

Oconee Spokes



Oconee Pilots Serving our Community

August, 2024

Greetings Pilots,

This year has started with a bang. Our Planning session on July 16 was preceded by a dessert bar and finished with us approving our Plans of Work and our 2024-2025 Budget. Thank you all for the dedication to our Club and all the fun activities that we can enjoy while serving our community.

- Donna, our Lt. Governor for the East Central Region, has planned the Officer Training for Saturday, August 17th from 10:00-2:00 pm at the Bishop Baptist Church. Please RSVP to her by August 9.

Our Club is once again participating in the Walk to End Alzheimer's at Jennings Mill, 1720 Meriweather Drive, Athens, GA 30677. Registration begins at 8:30 am and the Opening Ceremony begins at 9:00 am. To register to walk or donate go to: Type or click this link:

https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2024/GA-Georgia?pg=entry&fr_id=17538

and it will take you to the website and then type in our Team's name (**Pilot Club of Oconee County Georgia**) and follow the instructions to donate or simply register to be a walker. Our goal for this year is to raise \$1000.

This is going to be the best Pilot year ever and I know we will all enjoy serving our community together.

Enjoy this month's Spokes!

*Rosa Hall,
President*

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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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BACK
TO
SCHOOL
2024-2025



FOOD
FOR KIDS

As we begin our 2024-2025 Pilot International year, as a club we can do great things. The Projects Division has already started with the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year. On the second day of school our Pilot Lisa helped pack 250 weekend food bags for those students with food insecurities in our Oconee County Schools. For the next three weeks OARC will be utilizing volunteers to pack bags. After Labor Day the students in the job training program will begin taking over this responsibility. If you would like to go one Thursday morning with Lisa just let her know. Many hands make light work. Pilot Vickie drives each Thursday delivering bags to schools in the Red Cluster of our community. Lisa and Vickie both are retired teachers and love working with this project. Vickie was in the first groups of educators that donated financially each month for the program to get started with less than 50 kids in our schools. The growth of OARC and the support of community organizations like the Pilot Club of Oconee County is how together we can assure that the youngest members of our community are growing to be healthy citizens. Please see other opportunities for community involvement in this addition of Oconee Spokes.

Remember this year: Take advice from a Peacock
Stand Out, Be a Colorful Character, Love Boldly,
Bring Joy to Others, and Strut your stuff!

Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, August 17:** East Central Officer Training 10 am-12 noon. Bishop Baptist Church. RSVP to Lt. Gov Donna MacPhearson 706-340-8854 by August 10
- **Friday, August 30 and Saturday August 31:** Oconee Therapeutic Riding 5K Briarwood Baptist Church. Please see additional information in this issue of Spokes. OUR FIRST PROJECT-- Volunteer Opportunity Hours
- **Tuesday, September 3:** September Business Meeting. Gov. Elect, Mary Turner, will be visiting our club. Executive Board 5:30, Social 6:30 (Fundraising) and Business Meeting 7:00 pm. Please bring your notebooks to receive new year book pages.
- **Saturday, October 5:** Pilot First Saturday. Proudly wear you Pilot Gear.
- **Sunday, October 6:** Run for Responders 5K and Festival held at Oconee Veterans Park. Please see additional information in this issue of Spokes. Volunteer opportunities.
- **Tuesday, October 15:** Dip into Pilot -- will be our Share Pilot Fall Event. Think of potential members you would like to invite. Membership will have more on this event in our September Spokes.
- **Saturday, October 9:** Walk to End ALZ at Jennings Mill. Please see information in President Rosa's greeting on Page 1.

OCONEE THERAPEUTIC RIDING



5K & LAP OF LOVE

Briarwood Baptist Church
1900 Robinhood Rd,
Watkinsville, GA 30677

Aug 31st
8:00 AM



REGISTER NOW

Save the Date! Volunteers Needed Friday, August 30,
5:00 pm and Saturday, August 31, 7:00 am



8th Annual

**Run for Responders 5k
& Festival**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th, 2024



Oconee Veterans Park 12:30 pm. The 2023 5k Festival raised \$30,000 and that is this years goal with funds going directly to Oconee Sheriff's Office, Watkinsville Police Department, and Oconee Fire and Rescue. See the Facebook page for runner information. Great opportunity to go and plug in where you are needed.



**VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES**



**FIGHTING FOR A
DIFFERENT FUTURE.**

THE END OF
ALZHEIMER'S
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Sign up now at for team donation
https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2024/GA-Georgia?pg=entry&fr_id=17538





Hello Pilots,

I have begun another year of service as the Georgia District East Central Region Lt. Governor. The Clubs in the East Central Region include Covington, Eatonton, Greene County, Jones County, Macon, Monroe and Oconee County. The Lt. Governor makes an Official Visit with their region's Clubs (except for their home Club which is usually visited by the Georgia District Governor or Governor Elect) during August through November and completes a brief report. Any of you would be welcome to accompany me to visit these Clubs if you would like to; just contact me for the scheduled visit date and time.

During the 2024 - 2025 Pilot year any Pilots who have previously served as a Pilot Club President and would be interested in serving as a Lt. Governor for the following Pilot year(s) are encouraged to let the current Lt. Governor and their Club President know of their interest. It is very enjoyable to visit other Clubs and learn about their activities in their communities and also see their members at Georgia District Fall Council, Georgia District Convention and Pilot International Convention.

Club Officers and Directors will be attending the East Central Region Officers Training on Saturday August 17th 10:00 am to (about) 2:00 pm at Bishop Baptist Church. Any interested Club members are welcome to attend as well. Please RSVP to me by Friday August 9th so we can best prepare for all attendees.

Georgia District Pilot Governor Maureen Stoy chose the peacock as her symbol this year with the motto "Caring for our Communities". Please read the article on Page 5 on the "Peacock Project" and let's get busy participating in Pick Me Ups, earning those peacock feathers and most importantly recognizing and showing appreciation to those in our communities who lift up others.

All Club members are encouraged to familiarize themselves with our various Pilot Member resources which include our Club yearbook and both the Pilot International and Georgia District websites and our editor, Vickie Hammond, continues to include a wealth of information on our club newsletter, Oconee Spokes.

If I can provide information or answer questions for you, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,
Donna MacPherson



Peacock Project



Don't the colors of the bright peacock feathers just radiate joy! That is what I hope all of our clubs can do for our communities...spread joy!

Let's search for that unique caregiver. Someone that seldom gets the thanks they deserve...a person that takes care of another person or community, a congregation, a company, a school, etc. Just a small pick-me-up or card to say thank you to a caregiver that is forgotten or invisible can make their day. I would love to give a peacock feather to every club that finds that unique person. Take a picture, tell me about the person and email it to me. Mount your peacock on a poster board and see how many peacock feathers your club can accumulate during the year.



This time next year I will bring you my poster of your collection of pictures and we will see how Pilots can really take care of our community.

Governor Maureen
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Governor Maureen has given to all her Georgia Pilots a "pet project". Oconee Pilots now have their very own P the Peacock. Peacock Project is to the left. How many feathers can Oconee Pilots collect this year? Remember to receive a feather, you will need to document with a photograph of your "pick me up".

One of our own is among the 2024-2025 Georgia District Appointees with Governor Maureen. Vickie Hammond will be the Projects Coordinator for the Georgia District. She presented a workshop in Augusta at the District Convention and will be submitting articles for the Governor's Bulletin during the year. Vickie joined our club in October 2017 and is a retired educator with Oconee County Schools and has a passion for serving others in her community. She and her husband Doug are lifelong residents of Oconee County and both graduated from OCHS. Their two children have grown their family to, as Vickie affectionately calls them, #HammondPartyof9. That number will change to 10 in December. We look forward to what she will share with us from clubs around our state. Congratulations Vickie, your club is proud as a peacock!





Meet our outstanding team of the Executive Committee. Nickola Dawkins, President (Pilot Club of Nassau; Beverly Shean, President-Elect (Pilot Club of Panama City; Lisa Palmquist, Vice-President (Pilot Club of Central Pennsylvania); Karen Ferguson-Bain, Secretary (Pilot Club of Lucaya & Sunset Grand Bahama); Susan Harbin, Treasurer (Pilot Club of Lavonia); Shelia Evan, Director (Heartland District); Leslie McLaughlin, Director (North Carolina District); Shelle Allen, Director (Midwest District)



Gov. Maureen one of Nickie's Nautical Nuggets



Our Georgia District ECR, Lisa Palmquist, Vice President. Shown here with our latest Brainminders friends, Tainna Tiger that encourages healthy eating and our newest friend, Ricardo Rabbit. Ricardo is different because he promotes acceptance of others with autism and other differences. We look forward to getting to know Lisa at our district meetings.



Oconee Pilot Meeting Schedule

September 3

Refreshments:
Fundraising

January 7

Refreshments:
Projects

November 5

Refreshments:
Membership

March 4

Refreshments:
Fundraising

May 6

Refreshments:
Membership

SAVE THE DATE



Fall Council 2024
October 4-5, 2024
Epworth by the Sea
100 Arthur J Moore Drive
St. Simons Island, Georgia

Spring District Convention 2025
May 2-4, 2025
Atlanta Evergreen Lakeside Resort
4021 Lakeview Drive
Stone Mountain, GA

PI Convention 2025
July 23-26, 2025
The Westin Charlotte
Charlotte, NC

