

Oconee Spokes

Vickie Hammond, Editor



Past-President, Vickie Hammond and her Co-Pilot Doug attended the Volunteer Appreciation event for OARC.



Member Jane Reese wins the REVERSE Door Prize drawing at Team Building Event



President Darlene ALWAYS cheering us on!

Greetings Pilots,

BY DARLENE ADAMS

We have so many good things being done in Oconee County for our people and non-profit organizations are leading the way. Pilot International, in the Washington Convention notes, refers to the value of seeking sponsorships and partnerships. We already enjoy many sponsorships and partnerships of which we are thankful. I encourage you to look for opportunities to add new sponsors and to create new partnerships to support our Pilot Mission. It's a win-win for our community!

Our October 17th Share Pilot Event will have a Country Fair theme. Begin now considering what prospective Pilots you will be inviting. Please send names and email addresses to Anna Gillespie by September 26. We are looking forward to a great time together.

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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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Did you spread your Pilot kindness throughout August? Did you share it with President Darlene? Let's remember we have so many needs in our community even with our own neighbors. President Darlene has asked us to consider this our personal mission for the 2023-2024 Pilot year. Just ask yourself—how can I help someone this week. Help light up the heart and lighten the load of someone that needs it.

We are growing!

Because of your hard work and our community visibility our club is growing. We have outgrown our present location at Bishop Methodist Church and will be moving just across the grassy area to Bishop Baptist Church. Bishop Baptist, which is the former Bishop Elementary School prior to school consolidation in the 1960s, has been part of Bishop history in a small church just across the road. We are grateful for the Methodist Church's hospitality when we needed a place to meet. We are also excited that Bishop Baptist has offered it's location as we grow. **Our September Meeting will be at Bishop Baptist.**

September 5, 2023 Team Spirit Night

Refreshment Hostess:

Fundraising Division

Executive Board: 5:30

Social: 6:30 Business Meeting 7:00



Division Updates!

The **Membership Division** is working on our Share Pilot Event for October please see invitation included for details.

The **Projects Division** will have two speakers at our September Business Meeting. Michelle Dickens from S.A.N.E. will share about their program and receive a \$300 donation. Anna Scott will share information about the Walk to End Alzheimer's.

If you would like to **donate** to Nigel's Nest, they are requesting some items: cheese or peanut butter crackers, breakfast bars, or mac & cheese. You can take the items to UNG or bring them to the meeting.

(VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY) This weekend is the 5K for Oconee Therapeutic Riding. There are two opportunities to volunteer: Sept. 1 at 5:00 pm, and Sept. 2 at 7:30 am at Briarwood Baptist Church.

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!



**Stronger Together
Teambuilding for The Pilot Club of Oconee--**

It was a stormy August afternoon at the Oconee Veterans Park, but in the community meeting room sounds of laughter, eating pizza and preparation for an evening of leadership began. The Membership Division of the Pilot Club had a purpose: Having fun, learning about each other and doing activities that would lead our club having "boots" on the ground while making our community a better place to live.

To improve communication, the club members experience verbal communication with three group activities. Each activity led each member to learn to listen. Then, non-verbal communication caused the membership to use their body language to communicate with each other. The laughing continued in the community center while the team lined up with month and year of the birthdays. It was a learning experience to see the leadership of members helping members achieve the activity in record time. The final three activities led the group into positive reinforcement featuring club, community, church and family achievements. At the end of the program our club members celebrated the six "L's" of leadership: Learn, Love, Listen, Live, Lead, Laugh and Look up. All in all, the evening met all the expectations. The Pilot members when away feeling Pilot strong ready to work together and lead the club into a successful year of 2023-2024.



Upcoming Events

- **Friday, September 1:** Volunteer opportunity for the Oconee Therapeutic Riding 5K prep 5:00 Briarwood Baptist Church Parking Lot.
- **Saturday, September 2:** Oconee Therapeutic 5K Race Briarwood Baptist Church 7:30 a.m.
- **Saturday, September 2:** Opening UGA game in Athens.
- **Tuesday, September 5** Oconee Pilot Business Meeting. Special Guests: Michelle Dickens, SANE, Inc. in Oconee County and Anna Scott, Walk to End ALZ. Team Spirit Month with Fundraising Division Serving as Hostesses. Social 6:30 Business Meeting 7:00

Deepest Sympathy



Our hearts break for our sweet Pilot Sister, Lorrie Rusgrove in the passing of her husband, Lewis. Services were held on Thursday, August 31. Please remember Lorrie, her children and grandchildren.

Lorrie Rusgrove
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Georgia District Pilot International Calling all high school seniors with a volunteering heart

DISTRICT APPOINTEES: KAREN FITZPATRICK, MADISON COUNTY AND GENIA MITCHELL, PEACHTREE

GPF (Georgia Pilot Foundation) will award up to **three** \$1,500 scholarships for outstanding community volunteer service to a graduating senior within the Georgia District. Students must be sponsored by a Georgia District Pilot Club. Pilot Clubs within the Georgia District, that do not sponsor an Anchor Club, are eligible to submit one application per Pilot Club for the Lynda Goodwin Youth Volunteer Scholarship. The Pilot Club of Oconee County Scholarship Committee has already been invited to the 2023 Oconee County Scholarship Fair in October. There they will greet and meet seniors and their parents from the five Oconee County high schools. It is always a delight to meet students ready to take the next steps in their education. The 2024 Scholarship Application will be posted on the Oconee Pilot website. Please share with those seniors you know.

PILOT INTERNATIONAL

Do More. Care More. Be More.

Do you know someone that wants to help us with our mission in our community? Please send their names and email addresses to Mrs. Anna by Tuesday, September 26! Last year we grew by 7— Let's do it again!!!

SHARE
PILOT

ADMIT ONE

**Pilot Club of Oconee
County Fair**

Prize for best dressed western gear

Country Store

Come learn more about our county club

OCTOBER 17, 2023 | 6-8PM
OVP | COMMUNITY ROOM
3500 HOG MOUNTAIN RD
WATKINSVILLE, GA 30677

YEE HAW

We can't wait to meet you

RSVP by 10/10/23 to Barbara Carter
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pilotinternational.org



Georgia District Pilot International Leadership
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Pilot Club of Oconee County Leadership
oconeepilotclub.com

SAVE THE DATES

Fall Council 2023

October 6 - 7, 2023

**Unicoi State Park & Lodge
Helen, Georgia**

Spring District Convention

May 3-5, 2024

Augusta Marriott

PI Convention

July 17-20, 2024

**Hyatt Denver Tech Center
Denver, CO**

