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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

Georgia District Workshop dates have been set. Officers or those wanted to see what an officer's duty would be, please be sure you plan to attend. President Vickie plans to attend Covington and would be glad to drive a group. **MORE ON PAGE 2.**

Save the Dates are posed. These are meetings as well as volunteer opportunities. Be sure to add to your calendar. **MORE ON PAGE 2.**

Division Plans, Region Leadership, and Sunshine you do not want to miss, **Turn inside to read more.**



Busy Bees--here's the buzz!

As summer winds down and the school bells ring again, our Oconee Pilot Busy Bees are packing up our backpacks of purpose and heading out for a "Pilot Picnic in the Park!" September is the perfect time to blend the warmth of friendship with the fresh energy of a new season. We'll share ideas like sandwiches, sprinkle kindness like sunshine, and enjoy the company of our Pilot family. Before we spread our picnic blanket, don't forget our District Officer Training on August 16 and the volunteer opportunity with Oconee Therapeutic Riding on August 22 & 23.

At our September meeting, we'll welcome Governor-Elect Jacque Hatcher, crown our 2025-2026 Oconee Pilot Club Ambassador, and see who wins the UGA clear bag by guessing the closest score to the Dawgs vs. Marshall season opener. We'll also be gathering names of those interested in attending District Council in October--so be ready to sign up! Plus--bring your best estimation skills for a chance to win a "picnic" surprise!

Inside, you'll find Division Reports with important dates, August Birthdays, Sunshine update, and a "Meet Your East Central Lt. Governor" feature. It's a basket full of fellowship, service, and smiles--don't miss it!

With friendship and gratitude,

Vickie Hammond

President, Pilot Club of Oconee County
2025-2026



LOOK

- **August 15**
 - **Financial Audit Due**
 - **Plans of Work**
- **September 1 POSTMARK**
 - **Governor's Cup Award Due**
- **September 1**
 - **Club Budgets Due**
 - **Club Standing Rules Due**
- **September 30**
 - **Club Ambassador Due**

Audit Committee: Taylor, Darlene, Rosa
Awards Committee: Judy, Taylor, Elaine
 (Lynn they might need your help and records for this award)



East Central Region Training Workshop

Saturday August 16, 2025 10:30 am – 1:30 pm

First Presbyterian Church of Covington

1169 Clark Street SW

Covington, Georgia 30014

10:30 - 10:45 Sign In and Light Refreshments

10:45 - 11:00 Welcome & Introductions & Opening Remarks

11:00 - 11:05 Pledge of Allegiance (USA and Georgia)

11:05 - 11:10 Inspiration

11:10 - 11:20 Address by Vickie Hammond, PC Oconee Co.

11:20 - 11:35 Address by Governor Elect Jacque Hatcher

11:35 - 11:50 Forms, Reports, Responsibilities

11:50 - 12:10 Break & Reconvene

12:15 - 12:45 Officer Groups Breakout & Reconvene

12:50 - 1:10 Discussion of Officers Groups, Sharing Ideas,

Questions, Further Needs

1:10 - 1:20 Announcements

1:20 - 1:30 Door Prizes

- **Friday, August 15:** Pilot International and District Forms due. Please see article on FORMS for more information.
- **Saturday, August 16:** East Central District Workshop for officers. First Presbyterian Church. 1169 Clark Street, Covington, GA 30014 10:30-1:30 pm.
- **Friday, August 22:** OTR 5K set up. 5:00 pm Biarwood Baptist Church. **Make Up Opportunity for August meeting if you missed.** This will count for volunteer hours.
- **Saturday, August 23:** Oconee Therapeutic Riding 5K. 7:00 am Briarwood Baptist Church-- Volunteer Hours Opportunities.
- **Wednesday, August 27:** All items due for September Spokes. Check your email to see if you have an article due.
- **Tuesday, September 2:** Official Visit with Gov. Elect Jacque Hatcher Business Meeting. 5:30 Executive Board; 6:30 Social; 7:00 Business Meeting

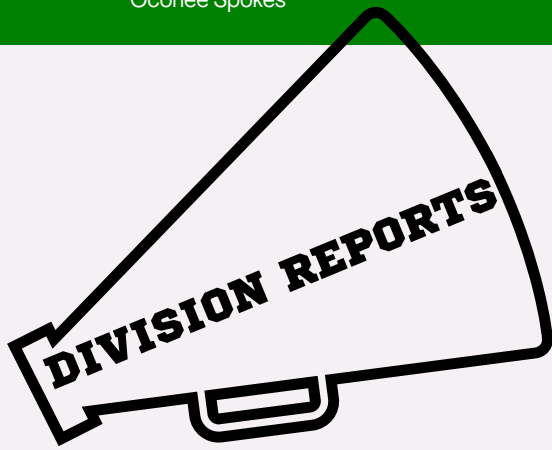
The "bus" will leave at 9:15 am,
 8/16/25 from Vickie's House.

1210 Clotfelter Road

Bogart

text: 706-254-6738





Projects

Thank you to everyone who signed up to help with OTR's 5K in August. This is a wonderful opportunity to show our Pilot Volunteer Spirit. We will be busy bees helping to set up for the race on Friday evening and Saturday morning, helping with any jobs that need to be completed.

Please remember to turn in your Volunteer hours to Elaine. Check page 8 in your yearbook for our volunteer opportunities. If you need extra funds for a Pick Me Up, please check with Lynn.

On October 26, we will be donating to the 1st Responders 5K. There is also an opportunity to volunteer to help. November 8 is the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's. Our Club's team page is: Pilot Club of Oconee County on the Walk to End Alzheimer's main page. Our goal is to raise awareness and \$1,000. The Club will donate \$250. Please make your calendar and come and walk with us on Saturday, Nov. 8, whether you have donated or not.

Rosa Hall, Division Chairman

Fundraising

Already planning our Pilot Chase 5K – Saturday, February 7, 2026, at noon. Sponsor letters are ready and can be electronically sent to you. Please request from Tammy. See the 2025-2026 yearbook page 15 for contact information.

Tammy Gilland &
Cathy Moorehead-Co-Chairmen



Membership

Pilot Membership round-up is coming in 2025-2026.

We are so excited to be a part of this wonderful and awesome volunteer community with the Pilot Club.

Now, how do you become a part of this club? The answer is simple and can even be a fun part of learning about the Pilot Club of Oconee. Keep reading! Our goals are to promote brain safety for both Children and adults, and provide Pick-Me-Ups for Care Providers, plus community services projects throughout the year. During the coming year, there are two learning opportunities known as "SHARE PILOT."

The first event is coming in October. The theme of the October meeting is

"Puppies, Pancakes and Pilots." What a fun set of plans, including gathering information about the Pilot Club? The University of Georgia Veterinary Department will

educate our members and guests about the training program for service dogs. Along with the educational component, there will be a breakfast menu of pancakes. At the second "SHARE PILOT" planned for March 2026, the theme will be "It's A Jungle Out There." There will be an educational session on a confidence-building exercise. In addition, there will be a Pilot Project for the community. The Pilot Club wants YOU to become a member. Just contact the membership

committee or a friend that you know as a pilot, and we will welcome you with open arms.

It is a way to help the community and realize YOU can make a difference, plus meet a wonderful group of people working together and having fun doing it!!!!

Barbara Carter, Division Chairman





As Lt. Governor for the East Coast Region of the Georgia District, I attended the Pilot International Council of Leaders July 21-23 and Pilot International Convention July 23-26 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The East Central Region (ECR) Officer Training Workshop will be on August 16th at the First Presbyterian Church of Covington. I will make Official Visits with the Pilot Clubs of Covington, Eatonton, Greene County, Jones County, Macon, and Monroe during September - November. Our Pilot Governor Elect, Jacque Hatcher, will do the Official Visit with the Pilot Club of Oconee County. I will attend the Fall Council, October 10-12 at the Unicoi State Park Lodge, the DAC/DEC Mid-year Planning in January 2026, and District Convention May 1-3, 2026 at the Jekyll Island Club Resort. I will serve as a resource for Pilot members and reach out to the ECR Pilot Clubs to identify potential candidates for the Lt. Governor position for July 2026 through June 2027.

Pilot In Bloom



Spreading Joy Through Pilot Friendship and Service,
Donna MacPherson

Lt. Governor East Central Region Georgia District Pilot International--706-765-7328

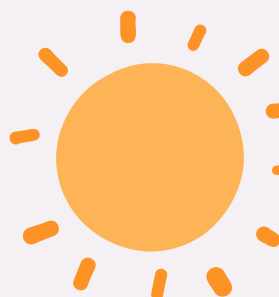
Hey there, my Pilot friends! As your president of the Pilot Club of Oconee County, I wanted to introduce myself to some of you and just reintroduce myself to the rest. I am an Oconee County native with those Warrior roots--I followed in the steps of my grandmother, who taught my husband in the first grade at Bogart Elementary--I became a teacher. I started my career in Barrow County at County Line Elementary but came home to Oconee Intermediate and then opened Malcom Bridge Elementary, where I remained until retirement in 2014. I joined the Oconee Pilots in October 2017 on the second invitation by Pam Crawford to a Share Pilot, so don't feel defeated the first time, ask again! I have learned so much and met so many great friends in our region, district, and even nationally because of Pilot International. I married Doug Hammond one hot, extremely hot August day in 1983. We have two children, Adam and Ashley, along with the best daughter and son-in-laws (Lauren and Jesse) anyone can have. But the cherry on top--Grandchildren Kinney (12), Malcom (Mally) 9, Brewer (6), and Baby Huck born December 2024. Doug and I are all about family and are lucky to now have them all right here within a 30-minute drive. When we are not spending time with them, I love volunteering with OARC, the schools, and traveling. I look forward to a great year with you. I have always surrounded myself by great people, and you, my friends, are the greatest!



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
JANE REESE-AUGUST 20
JUDY MARABLE- AUGUST 24



Ladies, please let me know of anyone who needs to receive a card from our Club. It can be birthday, sympathy, thinking of you, etc. I just need the names and addresses, please. You can email me or text me.

Just look at page 15 of our Yearbook for my information.

Rosa Hall--"Spreader" of Sunshine



Meeting and Refreshments

SEPTEMBER, Tuesday, September 2, 2025
(Official Visit)

Welcome to our Oconee Pilot "Picnic in the Park"

- Soak up the sunshine, friendship, and a picnic of ideas! Let's spread kindness like sunshine.
- Bring your picnic spirit and wear your casual summer style.

Refreshment Team: **The Nectar**

Gatherers: Jane, Cathy, Suzanne, Lorrie, Lisa B., and **The Sip Supervisor:** Lynn



As announced at the August Meeting, the

Annual Pilot International dues have increased by \$10. The annual club dues will now be \$150 per year. If you want to pay quarterly, that will be \$37.50. 1/2 year is \$75.00. I plan to be at the September meeting. You can pay your dues then if you did not pay in August.

Cathy Moorehead, Treasurer



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2025-2026 Oconee Pilot Meeting Schedule



SAVE THE DATE

Georgia District Fall Council 2025

October 10-11, 2025

Unicoi State Park Lodge

Helen, GA

Host: Northwest Region

Georgia District Convention 2026

May 1-3, 2026

Jekyll Island Club Resort

Jekyll Island, GA

Host: Southeast Region

Pilot International Annual Convention and Leadership

Conference 2026

July 15-18, 2026

The Omni

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

