

Oconee Spokes

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Greetings Pilots,

BY DARLENE ADAMS

What a busy month of fellowship and service! From our Pilot Chase 5K to BrainMinder shows to our UNO Pilot Share/Projects Event! You were there and gave your time, energy and resources to accomplish our goals. Thank you!

Even as we contemplate the end of our 2023-24 Pilot year, we are busy planning for our next Pilot Year. Please consider taking a leadership position or committee assignment when you are asked. Also, it's almost time for our Plans of Work meetings but it's a great time to evaluate and brainstorm for the next Pilot year.

The Georgia District Convention is fast approaching...May 3-5 at the Augusta Marriott. Remember, our club will pay the registration fee for any member that would like to attend this convention. As more information comes out from the District, we will forward to you.

Looking forward to "rocking" with you all in the March 5 business meeting. How do you "Rock Around the Clock" these days?

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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.

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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

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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 Club house. 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 if you have any last minute invitees as soon as possible. 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.



Projects Division



Caregivers Cookiefest

**Oconee Volunteer
Hours for February
142-Hours
1297 People Served**



Love Your Neighbor Food Drive

Host a Collection for a Specific FFK Item

Great for churches, gyms, civic groups, schools, etc.

- OARC will provide a flyer with a specific item to target for collection
- A labeled collection bin will be dropped off at your location
- Arrangements will be made with OARC staff for collection pick-up or delivery

Pack a Family Care Bag

Great for families and smaller offices/groups.

- Pack a reusable grocery bag with the following items:
 - ♥ Dish soap
 - ♥ Hand soap
 - ♥ Trash bags
 - ♥ Soap or body wash
 - ♥ Laundry detergent
 - ♥ Toothpaste
 - ♥ Family pack of toothbrushes
 - ♥ Four pack of toilet paper
 - ♥ Shampoo and conditioner

Become a Food for Kids Sponsor

Great for families, individuals, or any organization

- \$30 sponsors a child for a month
- \$270 sponsors a child for a school year

Please contact michaelyn@oconeeconnection.org

**Don't forget your Love your Neighbor
Pack a Family Care Bag items on Tuesday,
March 4**



Team Oconee Primary



Team Dove Creek

Fundraising Division



Fundraising has been completed for this Pilot year.

**Many thanks to our sponsors and
Club members for our successful
15th Annual Pilot Chase 5K. We**

**raised just over \$16,000. We expect to have our next 5K on the same weekend next year on
Saturday February 1, 2025.**

**Thank you,
Donna MacPherson
Fundraising Division Chair**



Nomination Committee Report

The Pilot Club of Oconee County nominating Committee met to answer the charge of President Darlene to select members of the club to serve in the various office. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm with three elected members serving on this committee: Judy Marable, Susan Brantley and Barbara Carter. It was decided that Mrs. Barbara would serve as chair. The offices to be filled were: President-Elect, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, a Director with a two-year term and a Director with a one-year term. After discussion and direct conversation with members of the club, a full slate of officers will be **presented** to the Executive Board and then to the entire Pilot Club on **Tuesday, March 5, 2024**, which is the regular business meeting. There will be an opportunity for club members to make nominations from the floor at this business meeting.



Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, March 2:** Pilot Saturday-- wear that Pilot shirt while out running errands
- **Sunday, March 3:** Cookies for Caregivers event Watkinsville First Christian Church 3-5 pm
- **Tuesday, March 5:** Love your Neighbor Pack a Bag Drive. Bring your filled bag or items to fill bags for OARC Project. See information in this edition of Spokes
- **Tuesday, March 5:** Oconee Pilot Business Meeting 5:30 (Executive Board) 6:30 (Social) 7:00 (Meeting) Bishop Baptist Church Rock around the Clock Theme. Fundraising Division will serve as Hostesses
- **Thursday, March 28:** Oconee County Special Olympics OCHS 9-12 noon
- **Tuesday, April 16:** 2024-2025 Club Plan of Works Meeting Bishop Baptist Church. The gathering we all need to attend. Mark your calendar.
- **Friday, April 19:** Oconee Relay for Life (more information to come)
- **Friday May 3-Sunday May 5:** Georgia District Convention Augusta Marriot Convention Center
- **Tuesday, May 21:** Summer Food for Kids Packing Day. Oconee Area Resource Council 9:00 am
- **Wednesday, July 17- Saturday, July 20:** Pilot International Convention. Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center. Denver Colorado.

March Birthdays



March Birthdays will be celebrated by Pilots Brenda Cotter and Lynn Smith. Both having a March 23 birthday along with Mrs. Sandra Glass, Emeritus Member, on March 25. Happy Birthday Ladies!

From Georgia Lt. Governor--

Notes from Cynthia Spearman, Lt. Governor, East Central Region:

The DAC has been busy planning for our upcoming District Convention, May 3-5, at the Augusta Marriott. On Friday evening, there will be a "Parade of Banners." Each Club needs to bring their banner. After the parade, we will work on a Service Project to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. Saturday will be very busy with the usual business of the District and the Vision Statements from the incoming District Officers. There will also be Workshops for Leadership, Membership, Projects and Fundraising. The Awards Luncheon is always exciting. Who will win the coveted Governor's Cup Award! Of course, the highlight of the Convention will be the Installation of Governor-Elect Maureen Stoy and the District Officers for 2024-2025. On Sunday morning, Inspirational Leader JoAnn Akers will have the Memorial Service. At our Region Meeting, I will be passing the Lt. Governor banner and pin to my predecessor. The Guest Speaker for our Business Meeting will be from the Ronald McDonald House Charities. And the GPF/PIFF Duck Derby will be at the hotel swimming pool. Be sure to get your Ducks! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in May! You Matter in Pilot~



*Sincerely,
Cynthia Spearman*



♥ SERVICE PROJECT ♥

benefitting
Ronald McDonald House Charities of Augusta

Mother's Day Gift Bag

Each club is asked to
bring one pre-made gift bag

Gift bag + Tissue Paper
Gift Cards (Coffee, grocery)
House Slippers
Fuzzy Socks
Candle
Chocolate
Chapstick
"Mom" Memorabilia

Wishlist Drive

(encouraged to bring from home)

Snacks
Cereal Cups
Bottled Water & Juice Boxes
Disposable Plates, Bowls
Forks, Spoons
Coffee Creamer
Lemon/Lime Spray
Arts & Crafts Supplies
Infant & Teen Toys



Javen thanks you!



Amazon Wishlist



It's our Birthday!!!!

The Pilot Club of Oconee County Inc. was sponsored by the Pilot Club of Winder, Georgia on March 27, 1979 at the Watkinsville Community Center with 24 ladies being initiated as Charter Members. We have one Charter Member left, Joy Elder and one Emeritus Member, Sandra Glass (1981).



The first club officers was Geneva Anderson, President, Helen Parrish, Vice-Pres., Mildred Bell, Rec. Sec., Mary Harness Corresponding Sec., Peggy LaCount, Treasurer, Lucy Fambrough and Bess Mabry were the Directors.



By May, 1979 they had already had their first fundraiser-a bake sale netting \$150 +. The budget for that year was \$4,619.41.

In March 2024 we celebrate 45 years of the Pilot Club of Oconee County, Inc. and we look forward to many more.



Past Presidents

1979-1980 Geneva Anderson
1980-1981 Helen Parrish
1981-1982 Melba Garrett
1982-1983 Doris Rusgrove
1983-1984 Bette Davis
1984-1985 Ann Giles
1985-1986 Rene Robinson
1986-1987 Nancy Turnbull
1987-1988 Tish Rumsey Daigle
1988-1989 Joy Elder
1989-1990 Pam Gunter
1990-1991 Kathy Craft
1991-1992 Bette Davis
1992-1993 Barbara Burroughs
1993-1994 Ginger Randall
1994-1995 Sandra Glass
1995-1996 Kate McDaniel
1996-1997 Ann Giles
1997-1998 Pam Crawford
1998-1999 Marge Saar
1999-2000 Tina Eades
200-2001 Faye Phillips
2001-2002 Sandra Glass

2002-2003 Pat McClure
2003-2004 Tina Eades
2004-2005 Donna Wright
2005-2006 Kathy Shelnutt
2006-2007 Joy Elder
2007-2008 Ginger Randall
2008-2009 Rosa Hall
2009-2010 Donna MacPherson
2010-2011 Marge Saar
2011-2012 June McKenzie
2012-2013 Cathy Moorehead
2013-2014 Jan Thomas
2014-2015 Mary Mattocks
2015-2016 Rosa Hall
2016-2017 Donna MacPherson
2017-2018 Judy Marable
2018-2019 Donna MacPherson
2019-2020 Darlene Adams
2020-2021 Rosa Hall
2021-2022 Dr. Cyndee Perdue Moore
2022-2023 Vickie Hammond
2023-2024 Darlene Adams



Oconee Pilot Business Meetings

March 5

Theme:
Rock around the
Clock
Refreshments:
Fundraising

May 7

Theme:
May Daze
Refreshments:
Membership



This beautiful **one of a kind handcrafted** wooden jewelry box will be auctioned off at our March Pilot Club Meeting. There will be a silent auction with the starting bid of \$25 and bids placed in \$5 increments. The jewelry box, made by a local craftsman, is 14 inches wide 10.5 inches deep, and 6 inches tall. The inside features several compartments as well as a sliding tray. There is also a drawer on the base of the box. The funds raised will go to support brain health projects for the Pilot Club of Oconee County.

Please come for March 5 Business Meeting prepared to participate.



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

