

Oconee Spokes



"Joy is the simplest form of gratitude."
Karl Barth

November, 2024

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Greetings and Salutations to the best Pilots in Pilot International,

A huge shout-out goes to Barbara Carter, Membership, for organizing the current Belk's Charity Day event. The table looks wonderful and is in a prime location this year. We have lots of Pilots that have volunteered to man the table. Be sure to contact Barbara if you can help or need tickets.

Dip into Pilot, our Share Pilot, was a huge success. It was a fun evening, and three perspective members attended.

Donna is heading the Christmas Parade committee. If you can help, or ride on the float, please let her know. This event is not possible without attendees. It will be on December 8.

Darlene is heading the Christmas Party committee. The event will be held at Sterling Mills clubhouse on December 10. Look for emails for more information. We will also be collecting items for the Piedmont ARMC Pediatric Unit.

Looking forward to our next meeting on November 12,

*Rosa Hall,
President*

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- **Tuesday, November 5:** Election Day 7 am-7 pm
- **Friday, November 8-Monday, November 11:** Belk Charity Days. See sign up notifications.
- **Tuesday, November 12: RESCHEDULED** Red, White, and Blue Club Business Meeting. Executive Board 5:30, Social 6:30 (Membership) and Business Meeting 7:00 pm.
- **Friday, November 15:** Oconee Schools Counselor and Social Worker Pick Me Up. More information to come.
- **Sunday, December 8:** Watkinsville Christmas Parade
- **Tuesday, December 10:** Oconee Pilot Christmas Party
- **Saturday, February 1, 2025:** 16th Annual Pilot Club Chase 5K

Projects Division



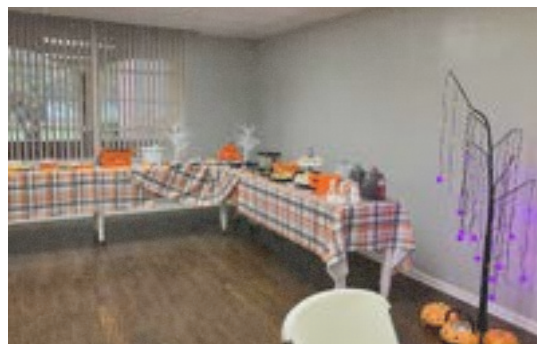
Your Projects People have been extra busy “projecting”! A \$300 check was delivered to SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners) on behalf of Oconee Pilots. President Elect Vickie was given a tour of the Bogart Office and Michelle Dickens invites other Oconee Pilots come and see their facilities. Michelle Dickens and her staff were extremely grateful for our partnership with them.

Lynn Smith is heading up a Pick Me Up Breakfast for our Oconee County Schools Counselors and Social Workers for their county meeting later in November. Donna MacPherson will be heading up our participation in the Oconee County Christmas Parade. You do not have to be in the Projects Division to participate. Come and put a Smile on hundreds of faces on Sunday afternoon, December 8. Comfort and Joy Christmas Party--December 10 6:00-8:00 pm Sterling Mills. See invitation in this issue for details.

Membership Division



We had a fantastic time at our Share Pilot Club gathering, where we welcomed three special guests to join in the spooky festivities! Suzanne Lorenz, a guest of Lisa Myers from UNG, attended, along with Teresa and Billy Byrd, friends of June who learned about the club at a Belk event. The evening was packed with activities: we decorated pumpkins, awarded costumes, counted candy corn, and tackled a Pilot-themed word search. With delicious dips, creative costumes, and wonderful company, it was truly a memorable night!





Fundraising Division

The 16 th Annual Pilot Club Chase 5K Run/Walk is scheduled for Saturday, February 1, 2025 at Oconee Veterans Park. As most of you know, this is our primary fund raiser to support all of our club's impactful programs and activities.

There are several ways you can help our fund raiser to be a success:

- 1) All sponsors from last year have been contacted to ask for their support again this year. If you helped solicit a sponsorship last year, we need your help again this year. Please let Tammy or Cathy know if you plan on following up with a sponsor.
- 2) We are asking all Pilot Club members to consider making a personal donation of \$25 or more to support the race. Your help is appreciated!
- 3) Race registration forms will be available at our November meeting. Please help us get these forms out in the community. Our goal is 150 runners/walkers this year. We will follow-up the November meeting with an email to all members that includes the sponsorship letter, sponsorship commitment form, and race registration form.
- 4) We will need volunteers on race day. Please go ahead and put February 1 on your calendars. We'll start setting up at 10:00 am that morning at the park. The race starts at 12 noon. We should wrap up no later than 2:30 pm. There will be a volunteer sign-up sheet at the November meeting.
- 5) If you have any ideas or suggestions on how we can improve the 2025 race, please let Tammy or Cathy know. We are always looking for ways to improve to keep our race one of the best in Oconee County!





If you want to see a group of smiling Pilot Club members, visit the Belk store in Athens for the next two weeks!!! For the fourth year, the Pilot Club of Oconee has revived the fundraiser. Belk has greatly supported our club with door prizes and a place to sell Belk Day tickets. Each ticket we sell or purchase for \$5 is our profit; plus, it is the best two sales of the year because a shopper can stack coupons.

We have two new members who will be putting in hours for this short fundraiser. If you would like to sign up for volunteer hours, please call or text Barbara Carter at 706-728-0141.

Below is the schedule of times that the Pilot Club is scheduled to work. It does not matter if more than one person is working, we want to spread the word about what The Pilot Club of Oconee County does for our community and individual families. We will have puppets and helmets to show in our display.

November 5—Tuesday—2-6 (Taylor and Donna)

November 8—Friday—11 till 6 pm (Darlene, Lynn, Vickie, Barbara) (**We need a Pilot from 3 till 6**)

November 9—Saturday—6 till Close (Teresa and Billy) (**More Pilots Needed**)

November 10—Sunday—3 till 6 pm (Susan, June) (**We need Pilot help from 5 till 6 pm**)

November 11—Monday—2 till 6 pm (Lynn) (**We need Pilots from 3 till 6 pm**)

This is a fun and exciting way to meet people who have heard of us and the work we do in the pilot Club, but may want to join our Club.





*Oconee Pilots supporting
other Georgia Pilots and
Anchors.*

Madison County High School Georgia Love Quilt

1 \$5 for 1 ticket
\$10 for 3 tickets

2 Open for
purchase from
Oct. 1 to Dec. 1

QR Code to purchase
or see an Anchor Club
Member for tickets

72 inches by 84 inches

Winner will be announced on > Dec. 3rd >

You have an opportunity to win this beautiful Georgia Love quilt!

The Georgia Love Quilt is handmade by a local Pilot Club of Madison County member and donated to the MCHS Anchor Club to help us raise the money needed for the Anchor Club students to attend the Georgia District Anchor Convention for student leadership training in February 2025. You can use the QR code above to purchase tickets electronically through the MCHS GoFan account or see an Anchor Club representative to purchase paper tickets. The more tickets you buy, the greater your chance of winning the quilt. We will contact you on December 3rd if you win. We appreciate your support! --- MCHS Anchor Club

MEET AND EAT!

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER PLATTER CHATTER LUNCHEON!

Wednesday, December 4, 2024
11:30 am
Ping's Grill
201 Black Mountain Rd.,
Toccoa, GA
RSVP by Sunday, December
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RSVP: Eleanor Ragsdale: 478-957-5521

or

Claudia McCartney: 706-297-7303 or 706-491-9066



Join our Northeast Region Friends for Chatter Platter

PIFF--what is PIFF?

PIFF – It is YOUR foundation, your money!! Pilot International Founders Fund is money that all Pilot Clubs fund to help other Pilot clubs help their community. The more we put in, the more we must share. When a Pilot Club is formed, the club agrees to give so much a year toward the fund – in the form of participating as a 250 Club and/or a Pacemaker Club. These two items should be in the budget and part of your regular dues to Pilot International. Many clubs say, “We don’t have enough money or enough members”. Tough, you agreed when the club was formed. So, what can you do? **Have each member donate \$1 for every year in the club. The more seasoned members know what the Foundation does and are usually happy to give. The new members think a dollar or five is not so much, therefore give willingly.

- **Sell tickets for \$1 at each club meeting – give half to the club to go toward 250 and half to the winner. Everyone likes to get money and will participate.
- **Have a member bring an item and auction it at the meeting; the money goes to 250.
- **Only have four or five members? Then try a fundraiser just for the 250 or obtain a sponsor (local bank, business, or retail) that can write it off as advertising or donation.

If all the clubs send in the 250, then the District does not have to have a PIFF fundraiser and you do not have to sell those hateful tickets – or if you do it goes into our District treasury. Your 250 money is a win-win donation. You send in your 250 or Pacesetter money. Then you apply for a grant! It is a very simple form to complete for a BrainMinder grant (\$250 to use toward puppets, coloring books, senior supplies, a stage, etc.) or a Pick Me Up grant (\$250 to use toward any item you perceive as lifting someone’s spirits) or toward a matching helmet grant (you purchase one, PI gives you one). You complete the form, receive the money, take pictures showing you used the money, and you are done!! You

gave \$250 and received \$250 – winner, winner!!! As well you gain publicity for your club, community involvement, and personal satisfaction. To help those clubs in situations where the 250 is a tight spin, this year the District is selling a Romantic Getaway!! It is four days and three nights in Daytona Beach along with a Valentine’s dinner! Grand Seas by Exploria Resorts -- 2424 N Atlantic Ave, Daytona Beach 32118, ocean view sleeps 4 (king bed and pull-out couch), Check in 2/14 Friday Saturday, Sunday nights -- check out 2/16. How fun is that!! Don’t have a romantic partner, no worry – take a friend, go by yourself for some time, or give as a gift to a friend/relative. By the way, it is the same time as DAYTONA 500!!!

Tickets are 1/\$10 or 3/\$20 and we are only selling 200. If we sell all 200, we could potentially make \$1200 - \$1400 to use as the District sees the need – toward the club’s 250, toward the District project, toward a club project, toward lower registration, and on and on!! Consider helping us out – It is a fun fundraiser for us all.

PIFF is YOUR fund – donate, apply, and use it for your club!!!

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Durrett Moerman
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THE MISSION OF PILOT INTERNATIONAL IS: Pilot International’s mission is to influence positive change in communities throughout the world. To do this, we come together in friendship and service, focusing on encouraging brain safety and health and supporting those who care for others.

PILOT
INTERNATIONAL
Do More. Care More. Be More.





A grateful Sterling Mills Community sends a thank you for the Oconee Pilot donation of flatware to the clubhouse.



Oma Jane welcomes
Mackenzie Kay
October 21

Happy Birthday

Elaine Neal-November 2

Rosa Hall-November 3

Vickie Hammond-November 13

Joy Elder-November 15



Oconee Pilot Meeting Schedule

January 7

Refreshments:
Projects

March 4

Refreshments:
Fundraising

May 6

Refreshments:
Membership

SAVE THE DATE



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

Georgia District Fall Council 2025
October 10-11, 2025
Unicoi State Park Lodge
Helen, GA

