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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

ROSA'S COMPASS

A Message from Our President

Happy Fall!
I hope everyone weathered the recent hurricane rains and winds safely! We certainly needed the rain.

Judy, Cathy, and I enjoyed representing our Club at Fall Council. Vickie outdid herself with our Silent Auction basket, featuring donations from each East Central Club. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a special contribution!

A group will join the Classic City Pilots to celebrate Founders Day on Tuesday, October 20, at Jennings Mill for dinner. Classic City always presents a wonderful program to celebrate the founding of Pilot.

Don't forget that Make a Difference Day is October 24! Let's each take a moment to lift someone and do something to brighten their day. Sometimes the smallest acts of kindness make the biggest difference.
The Walk to End Alzheimer's is Saturday, November 7, at Wire Park. We will meet at 8:30 a.m., with the walk beginning at 9:00 a.m. I hope you can join us as we support this important cause.

November is also the month we honor our veterans. Jane will deliver our monetary donation and the hats that will be distributed to homeless veterans in our area. Thank you for helping us show our appreciation through meaningful acts of service.

In Pilot Service,

Rosa

REMINDER: BE A BEACON OF HOPE IN A BUSY WORLD. SHINE BRIGHT, STAND TALL.

Division Reports

Shining a Light on Our Divisions
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FUNDRAISING DIVISION

CLUB CONNECTIONS

Fundraising Division Coordinators:
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Pilot Club Chase 5K: Every Sponsor, Every Runner, Every Dollar Makes a Difference!

It's time to get moving! Planning is underway for our 2027 Pilot Club Chase 5K, and we need everyone's help to make this year's race a success!

Sponsorships are rolling in! We have already raised $8,300 in sponsorships, and we are grateful to everyone who has helped us get this far. Now, let's keep that momentum going!

Do you know a business owner, friend, family member, or community partner who might support our race? Take a look at past Chase 5K T-shirts for names of previous sponsors, and reach out to those you know. Need a sponsorship form? Ask a Fundraising Division member to email one to you. Our **deadline is January 1, 2027,** to ensure sponsors' names appear on our Race Day T-shirt. Let's help our community partners be part of the race! Now, let's recruit those runners and walkers! Share the race registration form with your friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors. Whether they run, walk, or cheer from the sidelines, we want everyone to be part of the fun!

Our 2027 Race Day T-shirt design is ready, and we'll have a sign-up sheet at our November meeting. Bring your Race Day T-shirt order and be ready to wear your shirt proudly on Race Day! Shirts are $20 each.

Finally, please consider making a personal donation to support our efforts, if you are able. Remember, the Chase 5K is our club's only fundraiser supporting all our projects throughout the year, including our Share Project activities. Every sponsorship, registration, and donation helps us continue serving our community and making a difference in the lives of others. Let's spread the word, build our sponsorship list, recruit our runners, and make the 2027 Pilot Club Chase 5K our best one yet!

Together, we can do more, care more, and be more!

Tammy and Cathy

Junior Conference - 4H Haroes Assemble at Rock Eagle November 13-15.

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PROJECTS DIVISION

Do More. Care More. Be More. - News & Reminders

- Pilot Founders Day Dinner **is Tuesday, October 20, at 6:00 p.m.!** We've been invited to celebrate with the Classic City Pilots at Jennings Mill Country Club. Georgia District Governor Jacques will be our guest speaker!
- Make a Difference Every Day! **October 24** is Make a Difference Day, Brighten someone's day and send Editor Vickie a photo to share in The Spokes!
- Mark your **calendar and vote** in the Georgia General Election on November 3, 2026!
- Pop Tabs, Ladies! Our basket for Oconee 4-H is almost full. Great job! Keep drinking up and collecting those tabs. **Please bring them to our November meeting** so we can deliver them at Junior Conference, November 13-15.
- Walk to End Alzheimer's **is Saturday, November 7**, at Wire Park in Watkinsville. Let's meet at 8:30 a.m. for the 9:00 a.m. start.
- Finally, our division will host the annual **Pilot Christmas Party** in December. Watch for details in the November Spokes, and keep those calendars handy.

CLUB CONNECTIONS

Judy and Donna

Members of our club visited Oconee Therapeutic Riding yesterday to present a donation to support their riding and therapy scholarship program. While we were there, volunteers spent a lot of time with us, teaching us about the sweet horses at the farm and what makes them happy. We enjoyed brushing them, and Cathy was caught braiding Reba. Not sure who enjoyed it more...Reba or Cathy! Also, there "may" have been a "few" snacks shared with the horses! Our club appreciates Heidi, the volunteers, riders, parents, sponsors, and board of directors who do so much to make this program a success for both riders and horses!

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MEMBERSHIP DIVISION

CLUB CONNECTIONS

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Barbara Carter
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Lynn Smith
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Fall Fun, Friendship & Four Future Pilots!

A Great Share Pilot! Four wonderful ladies joined us Tuesday evening for our Pick Pilot event, and what a fun evening it was! From an apple-stacking contest and pumpkin ring toss to creating a vision board that captured our Oconee Pilots' successes and hopes for the community, the evening was filled with fall treats, laughter, and fellowship. We hope these ladies enjoyed getting to know us and will decide to "Pick Pilot" as their community service club. After all, friendship, fun, and service are even better when shared! Thank you to everyone who attended and invited others to join with us.

Barbara and Lynn

September Membership Kicks Off Our SPIRIT SEASON- in a Delicious kind of way!

Member Spotlight

Celebrating You: Susan Brantley

A Pilot since 2022, Susan is passionate about brain health, inspired by her family's experiences with Alzheimer's She loves cheering on runners and walkers at our Pilot Chase 5K and remembers the fun of wearing the front half of a dog costume with Barbara at Share Pilot. Susan studied entomology at UGA and enjoys Lancaster , Pennsylvania. Her most unusual fun fact? She might have a pet cockroach named Doodle!

Celebrating You: Cathy Coleman Moorehead

With 18 years of Pilot service, Cathy Moorehead serves as our club treasurer and enjoys working on the Pilot Chase SK. One favorite memory is our club's Italian Dinner and five-and-a-cent auction fundraiser, where members cooked for the community and Cathy entertained guests with an Italian triva game. The event was hard work, lots of fun, and a wonderful, too, a build friendships. Outside of Pilot, Cathy is a longtime Star Trek fan who attended Dragon Con for many years!

From celebrating our members, we turn now to a message from Governor Jacque.

PILOT INTERNATIONAL GEORGIA DISTRICT UPDATE FROM GOV. JACQUE

From the October's Governor's Bulletin

"WOW! And WOW!

Wasn't our Fall Council wonderful! Elvis was a BIG hit, and we all enjoyed listening to him perform, and some of us who were brave enough to get out and do a little dancing enjoyed that as well. And all of you who dressed in your 50s attire, you looked absolutely stunning. It really did bring back a lot of memories for me, and I am sure a lot of you as well. Our ECR, Karen Ferguson-Bain, gave us some inspiration to work toward earning our PI dues paid for the 2028 Pilot year just by bringing in new members. Easy, peasy, right!! Seriously, her message on that incentive was inspiring, and we all need to get out and work on bringing in new members –maybe even charter a New Club! Think about all the entries you could earn if you chartered a new club.

And later our own Mary Turner, PI Director and Immediate Past Governor, along with Karen, gave us a lot to think about in being leaders in our Clubs, our Regions, our District and Pilot International. Every one of you can become a leader, especially in your club. So, step outside your comfort zone and accept a leadership position when asked to do so. We all have clubs that will support us and help us along the way on that journey. It is a very rewarding experience to have been an active participant on the Executive level of our clubs, Regions, District, and International levels.

Thank you all for your active participation in Pilot, and I strongly encourage you to keep up the great work you are doing in each of your communities and for your continued support of the Georgia District.

Remember...Do More. Care More. Be More."

Jacque

Governor Jacque

Your Oconee Pilot Delegation
Vickie, Judy, Elvis, Cathy and Rosa

Important Reminders

Dues are due

Dues are $150 for the year. You can choose to pay quarterly ($37.50 for August, November, March, May) or semi-annual $75.00 (August and January).

Divisions Submit articles for Spokes by the 25th of each month to vshammond@gmail.com

Contact Vickie Hammond (email or text) with news or photos. to vshammond@gmail.com or 706-254-6738

On the Horizon

Sunday, October 18, 2026: Pilot International Founders Day. The Date of the first Pilot meeting was held on October 18, 1921 in the Gold Room of the Dempsey Hotel in Macon, Georgia.

Tuesday, October 20, 2026, 6:00 pm: Classic City Pilots Founders Day Dinner Jennings Mill

Saturday, October 24. 2026: Make a Difference Day, Make a difference,take a photo , and send to Editor Vickie

Tuesday, November 3, 2026: Georgia Election Day Polls Open 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 3, 2026: November Oconee Pilot Business Meeting **Hostesses: Fundraising Division**

Saturday, November 7, 2026: Walk to End Alzheimer's at Wire Park 8:30 am sign in--Walk begins at 9:00 a.m.

Coming Soon:
Belk Days
Christmas Party

Next Edition will feature our Scholarship Committee and Past Winners

Announcements

FOUNDERS DAY

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.

Celebrating Our Pilot Family

CARDS
can be sent to:

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Joy Elder
Orchard Senior Living
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Athens, GA 30606

Emeritus Member
Sandra Glass
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Statham, GA 30666

Doc and Pam Crawford
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Bishop, GA 30621

to let them know we are thinking of them.

"The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate." — Oprah Winfrey

BIRTHDAYS
Aleisa Oxford October 2
Barbara Carter October 3
Cathy Moorehead October 12

PILOT ANNIVERSARIES
CHEERS TO ANOTHER YEAR OF PILOT SERVICE

Darlene Adams October 1, 2013
Vickie Hammond October 3, 2017

SUNSHINE REPORT
Cards and Messages of Sympathy, Congratulations, and Encouragement may be sent to...

Please send needs to our Sunshine Lighthouse Keeper, Pam Crawford. Her email is docsgirl@bellsouth.net. You can contact her at 706-310-9399 (H) and 706-202-4590 (C). Please also send to Spokes Editor Vickie Hammond at vshammond@gmail.com

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Congratulations

A Pilot since 2023, **Taylor Bankston** serves as a club director and has been selected as our **2026–2027 Club Ambassador**! She especially enjoys Belk's Charity Days, where she shares the story of Pilot, our projects, and the people we serve. Taylor is a member of Bishop Methodist Church, a proud mama of four and Mamaw to six—with number seven on the way! A former Harley rider, Taylor is proud to be a Pilot of Oconee County.

STEADY AS SHE GOES—OUR PILOT JOURNEY CONTINUES

Mark These Dates For The Year Ahead

"A ship in harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are built for." — John A. Shedd

Pilot Planner

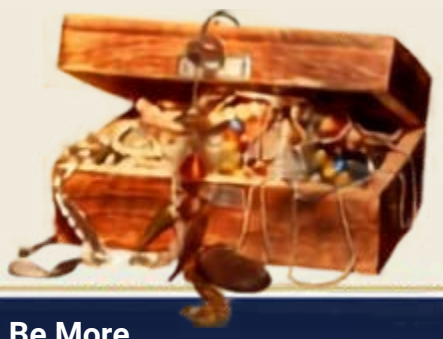
MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS 2026-2027

UPDATED: OCTOBER 2026

- **November 3, 2026 - Hostess Team: Fundraising**
  - Cathy, Tammy, Pam, Elaine, Deborah, Suzanne, and Vickie
- **January 5, 2027 - Hostess Team: Projects**
  - Judy, Donna, Lisa, Darlene, Elyse, Rosa, Jane
- **March 2, 2027 - Hostess Team: Membership**
  - Barbara, Taylor, Lynn, Susan, Lisa, Aleisa
- **May 4, 2027 - Hostess Team: Fundraising**

DISTRICT & INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

2027 Georgia District Convention
April 30-May 2, 2027
Hilton Peachtree City
Peachtree City, Georgia

2027 Pilot International Convention and Leadership Conference
July 14-17, 2027
Amway Grand Plaza
Grand Rapids, Michigan

2027 Georgia District Fall Council
October 2-4, 2027
Augusta, Georgia