

Oconee Spokes



December, 2024

**“We are better throughout the year for having, in spirit,
become a child again at Christmas-time.”**

— Laura Ingalls Wilder



Merry Christmas Pilots,

December has been a busy month and we are just getting started. Fundraising has received donations for our Annual 5K, Membership has kept in touch with perspective members along with our Belk Charity Days Event, and Projects has been very busy with the Watkinsville Christmas Parade, our Pilot Christmas Party, the Helmet Project with the Kiwanis Club, and the Pick-Me-Up for our OCS counselors.

OARC needed 43 helmets this year. We went a little over our budget, but had 2 helmets in storage, which helped keep the cost down.

Don't forget to keep track of your volunteer hours, we need a record of them for our 501(c)3 status.

Stay warm and busy this holiday season!

*Rosa Hall,
President*

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Oconee Spokes

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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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Your Executive Board together wishes you and your families the happiest of the holiday season. May Joy and Peace be with you the remaining days of 2024 and as we begin 2025.



- **Sunday, December 8:**
Watkinsville Christmas Parade 4:00 pm
- **Tuesday, December 10:**
Oconee Pilot Christmas Party. Sterling Mills Clubhouse 6-8 pm Bring your activity books for Piedmont-ARMC.
- **Tuesday, December 24:**
Christmas Eve
- **Wednesday, December 25:**
Christmas Day
- **Wednesday, January 1, 2025:** Happy New Year and Sugar Bowl-Go Dawgs!
- **Tuesday, January 7, 2025:** Happy New Year Business Meeting. Executive Board 5:30-6:30. Social Time and Refreshments 6:30-7:00. Business Meeting 7:00 pm. Hostess: Projects Division
- **Saturday, February 1, 2025:** 16th Annual Pilot Club Chase 5K





Projects Division

During the season of giving, The Pilot Club of Oconee County has been represented numerous times throughout the county.. Pilots donated to ACTS (Area Churches Together Serving) for their November/December holiday needs. The Oconee County school counselors and social workers were treated to a pick-me-up breakfast along with an informational PowerPoint of what their Oconee Pilots do in the community and how we can help them. Santa came to town and so did the Oconee Pilots at the Watkinsville Christmas Parade! What fun! Within the next week, we will be delivering to OARC bicycle helmets for their Adopt a Family Christmas where every child will receive a bicycle and helmet with our partnership with the Athens/Oconee Kiwanis Club. We will celebrate our year on Tuesday evening for our Christmas Party. Please remember to bring your children's activity books for our donation to the Pediatrics Unit at our largest 5K Pilot Chase Sponsor, Piedmont Athens Regional. We wish you all the happiest of holiday seasons.

Membership Division

Are you ready for another Share Pilot? WE ARE!!! Go ahead and put on that thinking cap and let's share our enthusiasm for community service with our friends and neighbors! Please go ahead and put the date on your 2025 calendar and Remember-- **Any Way You Slice it**, Oconee Pilot is the place to be!!! Send us your names, addresses and emails for those you think would just love to be with us.

Membership would also like to remind you to be sure and send your volunteer hours to Lynn Smith. It is a busy time of the year and we forgot.



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ANY WAY YOU

SLICE IT



WE ♥ LOVE PILOT!
SHARE PILOT EVENT!

WHERE: Bishop Baptist Church
WHEN: February 18th @ 6:30pm



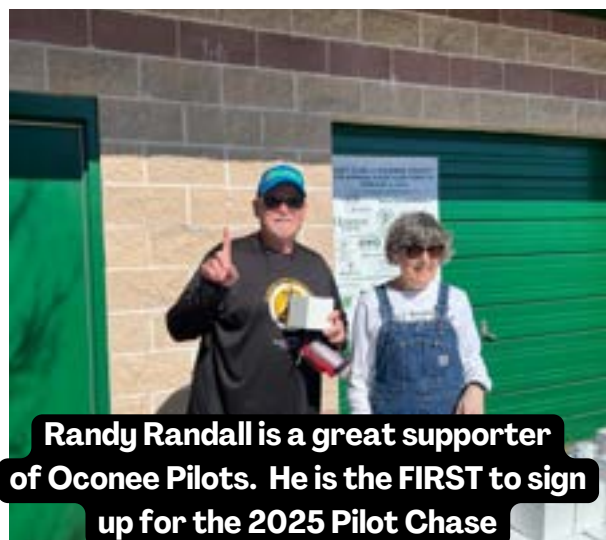
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Come learn about Pilot Club of Oconee.
Assorted Pies! Puzzles! Service Project!

RSVP by February 7th to Susan!

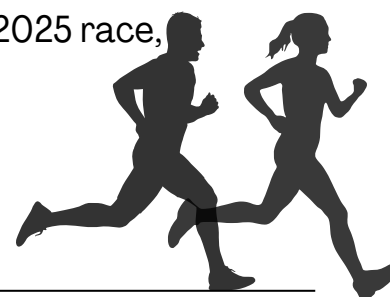
Fundraising Division

The 16th 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 fundraiser to support all our club's impactful programs and activities.

There are several ways you can help our fundraiser 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! Be sure that you have ordered your race shirt and paid Cathy. Remember you can order for family members that will not be racing that day. So get one for your Co-Pilot to wear around town and advertise the race for us.
- 3) Race registration forms will be available from Tammy, Cathy, and online. Please help us get these forms out in the community. Our goal is 150 runners/walkers this year. If you did not receive an email that includes the sponsorship letter, sponsorship commitment form, and race registration form, please let Tammy know.
- 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 will start at noon. We should wrap up no later than 2:30 pm. There will be another volunteer sign-up sheet at the January 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!





Merry Christmas!

Wishing you a
Happy
Holiday
Season and
the Merriest
of Christmases
Lt. Governor
Donna



NIGEL'S NEST NEEDS

Grab and Go Food Pantry Needs:

Cereal Cups Chips (Individually packaged) Fruit Cups Ketchup Mustard Pop tarts Instant Oat Cups Crackers Popcorn Fruit Gummies Instant Ravioli cups Hamburger helper (meal boxes) Milk (shelf-stable boxes) Canned Fruits Mac and Cheese Coffee Granola Bars Noodles Spaghetti sauce Rice cups Canned soup Canned vegetables Jelly Peanut Butter Waters



• Frozen Items-Needs to be Individually Wrapped Items

- Uncrustables
- Hot pockets
- Bagel Bites

Non-Food Items Needs:

- Feminine Hygiene Products

Happy Birthday

Lorrie Rusgrove- December 2



2024-2025

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

