

Pilot Club of Jacksonville

HAPPY NEW YEAR
2024!

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Sails & Sightings

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President's Message

By: **Leila LeVan**

"The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written." Melody Beattie

Happy New Year Pilots!

We are celebrating the start of the second half of our Pilot year. So much has happened in the first half, I am excited to see what new milestones we will meet this year. Our new website is beautiful and getting traffic every month. We are doing our best to keep the calendar current. It is a challenge since we are constantly adding new projects and activities. I love the challenge! We have conquered the gardens at Community Hospice. Thank you to everyone who "got their hands dirty" to make it a Pilot Treasure. We AGAIN broke a record for the largest, most successful garage sale. Many thanks to those who donated, worked to stage items to sell, and those who then sold and cleaned up following the sale. This month we supported the organizations we support by participating in THEIR events. That means so much to each one when they see their Pilot friends cheering them on to success. It is a statement of our dedication that we give money, serve, AND celebrate with them. They know we are truly invested in their future. Nut sales have come to a close and Georgia could not be happier to see this year behind her. Membership has been honored to initiate 7 new members so far this year as well as hosted fun outings. They have plans for membership get-togethers as well as a new member information session. WOW! Anchor is going gangbuster with our own Emily as President. She is sure making Therese's

appointment more fun! We have stepped up in a really big way to help our Scholarship Houses. We doubled our giving and this Christmas we gave 16 students who were unable to go home for the holidays a gift certificate to spend on food (or a treat).

Sadly, so far this year we have mourned the loss of our Pilot, Anne Hawk, Port Pilot, Marilyn Haddock (who died on Christmas Day), as well as multiple family members of our Pilots. We miss the smiles of Carolyn Kates and Linda Kinnealy who for health reasons have been unable to attend our meetings. We are praying that Linda will return very soon. And some fun news: Jack Paulk is engaged!

You will be hearing about and receiving a member survey. Please give it your thoughtful consideration! We have so much talent in our club; we fear we may be overlooking your desire to serve. This will help us to know your passion!

Before I close, please think about joining us on our trip to PI and Savannah! This should be both an educational as well as really fun road trip!

Thank you for allowing me to serve beside you. Our community is a better place because of our Pilot Club!

In Pilot Love and Friendship,
Leila



Pilots' JANUARY Birthday



None for this month



Pilot Anniversaries



- Congratulations Alma Shirley on your 6th Pilot Anniversary!
- Congratulations Patty Wise on your 1st Pilot Anniversary!

Calendar of Pilot Events



- Jan 9 Business Dinner Meeting at Ramada - 6PM
- Jan 20 Memorial Garden – Community Hospice – 4266 Sunbeam Rd 8AM-11AM
- Jan 27 Litter Retrieval – Goal Post Sandwich - 3984 Herschel St – 9AM
- Feb 10 Dedication of our 5th Pilot Scholarship House – FL Gulf Coast University
- Feb 13 Business Dinner Meeting at Ramada - 6PM
- Feb 13 ♥ UCOM Food Drive – Bring nonperishable items to business meeting ♥
- Feb 16 Cooking for K9s for Warriors - TBD
- Feb 15-17 Road trip to Pilot International Headquarters (Macon) and Savannah
- Feb 17 Memorial Garden – Community Hospice – 4266 Sunbeam Rd 8AM-11AM
- Feb 22 K9s for Warriors graduation -114 Camp K9 Rd., PVB - 5PM
- Feb 24 New Member Informational Session Fountain Gate Club House 9360 Craven Rd 9AM
- Mar 15-17 Garage Sale – 9132 Glendower Ct., JAX
- Apr 26-28 FL District Convention - Orlando Marriott Lake Mary

Sock Drive - FL District Project



PILOT FLORIDA DISTRICT PROJECT “SOCK IT TO ME”

Our club is soooooo generous! We collected 224 pairs of socks and delivered them to City Rescue Mission on December 13th. They were extremely appreciative.

Angel Aid Project

Alma Shirley spearheaded the collection of Angel Aid gifts for their annual party for AngelKids. These gifts were purchased by fellow Pilots and brought to our December 12th business meeting. She also received 12 gifts cards from Pilots. Alma and her husband Will loaded them into her vehicle. Alma's mom was in ICU at the time the gifts were to be delivered, so Dr. Shipley met her in the ER parking lot to collect the gifts.

Dr. Shipley expressed his gratitude for our participation. **THANK YOU ALMA & PILOTS!**



Yvonne (Project Coordinator), Alma, gifts & Will



Alma & Dr. Shipley

K9s for Warriors

Graduation for the December class was held on Thursday, December 14th. Usually this event is held outside, but because of rain, rain and more rain, we were inside. Lucy Markert and Yvonne Bulluck attended the graduation and visited with some of the warriors afterward. One of the warriors was from Detroit and not looking forward to the weather there. Another warrior said he got off to a rough start, but then did not want it to end. There are usually certain dogs that stand out. This time there were two Aussiedoodles (Australian Shepherd and Poodle mix) that looked like twins. They were actually brothers!

The rain did not stop Lucy and Yvonne from having a nice dinner at Fancy Sushi. The dinner may have been accompanied by wine and beer – IMAGINE THAT!



Kim Rutkowski Member Profile

Kim Rutkowski joined the Pilot club of Jacksonville in August 2023. If resources were unlimited the dream she would fulfill is to start and fund a private foundation...and yes, she plays the lottery. She is a graduate of Temple University. If she could have dinner with any living person it would be Hillary Clinton. She would want to know about how being a woman has changed in Hillary's lifetime and career. Kim travels and her favorite vacation was a Tanzania Safari. She has lived in Paris and Rome. Kim has been a great supporter and volunteers at the Community Hospice Memory Gardens working extra shifts keeping the area beautiful.



Membership Division – Upcoming Events

January – February, 2024



1. **Need to Know if You're Joining our February Road Trip (Feb 15 – 17, 2024) at the January Meeting**
 - a. **Heading to PI Headquarters (Macon, GA) and Savannah**
 - b. **What you Need to Know**
 - i. Drivers Needed!
 - ii. 2 nights in Macon, Savannah Hotels – averaging \$250/person; 2 guests/room
 - iii. Plan on Money for Gas (\$30/person) and Food (TBD upon arrival to destinations), with Extras (e.g., personal and parking expenses)
2. **Small Group Dinners Begin in January!**
 - a. ***Monthly opportunity to learn more about Pilot with small group of leaders and long-term members***
 - b. Invitees will be scheduled each month to meet with President, President Elect and Membership Division Coordinator
 - c. Initial Location: Home of Carolyn Barrett (San Marco) - planning to expand to various locations around Jacksonville
3. **New Member Information Session – February 24th**
 - a. ***Excellent way to introduce Pilot mission, structure and overall organization to new and prospective members***
 - b. Think about people you can invite to attend
 - c. Location: Fountain Gate Clubhouse, 9360 Craven Rd (32257)
 - d. Time: 9-1:30pm (Food provided, of course! 😊)

HELP US PLANT SEEDS OF KINDNESS!!!



Litter Retrieval coming up

Adopt-A-Highway – Litter Retrieval
Meet up at Goal Post Sandwich Shop - 3984 Herschel St
Saturday morning, January 27, 2024 – Starting @ 9 AM Contact: Therese Taylor 904-982-6019



Christmas Party

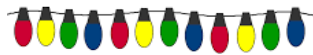
This year's party was held at Cindy Lou Hartig's home on Saturday, December 16th



Sharon, Leila & Sherrill



Jenny Raulerson



Happy
Holidays!



Joy, Steve & Susan



Bill – the Chef



Susan, Yvonne & Carolyn






Patty, Sherrill, Susan, Yvonne, Carolyn & Steve





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)

Florida District Pilot and Anchor Conventions

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



Pilot International Convention



Please Bring to the Pilot Business Meeting

Cancelled stamps for Tubfrim (Carolyn Barrett)

Can tabs for Ronald McDonald House (Georgia Reed)

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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

