

Pilot Club of Jacksonville



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Sails & Sightings



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President's Message

By: **Leila LeVan**

"Be the reason someone smiles. Be the reason someone feels loved and believes in the goodness of people." Roy Bennett

Happy Holidays Pilots!

Tis the season... to be stressed, to be grateful, to be stretched too thin, to be sharing presents and time with friends and family, to be stuck in traffic, and to be in awe. I LOVE everything about Christmas! I am one of those crazy people who listen to Christmas music non-stop and this year THAT has been a welcome change from "regular" radio and all the bad news.

Pilots supported two of our charities in person last month. We went to the PACE for Girls Fashion Show and the ribbon cutting for the NEW Angelwood Thrift Store on Bowden Rd. Both events were delightful. They so appreciate our support both in-person and financially! We are still collecting NEW socks for City Rescue Mission and we need your Angel Aid gift at the December meeting.

It's also the season to buy nuts!!!! Pecan sales are in full swing. We are a regular fixture at the Pecan Park Flea Market every weekend. This is our largest fundraiser of the year, and we need your help. If you are reading this and do not have any of our delicious fresh nuts, you have no idea what you are missing. More details are enclosed in this newsletter.

We have our annual Pilot Christmas Party and white elephant gift exchange on the 16th. Cindy Lou, thank you for your hospitality! What would we do if Bill and Sherrill did not open their home to the Pilots for Garage Sale and Cindy Lou did not open hers to our annual Christmas Party? Thank you all for loving us so well and putting up with our shenanigans!

I would love to give a warm welcome to all the new members of 2023! Fran, Cathy, Tonja, Tammy, Jenny, Kim, Pam, and Patty! You are a dynamic group. We are so grateful that you have decided to invest your time and talents in Pilot. The Membership Division has exciting plans for 2024. They are planning information activities for you to learn and become engaged. I remember when I was new, and I felt like I was on a hamster wheel trying to catch up! Please look at our website. www.pilotclubjax.org for more information about our history, those organizations we support, and our calendar.

In closing I wish you a safe and joyous December! Please keep Pilots in your prayers. Some are experiencing health issues and others have family and friends who have died. Illness and death are especially challenging this time of year. Cards, texts, and calls are always appreciated when you are recovering or grieving. I personally have experienced Pilot love and it is wonderful!

In Pilot Love and Friendship,
Leila



Pilots' DECEMBER Birthday



9 – Angela Hicks 13 – Judy Marcos 14 – Linda Kinnealy 23 – Sue Harrell 27 – Therese Taylor



Pilot Anniversaries



- Congratulations Inez Thompson on your 8th Pilot Anniversary!
- Congratulations Leanne Greene on your 2nd Pilot Anniversary!
- Congratulations Rae Chelle Bennett on your 2nd Pilot Anniversary!

Calendar of Pilot Events



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



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.



Initiation November 2023

Pilot initiated at our November business meeting.
We want to welcome to the club Tonja Merritt!



Leila(President), Cathy (Sponsor), Tonja & Lucy (membership)



Bishop Kenny Anchors

Bishop Kenny Anchors, Emily Rrukaj(President), Mikayla Samaan(Service Chair), and Victoria Anderson(Social Chair) gathered the donated items, as an Anchor project, to participate in Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood Sweater Drive this year. What a great collection of items!



Mikayla, Emily & Victoria



Mikayla & Emily



Victoria



Emily



K9s for Warriors

Yvonne collected and delivered a generous meal to the newest class of K9s for Warriors on Sunday, November 26th. Thank you to Pilot contributors – Yvonne Bulluck, Sharon Nooney, Tammy Molter, Pam Vanscoy, and Therese Taylor.

Yvonne received the following thank you email from Cassandra Aristide the next day!

Oh Yvonne, thank you SO much for the amazing dinner that you and the wonderful ladies of your Club made for our December Warriors last night!

First of all, everything was absolutely delicious! The Warriors were completely blown away by what a generous meal you all provided (and they loved all the different choices), but they were even more amazed that you all were kind enough to do this for them on such a busy holiday weekend. Honestly, that is truly over and above!

All your efforts were appreciated even more than usual, because not only was it Arrival Day – stressful in and of itself, but it was the Sunday of the long Thanksgiving weekend and the most heavily travelled day of the year. So, these Veterans were either stuck in crowded airports or stuck in busy holiday traffic in order to get here. Because they're such nervous travelers anyway, most of them had not been able to eat anything all day. Once they finally got here, got settled and were able to catch their breath and eat, that meal that you all made for them was worth its weight in gold.

They all told me that food had never tasted so good or been more appreciated. Each one told me how much your kindness meant and how thankful they were to all of you. Several said that they enjoyed your meal more than Thanksgiving dinner because at that point, they were starting to get very nervous about the upcoming trip and being away from home for three weeks. So, arriving on campus to such a warm welcome really meant the world.

On behalf of all the Veterans here at K9s that you all have shown such love and generosity to this year, thank you from the bottom of our hearts and please have a warm, wonderful holiday season and a very happy 2024! 😊



Angelwood Thrift Store

On Thursday, November 30, Angelwood opened their thrift store to the public. Sara Wagoner offered a special invitation to Pilots to join them for their grand opening. Angelwood provides incredible services in our community.

A special ribbon cutting ceremony took place and then we shopped!



Sara, Leila, Sherrill, Patricia, Yvonne, Therese & Bill



5711 Bowden Road Jacksonville, FL 32216

PACE CENTER FOR GIRLS

6TH Annual Fall into Fashion Show

On a very rainy Thursday evening, Sherrill Casey-Bakai, Yvonne Bulluck, Georgia Reed and Dianne Werner attended this fundraiser. Pace started off the evening with a silent auction, drinks, appetizers, and desserts.

Fourteen of the girls modeled and did an excellent job. They had five adult models – one of which was Amanda Devoe from WJXT. You could definitely tell that the girls had been coached on “shakin’ those hips!”

As each model would walk down the aisle, the announcers would tell us something about them. Some of these girls are reaching high. One wants to be a neuro-surgeon.

We wish them all the very best and enjoyed their show. This PACE’s fashion show and auction made \$65,000



Dianne, Georgia, Sherrill & Yvonne



Georgia, Amanda Devoe & Dianne





Community Hospice Memory Garden

Adding the finishing touches at the garden for their holiday events.



Javonna, Candy & Patty

Pilot Club of Jacksonville Lands' End Ordering Instructions

To allow more time for ordering the new Pilot shirts, the first order will be submitted after the January 2024 Business Meeting. After the January Business Meeting, you may, of course, submit your Pilot Shirt order yourself. **If you want personal instructions on searching for your Pilot Shirt, I will be at the December Business Meeting with my iPad.**

Lands' End Ordering Instructions

1. Please email your order to Carolyn Barrett (cbarret2@comcast.net) by January 9, 2024.
2. To select your shirt order, go to Land's End website - www.landsend.com

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3. On the upper left side above LANDS' END, click on **BUSINESS OUTFITTERS**.
4. In the Search box type Women's Shirt OR Men's Shirt
5. The Club's dress shirts are Broadcloth or Oxford type shirts.
6. You may also order other items such as polo or tee shirts, jackets, or hats.
7. 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 – Cobalt
 - 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: 396-4681
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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)

Fran Butler Member Profile

1. What would you like Pilots to know – why you joined, your special interests? After retiring I was looking for more activities to meet people and give back to my community.
2. Tell us a fun fact we do not know about you. I drove a Ferrari on the Daytona International Speedway
3. Name a few items on your bucket list? See Northern Lights, visit Spain
4. What did/do you enjoy most about your career? I am now retired. My previous career was Project Manager which I enjoyed since I got to work on different projects with different people.
5. Tell us about your family. My daughter lives 3 miles from me and we are very close. We do lots together and have annual Mother/Daughter vacations. We both volunteer for 3 non-profit organizations, Girls on the Run, Girl Scouts, and TSI Care Foundation. She plays rugby and I go to many games.
6. Why do you love being a Pilot? Being able to volunteer and helping local non-profit organizations
7. Where were you born? Jacksonville, FL
8. Where did you go to high school and/or college? Eckerd College
9. What was your favorite vacation? Viking River Cruise on the Danube



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)

Accepting Payments thru Zelle

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

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Pilot Club of Jacksonville's Mission Statement:

**To serve by furthering Pilot International's humanitarian efforts
through charitable, educational, and research programs in
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