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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



April Greetings, Oconee Pilots—Here's to a Season of Growth!

As spring settles in, we pause our regular business meeting schedule to focus on what lies ahead. Our Plan of Work Meeting is an important step in preparing for next year—**be sure to read President-Elect Rosa's article** inside for more details. While each of us may be assigned to a specific division, it is our shared commitment and teamwork that truly move our club forward.

We are proud to celebrate our **Lynda Goodwin Scholarship Georgia State Winner**—read more about this outstanding achievement inside. A sincere thank you to the **Scholarship Committee**, especially **Ms. Elaine**, for her leadership and a job well done.

Looking ahead, the **Georgia Pilot 2026 Convention** will take place **May 1–3** at Jekyll Island. Be sure to check inside for important details about Theme Nights and the Service Project. Our next **business meeting**—also our final one for the 2025–2026 year—will be held on **Tuesday, May 5**. Please see the last page for the refreshment team. We will also celebrate the installation of a new member and recognize our scholarship winner.

As we approach the close of this Pilot year, it's clear we have accomplished so much together. We have made a meaningful difference in the lives of many in our community and among our public servants. Thank you for truly putting our Pilot motto into action—Do More, Care More, and Be More. Our club not only says it—we live it.

Wishing You a Fresh and Flourishing April,

Vickie Hammond





- **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, April 21, 2026, 6:30 pm:** Plan of Works Meeting, Bishop Baptist Church
- **Thursday, April 30, 2026:**
April Volunteer Hours to Ms. Elaine.
elainecneal@gmail.com
- **Friday-Sunday, May 1-3, 2026:** Georgia Pilot Convention, Jekyll Island, Georgia.
- **Tuesday, May 5, 2026:** Last 2025-2026 Oconee Pilot Business Meeting.
- **Wednesday, May 27, 2026, 9:30-10:15 am:** Summer Food for Kids Packing Day (Volunteer Hours)
- **June, 2026:** 2026-2027 Installation Dinner **TBA**

BrainMinders Hit Main Street!

BrainMinders Puppet Show Grand Finale at High Shoals Elementary on March 11. This completed a season of seven shows for kindergartens at all our Oconee County Elementary campuses. Visiting with more than 700 five and six-year-olds and 100 educators doing a fantastic job with them during February and March. We are almost ready for Main Street!!!

At High Shoals Elementary, the team was joined by their new principal, Ms. Sara Bailey, and new Superintendent Dr. Melissa Butler. Both gave accolades to the team on a very important and informative presentation. Thanks to all those team members who ventured out early and dodged all the car rider traffic on those mornings. Team members this season were: Darlene, Jane, Rosa, Lynn, Donna, Vickie, Tammy, Sue, and Cathy--you have made an impact on so many children this year. Now, next year, I know you would love to join our team--best of all,

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY TO JOIN!

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 May Business Meeting to pay the quarter or half-year balance. **If you are unsure if you still have a balance, PLEASE contact Mrs. Cathy.**

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, May 5.

Cathy Moorehead, Treasurer



2026-2027 DIVISION TEAMS



Ladies, please mark your calendars for our 2026–2027 Plan of Work Meeting on **April 21 at 6:30 PM at Bishop Baptist Church**. Dessert and drinks will be provided. **Please see information about Convention Service project** further in this issue.

Please review the Plan of Work in your Yearbook (pages 4–8) in advance. Come prepared to discuss any items that may no longer meet our community's needs, as well as ideas for new projects that would better serve our community.

The divisions for 2026–2027 are listed below. I made every effort to assign each member their first choice; however, to keep the divisions balanced, some members have been placed in their second choice.

Rosa



Membership

Lynn Smith
Lisa Myers
Susan Brantley

Taylor Bankston
Barbara Carter
Aleisa Oxford

Projects



Jane Reese
Judy Marable
Lisa Backs

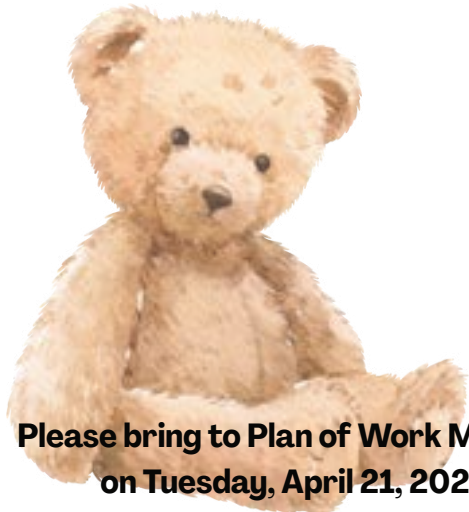
Rosa Hall
Darlene Adams
Donna MacPherson



Fundraising

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





**Please bring to Plan of Work Meeting
on Tuesday, April 21, 2026
A stuffed animal or lap blanket for
District Convention.
We will present them there
on behalf of our club.**



District Convention Service Project

Please bring in a new
stuffed animal or lap
blanket to be distributed
to local First Responders



**Pilot Club
DERBY DARLINGS**

Please join us for an evening of
laughter on

Friday, May 1, 2026

5:00 - 8:00 PM

Wear your Kentucky Derby Hat or Fascinator and parade around while
socializing and catching up with friends - old and new.
The Pilot with the most money at the end of the night will receive a prize!
Bring your \$1 bills and be prepared to VOTE for your favorite hat.
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO GEORGIA PILOT FOUNDATION

**IMPORTANT REMINDER - there will be no food at the
Welcome Party**



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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TAMMY GILLAND

APRIL 19



WE ARE
LOOKING
FOR NEW
members



**March New Member
Aleisa Oxford**



Congratulations!



North Oconee High School Senior, Tyson Mathis, has been selected at a 2026 Lynda Goodwin Scholarship Winner for the Georgia District. Tyson has been teaming with the Oconee Pilot Club on Projects since middle school. Tyson will be with us at our May Business Meeting to share with us his plans. We are so proud to see Tyson complete so many projects for our community, Congratulations, Tyson-- your Oconee Pilots are proud!



2025-2026 Oconee Pilot Meeting Schedule



**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**

