

Oconee Spokes

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"My mother is everything to me. My root, my foundation, my inspiration. It's the seed she planted years ago that built my life. My life is based on this only. She made me believe in achieving the stars, and I could do it because of her."

– Michael Jordan

And just like that...it is Spring! Everything is fresh and green. A month of celebrations for mothers, end of another school year, and remembering our fallen service members. In May as we close another chapter of our Pilot year we reflect back on our many successes. I will be the first one to tell you how proud I am of each of you. You have supported me in a way I cannot even begin to list all the whys! You embraced your "Special Appointments" with grace and done a fantastic job. Each division has worked extra hard to be sure the Oconee Pilots thrived after years of uncertainty. Membership has far exceeded anything I have seen in one year. Seven new members plus a member at large proves you are all Rock Stars! Fundraising you exceeded your goals and because of you and your abilities to raise our bank account, our Projects Division have been able to Do More and Care More for our Oconee County Community. Because of each of you, we are seen in the community and have others asking the question--"Can you tell me about the Pilot Club"? As always you make me proud to be your leader and be a part of your Pilot Club of Oconee County. I want to wish each of you a Happy Mother's Day Month! You are all the best moms I can ever know or have as my friends!



Pilot Hugs and Love.  *Vickie*




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DIVISION REPORTS

SPRING

MEMBERSHIP



"I've got a story, you've got a story...we've all got a story to tell. You've got a story and I've got a story...it's one we know so well...you tell me yours and I'll tell you mine..." So goes the theme song of the acclaimed South Georgia productions of Swamp Gravy. Growing up, I loved listening to stories told by my parents, my grandparents, and others in my extended family. I learned a lot from the stories told to me...lessons of character, "cause and effect" consequences in life, the virtues of kindness, forgiveness, service, and so much more. Many of you had similar experiences in your life and count those times as foundational for who you are today.

As we finish up this successful Pilot year, our division members salute you all for your time, talent and resources given to our community. We also encourage you to think about your "Pilot Story" and why you joined the Pilot Club of Oconee County. Sharing your story could encourage others to step up and join our group of dedicated volunteers who believe in our mission of friendship and service. Together, we are Pilot Strong.

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 LOOK FORWARD TO EVERYONE BEING THERE TO THANK OUR 2022-2023 EXECUTIVE BOARD AND WELCOMING OUR 2023-2024 EXECUTIVE BOARD.

THERE WILL BE AN EMAIL INVITATION SOON FOR YOUR RSVP.



MAY

Projects



THE PROJECTS DIVISION IS STILL WORKING. MONDAY, MAY 29 WE WILL MEET AT OVP 7:45 AM TO PLANT POPPIES FOR MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE. IT'S A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT TO SEE!!! ON TUESDAY, MAY 30 WE WILL MEET AT 9:30 AT THE OARC BASEMENT TO PACK THAT WEEK'S SUMMER FOOD FOR KIDS. AS ALWAYS THE ENTIRE CLUB IS INVITED TO BOTH EVENTS. BE SURE TO COUNT YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS. WE HOPE YOU HAD A LITTLE FUN AT OUR MAY BUSINESS MEETING. WE HAVE SO MANY MEMBERS THAT CANNOT GET TO THE SCHOOLS SO WE THOUGHT YOU WOULD LOVE TO SEE JUST WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT! WE HAVE PLANS TO MOVE TO THE ASSISTED LIVING CENTERS DURING 2023-2024 PILOT YEAR! WE ARE HOPING THAT THOSE WILL BE SCHEDULED SO THAT THOSE OF YOU WORKING CAN PARTICIPATE.

REMINDER: #sharepilotsunshine on Saturday, June 3 by proudly wearing one of your Pilot shirts.



MARVELOUS MAY 2023

OUR MONTH IN PICTURES



Ms. Elaine, Mrs. Barbara and Mrs. Jane
Our Scholarship Committee
Sure are a group of "Smarties" for selecting
Ansley to move on to district!



Celebration of all our new
members this year-They
were Mint to be an
Oconee Pilot.

It was Mrs. Judy's
PAYDAY for being the
best secretary with
mountains for paper work
and Mrs. Anna said, "Give
me a break!" and has been
as awesome treasurer
but taking a break this
next year.



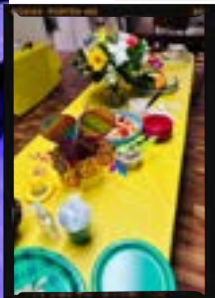
Celebration of our own
Mrs. Joy for being a
\$250 Pilot Pacesetter



North Oconee Ansley Crowe
Lynda Goodwin Scholarship Winner
Her mom Christina and
NOHS Principal Keith Carter



Mrs. Joy and her current 4 year recipient of the
Joy Thomas Elder Endowed UGA Lady
Basketball Scholarship at the year end banquet
and recognition on April 10. Chloe Chapman will
return for the '23-'24 season to play for the
winning Lady Dawgs! Always sharing her Pilot
Sunshine. Mrs. Anna accompanied Mrs. Joy to
the banquet.



Mrs. Barbara took the lead with
Belk Charity Days



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Poppy Planting



We will be placing poppies at OVP for Memorial Day Service. Please come if you can. It's a great experience. Monday, May 29, 2023 at 7:45 am. Great way to spend your day off work. Added benefit you can walk at the park before or after your poppy planting. *Volunteer Hours Opportunity*

June 6, 2023 2023-2024 Installation

The Fundraising Division is working hard planning for our Serving with a Passion Pilot Year. The banquet will be held at Sterling Mills and begin at 6:30. Be sure to RSVP when you receive that email. As always at Sterling Mills, if you can car pool please do. We look forward to seeing everyone that evening.



STANDING RULES COMMITTEE

After remaining on the table for membership to view for 30 days the Standing Rules vote to change the 2023-2024 Business Meeting schedule to monthly (12 times a year) instead of the present 6 Business Meetings a year. At the present time we meet monthly with only having the Business Meeting in July, September, November, January, March and May. The remaining six months were used for Packing Boxes of Sunshine for Seniors, Share Pilot activities, Walk to Enc ALZ, Christmas Parade, Partnering with Oconee Kiwanis providing helmets for Christmas bikes, Club Christmas Party, Pilot Chase 5K, Hearts A-Glow and Blanket Project, Special Olympics, Relay for Life, District Convention, Belk Charity Sale, Memorial Day Poppies, Summer Food for Kids Packing Day, 2023-2024 Installation and the Pilot International Convention. We have been a busy little bunch.

THE VOTE WAS TO KEEP THE BUSINESS MEETINGS AT SIX. THE 2023-2024 MONTHS AND DATES (FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH) WILL BE SENT SOON. CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO CONTINUE TO SERVE HERE IN OCONEE COUNTY.

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. *Volunteer Hours*

MEMBER ADDRESS SHEET

Please add the following: Lisa Myers 1351 Echo Trail Watkinsville, GA 30677;
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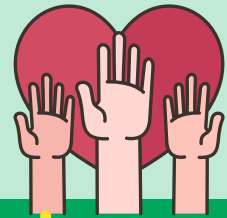
VOLUNTEER HOURS

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.

***Please remember to turn these in by email to Mrs. Judy by the last day of each month. This is very important for her record keeping for PI and District awards.



Thank you for your continued sharing



Puppet show for our peer
you only saw a glimpse of our
talented team--
join us next year!



Belk Charity Days at
Georgia Square Mall

Thanks to all who helped and purchased!



Relay for Life
Survivor Dinner Hostesses

You meant so much to so many!

CELEBRATING and HONORING MOMS



CELEBRATIONS and CARE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TIME TO celebrate

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



Ms. Teresa May 2
Mrs. Susan May 6
Mrs. June May 15
Mrs. Lavonne May 29



Celebrating all our 2022-2023
NEW OCONEE PILOTS
You were MINT to be here!



New member Ms. Lisa Myers and her
sponsor Mrs. Susan (2022-2023 new member)



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

