

# Pilot Club of Jacksonville



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

## Sails & Sightings



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## President's Message

By: **Leila LeVan**

“Real friendship or love is not manufactured or achieved by an act of will or intention. Friendship is always an act of recognition.”

*Author Unknown*

Happy Valentine's Day, Pilots!

You know I love to start my message with a quote. As I was searching for one this month, I came across this and it truly made me pause. One of the many reasons we are Pilots is the joy of being recognized. Unlike our jobs (and often our families) it is NOT for what we do in the club. Yes, we do try to recognize everyone who contributes, but we also recognize who we are as individuals. And we do our best to celebrate that. Just entering the room is always a treat! I should know! It is always a challenge to start because everyone is enjoying themselves catching up and loving each other. Speaking of loving each other; please continue to keep your fellow Pilots in your prayers. I know some of you are going through a lot, and I want you to know that you are not alone. We are Pilots, and we are strong.

I am a little discombobulated this month. (Isn't that a fun word!) Missing last month's meeting because of the storm means we will have twice the fun and excitement at this meeting. The Governor is visiting and as well as her report, you will receive the mid-year reports from our divisions. That's always impressive. Gabe and his mother and grandmama are attending. We need to work on his mother. I think she needs to become a Pilot and not a guest! In the newsletter

you will see the great event Compass just had at UNF. Damara Farwell, Chief Development Officer of Angelwood, will be speaking this month. I love hearing from our grant recipients how we help, don't you?

It is time to register for District Convention in April. If you have never joined us, this is YOUR year!

So mark your calendars, and don't miss this meeting. It will be fun, informative and rewarding. And remember, you are all awesome, and I appreciate each and every one of you. See you Tuesday!

In Pilot Love and Friendship,

Leila





## Pilots' FEBRUARY Birthday



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



## Pilot Anniversaries



- Congratulations Carolyn Wright on your 23<sup>rd</sup> Pilot Anniversary!
- Congratulations Mary Stahler on your 20<sup>th</sup> Pilot Anniversary!
- Congratulations Cindy Lou Hartig on your 3<sup>rd</sup> Pilot Anniversary!

## Calendar of Pilot Events



- February 13    Business Dinner Meeting at Ramada - 6PM
- February 13    ♥ UCOM Food Drive – Bring nonperishable items to business meeting ♥
- February 16    Cooking for K9s for Warriors – Barbara Lesso's home by NOON
- February 15-17    Road trip to Pilot International Headquarters (Macon) and Savannah
- February 17    Memorial Garden – Community Hospice – 4266 Sunbeam Rd 8AM-11AM
- February 22    K9s for Warriors graduation -114 Camp K9 Rd., PVB - 5PM
- February 24    New Member Informational Session(9:30AM breakfast / 10AM session start)
- Fountain Gate Club House 9360 Craven Rd
- February 29    Pace Center for Girls – 2933 University Blvd N – 9AM-1PM Family night set up
- February 29    Pace Center for Girls – monitor stations @ Family night event 4:30-8PM
- March 1        Pace Center for Girls – take down Family night 9AM-Noon
- March 12       Business Dinner Meeting at Ramada – 6PM
- March 15-17    Garage Sale – 9132 Glendower Ct., JAX(Prep days 3/11 thru 3/14)
- April 26-28    FL District Convention - Orlando Marriott Lake Mary

## UCOM FOOD DRIVE

Please remember to bring non-perishable items to our February 13<sup>th</sup> business meeting.

Canned foods; hygiene products; cleaning supplies

Special need for: pasta, rice, mac'n cheese, cereal, oatmeal, breakfast bars



## Membership Division

**New Member Information Session – Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**



***This is an EXCELLENT opportunity to introduce new members and prospects to Pilot's mission, structure and impact on our community!***

New Members and their Sponsors are expected to attend. Please INVITE (previous or anticipated) Guests and Other Prospects!! 😊

**Location:** Fountain Gate Clubhouse, 9360 Craven Rd (32257)

**Time:** 10 - 12:30pm (Breakfast available at 9:30am)

**SIGN UP during our February meeting**

**OR**

***RSVP with your name and guests' name(s) via email to Lucy Markert NO LATER THAN Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>!***

## Litter Retrieval - January 2024

What a beautiful day Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, was to pick up litter in a neighborhood with beautiful homes. The Pilot Club of Jacksonville cleans up an 'adopted' 2 mile section of St. Johns Ave. as a quarterly Litter Retrieval project. After cleanup we assembled at the Goal Post Sandwich Shop for breakfast and fellowship.

Pilots who participated: Carolyn Barrett, Yvonne Bulluck, Cathy Mansor, Tonja Merritt, Patricia McCullough, Sharon Nooney, Georgia Reed, Javonna Singleton, Joy Coyle, Barbara Lesso, Sheri Ruhlman, Pam Vanscoy & Therese Taylor





## UNF Compass Club Event

UNF Compass Club President, Gabriel Springer, held a Bicycle Helmet Giveaway and Brain Safety event on Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, at the University of North Florida Delaney Student Union. This event was sponsored by the UNF Osprey Involvement Center and Student Government during their biannual "Registered Student Organization (RSO) Fair". He was accompanied in leading this event by his fellow Compass Club members Tegan McDill and Rena Velissarios alongside the UNF Neuroscience Club President Mandy. They successfully distributed 38 helmets, over 50 Compass Club flyers, and 10 neuroscience-backed bicycle brain safety flyers. The sign-up/interest list for the club totaled around 31. The engagement was a resounding success and he looks forward to assisting his UNF community further!



## VOLUNTEERS IN MEDICINE

On Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, four of us helped prepare for the "Women With Heart" luncheon hosted by Volunteers in Medicine. We started by assembling 360 plus name tags. From there, we went to distributing items and literature for goodie bags, then programs etc. We ended our venture by breaking down boxes.

Those who participated were Barbara Lesso, Susan Faircloth, Georgia Reed and Yvonne Bulluck. All of us were recruiting as we worked. We met some very nice people that would make good Pilots!

## Jenny Raulerson Member Profile

Jenny Raulerson joined the Pilot Club of Jacksonville in September 2023. She wants to contribute and give back selflessly while providing a sense of purpose and fulfillment by helping others. She loves being a Pilot and that it allows her to make a meaningful impact in the community while connecting with others that create a positive change. As a Pilot member, she finds joy in giving back, meeting new people, learning new things and experiencing personal growth. Jenny has a few items on her bucket list – Travel to Scotland and play golf at St. Andrews; Learn to speak another language fluently; Write and publish a book; Volunteer for a cause she deeply care about in a different part of the world; Learn to play piano. If she wrote a book about her life it would be titled: Eternal Scholar: Chronicles of the Perpetual College Student. Her favorite book as a child was Charlotte’s Web by E.B.White and as an adult, there are two. 1. The Bible

2. A Woman After God’s Own Heart by Elizabeth George

Jenny is married to Matthew and they have 2 children & 1 grandchild. Daughter Jada and granddaughter Aria live in Indiana. Son Bryce is a nursing student at UF. There are three Golden-doodle children: Lucy, Woody and Winston.



## Fundraising Opportunity – Garage Sale

Actual Garage SALE dates – Friday March 15 thru Sunday March 17


Pre-sale setup dates – Monday March 11 thru Thursday March 14

Bill & Sherrill Bakai’s home (9132 Glendower Ct, Jax)



## 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](mailto:lmarkert@bellsouth.net))

## Florida District Pilot and Anchor Conventions

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



April 4 - Registration deadline for FL District Convention

## Pilot International Convention



## 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](mailto:pilotclub.org.jax@gmail.com)

Questions? Ask Audrey Griffin

## Newsletter Editors

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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

