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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
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Festive Greetings, Pilots!

As we step into the sparkle of December, our calendar is as bright and bustling as the season itself! From cheering on the UGA Dawgs in the **SEC Championship** on December 6, to celebrating community spirit at the **Oconee County Hometown Holidays Christmas Parade and Watkinsville Tree Lighting** on December 7, 4 pm., there are plenty of opportunities to enjoy the warmth of hometown traditions—even though our Pilots won't be marching this year, we hope you'll join in the fun!

Our own Oconee Pilot **Christmas Party on December 16** promises fellowship, good food, and meaningful service as we collect activity and coloring books plus crayons for Piedmont Athens Regional.

As we reflect on Adam Hammond's inspiring November message, this is also a time to consider leadership for our 2026–2027 club year and the District Executive Council—nominations are now open through Cindy Weaver via the Georgia District website.

Looking ahead, our **next club business meeting is January 6** for our "Winter Wonderland of Service," where my family will provide a cozy soup supper, complemented by sweets and drinks from The Nectar Gatherers. And don't forget—our Pilot Chase 5K is coming up on **February 7** at noon, so encourage every runner you know to join the excitement!

Wishing you a warm, joy-filled Christmas season, safe travels wherever the road (or skies) take you, and a New Year full of family, friends, and all the little moments that make life bright.

With appreciation and Pilot love,

Vickie Hammond

Step Up and Lead: It's Your Moment, Pilots!



District Executive Council nominations for 2026–2027 are now open. Cindy Weaver will be accepting nominations, and all required forms can be found on the Georgia District Pilot International website under “Forms.” Please take time to consider someone who will represent the Georgia District well and help make important decisions for our future. During our official visit in September, Governor-Elect Jacque encouraged us to look closely at our talents and be willing to step forward in service. At our November Business Meeting, Adam Hammond, Executive Director of the Georgia 4-H Foundation, shared valuable insight on discovering and using our leadership voice. At our January business meeting, we will elect a nominating committee to prepare our 2026–2027 slate of club officers. Whether you choose to serve at the district level or within our own club, your leadership style and contributions are welcome and needed.

A strong year begins with strong voices, and every member has something meaningful to offer. As we move into a new season of planning and service, I encourage each of you to consider where your skills and passions can make the greatest impact. Together, we will support our district, strengthen our club, and continue the work that defines who we are. May this season inspire confidence, commitment, and a renewed sense of purpose as we look ahead to the leadership that will guide us forward.----**President Vickie**



- **Saturday, December 6, 4:00 pm on ABC:** SEC Championship Game UGA vs AL
- **Sunday, December 7, 4:00 pm:** Oconee CO Hometown Christmas Parade followed by Tree Lighting and Santa pictures.
- **Tuesday, December 9, 7:00 am-7:00 pm:** Special Election for House District 121 in Oconee County. Thursday and Friday, last two days of advance voting.
- **Tuesday, December 16, 6:30:** Oconee Pilot Christmas Party. Drinks and Dessert will be provided. A night of Fun Games and Music. Bring a snack to share along with activity books, coloring books and crayons for Piedmont Athens Regional for those children hospitalized during the holiday season.
- **Wednesday, December 31:** Q2 President's Club Report Due
- **Tuesday, January 6, 2026:** our First Oconee Pilot Meeting of 2026.

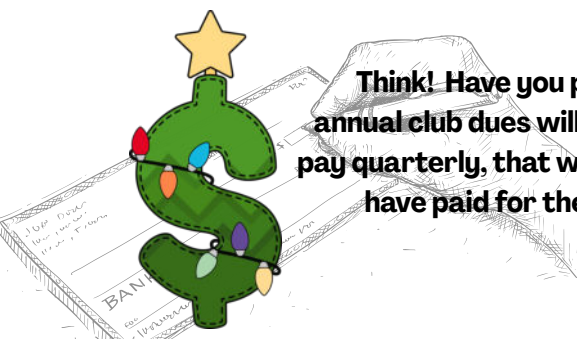


MERRY
Christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



Think! Have you paid your 2025-2026 Club dues? 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. If you have paid for the first half of the year, be prepared in January to pay your balance.
Cathy Moorehead, Treasurer



DIVISION REPORTS

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. At this time, our Sponsor total is just over \$9200. If you have any contacts, please encourage them to donate.

**Tammy Gilland &
Cathy Moorehead-Co-Chairmen**

Projects

We met our team goal for the Walk to End Alzheimer's. The walk took place at Wire Park on a beautiful Saturday morning, and I was joined by Sam and Mary Elliot from FCCW, who also contributed to our team's efforts.

Jane delivered our check to the DAR to support their Christmas gifts for Veterans' children and also delivered hats for homeless Veterans. Thank you to Jane and Lynn for donating yarn to make this possible. The helmets for OARC and the Kiwanis Club have been ordered; only 30 were needed this year.

Our Pilot Christmas Party will be held on December 16 at Bishop Baptist Church. Please remember to bring your donations for the Piedmont Athens Regional Pediatric Unit. We will enjoy music and Bingo with "fabulous" prizes.

I will be sending Christmas and birthday cards to our Pilot shut-ins. If you know someone who should receive a card, please send me their name and address.

- Please remember to submit 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 consult with Lynn.

Rosa Hall, Division Chairman



Membership



Spread Oconee Pilot Joy During the Holiday Season!

In October, we made great new friends and learned so much from our "puppies" and their trainers. We can be a small part of their program, which they have to help support the puppy raisers financially. The Raiser Relief Fund (RRF) Scholarship, which gives supplies like poop bags, toys, and dog food to our raisers who may not be able to afford to raise a puppy. If you would like to donate to the scholarship, the link is www.venmo.com/u/DRDRaiserReliefFund. They also accept checks made out to "Aubrey Fraser Tarpley". We will get a mailing address if you need.

Barbara Carter Division Chairman





happy
BIRTHDAY

LORRIE RUSGROVE - DECEMBER 2



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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



Death of Mother
Kirsten Jorgenson (Editor Governor's Bulletin)
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2025-2026

Oconee Pilot Meeting Schedule

**Tuesday,
January 6,
2026**

Refreshments:

Jane, Cathy, Suzanne, Lorrie,
Lisa B. and Lynn (Capt)
Only desserts and drinks

**Tuesday,
May 5,
2026**

Refreshments:

Pam, Donna, Elaine, Taylor, Susan B.
and Tammy Capt.

Theme:

Bloom Where You are Planted!

**Tuesday,
March 3,
2026**

Refreshments:

Lisa M., Judy, Sue, Rosa, Darlene,
Deborah and Barbara Capt.

Theme:

Lucky to Be an
Oconee Pilot

SAVE THE DATE

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

2026 Georgia District Fall Council

October 2-4, 2026

Lanier Islands Legacy Lodge

Buford, Georgia

