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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



Happy Spring! Lucky Oconee Pilots!

If the last few weeks have proven anything, it is that even when the weather cannot decide between winter and spring, Oconee Pilots never miss a season of service. Despite the wild weather at the end of January and throughout February, our club has been incredibly busy. February brought a successful Pilot Chase 5K under the leadership of **Tammy Gilland** and **Cathy Moorehead**, and we appreciate all of our Pilots who came out to serve, especially **Lisa Backs**, who proudly ran in the Chase. Our Membership team, led by **Barbara Carter**, hosted a fantastic "It's a Jungle Out There" jungle-themed Share Pilot that was truly a treat for those in attendance. We are now in full swing with our Almost Ready for Main Street **BrainMinders** puppet shows, reaching just under 600 kindergarten students in Oconee County. Four wonderful shows have already been completed, with two more scheduled in March. Leadership from the Oconee School System has been invited and will attend, and I encourage you to join a team or come see firsthand the excitement these programs bring.

We will gather for our **Business Meeting on Tuesday, March 3**, as we celebrate "Lucky to Be an Oconee Pilot." Wear your green and enjoy refreshments provided by the **Pollen Patrol** beginning at 6:30 during our social time. We look forward to officially welcoming new members, hearing the **Nominating Committee** present the slate of officers for the 2026–2027 Pilot Year, and beginning Installation Dinner planning with the **Fundraising Division**. Our Lynda Goodwin Volunteer Scholarship application has been submitted to the Georgia Pilot Scholarship Committee, with notification expected in April. Plans are also underway for the **Georgia Pilot 2026 Convention, May 1–3** at Jekyll Island, where **Lt. Governor Donna MacPherson** will share more details during our March meeting. You can see we are going strong into the spring as we wind up our 2025–2026 Oconee Pilot Year. I truly feel lucky to serve alongside each of you—your dedication, friendship, and heart for our community make this club something very special.

With appreciation and Pilot love,

Vickie Hammond





The **Nigel's Nest Food Pantry** on the Oconee Campus continues to support many students, and we gratefully welcome donations to help support our UNG community. While participation is completely optional, any contribution—big or small—can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our students. Some of the most requested and popular donation items include:

Non-perishable food items: Chips, Crackers, Popcorn, Ramen Bowls, Granola Bars, Pop-Tarts, Macaroni and Cheese Bowls, Mashed Potato Bowls, Fruit Snacks.

Toiletries: Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Shampoo, Soap, Deodorant

If you can contribute, **please bring items to the March Business Meeting**, or **if you would like to deliver or make this an ongoing personal volunteer project**, please place your donations in the bin located in the Administration Building 100.

Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity. Your support truly helps strengthen our UNG community and is deeply appreciated.



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 at the March Business Meeting to pay the quarter or half-year balance. **Payment for your t-shirt will all be accepted on Tuesday at the Meeting. All extra t-shirts and awards will be available for purchase on Tuesday night**

Cathy Moorehead, Treasurer



- **Tuesday, March 3 2026:** our Oconee Pilot Meeting
Please **bring your checkbook** for Pilot Chase 5K Shirts if you have not take care of this. See **page 5 for Refreshment Team.**
- **Saturday, February 28, 2026:** Volunteer Hours due to Ms. Elaine.
elainecneal@gmail.com
- **Wednesday, March 4 2026:** BrainMinders Puppet Show for Rocky Branch Elementary. @8:15. Be at school by 8:00. **(Have Driver's License to check in front office)**
- **Wednesday, March 11 2026:** BrainMinders Puppet Show for High Shoals Elementary. @8:45. Be at school by 8:30. **(Have Driver's License to check in front office)**
- **Wednesday, March 18, 2026:** President's Third Quarter Report due.
- **Tuesday, March 31, 2026:** Volunteer Hours due to Ms. Elaine.
elainecneal@gmail.com
- **Wednesday, April 1, 2026:** GA Secretary of State Corporate Registration for ALL Clubs
- **Sunday, April 5, 2026:** Easter
- **Monday, April 6-Friday, April 10, 2026:** Oconee Spring Break
- **Tuesday, May 5, 2026:** Last 2025-2026 Oconee Pilot Business Meeting.
- **June, 2026:** 2026-2027 Installation Dinner **TBA**

DIVISION REPORTS

Fundraising

The Fundraising Division extends sincere appreciation to the Oconee County Pilot Club for supporting the 17th Annual Pilot Club Chase 5K. Thanks to your efforts and participation, the race total will be given in a report at the March Business Meeting with funds reported going to support our Club's ongoing service projects. This year's event welcomed 42 registered participants, with 35 individuals taking part on race day. Participants included 15 males and 20 females. The youngest female runner was 6 years old, and the youngest male was 16. The oldest female participant was 73, and the oldest male was 78.

Tammy Gilland &
Cathy Moorehead-Co-Chairmen

Projects

Team Dove Creek and Malcom Bridge were busy the week of February 23 and 24. While Team Oconee Primary and Colham Ferry brought smiles on February 18 and 19. Get on board the BrainMinders Train--We have our Rocky Branch Show on Wednesday, March 4, and our grand finale at High Shoals on Wednesday, March 11. There's room for you! Let Vickie know if you can come.



Membership

The Membership Division hosted "It's a Jungle Out There – Share Pilot," providing an opportunity to showcase the Oconee County Pilot Club to one guest visitor. The evening included a BBQ dinner, a fun and engaging team-building game, and affirmation jars prepared for all Oconee Pilots. The event concluded with each participant creating a fidget quilt square, which will be combined into larger quilts to be delivered to individuals in the community, further reflecting the Club's commitment to service and care.

Barbara Carter Division Chairman





Call to Georgia District Convention

WHEN: MAY 1-3, 2026
WHERE: JEKYLL ISLAND CLUB
RESORT
371 RIVERVIEW DRIVE, JEKYLL
ISLAND, GA
TIME: 7:00PM

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE BEAUTIFUL
HISTORICAL JEKYLL ISLAND CLUB
RESORT

ROOM RESERVATION CUTOFF IS
MARCH 31, 2026.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION
DEADLINE IS MARCH 6



2026 DISTRICT CONVENTION REGISTRATION
GEORGIA DISTRICT PILOT INTERNATIONAL
Jekyll Island Club Resort
371 Riverview Drive, Jekyll Island, GA 31527
MAY 1-3, 2026

Name (as it will appear on name tag): _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Contact Phone No. _____

Email Address _____

Pilot Club _____ Region _____

Food Allergies: _____

Check One Only

☐ Delegate

☐ Pilot (non-delegate)

☐ Past Governor

☐ Past Pilot Intl.

☐ President

☐ Current District Officer

☐ Current District Appointee

☐ Check ☐ if First time to District

Mail this form and your club or personal check to:

Avaline Adams
Georgia District PI
4940 Hwy 145
Carnesville, GA 30521

Make check payable to:

GEORGIA DISTRICT
CONVENTION

MUST BE
POSTMARKED BY
April 15, 2026

Registration refunds
available by contacting
Governor Mary Turner in
writing, prior to April 15,
2026. After that date,
refunds are determined by
the DAC.

DISTRICT CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Full Registration includes Materials, Saturday Breakfast/Lunch/Banquet, and Sunday Breakfast

Early Registration \$195.00 (3-6) _____

Full Registration \$205.00 (3-6-3-31) _____

Lane Registration \$215.00 (3-31-4-15) _____

Extra Awards Luncheon Tickets _____ x \$60 _____

Extra Banquet Tickets _____ x \$90 _____

For Reservations at Jekyll Island Club Resort:

<https://bc.nyavis.com/?Hotel=73&Choice=11916&arrive=2026-04-26&depart=2026-05-03&adult=1&child=0&group=1689428>

Rooms are \$261 per night THIS INCLUDES ALL FEES Reservation

Deadline March 31, 2026

Contact for reservations: 1-800-535-9547



This form will be sent in an email.
If you plan to attend, please fill
out and bring on Tuesday, March
3, 2026 to our Business Meeting.





LISA BACKS FEBRUARY 17

SUZANNE LORENZ FEBRUARY 21



SUE STOLTZ MARCH 19

LYNN SMITH MARCH 23



SANDRA GLASS MARCH 25

LISA MYERS MARCH 26



A huge thank you goes to Co-Pilot Doug Hammond for our new puppet stage. It is made from PVC and is extremely easy to transport and assemble/disassemble. No more lugging around that cumbersome, though beautiful, wooden puppet stage.



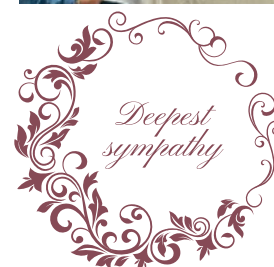
March 25 is our **Emeritus** Member, Mrs. Sandra Glass's Birthday!

Send her a Wish!

Mrs. Sandra Glass

343 Price St.

Statham, GA 30666



Death of Blane's Father: Bob Marable

Blane and Judy Marable

1041 Buckeye Pointe

Athens, GA 30606

Mr. Bob Marable

Celebration Party, **Saturday, March 28, 2:00 pm** at Rocket Hall on OCAF Campus. RSVP Blane via text 706-202-4612

Death of Father: Michael Geis

Lisa Myers

1361 Echo Trail

Watkinsville, Georgia 30677

2025-2026 Oconee Pilot Meeting Schedule



**Tuesday,
March 3,
2026**

Refreshment Team:
Lisa M, Judy, Rosa,
Sue, Darlene, Deborah.
Team Leader: Barbara



**Tuesday,
May 5,
2026**

Refreshment Team:
Donna, Elaine, Taylor,
Susan, Elyse, and
Aleisa.
Team Leader Tammy:

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

