



Oconee Spokes

Pilot Club of Oconee County April, 2023

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**"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow,
you gotta put up with the rain."** –

Dolly Parton

What a Spring we've had! The temperatures have been all over the place and we have had more rain than I thought was even possible. But like Dolly says, "if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain!" What a pot of gold we have discovered at the end of that rainbow here with the Oconee Pilots. After renewing friendships at the District Convention, it refreshed and reload me to continue to move our club forward. I had never been as proud as I was of a group that I represented as I was at the District Convention. I was able to accept awards on the clubs behalf in front of just under 150 people. Mrs. Barbara and I were able to present North Oconee's Ansley Crowe to the group as she received the Lynda Goodwin Scholarship. Awards that you have worked hard for were Third Place for East Central Newsletter, First Place Edwina Gill Growth with seven new members, and Second Place Nancy Henrick Friendship & Service. Mrs. Judy is responsible has done and excellent job with her records and filling out all the necessary forms. We have looked ahead and know what we need to apply for the Ann Adams Attendance and Governor's Cup for 2023-2024. OH and there will be the Cindy Weaver Award with criteria sent in August. My understanding is this is a "fun spirit" award--now I know we have this! Mrs. Anna's timely and great record keeping qualified us for the 2022-2023 PACESETTER and PIFF 250 Club. A special thank you to the Scholarship Committee, Mrs. Judy, and Mrs. Anna. Because of you, others know that we are making a difference.



**HAPPY
EASTER**

Pilot Hugs and Love. Vickie

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DIVISION REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP



What a great year for our club! We are fresh from the Georgia District Convention held in the beautiful Legacy Lodge at Lake Lanier. Vickie, Barbara, Donna and I are still glowing from the awards bestowed on our club. Vickie has already posted our pride in the Lynda Goodwin Volunteer Scholarship winner and Ansley's awesome representation. Vickie will be sharing the other recognition but I wanted to focus on the Membership Growth Award.

Our club was recognized #1 in the Georgia District for the most membership growth this Pilot year! The installation of our seventh new member in May is a direct reflection of the "Share Pilot" practice of our members all year long. Kudos to you all for your hard work, friendship and service while living out the Pilot creed. Indeed, you are NUMBER ONE! Congratulations!

FUNDRAISING

WE STILL HAVE A FEW OF THE BLOWN GLASS RACE AWARDS FOR SALE FOR \$12 EACH. THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE AT MEETINGS.

THE FUNDRAISING DIVISION IS MAKING PLANS FOR THE INSTALLATION DINNER ON JUNE 6. IT WILL BE HELD AT THE STERLING MILLS CLUBHOUSE STARTING AT 6:30. THE DINNER WILL BE CATERED. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS SINCE THIS NOT ONE OF OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS. WE WILL HAVE MORE INFORMATION AT THE MAY MEETING.

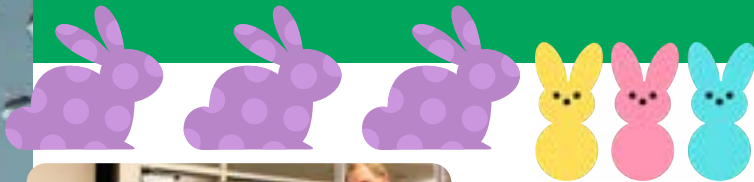


Projects



THE PROJECTS DIVISION HAS FINISHED UP A GREAT MONTH OF PUPPET SHOWS. WHAT GREAT KIDS WE HAVE IN OCONEE COUNTY! WE ARE FULL FORCE SUPPORTING THE OCONEE-CLARKE RELAY FOR LIFE. SEVERAL MEMBERS WILL BE HELPING WITH THE SURVIVOR DINNER AS WELL AS REGISTRATION. WE HAVE GIVEN A DONATION TO THE OCONEE COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS. OUR DONATION SEES THAT ALL THE ATHLETES HAVE THE MEDAL THEY HAVE EARNED. WE HAVE MANY SUCCESSES THIS YEAR FOR OUR PROJECTS DIVISION. THANK ALL OF YOU FOR WORKING HARD TO SEE OUR VISIONS THROUGH.

REMINDER: #sharepilotsunshine on Saturday, May 6 by proudly wearing one of your Pilot shirts.



APRIL AWESOMENESS 2023

April Adventures

*Plan of Works Meeting for 2023-2024 scheduled for Tuesday, April 18. What division will you serve? Can you step up and be a Chairperson?

*Outreach for membership

*Fundraising Division continues to be selling the extra hand blown orbs at meetings for \$12

*Standing Rules has been called on to review a change-this was presented at March Business Meeting as well as posted in the March SPOKES for members to have 30 days to review before voting.



President Vickie attended the Region 4 STAR Student/Teacher Banquet where the two Oconee County Winners (NOHS and OCHS) were named Region 4 STAR Students and Teachers and will move to State Competition April 24



Rosa Hall and Brenda Cotter presented a check to the Oconee Special Olympics



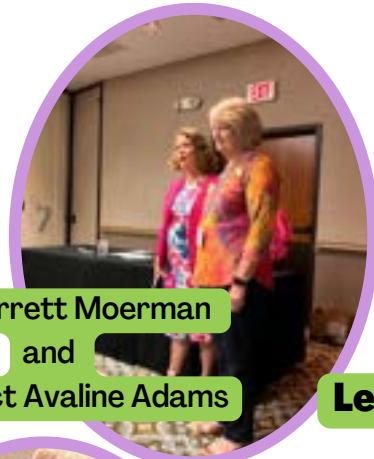
Our own Donna MacPherson



OCHS Alumnus and UNG Student
Ashley Lundy Silva
\$1000 Helen Parrish Scholarship



North Oconee Ansley Crowe
Lynda Goodwin Scholarship Winner
Her parents Brandon and Christina



Gov. Durrett Moerman
and
Gov. elect Avaline Adams



District Convention
Legacy Lodge at Lake Lanier Islands
March 31-April 2



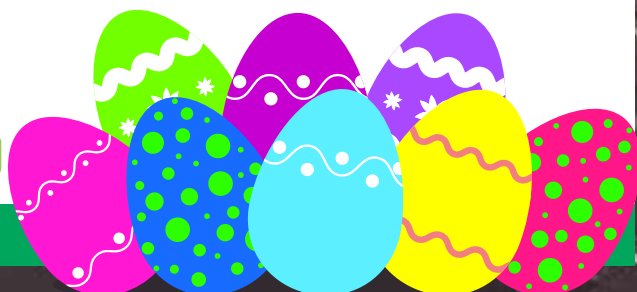
PI Secretary
Susan Kahl



Barbara Carter's
First Pilot District Convention



Our Lt. Governor
Cynthia Spearman



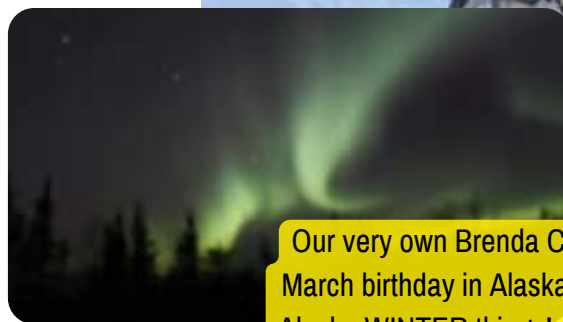
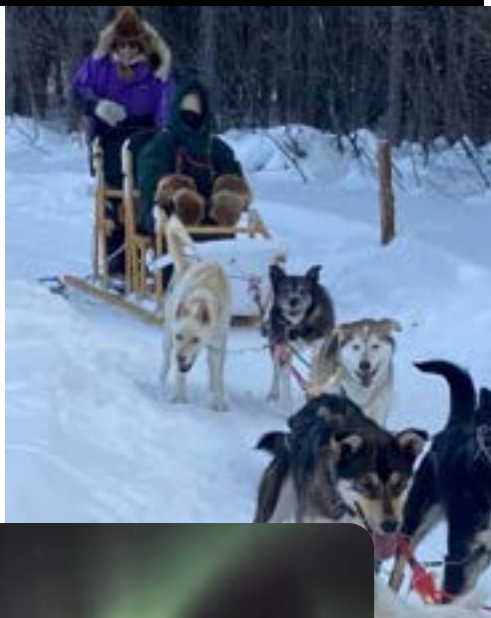


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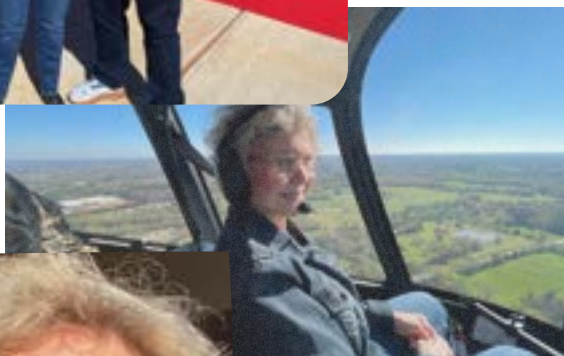


in case you missed it! Mrs. Joy is helping keep Pilot history alive in our Oconee County Library!

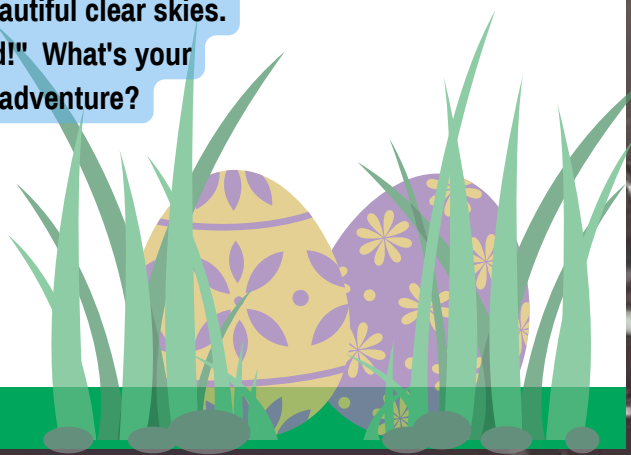
The Pilot Club of Oconee County was started March 27, 1979. Pilot International's symbol is a ship's captain's wheel with the motto of "True Course Ever" and the ideals of friendship and service. The Oconee chapter has been active in the community helping others and providing educational opportunities, such as scholarships and seminars. In return, the community has supported the club in various ways, including sponsorship of its events. Pilot International celebrated its 100th birthday in 2021 by printing the book, "Celebrating 100 years of Friendship and Service." Oconee Librarian James Mitchell received



Our very own Brenda Cotter spent her March birthday in Alaska doing all those Alaska WINTER things! Yes that is Mrs. Brenda under all those coats!!!



Joy Elder was all smiles after her first helicopter ride starting in Walton County The March 14th flight lasted 52 minutes with beautiful clear skies. "I am so blessed!" What's your Bucket List adventure?



BRAINMINDERS 2023 IS A WRAP!



**TEAM HIGH SHOALS
HOME OF THE HAWKS**



**TEAM COLHAM FERRY
HOME OF THE MUSTANGS**



**TEAM MALCOM BRIDGE
HOME OF THE EAGLES**



**TEAM ROCKY BRANCH
HOME OF THE ROCKETS**



**TEAM DOVE CREEK
HOME OF THE DRAGONS**



**TEAM OCONEE PRIMARY
HOME OF THE LITTLE CHIEFS
TWO SHOWTIMES**



NORTH OCONEE CLUSTER

OCONEE CLUSTER

SPLIT CLUSTER



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

2023-2024 PLAN OF WORKS MEETING



Mrs. Darlene, President-Elect, has set **Tuesday, April 18, 2023 6:00 pm** for the Plan of Works Meeting to plan projects, fundraiser, and activities for the 2023-2024 Pilot year. This is the ONE MEETING you must make an effort to attend. Bring a "Sack Supper" and your ideas! Look for an email from Mrs. Darlene asking you for the TWO divisions you would like to be in. She will place you in one of those choices. Remember we have Membership, Projects, and Fundraising. **EVERYONE WILL HAVE A DIVISION.** Please let her know if you would be willing to be the chairperson of the division.

May 2, 2023 Business Meeting

BOARD MEETING 5:30. SOCIAL TIME BEGINS AT 6:30 P.M. WITH THE WHITE BEING OUR HOSTESSES. BUSINESS MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 7:00. PLEASE REVIEW ALL MEETING MATERIALS PRIOR TO MEETING. THIS WILL HELP MOVE THE MEETING. REMEMBER WE WILL BE VOTING ON STANDING RULES CHANGE PLEASE REVIEW AND BE THERE. MEETING LOCATION: BISHOP METHODIST CHURCH. WE WILL BE CELEBRATING CINCO DE MAYO

WHITE TEAM: LORRIE, SUSAN, JANE, JAN, PAM, ELAINE, REBECCA, JUNE

JUNE WILL SERVE AS HOSTESS



STANDING RULES COMMITTEE

Standing Rules Committee requested from membership to look over current Standing Rules and send any changes to the committee. **Any changes need 30 days for the membership to view before voting.** Mrs. Darlene is the Chairperson below is her report:

It is the time of year that we review our Standing Rules for possible edit and/or change. We had **one** suggestion: that we change the number of yearly business meetings from six back to twelve. There was some discussion from members, pro and con.

As chairman of the Standing Rules Committee, I listen and attempt to stay neutral but I know this Standing Rule could affect our membership going forward. Therefore, I am appealing to our membership to keep in mind what is the overall best decision for our club, given the comments from our discussion. However, if you have additional comments or if you were not in attendance last night, please send me any comments you may have. I will list the anonymous comments and share with the club membership for consideration before our May meeting vote.

SUMMER FOOD FOR KIDS PACKING DAY

TUESDAY, MAY 30 AT 9:30 AM! WRITE IT DOWN!!!

We will need about five (5) people to help pack the family boxes for the Summer Food for Kids program.

OARC is now getting all the applications in from the schools. Right now we are serving over 190 students in our schools kindergarten-high school seniors. They need our help. We are the first organization they have asked to pack. May 23 is the first day which the OARC Community Partners will be packing.

MEMBER ADDRESS SHEET CORRECTIONS

Please correct the following Elaine **NEAL** and Genny's email is **genwall415@icloud.com** and Mrs. June is **Watkinsville 30677** NOT Bogart.

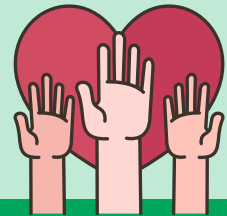
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VOLUNTEER HOURS

VOLUNTEER HOURS ARE IMPORTANT! WE ALL VOLUNTEER IN THE NAME OF PILOT MANY HOURS EACH WEEK AND MONTH SO LET'S DO OUR BEST TO REPORT THE HOURS AND THE NUMBERS WE SERVE TO SUPPORT PI'S GUIDELINES TO MAINTAIN A NON PROFIT STATUS. MORE IMPORTANTLY, THIS SERVICE IS IMPORTANT TO OUR COMMUNITY!

THE FOLLOWING CHART IS THE FORMAT WE USE TO SUBMIT OUR MONTHLY VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR THE OCONEE PILOT CLUB ON PILOT INTERNATIONAL'S WEBSITE UNDER MEMBER CLICKS EACH CLUB MEETING OR VIA EMAIL, I WILL HAVE A PRINTED COPY OR EMAIL COPY FOR YOU TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT TO ME. AT OUR NEXT MEETING, I WILL TRY TO EXPLAIN A LITTLE MORE ABOUT VOLUNTEER HOURS. FOR OUR NEW MEMBERS, DON'T WORRY....EVEN I STILL STRUGGLE WITH THIS BECAUSE I WANT IT TO BE ACCURATE. WE ARE HAPPY TO HELP EACH OTHER FIGURE THIS OUT!! EACH MONTH MRS. JUDY WILL REPORT OUR MONTHLY VOLUNTEER HOURS TO OUR CLUB.

VOLUNTEER HOURS ARE CATEGORIZED INTO THE FOLLOWING 4 TYPES: ANCHOR/YOUTH LEADERSHIP, BRAIN SAFETY & HEALTH, SUPPORTING THOSE WHO CARE FOR OTHERS, AND OTHERS SERVED. BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED.



Nomination Committee Report

Thank you Mrs. Anna, Mrs. Brenda, and Mrs. Rosa for serving as our 2023-2024 Oconee Pilot Nominating Committee. They are charged with the task of selecting a slate of officers for the 2023-2024 Pilot Year. They have now fulfilled that task for our 2023-2024 Club Leadership Team. Once again, our club will be in excellent hands and continue to thrive. A slate of officers:

Mrs. Darlene Adams, President; Mrs. Vickie Hammond, Past-President; Mrs. Rosa Hall, President-Elect, Mrs. Judy Marable, Secretary; Mrs. Barbara Carter, Recording Secretary; Ms. Donna MacPhearson, Treasurer; Mrs. Jan Thomas, Director; Mrs. Lorrie Rusgrove, Director.

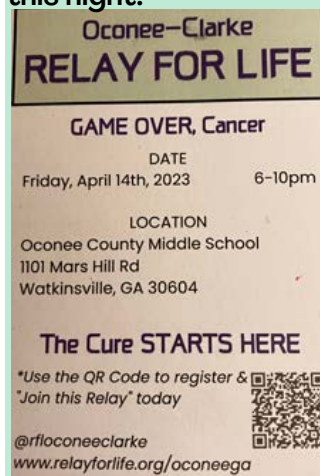
Thank you ladies for agreeing to be in a leadership position for the club. Thank you Nomination Committee, ladies for all your hard work. This process, at times, is not an easy one.

****IN THE HAST TO GETTING THE SPOKES COMPLETED I MISTAKENLY LEFT OFF MRS BARBARA. PLEASE BE SURE TO WELCOME HER AND MRS. BARBARA I AM TRULY SORRY.**

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCONEE RELAY FOR LIFE

Are you a cancer survivor or know one? Please be sure that to **register** for the Survivor Dinner, April 14, 5-6 PM at the OCMS Gym. We will have a team of Pilots that will be helping with the serving of the meal and registration. Thank you to all those that have volunteered. I just cannot think of a better way to give back. Remember to sign up. Thank you to our own Mrs. Tammy for being a huge part of this night.



Oconee-Clarke
RELAY FOR LIFE

GAME OVER, Cancer

DATE
Friday, April 14th, 2023 6-10pm

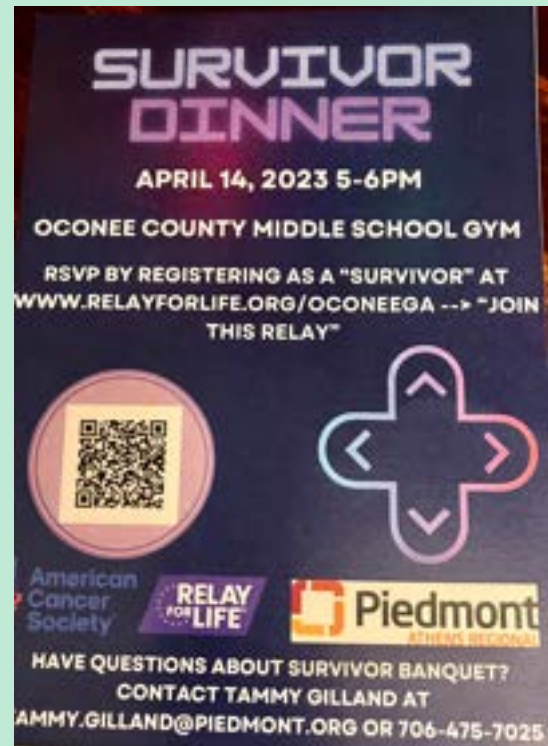
LOCATION
Oconee County Middle School
1101 Mars Hill Rd
Watkinsville, GA 30604

The Cure STARTS HERE

*Use the QR Code to register & "Join this Relay" today

@rfoconeeclarke
www.relayforlife.org/oconeega

Our community needs our support. Please **register** and plan to attend Oconee-Clarke Relay for Life. UNG will have a team as well as other churches and businesses in our community that would love for you to be a part of their team.



SURVIVOR DINNER

APRIL 14, 2023 5-6PM

OCONEE COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM

RSVP BY REGISTERING AS A "SURVIVOR" AT
WWW.RELAYFORLIFE.ORG/OCONEEGA --> "JOIN THIS RELAY"

QR Code

American Cancer Society RELAY FOR LIFE Piedmont

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT SURVIVOR BANQUET?
CONTACT TAMMY GILLAND AT
TAMMY.GILLAND@PIEDMONT.ORG OR 706-475-7025

2023-2024 OCONEE PILOT DIVISIONS

Membership: Coordinators: Barbara Carter and Anna Gillespie Darlene Adams, Susan Brantley Brenda Cotter, June McKenzie, Lisa Myers, and Genny Wallace

Projects: Coordinator: Rosa Hall, Rebecca Anglin, Vickie Hammond, Lavonne Lockwood, Judy Marable, Lorrie Rusgrove, Jane Reese, and Lynn Smith.

Fundraising: Coordinator: Donna MacPherson, Pam Crawford, Joy Elder, Tammy Gilland, Teresa Hayes, Cathy Moorehead, Elaine Neal, and Jan Thomas

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SUPPORTING OUR FRIENDS



Contact OCMS Chorus
Department for Tickets

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HOLY GUACAMOLE

Sponsor

An Evening with Kiwanis and Friends at Wire Park

Event date: Tuesday, April 25th @ 5:30pm
Location: Wire Park
1725 Electric Ave Watkinsville GA 30677

Sponsorship Levels:

- \$150
• 2 tickets to the event plus recognition at the event and via our social media channels
- \$500
• 5 tickets to the event, recognition at the event and social media channels, plus a presence at the event

Featuring:
Food from the NEW Laños at Wire Park,
Drinks from South Main Brewing
Dessert from Scoops

All proceeds benefit program of our
Kiwanis Club of Oconee



MADISON COUNTY Pilot Club

Madison County Senior Center
1265 GA-98, Danielsville GA 30633
Friday May 5th, 6:00pm-8:30pm
Ticket \$15 each
Ticket includes 1 BINGO card,
1 Taco or Nacho Bowl and Drink

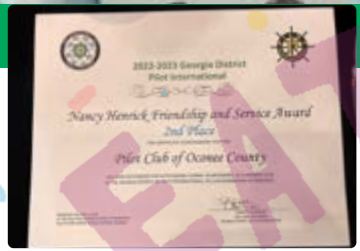
CELEBRATIONS and CARE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



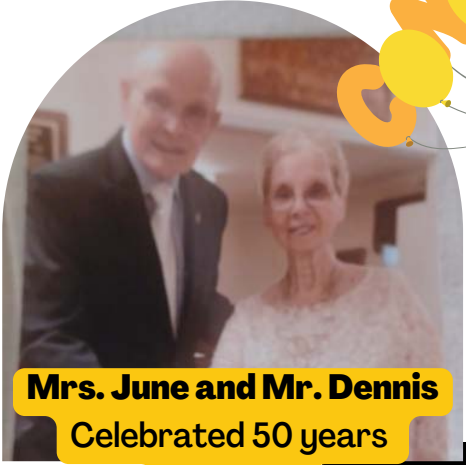
April 19
Mrs. Tammy

Please let Mrs. Rosa know if you know of Sunshine needs



CONGRATS

happy anniversary



Mrs. June and Mr. Dennis
Celebrated 50 years
in March



Mrs. Jan
April 6, 2004



Mrs. Sandra
April 14, 1981

SAVE THE DATE



PI Convention
June 28-July 1, 2023
Belevue, WA

Fall Council 2023
October 6 - 7, 2023
Unicoi State Park & Lodge
Helen, Georgia

Spring District Convention
May 3-5, 2024
Augusta Marriott

