

Pilot Club of Jacksonville



Website: <http://www.pilotclubjax.org>



Sails & Sightings

Newsletter Date November 14, 2023

Volume 2023, Issue 11

President's Message

By: **Leila LeVan**

“When a person doesn't have gratitude, something is missing in his or her humanity. A person can almost be defined by his or her attitude toward gratitude.” — Elie Wiesel

Happy Thanksgiving Pilots!

With what is happening in our country today this quote seemed so relevant to me. If someone who has experienced the heartache that Mr. Wiesel suffered can have an attitude of gratitude, anyone enjoying the freedoms in our country should be overwhelmed with gratitude.

Every time I have the privilege of serving beside my fellow Pilots, I am reminded how incredibly special we are! Speaking of special, The Pilot Club of Jacksonville won 1st place at Fall Council's Lip Sync contest! Those of you attending November's business meeting will have the pleasure of watching the Dancing Queens perform. Since I am bragging, may I also commend the Pilots for having the BEST garage sale in the history of Pilot! The money raised will benefit our community in a big way. Thank you, Sherrill, Bill, and the entire garage sale team! Brandie even comes to help with pricing and set-up. I scored with a top-of-the-line sofa and some really cool dishes. Because we love all of you AND because we enjoy fundraising, we will be bringing marketplace to you at this meeting. Bring your money and be prepared to have some shopping fun before the holidays.

I am so proud of all of you. At Fall Council we heard about other clubs' projects and fundraising activities. They inspired us to do more, care more, be more every day AND they reminded me how incredibly hard the members of this club work to help our community with hands on projects as well as fundraising so that next year we can write big checks to our local partners. BASCA, K9s for Warriors, Angel Aid and Community Hospice to name a few sing our praises. Thank you, Carolyn and Judy, for spearheading and managing our semiannual Belk sale. That's always a fun fundraiser for those of us who like to shop! Our largest fundraising started this week with our annual nut sales. Let's break the record just like we did at the garage sale! With our new members and our experienced seasoned members, I believe we can do it. PS Our nuts are the best tasting nuts you can buy. All my customers say that!

Get to the meeting early on Tuesday! We have mini-marketplace, Angel Aid wish list distribution, a performance by The Dancing Queens, nut distribution AND the largest attendance in recent years!

Thank you, Pilots, for living out the mission of Pilot every day in the community!

In Pilot Love and Friendship,
Leila



Pilots' NOVEMBER Birthday



2 – Cindy Ragland

3 – Leeanne Greene

7 – Kathi Hansberry

9 – Mary Stahler

11 – Diana Payne

24 – Carolyn Wright



Pilot Anniversaries



- Congratulations Judy Marcos on your 36th Pilot Anniversary!
- Congratulations Joyce Jamro on your 5th Pilot Anniversary!
- Congratulations Kathi Hansberry on your 2nd Pilot Anniversary!
- Congratulations Javonna Singleton on your 1st Pilot Anniversary!
- Congratulations Barbara Leonard on your 34th Pilot Anniversary! Our Emeritus member

Calendar of Pilot Events



- Nov 14 Business Dinner Meeting at Ramada at 6PM
- Nov 18 thru Dec 31 – Saturday & Sunday – Nut Sale at Pecan Pkwy Flea Market 7:30AM-4PM
- Nov 25 Memorial Garden – Community Hospice – 4266 Sunbeam Rd 8AM-11AM
- Nov 26 Cooking for K9s for Warriors
- Dec 12 Business Dinner Meeting at Ramada at 6PM
- Dec 14 K9s for Warriors graduation – 114 Camp K9 Rd., PVB @ 5PM
- Dec 16 Christmas Party at Cindy Lou Hartig's home at 3PM
- Jan 9 Business Dinner Meeting at Ramada at 6PM
- Jan 27 Litter Retrieval – Goal Post Sandwich - 3984 Herschel St – 9AM

Congratulations Pam Vanscoy

Warmest congratulations to Pam Vanscoy on her retirement, after 16 years with Truist Bank, on Tuesday, October 31!



Guest Speaker



President-Elect Georgia, guest Tami Garrett, and Projects Chair Yvonne

At the October Business Meeting, Development Director at Pace Center for Girls, Tami Garrett, joined us for dinner and updated us on the organization. She was presented a check for \$1,000 for their requested grant for the girls. There is a Fashion Show Fundraiser on November 16.



Bishop Kenny Anchor visit

Bishop Kenny Anchors, Emily Rrukaj, president, and Mikayla Samaan, service chair, joined us at our October business meeting. We were given an update on some of their projects and shared with us that they formed a KATE CLUB in part with the Kate Amato Foundation. The KATE CLUB is dedicated to honoring Kate's kind spirit and inspiring kids to help kids fighting cancer. The mission of the school-based club is to raise awareness, organize kindness projects, and volunteer to support Kate Amato Foundation programs and events.



A check for \$200 is presented to BKHS Anchor Club representatives Mikayla Samaan and Emily Rrukaj by Georgia Reed, president-elect, and Therese Taylor, coordinator Anchor/Compass.

FL District Fall Council

This year at Fall Council, we did a lip-synch and won first place. The song was “Dancing Queen” by ABBA. Fall Council is always a gathering for fun and reuniting with our Pilot sisters and brothers. Attendees were Georgia Reed - representing us as DAC, Leila LeVan - Club President, Bill and Sherrill Bakai, Yvonne Bulluck, Patricia McCullough, Audrey Griffin, Diane Payne, Dianna Werner, Sharon Nooney.



Leila, Diana, Georgia, Bill, Dianne, Sherrill & Sharon



Georgia & Leila



Audrey, Sherrill, Georgia, Leila & Bill





Diana, Sharon, Dianne, Audrey, Leila & Sherrill



Patricia & Yvonne

Audrey & Sharon

Dianne

Belk Charity Sale

Thank you to Judy Marcos and Carolyn Wright for distributing tickets and collecting the monies for this fundraising event in the Jacksonville community.



City Rescue Mission

At 9 am on Wednesday, October 25th Bill & Sherrill Bakai, Carolyn Barrett, Yvonne Bulluck, Sharon Nooney, and Inez Thompson were greeted by Asst. Chef Curtis at the McDuff Campus of City Rescue Mission (CRM) to prepare the Club's sponsored lunch.

Our chosen lunch menu was BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Steamed Veggies, Rolls, and a yummy assortment of Desserts. We quickly divided up the preparation tasks. The chicken skin & fat was removed by Bill and Inez, Carolyn seasoned the chicken, Yvonne and Sherrill peeled & chopped up to at least 3 ten pound bags of potatoes, and Sharon took care of steaming the veggie mix and making sure there were enough desserts.

This visit had us preparing potato salad from scratch with no specific recipe to follow. It was a group effort to get it done on time, but the residents thought it "tasted just like Grandma used to make"! Lunch was served at 11:45am to around 75 residents and staff.

Except for Inez, the team then went to European Street Café for lunch and a fun fellowship time. Our Plans-of-Work are for another time of service at CRM in 6 months.



Yvonne and Sherrill



Yvonne, Bill and Sharon





Carolyn



Sharon



Yvonne, Sherrill, Carolyn, and Bill



Chef Curtis and Inez

Save the Date
Denver Colorado
*102nd Pilot International Convention and
Leadership Conference + Anchor Summit
July 17th - 20th. 2024*

BASCA Appreciation Luncheon

Sherrill and Bill Bakai, Yvonne Bulluck, Joyce Jamro, Patricia McCullough, Sharon Nooney and Diana Payne attended the luncheon on Tuesday, October 31 – Yes, on Halloween! We thought this was for all the volunteers that helped with their Run, Roll, or Walk, but to our surprise, it was just for Pilots.

All the students were in their Halloween costumes. We saw a skeleton, a Dalmatian, Harry Potter, Buzz Lightyear and a host of other various characters.

The students and the staff were so thankful for all we have done for them. We each interacted with different students and had a great time!

Patrick, the head of BASCA, came over and thanked us for providing the funds to purchase two washing machines and a cooktop. He said they were desperately in need of them.

We could not leave without going through their lovely thrift store and making a few purchases!



Sock Drive - FL District Project

Our Club will be donating socks collected October thru December meetings and donating them to City Rescue Mission in December – before Christmas.



Pam Vanscoy Member Profile

1. What would you like Pilots to know – why you joined, your special interests? Just giving back
2. If resources (time and money) were unlimited, what dream would you fulfill? Save as many homeless animals as possible.
3. Tell us a fun fact we do not know about you. I'm a Cat Lady.
4. If you could have dinner with any LIVING person, who would it be and what would you ask him/her? Donald Trump - why in the world would you want to be President
5. Name a few items on your bucket list? Travel - spending more time with family
6. If you wrote a book about your life, what would be the title? Oh the ups, and downs
7. What did/do you enjoy most about your career? Helping Families with Home Ownership
8. Tell us about your family. I have a son 32 and a daughter 35, granddaughter 15
9. Why do you love being a Pilot? Giving back is wonderful and everyone is so nice to be around
10. Where were you born? Michigan
11. Where did you go to high school and/or college? Oakland College - Farmington MI
12. What was your favorite book as a child? As an adult? I have so many, I read all the time.
13. Tell us about your family (spouse, (grand)children) divorced
14. What was your favorite vacation? Hawaii
15. What is or was your profession? What did you like about your profession? Loan Officer
Helping Families with Home Ownership

Florida District Pilot and Anchor Conventions

Orlando Marriott Lake Mary - Lake Mary, FL
April 26-28, 2024



Pilot Club of Jacksonville Lands' End Ordering Instructions

1. Please email your order to Carolyn Barrett – cbarret2@comcast.net
2. The Lands' End order will be submitted after our **December** Business Meeting
3. To select your shirt order, go to Lands' End website - www.landsend.com

• [STORES/GIFT CARDS](#)

[BUSINESS OUTFITTERS](#)

LANDS' END

GIFTS WOMEN MEN KIDS OUTERWEAR SWIM SCHOOL HOME SALE

4. On the upper left side above LANDS' END, click on **BUSINESS OUTFITTERS**
5. In the Search box type Women's Shirt OR Men's Shirt
6. The Club's dress shirts are Broadcloth or Oxford type shirts
7. You may also order other items such as polo or tee shirts, jackets, or hats
8. Ordering Information to be email to cbarret2@comcast.net:
 - a. Shirt name i.e. Women's 3/4 Sleeve Broadcloth Shirt or Women's Short Sleeve Oxford Shirt
 - b. Number i.e., #123456AB7
 - c. Size
 - d. Shirt Color – Dark Cobalt Blue
 - e. Sleeve length i.e., short, ¾, long



- f. Logo – (\$7.99 additional charge)
- g. Price listed. I will be working with the Lands' End representative for the best price for a large order.

Please contact Carolyn Barrett with questions.

1. Phone: 904-396-4681
2. E-Mail cbarret2@comcast.net

Garage Sale

Garage Sale Results - \$4,035.25!

Congratulations on our best ever garage sale! A huge heartfelt Thank You to all of you who so generously gave of your time in setting up (starting Monday-Thursday) and working all through the sale. We have some real work horses in Pilot!!

Also, we could not have had such a fantastic sale without all of your donations - thank you!

For our Pilots who had other commitments this weekend, we know you were here in spirit and would have joined us if you could. Believe me, there will be many other opportunities!!

Again, congratulations Pilots, for a job well done!



Linda, Susan, Alma, Bill, Cathy, Dianne, Yvonne, Therese, Georgia, Diana & Sherrill



Diane, Sherrill & Inez



Judy, Sherrill & Brandie



Betty Lou, Linda & Carolyn



Alma our Boutique Queen



Betty Lou



Leila & Judy



Cathy, Therese, Diana, & Carolyn



Mary & Susan



Yvonne & Betty Lou





Sharon & Diana



Joyce



Betty Lou, Carolyn & Cindy



Sherrill, 'shopper' & Leila



Diana & Leila



Carolyn



Inez



Carolyn, Bill, Diana, Sherrill & Therese



Sherrill & Georgia



Georgia & Leila

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 (Carolyn Barrett)

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

Questions? Ask Audrey Griffin

Newsletter Editors

Articles and pictures for our newsletter - Sails & Sightings can be sent to: Therese Taylor (pvbtkaylor@aol.com) and Carolyn Barrett (cbarret2@comcast.net)

PILOT CLUB OF JACKSONVILLE

Chartered July 25, 1934

P.O. Box 57074

Jacksonville, FL 32241-7074

Pilot Club of Jacksonville's Mission Statement:

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

