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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



Happy October, Pilots!

This month, we celebrate **Pilot International's Founders Month**, a time to reflect on our beginnings and the impact we continue to make in our communities. Our club was honored to receive a **Proclamation from our Board of Commissioners** recognizing this special occasion—what a wonderful tribute to the work we do together!

Inside this issue, you'll find several **"Save the Date"** reminders for upcoming events, so be sure to mark your calendars. We also have an **urgent need for donations to UNG's Nigel's Nest**, as their shelves are currently empty of easy-prep foods, snacks (granola bars, chips, fruit snacks, cereal, cup-o-noodles, mac and cheese, pasta and sauce), and toiletry items, including feminine products. Please consider dropping items off at the campus or bringing them to our **"Gratitude Meeting" in November**—every contribution makes a difference!

I want to thank you for allowing me to attend the **Georgia District Fall Council** at Unicoi State Park and Lodge. It was a truly inspiring weekend of fellowship, learning, and laughter—one of the best yet! We heard from wonderful speakers and enjoyed great entertainment, but most of all, I cherished the time spent reconnecting with old friends and meeting new Pilots.

This year, one of my personal goals is to **develop and share my own Pilot Story**, and I challenge each of you to do the same. Think about what brought you to Pilot, what keeps you here, and how Pilot has shaped your life—then write it down and be ready to share it proudly!

As we move deeper into fall, the days are growing shorter, the air a little crisper, and before long, it'll be time to **"fall back"** with our clocks. Don't forget to vote on **November 4**, and take a moment to reflect on all we have to be thankful for as we head into this beautiful season of gratitude.

With appreciation and Pilot love,

Vickie Hammond



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One of our favorite times of the year is coming in **NOVEMBER! BELK CHARITY DAY SALE!** Barbara and Taylor with have sign-up sheets if you can man a table---and OH yes, they will have those \$5 coupons for you to purchase for your families and friends. We all know Belk shoppers!



- **Saturday, October 18, 8:30 am** Oconee Chamber Fall Festival. Rocket Field Watkinsville, GA
- **Tuesday, October 21, 6:30 pm:** Puppies, Pancakes and Pilot Share Pilot Event Bishop Baptist Church.
- **Saturday, October 25, 8:30 am:** Bishop Boogie 5K on Old Bishop Road. After race enjoy a full day of live music, food, and community at the Bishop Boogie Music Festival.
- **Sunday, October 26, 1:00 pm:** 8th Annual Run for Responders 5K Festival OVP. One-mile Fun Run 1:30: 5K Race 2:00. Family Festival 1-4 pm We will be presented a check to Danielle Grier, Organizer on Wednesday. Consider taking your family to support those that serve our county.
- **Tuesday, November 4:** Club Business Meeting: **Gratitude Gathering**, Executive Board 5:30-6:30; Social 6:30-7:00; Business Meeting 7:00-8:15. Bishop Baptist Church, **Refreshment Team: The Pollen Patrol:** Pam, Donna, Elaine, Taylor, Susan with Tammy at the Snack Scout.



If you're interested in joining the ****Walk to End Alzheimer's****, please meet us on ****November 8** at Wire Park** at ****8:30 AM****. Should you wish to contribute, our Club's team page can be found under the ****Pilot Club of Oconee County**** on the main Walk to End Alzheimer's page. Our goal is to raise awareness and collect ****\$1,000****. Donations are not required to participate in the walk.



Think! 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. Cathy will be at the November meeting. You can pay your dues then if you did not pay in August or September.

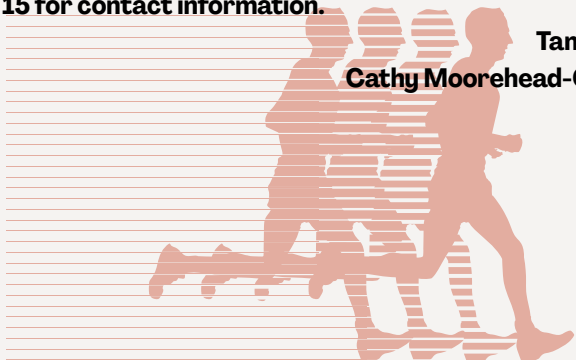
Cathy Moorehead, Treasurer



Fundraising

Already planning our Pilot Chase 5K – Saturday, February 7, 2026, at noon. Sponsor letters are ready and can be electronically sent to you. Please request from Tammy. See the 2025-2026 yearbook page 15 for contact information.

Tammy Gilland &
Cathy Moorehead-Co-Chairmen



Projects

What a fantastic beginning we've had in our Pilot year for Projects! All our recipients are truly grateful to the Oconee Pilots for their support. Please take a look at the events listed below, as well as the community events in the "Save the Date" section. Our participation helps raise our club's visibility within the community.

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- Additionally, please gather items for the **Piedmont Pediatric Unit** as part of our Christmas project. Some items needed include crayons, markers, coloring books, activity books, and more for the children. The parents also appreciate crosswords, word searches, Sudoku activity books, and pens and pencils.
- Please remember to submit your volunteer hours to Elaine.
- Check page 8 in your yearbook for our volunteer opportunities. If you need extra funds for a "Pick Me Up," please consult with Lynn.

Rosa Hall, Division Chairman



Membership



PURE HAPPINESS!

Come enjoy the fluff, the flapjacks, and the fun while learning about the Pilot Club of Oconee.

Delta Gamma sisters from UGA will be bringing some cute pups for us to pet!

WHERE: Bishop Baptist Church

WHEN: October 21st @ 6:30pm

RSVP by October 10th to Barbara.

Barbara Carter Division Chairman





Events Around our Area





Donation to Run for Responders and Family Event Sponsored by Danielle Greir-Georgia Home Partners Realty for those that care of us in Oconee County.



Our Scholarship Committee was invited to attend the Scholarship Showcase and Financial Aid Information Session for Parents by Oconee County Schools held at North Oconee High School. Our committee talked with students and parents about the Lynda Goodwin Volunteer Scholarship.



Oconee County Board of Commissioners presented a proclamation in honor of Pilot International Founders Week to the Pilot Club of Oconee County.



Oconee County Pilots along with several other Northeast Georgia Pilots, enjoyed the Classic City Pilot Founders Day Dinner and Program at the Classic City's Jennings Mill.



Oconee Pilots visited with Michelle Dickens, Director of SANE, Inc., recently to present her with a donation of our support for SANE, Inc. SANE not only serves Oconee County but also other counties in our region.





PILOT INTERNATIONAL

Do More. Care More. Be More.



On October 16, 1921 the forty Charter Members of Pilot International came together to sign the original Pilot Charter. Two days later, buoyed by their excitement and their collective cause, they gathered again to dine, celebrate and conduct the first official Pilot Club meeting on October 18, 1921.

From that day on, Pilots around the world gather together to meet, celebrate and honor this historic day, October 18, as Founders Day, the birthday of a grand idea, the day of our noble club's founding. On this day, we celebrate Pilot International. We honor the history and tradition of our storied organization, and we celebrate the gifts that we – as today's Pilots – are able to bestow through our strength, through our friendship and through our service.

The 2025 Georgia District Fall Council, hosted by the Northwest Region Pilot Clubs, was held October 10–12 at beautiful Unicoi State Park and Lodge in Helen, GA. The weekend began Friday evening with a lively Welcome Party Tailgate, where Pilots proudly showed off their team spirit and favorite colors. Saturday was a full and inspiring day, beginning with Governor Mary leading a fun “Get to Know You” BINGO, followed by informative sessions on PIFF, the 2026–2027 Nominating Committee Chair announcement, and heartfelt Pilot Stories shared by two of our members. After lunch, Amanda Mae Gray, owner of Blue Plate Productions, delivered an engaging and interactive session on first impressions and the diverse generations within our clubs—reminding us that “We are not all Baby Boomers!” She encouraged everyone to “Look the Part, Act the Part, and Be the Part” in our Pilot story. The highlight of Saturday evening was a high-energy performance by Elvis impersonator Stewart Chapman, who had everyone on their feet and the entire second floor of the Lodge singing along. A total of 111 Pilots and 5 Co-Pilots attended this memorable weekend of friendship, fellowship, and sharing. Mark your calendars for the 2026 Fall Council, to be held at Lanier Islands Legacy Lodge, October 2–4, 2026!



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

BARBARA CARTER-OCTOBER 3
CATHY MOOREHEAD- OCTOBER 12
DEBORAH KINNARD- JULY 8



Ladies, please let me know of anyone who needs to receive a card from our Club. It can be birthday, sympathy, thinking of you, etc. I just need the names and addresses, please. You can email me or text me. Just look at page 15 of our Yearbook for my information.

Rosa Hall--"Spreader" of Sunshine



2025-2026 Oconee Pilot Meeting Schedule



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

