

Oconee Spokes

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Greetings Pilots,

BY DARLENE ADAMS

Greetings and Happy New Year, Pilots! It has been said, "In order to be successful in the new year....stay focused, develop a positive attitude and be passionate with your dreams." As we enter this doorway into 2024 and cross over into new opportunities, let us be grateful for another chance to create, grow, fellowship and serve. That's the Pilot way and we have multiple opportunities at hand. We will be hosting the Georgia Disabled Artists Exhibit at OCAF this month, we will be sharing our hobbies with one another, we are making final preparations for the 5K, and we are planning for our upcoming Share Pilot/Projects Event. Together we are Pilot Strong and boldly step forward into the New Year.

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Pilot International's Mission is to influence positive change in communities throughout the world. To do this, we come together in friendship and give people an outlet for service. We focus on preparing youth and young adults for service, encouraging brain safety & health, and supporting those who care for others.

Fundraising Division

The Fundraising Division appreciates all the Club members efforts to secure sponsors to support our upcoming 5K since this is our Club's primary source of funds for the year. We are approaching our \$15,000 goal and surpassing that will be beneficial. Sponsors having met the December deadline will be included on our 5K t-shirt. Those and further incoming sponsors received will be recognized in our post 5K newspaper Thank You Ad in The Oconee Enterprise.

Phase #1 focus is obtaining 5K Sponsors and Phase #2 focus is obtaining 5K Participants. We need runners/walkers for the 5K on Saturday, February 3rd at 12 noon at Oconee Veterans Park. This is a family friendly event. Club members please share flyers/information with all your community contacts (including family, schools, churches, doctors, hairdressers, grocery stores, shops, restaurants, etc.).

Thank you for reaching out to them to join us and support our Club's projects in their community. It's also a great opportunity to 'share' Pilot and potentially gain new members,

**THE PILOT CLUB OF OCONEE COUNTY
CELEBRATING 45 YEARS OF
COMMUNITY SERVICE
PRESENTS**

**15TH ANNUAL
PILOT CLUB CHASE 5K**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024
NOON
OCONEE VETERANS PARK**

www.oconeeclub.com
www.runsignup.com

Membership Division



The Pilot Membership Division is happy to announce that the "Share Pilot" theme is UNO! Plan on a wonderful, fun-filled, and great fellowship evening on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, beginning at 6 pm with refreshments. Our meeting will be at Sterling Mills Clubhouse. The Membership Division will have games of UNO set up for us to play. This is the second "Share Pilot" for the year. Please invite friends to this meeting who wants to share the Pilot Club goals. We are a growing club, so we want new members who want to join our "boots on the ground" activities. Please let us know the names of your guests by February 4, 2024. Amazing door prizes will be given. (Don't know how to play UNO?? Don't worry. The Pilots will make sure you know the rules.) The Pilot Club Project Division will show us how to help make Fidget Quilts for our club to share with many people who need Pick-Me-Ups.

UNO is interpreted as the meaning of One. The Pilot Club of Oconee County share ONE Heart to help the community.

It's a Country Christmas Celebration with Singer Songwriter Caleb Hunnicutt



Oconee Pilots Celebrate Christmas Together

Upcoming Events

- **Tuesday, January 2:** Pilot Business Meeting. Board Meeting 5:30, Social 6:30 Business Meeting 7:00. Projects Division will be serving as Hostesses. Third quarter (January, February and March) dues \$35 are due.
- **Saturday, January 6:** First Saturday Pilot Shirt Celebration
- **Saturday, January 13:** Artist with Disabilities Reception 2-4 pm at OCAF
- **Tuesday, January 9:** Lynda Goodwin Scholarship Applications delivered to committee
- **Wednesday, January 24:** Scholarship Submission due to GA District
- **Sunday, February 3:** 15th Annual Pilot Club Chase 5K meet at 10:00 am OVP. Race time noon.
- **Tuesday, February 13:** UNO Share Pilot Event. Sterling Mills. 6:00 pm

December/January Birthdays



December and January is the time to celebrate our Oconee Pilots Birthdays. Lorrie Rusgrove 12/2, Jan Thomas 1/9, Genny Wallace 1/12 (not pictured), Darlene Adams 1/13 and Pam Crawford 1/13. Have a great month ladies!

Have a Merry Christmas Piedmont Athens Pediatric Unit



From our Governor--

Greetings and Happy New Year Pilots of Oconee County! 2023 has come to an end and we are about to embark on a new year. I would like to commend your club members for all the good works you have accomplished in your community. I have read about your projects and fundraisers in your newsletters. You have had an amazing year so far and I know you will finish just as strong! I can't wait to see more news in your newsletters.

Pilot International President Holly has stated that YOU Matter in Pilot and ONE Matters. Meaning each member is vital to the club and that one new member matters. We have been encouraged to find our one new member. Have you found yours yet? It's not too late, we still have six months to accomplish. I encourage your club to enter the Newsletter competition, as well as submit entries for the different Awards this year. I look forward to hearing your club's name being called out at District Convention.

In just a few short weeks, you will begin receiving information about the Georgia District Convention being held at the Augusta Marriott Convention Center on May 3-5, 2024. This year is within an hour or so driving. I hope to see you there!

Pilots Serving with a Passion!
Governor Aualine



Georgia Artist with Disabilities traveling art show will be on display in our community at The Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation (OCAF) 34 School Street, Watkinsville, Georgia. Reception will be held on **Saturday, January 13 2-4 pm**. Please plan on joining us for reception and please invite your friends to go with you to view the art.



Scholarship Committee have shared with Oconee County Seniors information on the Georgia District Lynda Goodwin Volunteer Scholarship opportunity. These applications will be picked up from the five Oconee schools on **Tuesday, January 9, 2024** and delivered to Ms. Elaine Neal, Chairman. The committee will meet and select an application to move to the Georgia District Competition with a January 24 deadline. Winner will be award at Spring Convention in May, 2024.

Oconee Pilot Business Meetings

March 5

Theme:
Rock around the
Clock
Refreshments:
Fundraising

May 7

Theme:
May Daze
Refreshments:
Membership



Our Charter Member, Joy Elder can always be seen around town providing pick me ups and service project donations in the name of Oconee Pilot Club. Above she is pictured at UNG donating personal care items for Nigel's Nest. Mrs. Joy has recently moved to Orchard Senior Living. Please revise and note her contact information below. If you are her way, I am sure she would enjoy your company or a card.

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SAVE THE DATES

Spring District Convention

May 3-5, 2024

Augusta Marriott

PI Convention

July 17-20, 2024

**Hyatt Denver Tech Center
Denver, CO**

2024 Fall Council

October 4-5, 2024

**Epworth by the Sea
St, Simons Island, GA**

