

# Oconee Spokes

Pilot Club of Oconee County March, 2023

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"Surround yourself with good people. People who are going to be honest with you and look out for your best interests."

Derek Jeter

Happy Spring! Even with all the pollen, when nature is green and blooming you just cannot help but put a smile on your face. Everything just feels and seems fresh and new. I just cannot believe we have already scheduled a new Plan of Works planning meeting, have only one more club business meeting in May and then the installation of our new officers. I cannot believe that my term of being your President is almost complete.

I reflect back on the year and I truly hope you have had as much fun as I have. We have gone from, what some may feel, a "just write a check" club to having more boots on the ground in our community. We teamed together with the Oconee Kiwanis Club at Christmas for the Christmas Families Bicycle Project. Our membership has grown by more members this year than any other since I have been a member. We've had more membership inquiries because people are seeing and believe in our mission. Our meetings have been informative by meeting those we work with on their missions. Time is important to all of us, so I have tried to stay on task and limiting the meeting time to wrap up between 8 and 8:30 on Business Meeting nights. You have been ROCK STARS by reviewing minutes and reports and asking questions prior to meeting. Most importantly we have had fun! I love when I see you all visiting during our social time. Thank you for reaching out to new members and not so new members so that they know -- everyone matters to us. You are a starting line up for sure....and I would not trade any of you to another team! So until April---Let's Play Ball Oconee Pilots!



*Pilot Hugs and Love.*  *Vickie*

## DIVISION REPORTS

### MEMBERSHIP



Our February "Hearts Aglow" event, planned and produced by the Membership Division, was a celebration of love. Nineteen Pilots and three prospective Pilots enjoyed the singing talent of "El", an Elvis impersonator and savored homemade, delectable desserts. We were all aglow as we created forty-eight Valentine blanket bundles for two Memory Care Units in Oconee County. In addition, we danced Reggae-style in the Heart Walk with multiple opportunities for winning donated prizes.

We took to heart the Pilot challenge of "Be More, Do More, Care More" and demonstrated that passion in "Fellowship and Service" during our wonderful evening together. Hearts A Glow event is featured in March SPOKES!

### FUNDRAISING



WE DID IT!!! WE MET OUR GOAL FOR THE PILOT CLUB CHASE 5K FOR 2023!! THANK YOU TO MEMBERS WHO GOT SPONSORS AND MEMBERS WORKING AT THE RACE. IT TAKES ALL OF US TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL YEAR AND MEET OUR GOAL.

WE HAVE A FEW OF THE BLOWN GLASS AWARDS LEFT AND WILL BE SELLING THOSE AT MEETINGS FOR \$12 EACH. THEY MAKE GREAT GIFTS.

NEXT UP FOR FUNDRAISING DIVISION IS PLANNING OUR 2023-2024 INSTALLATION BANQUET WHICH HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023. INFORMATION IS COMING ON DETAILS SOON.



### Projects

THE PROJECTS DIVISION IS FINISHING UP WITH THE 2023 BRAINMINDERS PUPPET SHOWS FOR OUR OCONEE COUNTY SCHOOLS KINDERGARTENERS. WE HAVE PROJECTS COMING WITH BUTTERFLY DREAMS AND THE OCONEE COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPIC GAMES. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HARD WORK THAT HAS MADE ALL OUR 2022-2023 PROJECTS SUCCESSFUL.

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REMINDER: #sharepilotsunshine on Saturday, April 1 and May 6 by proudly wearing one of you Pilot shirts.





# MARCH MADNESS 2023

## Social Media Report

### Marching into March

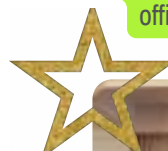
\*Spring Training will be a Homerun for Oconee  
Pilot Business Meeting

\*Platter Chatter with NE District at Gina Belles in Danielsville  
\*Outreach for membership

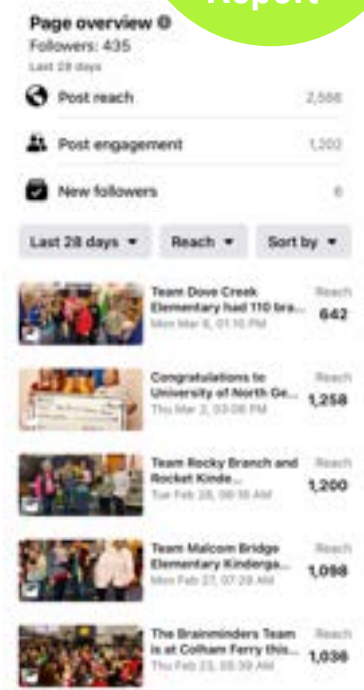
\*Fundraising Division will be selling the extra hand  
blown orbs at meetings for \$12  
Projects Division is in full swing compleing puppet  
shows

\*Standing Rules has been called on to review a  
change

\*2023-2024 Nomination Committee selected  
officers for the new year



President Vickie attended the Oconee  
Chamber of Commerce STAR  
Student/Teacher Breakfast



Northeast District  
February Platter Chatter  
Club Member and District Secretary  
Ms. Donna



Hearts A-Glow  
Event



Blankets to Memory Care Units  
at Highland Hills and Magnolia  
Estates



# 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.

## NE District March Chatter Platter

**Wednesday, March 22 11:30** am the Northeast Georgia District invites us to the monthly Platter Chatter. March Chatter will be at Gina Belles in Danielsville, GA. We have lunch and visit. Before we leave with have a drawing for door prizes. If you are interested in going let President Vickie know or Member Ms. Donna. Your RSVP will be recorded. Be sure to bring your \$5 for raffle tickets.

## MEMBER ADDRESS SHEET CORRECTIONS

Please correct the following Elaine **NEAL** and Genny's email is

[genwall415@icloud.com](mailto:genwall415@icloud.com)



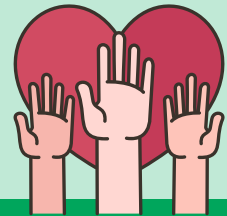
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## VOLUNTEER HOURS

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; 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.



# CELEBRATIONS and CARE

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

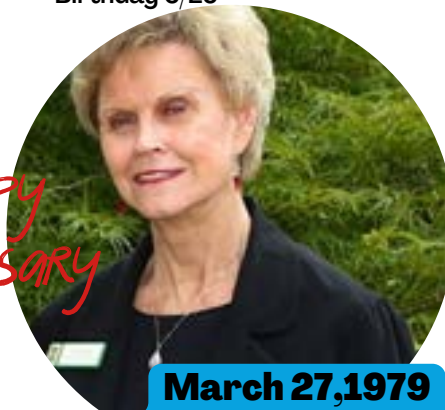


**March 23**  
**Mrs. Lynn and**  
**Mrs. Brenda**

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

Mrs. Rebecca Anglin (Member)  
3180 Flat Rock Road  
Watkinsville, GA 30677  
Recent Surgery

Mrs. Sandra Glass (Emeritus  
Member)  
343 Price Street  
Statham, GA 30666  
Birthday 3/25



**March 27, 1979**  
**Mrs. Joy-Charter Member**



**March 25**  
**Mrs. Sandra**



*Happy Anniversary*



Welcome to Mrs. Genny our  
newest Pilot

*Welcome*



## SAVE THE DATE

**District Convention**  
March 30-April 2, 2023  
Legacy Lodge  
Lake Lanier Islands, Buford, GA

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

