



OCONEE SPOKES

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Dear Pilot Friends,

As we publish our June newsletter and close another Pilot year, I find myself reflecting with gratitude on all that our club has accomplished together. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as your President during the 2025-2026 year.

Throughout the year, our members have demonstrated the true spirit of Pilot through service, friendship, and dedication to our community. Whether supporting families through the OARC Food for Kids program and OTR program, participating in fundraising efforts, performing puppet shows, organizing projects, attending meetings, or simply lending a helping hand when needed, each of you has made a meaningful difference.

This month's newsletter highlights examples of that commitment: Pilot Chase 5K, Belk Charity Days, BrainMinders presentations, Share Pilot, Project, Projects and more Projects, Lynda Goodwin Scholarship Winner, Fall Council and District Convention to the Installation of 2026-2027 Officers. These activities remind us that Pilot is not just about the projects we complete, but about the relationships we build and the lives we touch along the way.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to our officers, division chairs, and every club member for your support, encouragement, and willingness to serve. Your dedication has made this year both successful and rewarding. As I conclude my term, I am pleased to pass the leadership of our club to President-Elect Rosa Hall. Rosa brings enthusiasm, experience, and a deep commitment to Pilot's mission. I know she will lead our club with excellence, and I look forward to supporting her and the new leadership team in the coming year.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your President. I will always treasure the memories we have created together and the impact we have made in our community. As one Pilot year ends and another begins, I am confident that the Oconee Pilot Club will continue to thrive as we move forward in friendship and service.

With heartfelt appreciation,

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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

2026-2027
Leadership



Be the First to Pay Your 2026-2027 Club Dues!

The annual club dues will now be \$150. If you want to pay quarterly, that will be \$37.50. 1/2 year is \$75.00. Quarterly payments are due July 1, October 1, January 1, and April 1. Semi-Annual would be July 1 and January 1.

If you are unsure if you still have a 2025-2026 balance, PLEASE contact Mrs. Cathy.

Cathy Moorehead, Treasurer



SAVE THE DATE

- **Thursday, June 25, 2026: ALL BELK CHARITY COUPON MONEY DUE (\$50)**
Mail Check to Pilot Club of Oconee Co.
c/o Cathy Moorehead,
PO Box 833,
Watkinsville, GA 30677
- **Tuesday, June 23, 2026 @6:30 pm:** Plan of Works Meeting.
Rosa's home for dinner. Need to Attend: Rosa, Judy, Vickie, Lisa B, Cathy, Taylor, Tammy, Donna, Barbara and Lynn.
- **Tuesday, June 30, 2026:** June Volunteer Hours to Ms. Elaine.
elainecneal@gmail.com
- **Sunday, July 19-July 26, 2026:** Pilot International Convention OKC. (Vickie for Lt. Gov. and Rosa Club President)
- **SEE NEXT PAGE FOR LOCAL AMERICA'S 250 CELEBRATIONS**
- See **back page** for the 2026-2027 Meeting dates and refreshment teams.

AMERICA 250

Voices. Music. Legacy.

American Music Through the Ages

FEATURING LIVE MUSIC & DRAMATIC READINGS OF ICONIC AMERICAN VOICES

Experience the songs and stories that shaped a nation.

SATURDAY JUNE 20 7:00 PM
SUNDAY JUNE 21 3:00 PM

HISTORIC BISHOP COMMUNITY CENTER
 4951 MACON HIGHWAY, BISHOP, GA

Presented by Collective Artists Workshop In collaboration with Oconee County America 250 Celebration

PART OF THE NATIONAL AMERICA 250 CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday America

OCONEE CELEBRATES USA'S 250TH

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2026
THOMAS FARM PRESERVE

5K - REGISTRATION AT 7:00 AM
 3 PM PARK OPENS TO THE PUBLIC
 FOR EVENTS UNTIL 9:30 PM

Join us in celebrating America's 250! Tickets are Free but you must reserve your spot at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/america-250-american-music-through-the-ages-tickets-989667427927>

250 SCHEDULE



JUNE 27th **City of Loganville's Independence Celebration**
 The celebration kicks off at 5 p.m. at River Street Park with a variety of family-friendly fun with activities for kids, a live DJ, and a variety of food vendors. The band lead headline takes the stage at 10 p.m., followed by a spectacular fireworks display to close out the night.

JUNE 30th **Faith and Freedom Breakfast**
 The Prayer Breakfast will be held at 9:00 a.m. at the historic Courthouse Square in downtown Athens. Come join the community for this morning of reflection and fellowship.

JULY 1st **Flavors of Freedom**
 Celebrate America's 250th birthday with a special outdoor food festival featuring live music and local food. The event is a celebration of our community's diversity and heritage.

JULY 2nd **Hometown Hero Parade**
 The community parade kicks off at 9 a.m. and will travel right through the heart of downtown Stone Mountain. Come on out and enjoy the festive procession and community spirit.

JULY 3rd **Community Concert**
 Join the community at Historic Stone Mountain Park for a special concert featuring live music and local food. The event is a celebration of our community's diversity and heritage.

JULY 4th **City of Monroe Independence Day Finale**
 The festival kicks off with a fun day of community activities with live music and local food. The event is a celebration of our community's diversity and heritage.

THE WALTON COUNTY STARS AND STRIPES TRAIL GUIDE



2026 4TH of JULY

FIREWORKS, PARADES & MORE

IN & AROUND ATHENS, GA

June 26 Star Spangled Banquet & Fireworks 5pm - 11pm Downtown Dublin, GA	June 27 Star Spangled Banquet & Fireworks 6:00pm - 11pm Southwest Clarke Park	July 4 Stars & Stripes Food America's 250 th Celebration 6:00pm - 11:00pm Downtown Monroe, GA
June 27 The Big Blue, Red, White & Blue 11am - 2pm Big Blue Marble Auxiliary 2026 Required	July 3 Family Fun & Drive Show 6:00pm - 9:00pm Thomas Farm Preserve	July 4 Independence Day Parade 9:00am - 10:00am Downtown Colbert, GA
June 27 Summer in the City & Fireworks 8pm - 11pm Commerce, GA	July 3 Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks 6:00pm - 10:00pm East Jackson Park	July 4 America's 250 th Celebration & Fireworks 6:00pm - 10:00pm Jug Tavern Park
June 27 Jefferson Freedom Festival & Fireworks 5pm - 11pm Downtown Jefferson, GA	July 3 Independence Day Concert & Fireworks 6:00pm - 9:00pm Medison-Worger Cultural Center	July 4 4th of July Family Fun Day 9:00am - 9:00pm Mullberry River Sports Complex
June 27 Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks 5pm - 11pm Brace Chapel	July 3 Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks 6:00pm - 10:00pm Downtown Colbert, GA	July 4 4th of July Family Fun Day 9:00am - 9:00pm Oglethorpe Rec Department

CITY OF STATHAM

INDEPENDENCE DAY OF AMERICA

250TH BIRTHDAY

CELEBRATE AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY WITH US AS WE CELEBRATE OUR LIBERTY AND INDEPENDENCE TO HONOR OUR NATION'S GREAT HISTORY.

MUSIC • FIREWORKS • FOOD

ROADWAY ST. STATHAM, GA 30086

ADULT \$10.00 | CHILD \$5.00



WIRE PARK Presents

Country River Band

June 20th at 6pm



FREE IN TOWN PARK

THURSDAYS

SUMMER NIGHTS

JUNE & JULY

WATKINSVILLE, GA

June 18 The Squirrelheads In Concert, 7:00 p.m.

June 25 Open Mic Night! On The Pavilion, 7:00 p.m.

July 2 National Treasure Movie Night, 7:00 p.m.

July 9 Dance Party On The Lawn w/ DJ Baby Bruh, 7:00 p.m.

July 16 Skate Party on Jefferson w/ Got 2 b Rollin', 7:00 p.m.

MUSIC OPEN MIC NIGHT

ON THE PAVILION

7:00 PM

2026-2027 Division Teams

Membership

*Lynn Smith
 *Barbara Carter
 Susan Brantley
 Taylor Bankston
 Lisa Myers
 Aleisa Oxford

President Rosa is graciously opening her home for the Plan of Works 2026-2027 Dinner Budget Meeting on Tuesday, June 23, at 6:30 PM. The meeting will take place at her residence located at 2182 Cole Springs Road, Bishop, GA. Please note that her house is on the right of the driveway. Attendees for this important gathering include Judy Marable, Lisa Backs, Cathy Moorehead, Taylor Bankston, and Vickie Hammond. Additionally, the 2026-2027 Division Coordinators—Tammy, Cathy, Donna, Barbara, and Lynn—are required to attend. This meeting will be an essential opportunity to discuss and plan the upcoming year's budget, ensuring that all divisions are aligned and prepared for the future.

Rosa

Fundraising

*Cathy Moorehead
 *Tammy Gilland
 Pam Crawford
 Vickie Hammond
 Elaine Neal
 Deborah Kinnard
 Suzanne Lorenz

Projects

Jane Reese
 Judy Marable
 Lisa Backs
 Rosa Hall
 Darlene Adams
 *Donna MacPherson
 Elyse Daniel

Our Story



Club Ambassador



Support for SANE



Belk Charity Days



Founders Day with Classic City



Oconee County Board of Commissioners Founders Day Recognition



Lt. Gov. Donna



Scholarship Committee



Pancakes, Pilot, and Pups! Share Pilot



Run for First Responders



Support for the Oconee Games Special Olympics



BrainMinders Puppet Show for all six Oconee Schools Kindergarten Classes



It's a Jungle Out There! Share Pilot



Walk to End ALZ



Oconee Pilots Support the Clarke/Oconee Relay for Life Donation



\$1000 Scholarship to Oconee Therapeutic Riding from the Oconee Pilots



UNG Nigel's Nest



OARC Christmas Bike Helmets



Executive Director Georgia 4H Foundation Discovering and Using Your Leadership Voice



Official Visit



Chick-fil-a Gift Cards Special Needs Oconee Schools Bus Drivers



President Vickie Elected East Central Lt. Governor



Katie Jennings led our group in flower design for our May Bloom Where You Are Planted meeting.

Katie shared her story of stroke recovery and her newfound talent for flower design. Each of us was truly blessed.



School Nurse Pick Me Up Chick-fil-a Gift Cards all 12 school nurses



NOHS Senior Honors Night Lynda Goodwin Scholarship



Summer Food for Kids Package Day 100 Oconee Families

Busy Year



Donna
MacPherson
June 20

2026-2027

Oconee Pilot Officer Installation

President: Rosa Hall

President Elect: Judy Marable

Secretary: Lisa Backs

Treasurer: Cathy Moorehead

Director: Taylor Bankston

Past President: Vickie Hammond



2025-2026 New Members



2026-2027

Oconee Pilot Meeting Schedule



SAVE THE DATE

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

Georgia District Convention 2027

April 30-May 1, 2027

Hilton Peachtree City

Peachtree City, Georgia

Host: Southwest Region

