

# Oconee Spokes

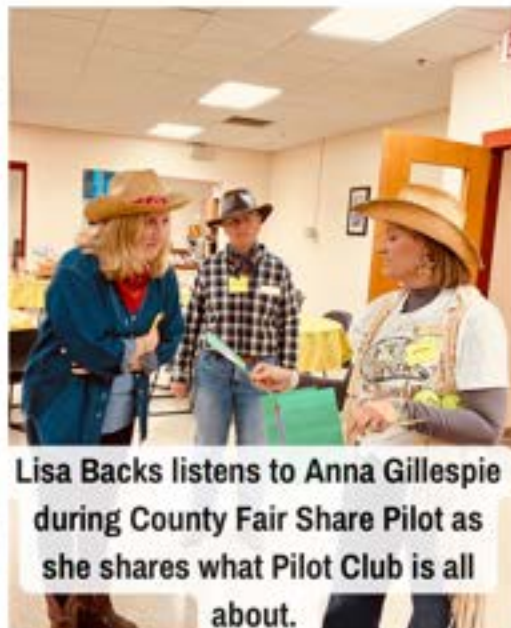
Vickie Hammond, Editor



Lynn Smith meets with some Oconee County Seniors at the Oconee Annual Scholarship Fair.



Barbara Carter working hard at the Georgia Square Belk for Belk Charity Days. Belk is a great supporter of Oconee Pilot.



Lisa Backs listens to Anna Gillespie during County Fair Share Pilot as she shares what Pilot Club is all about.

## Greetings Pilots,

BY DARLENE ADAMS

What a busy month we had in October... from Fall Council to a variety of Projects, PMUs, Walk to End Alzheimer's, a Share Pilot Country Fair, Founders Day, Oconee Scholarship Fair, OconeeFest, Fund Raising, and Make a Difference Day! Thank you for all of your work and participation. We touch lives and make a difference.

Our October business meeting is Tuesday, November 7 at the Bishop Baptist Church, 6:30 refreshments and meeting at 7:00. Lt. Governor Cynthia Spearman will be with us for her official visit. Deck out in your "Boots and Bling" for our business meeting. It will be fun!

The approach of November speaks closure on the vibrancy of October but ushers in a time of Thanksgiving resplendent with family, food, fun and football. How very blessed we are in this great country and how fortunate we are that we can help and serve others through Pilot. May we all live a life of gratitude, offering thanks and a gift of giving to our Father.

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**Pilot International's Mission is to influence positive change in communities throughout the world. To do this, we come together in friendship and give people an outlet for service. We focus on preparing youth and young adults for service, encouraging brain safety & health, and supporting those who care for others.**

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**Club Business Meetings:**

**First Tuesdays, 6:30 Social 7:00 Meeting**  
**Bishop Baptist Church Social Hall**  
**July, Sept., Nov., Jan., Mar., and May**

**Activity/Project Meetings**

**Aug., Oct., Dec., Feb., Apr., and June**  
**Dates and Locations vary**  
**Please check Spokes for information**

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**Division Updates!**

The **Membership Division** deserves a big Yahoo! for a great Share Pilot Event County Fair Style. We had eight guests that had the best time along with club members.

The **Projects Division** want to send a Thank you, Pilots, for the support given to the 2023 Walk to End Alzheimer's. Our team donated \$1300, which was \$300 over our goal.

We will be packing and delivering food for Food for Kids on November 14. We need 5-6 Pilots to participate. Please let Rosa or Vickie know if you can help.

Mrs. Lynn is heading up the Oconee County Schools Special Education Teachers Pick-Me-Up on November 17. She will be recruiting help, so please say yes when she asks for your help.

The Annual Watkinsville Christmas Parade is December 3. Mrs. Rebecca and Mrs. Lavonne will be planning this event. Please let them know if you are able to ride on the wagon.

Mrs. Rebecca has done a wonderful job planning our Christmas Party. It is only for Pilots this year. Please see the invitation on Page . Please bring your donations to the Piedmont Pediatric Ward to the party. Mrs. Jane and Mrs. Rosa will make sure it is delivered to Mrs. Tammy at Piedmont Athens Regional one of our Pilot 5K sponsors.

Our Club is once again partnering with the Kiwanis Club to provide bicycle helmets for all the bike recipients for Christmas. Judy has been working on a grant to help pay for the helmets.

Do you know a friend or business that would love to help sponsor our Oconee Pilot Chase 5K? The **Fundraising Division** would love to hear from you! The team has met and plans are coming together for February.

**Project Need**



**Nigel's Nest at**  
**University of North**  
**Georgia-Oconee**  
**Campus**

has a need for personal hygiene items—  
deodorant, body wash,  
toothpaste,  
toothbrushes, combs,  
brushes.

**Where you might find your Oconee Pilots**



**It's a County Fair!**



**The Walk to End ALZ**



**Upcoming Events**

- **Tuesday, November 14:** Volunteer opportunity for the OARC Food for Kids packing and school delivery 9:30 am. There will be a sign up sheet at November 7 Business Meeting.
- **Thursday, November 23:** Thanksgiving
- **Saturday, December 2:** First Saturday Pilot Shirt Celebration
- **Saturday, December 2:** SEC Championship UGA vs ALA
- **Sunday, December 3:** Watkinsville Christmas Parade
- **Tuesday, December 12:** Oconee Pilot Christmas Party 6:30 See invitation Page 5
- **Tuesday, January 2:** Pilot Business Meeting

**UNG Oconeefest Scholarship Fundraiser**

Silent Auction Hostess



**Oconee Scholarship Fair**

**November Birthdays**



This month we celebrate our Oconee Pilots November Birthdays. Elaine Neal 11/2, Rosa Hall 11/3, Vickie Hammond 11/13 and Joy Elder 11/15. Have a great month ladies!

## *Our own charter member, Joy Elder*

On October 16, 1921 the forty Charter Members of Pilot International came together to sign the original Pilot Charter. Two days later, buoyed by their excitement and their collective cause, they gathered again to dine, celebrate and conduct the first official Pilot Club meeting on October 18, 1921.

In honor of Founders Day we honor our own Charter Member, Mrs. Joy Elder. Mrs. Joy was in a group of ladies that met on March 27, 1979 and chartered what is now the club that we love, The Pilot Club of Oconee County. Our members are grateful for the inspiration of these charter ladies. What better way to celebrate Mrs. Joy than as part of our Share Pilot event on October 17 with a group of forward thinking individuals that will carry the Oconee Pilot Club long into the future serving Oconee County.



Representing Oconee Pilots for the Georgia District Fall Council learning, renewing friendships and having fun in Helen, Georgia. Attending were Vickie Hammond, Donna MacPhearson, Cathy Moorehead, Darlene Adams and Rosa Hall



Scholarship Committee sharing with Oconee County Seniors information on the Georgia District Lynda Goodwin Volunteer Scholarship opportunity. Pictured: Jane Reese, Elaine Neal, Barbara Carter and Susan Brantley

# Oconee Pilot Business Meetings

**November 7**  
**OFFICIAL VISIT**  
Theme:  
Boots and Bling  
Refreshments:  
Membership

**January 2**  
Theme:  
Hobbies and  
Interests  
Refreshments:  
Projects

**March 5**  
Theme:  
Rock around the  
Clock  
Refreshments:  
Fundraising

**May 7**  
Theme:  
May Daze  
Refreshments:  
Membership



## Country Christmas

DEC 12 2023

8:30 pm  
CORINTH BAPTIST CHURCH CABIN  
2040 BELMONT ROAD  
ARNOLDSVILLE, GA 30619

PLEASE BRING  
Hors d'oeuvres to share

DONATION ITEMS FOR PIEDMONT  
CHILDREN'S WING

Dessert and Entertainment Provided

## SAVE THE DATES

**Spring District Convention**

May 3-5, 2024

Augusta Marriott

**PI Convention**

July 17-20, 2024

Hyatt Denver Tech Center

Denver, CO

**2024 Fall Council**

October 4-5, 2024

Epworth by the Sea

St, Simons Island, GA

