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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

May has truly been a month in full bloom for our club, and how fitting that flowers are our theme for this front page message. From District Convention celebrations to meaningful service, scholarship presentations, generous giving, and inspiring fellowship, we have certainly lived our Pilot International theme — Bloom Where You Are Planted.

Our District Convention at the beautiful Jekyll Island Club Resort was filled with excitement and recognition. Our club proudly won one of the two GFP Raffle tickets, bringing home \$250 for our club treasury. We were honored to have the Southeast Region serve as the host region, and several of our members enjoyed bringing home door prizes. Representing our club were **Rosa, Cathy, Judy, Donna, and Vickie.**

A special congratulations goes to **Donna** as she completes her two years of dedicated service as Georgia East Central Lt. Governor. I am deeply honored and humbled to have been elected the 2026–2027 East Central Lt. Governor for the Georgia District. We were also thrilled to celebrate **Tyson Mathis** as one of the two recipients of the Lynda Goodwin Volunteer Scholarship Awards. Even more exciting, the second recipient was also an East Central student from the Macon Club.

Service and giving continue to remain at the heart of our club. This month we were proud to make sizeable donations to **Oconee Therapeutic Riding** and to the **Relay For Life** of Oconee County held during the District Convention weekend. Supporting organizations that bring hope, encouragement, and healing to others reflects the very mission of Pilot.

At the close of April, we enjoyed a wonderful and productive Plan of Works Meeting. Seeing enthusiastic members step forward to chair our many divisions made my heart happy and filled me with excitement for the coming year. We were especially touched when our scholarship recipient, **Tyson**, personally attended to thank the club for selecting him to receive our \$500 scholarship award.

Our May Business Meeting may well have been the highlight of our year. We joyfully installed new member **Elyse Daniel** and were blessed by an unforgettable program presented by Ms. **Katie Jennings**, her service dog **Dolly**, and her mother and caregiver, **Sara**. Katie, a former Oconee County educator, shared her powerful testimony of overcoming lifelong medical challenges and, most recently, a stroke. During her recovery, as she beautifully described it, her brain was “reprogrammed,” revealing an unexpected gift and passion for flower arranging. Her story was inspiring, uplifting, and a perfect reflection of our Pilot theme — blooming exactly where life plants us. Together, we created beautiful bouquets and treasured memories. The meeting ended with fun door prizes, including green plants won by **Barbara, Deborah, and Judy**, and red cardinals won by **Jane and Elaine** in honor of Governor Mary's logo.

We still have a few meaningful projects ahead before our summer break. We look forward to participating in the **Summer Food for Kids** family meal packing on May 27, our **storage unit clean-out and move** on June 10, and ending the year together at our 2026–2027 **Installation Banquet** on June 11 at Bishop Baptist Church, catered by the always delicious Masters Table.

It has truly been a fun and busy year. I have enjoyed every moment we have shared as we have continued to Do More and certainly Be More. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as the “head bee” of this busy working hive. Watching our club grow, serve, and bloom together has been one of the greatest joys of this year.

Grateful to bloom alongside each of you,

Vickie Hammond



Oconee County Pilot Club Installation Dinner

Thursday, June 11, 2026
Bishop Baptist Church
6:30 pm

Please RSVP to Tammy Gilland

tammy.gilland@piedmont.org 706-248-7008

RSVP Deadline: June 1, 2026



RSVP

BY JUNE 1, 2026

for

Masters Table know number

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



- **Monday, May 25, 2026:** Memorial Day (Mrs. Jane will let us know if we need to help with poppies-Volunteer Hours).
- **Wednesday, May 27, 2026, 9:30-10:15 am:** Summer Food for Kids Packing Day (Volunteer Hours)
- **Sunday, May 31, 2026:** May Volunteer Hours to Ms. Elaine.
elainecneal@gmail.com
- **Friday-Sunday, June 5-7, 2026:** Belk Charity Days
- **Saturday, June 6:** First Saturday Wear a Pilot Sheet while don't chores today
- **Wednesday, June 10, 2026 @10 am:** Clean out the storage unit and move (Volunteer Hours)
- **Thursday, June 11, 2026 @6:30 pm:** 2026-2027 Installation Dinner @Bishop Baptist Social Hall **ALL BELK CHARITY COUPON MONEY DUE (\$50).**
- **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



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

Projects

Jane Reese
Judy Marable
Lisa Backs

Rosa Hall
Darlene Adams
*Donna MacPherson
Elyse Daniel

Fundraising

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



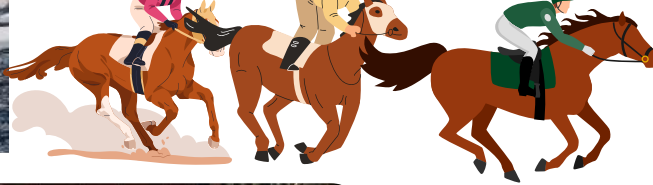
**Kentucky Derby
at its best**



**2026-2027 Georgia District
DAC/DEC**



**Lt. Governor
Vickie**



**Governor Jacquie
ECR Leslie**



**Oconee Pilots Support the
Clarke/Oconee
Relay for Life Donation**



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



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.



North Oconee High School Senior, Tyson Mathis, has been selected as a 2026 Lynda Goodwin Scholarship Winner for the Georgia District. Tyson has been teaming with the Oconee Pilot Club on Projects since middle school. Judy Marable accepted the award for Tyson at the District Convention. Judy and President Vickie will present to Tyson at North Oconee Senior Honor Night on May 21. Oconee Pilots are so proud to see Tyson complete so many projects for our community. Congratulations, Tyson!



Susan Brantley May 6

June McKenzie May 15 (Emeritus)
 3131 Rocky Branch Road Unit 250
 Watkinsville, GA 30677



Tuesday May 26
 10-12 noon

Wednesday
 May 27
 10-2 pm

Thursday
 May 28
 4-7 pm

Friday
 May 29
 10-12 noon

Saturday
 May 30
 2-4 pm

Wednesday
 June 3
 2-4 pm

Saturday
 June 6
 1-3 pm

Sunday
 June 7
 11-12 noon

Sunday
 June 7
 5-6 pm

SIGN UP

PLEASE
 THANK YOU



May New Member
Elyse Daniel



Wednesday, June 27, 2026

9:00 am-10:15 am

1071 Jamestown Blvd

Building 600

706-769-4974



Storage Unit
Clean-out
and
Move



Mission if you chose to accept:
 Tuesday, June 10 at 10:00 am

2026-2027 Oconee Pilot Meeting Schedule



Tuesday
August 4

Hostess: Projects



Tuesday
September 1

Hostess: Membership



Tuesday
November 3

Hostess: Fundraising



Tuesday
January 5

Hostess: Projects



Tuesday
March 2

Hostess: Membership



Tuesday
May 4

Hostess: Fundraising

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

COMING
SOON

