Pilot Club of Jacksonville

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President's Message

By: Georgia Reed

As we welcome spring, the similarities between nature's transition from winter to spring and Pilot's preparations for the coming year are striking!

Pilots begin preparing for the ensuing year in March and April which naturally aligns with the emergence of spring. Spring brings with it the beauty of new perspectives as we marvel at its transformation. Similarly, as our new leadership team prepares for a smooth transition, it lays the groundwork for fresh insights and new beginnings. It helps create an environment of innovative ideas, inspiration and continuity.

In both nature and our own Pilot Club, the beauty of transition resides in the potential it holds. It is up to us to bring forth the discovery and awareness of what the new year has to offer. Embracing change with intention will allow our club to flourish and adapt to the ever-changing needs of the organizations we support while ensuring that we stay true to our mission, and that we remain vibrant and relevant.

In celebrating the arrival of spring and our new leadership team, let's focus on how we can continue to initiate growth and resilience within our club. As the dynamics of our membership change, so must we in the things we do and how we do them. We should explore and include in our Plans of Work ways to attract and engage with younger members to create an infusion of newness and vibrancy. Newsletter Date April 8, 2025 Volume 2025, Issue 04

Sails & Sightings

Our work should be done with thoughtfulness, kindness and as acts of good deeds.

Good deeds come in all forms and fashion. They may occur out of instinct, or instantaneously because it seemed like the appropriate thing to do at the time. They can be small things like opening the door for someone, allowing another person to go ahead of you in line, making a phone call to say hello and checking in on a sick friend, allowing a car to merge in front of you in heavy traffic, just being a good listener, running errands or making a meal for someone in need, volunteering or donating items to charities and sending thank you notes or getwell cards. They could unknowingly be a defining moment or life-changing experience for someone who needed that special touch.

Pilots are the embodiment of kindness and good deeds which enriches our legacy of community involvement – all done in Pilot friendship and service.





9 – Ashley Swofford 12 - Cathy Mansor 29 – Sharon Nooney



- Congratulations Betty Lou Watson on your 53rd Pilot Anniversary!
- Congratulations Joy Coyle on your 25th Pilot Anniversary!
- Congratulations Barbara Lesso on your 4th Pilot Anniversary!



- April 8 Business Dinner Meeting at Ramada 6PM
- April 9&10 PACE Mrs. Mary's Boutique 2933 University Blvd N 9AM-Noon
- April 11 Cook for K9s for Warriors deliver to Yvonne before 3PM
- April 21-25 PACE PROM 2933 University Blvd N daily tasks 9AM-Noon each day
- April 25-27 Florida District Convention Holiday Inn Melbourne Viera Convention Center
- April 29 Angelwood Thrift Store 5711 Bowden Rd 10:30AM-3PM
- May 13 Business Dinner Meeting at Ramada 6PM
- May 16 Cook for K9s for Warriors deliver to Yvonne before 3PM
- May TBD Luncheon at PossAbilities Plus 1079 Atlantic Blvd, Suite 1, Atlantic Beach
- June 14 Officer Installation Maggiano's(St.John's Town Center) 11AM to 2PM
- July 23-26 Pilot International Convention Charlotte, NC The Westin Charlotte

Save the Date!

Officer Installation June 14th from 11AM to 2PM Maggiano's @ St. John's Town Center 10367 Mid Town Pkwy, Jacksonville, FL

Florida District Convention

Holiday Inn Melbourne Viera Conference Center 8298 N. Wickham Rd, Melbourne FL 32940 April 25th – 27th, 2025



Guest Speaker – Dale Bolton



Dale Bolton, Assistant Coordinator at the United Community Outreach Ministry and Meals on Wheels, is presented a check by Projects Assistant Coordinator Yvonne Bulluck and President Georgia Reed.

Compass @ UNF

Items collected at the March 2025 Pilot business meeting for an upcoming Compass Club bingo event.



Leila, Alijah, Alexis, Georgia

Install Compass Officer

Alijah Baker was officially installed as Treasurer of the Compass club at UNF!



Georgia, Alexis, Alijah, Leila

Isabella Cratem – former Anchor

Pilot Club of Jacksonville's 2021 Anchor Scholarship recipient Isabella Cratem. This update on Isabella was high-lighted in the March 2025 Bishop Kenny Alumni newsletter.

Isabella Cratem '21 is a recipient of the 2024-25 IEEE Power and Energy Society scholarship from the department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Florida. She is currently pursuing her degree in electrical engineering.



Pilot Club of Jacksonville 2025 Officers & Board

Officers -

Past President – Georgia Reed President – Barbara Lesso President Elect – Lucy Markert Secretary – Nancy Eastman Treasurer – Leeanne Green

<u>Board -</u>

Sharon Nooney – 2025-2026 Term Tonja Merritt – 2025-2026 Term Dianne Werner – 2024-2026 Term Maria Pollock – 2025-2026 Term

Angelwood Thrift Store

On Tuesday, March 25, we had six awesome hard working Pilots help out at the Angelwood Thrift store on Bowden Rd. Yvonne Bulluck, Barbara Lesso, Sharon Nooney, Georgia Reed, Dianne Werner and Susan Faircloth did numerous tasks at the store. We left feeling like we had helped to make a difference. Our hard work was a labor of love.

Come join the fun at our next date to volunteer is Tuesday, April 29th!!! Sign-up sheets will be going around at our next meeting.







Diane Stewart - Member Profile

Diane Stewart joined the Pilot Club of Jacksonville February 2025. Her sponsor is Leila LeVan. Diane was born in Sri Lanka (India).

She's currently a Center Director for First Coast Women's Services. She enjoys being used by God to help women NOT make the worst mistake of their life.

Diane's hobbies and interests are yard work, hanging out with friends and her dog Chief. A fun fact is that she loves riding her motorcycle. ?What? You go girl!

Once she retires, her dreams would be to serve with Samaritan's Purse and to travel. The items on her bucket list: Take a motorcycle trip up North to see Niagara Falls, go on a cruise, travel to Israel and travel to Europe.

If she could have dinner with any LIVING person, it would be President Trump and ask him 'Are you born again?'

Why did she become a PILOT? Diane loves helping people and Pilot allows me to do that! She's just learning about what it means to be a Pilot and really enjoys serving with the women she has met so far. She jumped right in helping at the recent garage sale.



Congratulations to Our Top Producers! Annual Holiday Nut Sale

<u>\$500-\$1,000</u>

\$1,000-\$2,000

Sherrill Bakai Yvonne Bulluck Maria Pollock Lucy Markert Therese Taylor	\$	544 566 702 711 713	Mary Stahler Carolyn Barrett Dot Whitten Gail Pender	\$	1,044 1,567 1,841 1,912
Dianne Werner		821	<u>Over \$2,000</u>		
Sharon Nooney		847			
Inez Thompson		997	Sue Harrell	\$	3,148
Public Group Sales					
Publix and Tractor Supply Organized by Barbara Lesso Flea Market Organized by Georgia Reed				•	1,408 10,179
Total Net Profit 2024-2025					19,395

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.

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 had the specific dishes.
- The dishes are to be delivered to Yvonne Bulluck's home on Friday, April 11, 3:00 pm.

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

- Tuesday, April 29, 10:30-3:00 pm with a lunch break Sorting donated items.
- Requested 6-8 volunteers.

Garage Sale

Heartfelt Thanks to Our Wonderful Friends and Pilots

Celebrating the Success of Our Sale

Thank you so much to every friend and Pilot who contributed to the overwhelming success of our recent sale. Your generosity and support have not gone unnoticed and have made a significant impact on our charitable efforts.

Our garage sale began like any other, with large tents set up despite warnings of bad weather. We heard that we may have to struggle with a little weather, but we Pilots are tough! Well, we Pilots are tough but not our tents! The wind lifted a 10 x 30 tent, nearly sending it into our neighbor's window. Fortunately, we saved the window, reassembled the tent, and preserved most items inside—a true miracle! Then another wind gust on another day took out two pop-ups! We still would not be defeated!

Our Pilots worked tirelessly cleaning, sorting, staging and pricing all the many items that had been generously donated by Pilots, our friends, Wee Trade, Friends from Great American Antique Mall, as well as friends from The Antique Market of San Jose. Each and every treasure added to the excitement of our sale. We cannot adequately express our appreciation for our donors.

After two weeks of preparation the big day arrived. Thankfully the weather was outstanding on Friday and we had an amazing day. Saturday the weather got a little dicey, but our tents protected our Pilots and our shoppers and we enjoyed another great day of shopping. Thankfully we had two outstanding days because we woke up Sunday to thunder, lightning, wind and rain so no sale.

Thanks to your contributions, and hard work we made an astounding \$6,851.43!

Pilots dream about giving away our time, talents, and finances to make a difference. And thanks to your contributions to this sale, our dreams have become bigger and more impactful than we ever imagined. This achievement is a testament to the power of community and the incredible things we can accomplish together. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for helping us realize these dreams and for being such an integral part of our mission. Together, we are making a tangible difference in the lives of those we support. Here's to many more successes in the future, driven by the spirit of giving and the incredible support of friends and Pilots like you.

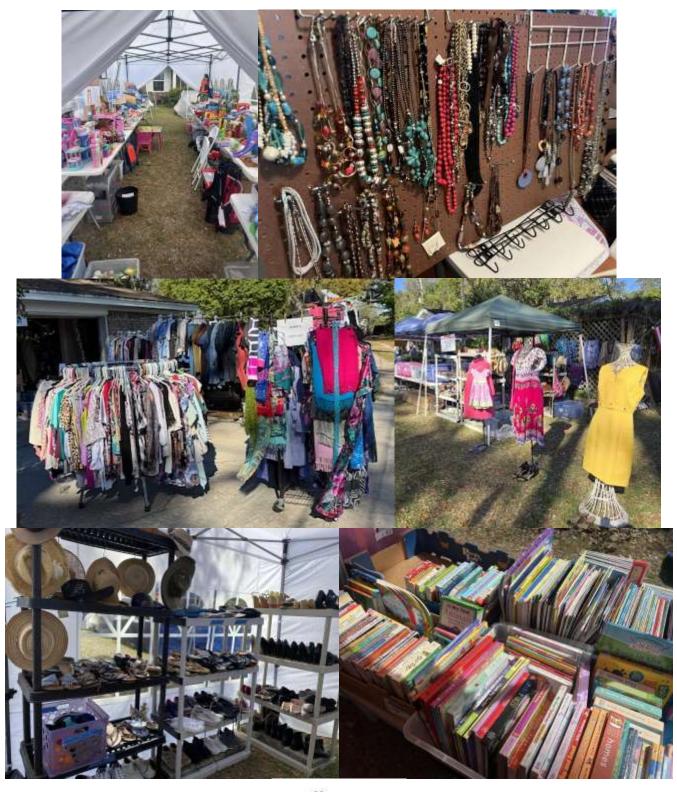








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Pilot International Convention

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

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 (<u>lmarkert@bellsouth.net</u>)

Please Bring to the Pilot Business Meeting

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

Accepting Payments thru Zelle

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

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