

Pilot Club of Jacksonville



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President's Message

By: **Georgia Reed**

Happy Love Month Pilots!

What is fast, fun, engaging, collaborative, encouraging, hugging, laughter, high-spirited, inspiring, exciting, active, teamwork, competitive, bold, joyful, fulfilling, brainy, filled to capacity, thoughtful, cheerleading? It's our February meeting so bring your A game and arrive a little early, 5:30pm, if you can!

We are going to follow up on Jan Spence's Cheer Leadership™ presentation last month, and have a team-building exercise that will include all members and guests. This really fun exercise will help us further build and enhance our leadership skills that we can use in Pilot, at work and our everyday lives. It promises to be fun and entertaining!

In fact, we can put these skills to good use right away as we select our nominating committee on Tuesday. The nominating committee consists of three members, one serving as chair, and two alternates. They have the all-important responsibility of identifying leaders within our membership who are willing to serve and lead our club for the 2025-2026 term beginning July 1, 2025. Those positions include a President Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, and Board positions. As our current President Elect, Barbara Lesso will automatically become President. Please be prepared to raise your hand to be on the committee when I ask for volunteers!

Speaking of nominations, we have some great news to share! On behalf of the Pilot Club of Jacksonville, it is my distinct honor to write a letter of nomination to Leila LeVan to run for the position of Florida District Governor Elect for the 2025-2026 term. Leila served two exemplary years as our club President, 2022-23, 2023-24, and is currently finishing her term as a Florida District Lt. Governor.

On a historical note, if elected at District Convention on April 25-27, this will be an extraordinary recognition, not only for Leila, but for our club. Not since 1962, when Jeannette Mackie served as the Florida District Governor, has Jacksonville been able to boast that the Governor was from our club! I know you will want to join me with your full support and encouragement as Leila begins her journey to become Governor Elect, and then Governor, where she will very capably lead and serve all the clubs in our outstanding Florida District.

While on the subject, I encourage everyone to consider attending the Florida District Convention April 25-27, at the Holiday Inn Melbourne-Viera Conference Center in Melbourne, FL. This can be a fantastic experience for a new Pilot! It's a great way to get to know one another even better, and meet Pilots from around the state. We received a '**Call to 2025 Florida District Pilot Convention**' email from district on February 5 with all the convention details including registration forms, hotel information and much more.

As usual, Tuesday's meeting agenda will be overflowing with fun and exciting activities including our team-building exercise and celebrating the initiation of two new members, Christine Simmons and Diane Stewart. Come celebrate with us at 5:30!!



Pilots' FEBRUARY Birthday



2–Audrey Griffin 14–Betty Lou Watson 15–Carolyn Barrett 18–Lucy Markert 20–Yvonne Bulluck



Pilot Anniversaries



- Congratulations Carolyn Wright on your 24th Pilot Anniversary!
- Congratulations Mary Stahler on your 21st Pilot Anniversary!
- Congratulations Cindy Lou Hartig on your 4th Pilot Anniversary!



Calendar of Pilot Events



- February 11 Business Dinner Meeting at Ramada – 6PM
- February 11 ♥ UCOM Food for Love drive – bring items to business meeting ♥
- February 12 & 13 PACE - Work in Mrs. Mary Boutique – 9AM to NOON
- February 14 Cook for K9s for Warriors – deliver to Yvonne before 3PM
- February 20 City Rescue Mission – 426 McDuff Ave S (32254) 8:30AM-1PM
- February 20 PACE - Work in Mrs. Mary Boutique – 9AM to NOON
- February 20 Graduation K9s for Warriors 114 Camp K9 Rd, PVB – 5PM
- February 22 Bunco - Fountain Gate Clubhouse - 9360 Craven Rd, Jax – 1PM to 4PM
- February 25-28 Garage Sale Set-up days – 10AM-3PM
- March 3-6 Garage Sale Set-up days – 10AM-3PM
- March 7-9 Garage Sale – 3285 Marbon Road(Leila's yard) JAX – various shifts
- March 11 Business Dinner Meeting at Ramada – 6PM
- March 25 Angelwood Thrift Store – 5711 Bowden Rd – 10:30AM-3PM

UCOM FOOD DRIVE

UCOM is located in an old church on St. Augustine Road. Since 1979, UCOM has served the community providing food, hygiene, and cleaning products to individuals and families with food insecurity and limited access to good nutrition. UCOM provides daily Meals on Wheels in partnership with Aging True's Meals and delivers mobile pantries to income sensitive senior living apartments, sponsored by Florida Blue Foundation.

UCOM receives donations from many churches, supermarkets, Feeding NE Florida, US Department of Agriculture, and organizations like the **Pilot Club of Jacksonville!**

As you arrive at the Business Meeting, please drop off your donations at Lucy Markert's car in the Ramada parking lot. Collecting the donations as you arrive saves time and the backs of the Pilots who would have carried the donations to Lucy's car after the meeting.

(<https://ucomjax.org/>) United Community Outreach Ministry

Guest Speaker – Jan Spence

We were fortunate Jan Spence, a highly recognized award-winning international speaker, author and consultant, joined us at our January meeting. She brought a lot of energy to the room! She inspired, motivated and entertained us while sharing lessons learned through her personal business experiences and how to make a positive difference through “Cheer Leadership.”™



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PossAbilities Plus

Pilots enjoyed lunch at the Cup of Dreams Tearoom on Tuesday, January 21. Shopping at the thrift was also on the menu. After lunch a check was presented to Susan Peters, CEO and Founder, to go towards their grant request for an automatic door opener and ramp.

Pilots enjoying the outing were Carolyn Barrett, Georgia Reed, Alma Shirley, Leila LeVan, Sharon Nooney, Lucy Markert, Carolyn Wright, Patricia McCullough, Fran Butler, Barbara Lesso, Yvonne Bulluck & Therese Taylor





Angelwood Thrift Store

Eight amazing Pilots volunteered at Angelwood Thrift Store on Monday, January 27. They were Nancy Eastman, Dianne Werner, Linda Hone, Sharon Nooney, Yvonne Bulluck, Barbara Lesso, Inez Thompson and Susan Faircloth. Manager Brian gave us numerous tasks to do. We sorted & hung clothes, displayed large set of dishes, sorted & hung linens, put items out on the sales floor, tidied up, counted puzzle pieces and shopped to name some of the tasks. Great lunch time at Bono's. Feel like we are making a difference & having some fun, too! Come join the fun as our next date to volunteer is Tuesday, March 25th!!!



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Yvonne, Linda, Susan



Nancy & Barbara

Florida District Convention

Holiday Inn Melbourne

Viera Conference Center, Melbourne, FL

April 25th – 27th, 2025

Room Rate \$129 – \$139 per Night Plus Tax

[\(321\) 255-0077](tel:(321)255-0077)



BKHS ANCHORS

Anchor Club spread love in January by making homemade dog treats for the Humane Society! We will have feed the faculty the week of Catholic Schools week (Jan 26-Feb 1) to show appreciation to all BK faculty! In February, we will be making decorations for Dreams Come True and homemade cards so patients can decorate their hospital rooms.



Pilot International Convention

Charlotte, North Carolina - The Westin Charlotte – July 23-26
<https://www.pilotinternational.org/convention/pi-convention-2025>



February/March/April Hands-On Projects

The Pilot Liaison is listed below and on the sign-up sheets for each project. If you cannot attend or have a question, please contact the Liaison.

Food For Love Drive – Pilot Liaisons: Betty Lou Watson & Patty Wise

- Tuesday, February 11, at the Business Meeting. Pilots are asked to donate food, hygiene, and cleaning products for UCOM (<https://ucomjax.org/>). Let's see if we can beat the 2024 impressive donation of 358 lbs.
- **As you arrive at the Business Meeting, please drop off your donations at Lucy Markert's car in the Ramada parking lot. Collecting the donations as you arrive saves time and the backs of the Pilots who would have carried the donations to Lucy's car after the meeting.**
- Suggested donations: canned vegetables and beans, rice, instant potatoes, peanut butter, mac-n-cheese, cereal, paper towels, toilet paper, toothbrush and toothpaste, laundry detergent, and dish washing detergent.

PACE – Pilot Liaison Cathy Mansor

- Wednesday, February 12, 20, 9:00-12:00 noon - Work in Mrs. Mary Boutique. Sign-up sheets completed.
- Thursday, February 13, 9:00-12:00 noon - Work in Mrs. Mary Boutique. Need for one more Pilot. Please contact Cathy Mansor to volunteer.

K9s For Warriors – Pilot Liaison: Yvonne Bulluck

- Friday, February 14 – Make and deliver meals for a class of Veterans. The sign-up sheets are completed. The dishes are to be delivered to Yvonne Bulluck's home on Friday, February 14, by 3:00 pm.

Angelwood Thrift Store - 5711 Bowden Rd. 32216 - Pilot Liaison: Susan Faircloth

- Tuesday, March 25, 10:30-3:00 pm with a lunch break – Sorting donated items. Requested 6-8 volunteers.

Pilot Litter Retrieval – 3984 Herschel St. 32205 – Pilot Liaison: Therese Taylor

- Rescheduled to Saturday, April 5, at 9:00 am. Meet at the Goal Post parking lot at above address.
- After litter retrieval, optional breakfast at the Goal Post restaurant.

K9s For Warriors – Pilot Liaison: Yvonne Bulluck

- Friday, April 11 – Make and deliver meals for a class of Veterans. The sign-up sheets in March will have the specific dishes. The dishes are to be delivered to Yvonne Bulluck's home on Friday, April 11, 3:00 pm.



Join us for an afternoon of fun, food
and fellowship, and support
non-profits with your ticket!



Bunco



Saturday, February 22, 2025
1:00 pm— 4:00 pm
Fountain Gate Clubhouse
9360 Craven Rd
Jacksonville, FL 32257

\$15 entry fee includes one raffle ticket

50/50
Raffle

Pilot Club of
Jacksonville



Door
Prize
Basket



Pilot Club of Jacksonville
invites you to our

Semi-Annual Garage Sale

March 7-9

Friday & Saturday 8am-2pm
Sunday 10am-2pm

3285 Marbon Rd
Jacksonville 32223

Come find lots of treasures
and support our
community projects
including:

BASCA, Inc.
Bishop Kenny Anchor Club
K9s for Warriors
PACE Center for Girls
Safe Harbor for Boys
Volunteers in Medicine
and many more!



Pilot Websites

Pilot Club of Jacksonville – pilotclubjax.org
Pilot International – pilotinternational.org
Florida District Pilot International - pilotflorida.org
Anchor Club International - anchorclubintl.org
Compass Club International - compassclubintl.org
Pilot Scholarship House Foundation - pshffl.org



Can also be found on Facebook

Pictures for our club's FACEBOOK page can be sent to Lucy Markert (lmarkert@bellsouth.net)

Please Bring to the Pilot Business Meeting

- ✚ Cancelled stamps for Tubfrim - Patty Wise
- ✚ Can tabs for Ronald McDonald House - Georgia Reed

Accepting Payments thru Zelle

Payments can now be made instantly through Zelle to pilotclub.org.jax@gmail.com

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To serve by furthering Pilot International's humanitarian efforts through charitable, educational, and research programs in communities throughout the world.
Get to know us and assist us in serving the Jacksonville community

