or 434-203-1885) if you'd like to purchase one!

SOAR is a terrific summer program that provides a summer enrichment program for economically disadvantaged middle school students from Oconee, Athens-Clarke and surrounding counties. The program fits right into Pilot's ABC as it provides opportunities for your service and leadership development!

**SPEND THE HOLIDAYS WITH OCAF!**

34 School Street, Watkinsville GA

## HOLIDAY MARKET



### Market Dates & Hours:

Friday, December 4th: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Saturday, December 5th: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Sunday, December 6th: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### ARTISTS' SHOPPE

December 4-19, 2020

Tuesday-Saturday,  
10:00AM-4:00PM

Handmade items perfect for the special people on your holiday gift list!



### MINGLE WITH KRINGLE

December 12, 2020

Mingle with Kringle is meant for true believers - believers in sugar plums and reindeer and elves, but most of all believers in Santa Claus.



For more details on each holiday event, go to [WWW.OCAF.COM](http://WWW.OCAF.COM)

Pilots LaRuchala Murphy and Cyndee Moore are pleased to announce that OCAF's Holiday Market was a success! For those who are interested in shopping local and supporting OCAF as well as our local artists and artisans, there's still an opportunity to do so!

The Artists' Shoppe at OCAF features the work/products of 51 local artists/artisans and is open Tuesday - Saturday from 10a.m. - 4p.m. through December 19.

We can also still use volunteers to cashier and bag items for shoppers (which are low in numbers - no big crowds). If you're interested in volunteering, let Cyndee or LaRuchala know OR sign up online at

<https://signup.com/go/oeKFGtb>

## NEWS FROM PILOT INTERNATIONAL



### 100 Year Anniversary Challenge

We want all of you to celebrate 100 Years of Pilot Service with us in Atlanta, July 7 - 10, 2021. The club with the most First Timers and the club with the most Members Attending the 100 Year Anniversary Convention will be recognized in Atlanta, have their picture in the Pilot Log and receive \$100.



## NOTABLE NOTES FROM OUR DISTRICT



Lt. Governor East Central Region news:

I completed my Official Visits the first week of November. On Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> I visited with the Pilot Club of Macon via phone conference call. They have not resumed in person meetings yet but working on their projects. On Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> I visited with the Pilot Club of Eatonton at the Masonic Lodge which they had decorated in a lovely Fall theme. Most members were in attendance. I finished up the week with a visit with the Pilot Club of Covington on Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Most members were in attendance. They had received their pecans for fundraising and at the end of their meeting they put together Pick Me Up goodie bags.

Treasuring Pilot Friendship and Service,

Donna

Lt. Governor East Central Region



February 1 -6, 2021  
12<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilot Club Chase 5K  
VIRTUAL EVENT

April 2 - 4, 2021  
District Convention 2021  
Callaway Resort & Gardens  
Pine Mountain, GA

July 7 - 10, 2021  
PI Convention and Leadership Conference  
Atlanta, GA





**Pilot Club of Oconee County, Inc.**  
**12th Annual Pilot Club Chase**  
**Virtual 5K Run/Walk**  
**Walking Together in Friendship and Service**  
**February 1 - 6, 2021**



Pilot International was founded in 1921 in Macon, Georgia. Pilot club members educate local youth about brain safety and Pilot club service projects focus on community members with brain related disorders such as Alzheimers, dementia and other cognitive disabilities. For more info, visit our web site at [www.oconeepilotclub.com](http://www.oconeepilotclub.com).

**Virtual 5K:** A virtual run/walk is where you may run on a treadmill, a track, your neighborhood, a park, anywhere you like provided the distance is 3.1 miles.

Run/walk your 3.1 miles any day between February 1 and February 6 at 5:00pm. Submit your finish time using this link: <http://tiny.cc/PilotChase5KTimes>. Finish times must be submitted no later than February 6 at midnight. Finish times submitted after February 6 will not be included in the results.

**Registration:** \$20 per person

**Awards and T-Shirts:** There will be no awards or t-shirts

**Results:** Results will be available at [www.classiconestop.com](http://www.classiconestop.com), [www.classicraceservices.com](http://www.classicraceservices.com), [www.active.com](http://www.active.com), [www.athlink.com](http://www.athlink.com)

**Questions?:** Cyndee Moore, [cyndee.moore@ung.edu](mailto:cyndee.moore@ung.edu)  
Carole Black, [classicraceservices@gmail.com](mailto:classicraceservices@gmail.com)



**Register one of three easy ways:**

- 1) Online at: [www.active.com](http://www.active.com)
- 2) By mail – Complete registration form and send to: Pilot Club 5K, PO Box 833, Watkinsville, GA 30677  
**Make check payable to: Pilot Club 5K.**
- 3) By mail – Complete registration form and send to: Pilot Club 5K, PO Box 833, Watkinsville, GA 30677  
Venmo to @Cynthia-Moore-34

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (please print legibly)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_ F

\_\_\_\_ I cannot participate but would like to support the event in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. **THANK YOU!**

**Waiver:** In consideration of acceptance of this entry, I waive any and all claims for myself and my heirs against officials and sponsors of the 2021 Pilot Club Chase 5K sponsored by the Pilot Club of Oconee County for injury or illness, which may result directly or indirectly from my participation. I further state that I am in proper condition to participate in this event.

Participant signature (if under 18 – parent's signature is required) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

The Pilot Club of Oconee County, Inc.

Pick Me Up Reimbursement Form

Pilot Member Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date submitted PMU Request to Projects Division Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Recipient of PMU: \_\_\_\_\_

Date PMU Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Summary of PMU Contents: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Note that although Pick Me Up contents vary there is a \$50.00 limit amount approved for reimbursement.

Projects Division Coordinator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Club President or Treasurer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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