

Pilot Club of Jacksonville



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Sails & Sightings

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President's Message

By: **Georgia Reed**

Dear Pilots and Friends – Let's Celebrate and Appreciate!

There is so much to celebrate and appreciate as we begin a new Pilot year on July 1, and when we come together for our first business meeting, we will have already celebrated Independence Day. From the backyard cookouts with family and friends to the parades with marching bands to the showy and glorious fireworks, we wrap ourselves in gratitude and patriotism as we proudly hoist Old Glory in signifying this all-important holiday – the passage of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, establishing our nation's birthday and the beginning of the many freedoms we continue to enjoy and cherish today.

Guess who's turning 90 on July 25? No, not me, I'm not quite there yet! On July 25 we will observe our beloved Pilot Club of Jacksonville's 90th birthday – and we will celebrate this unbelievable day with a huge birthday party on Saturday, July 27 so mark your calendars! And, what better way to celebrate this incredible milestone than to donate \$25,000 to one of our nonprofit partners. Our Special Projects Committee has been working diligently to find the right fit and is ready to make a recommendation to us – the big reveal is Tuesday and all of our members get the final say!

Indeed, our club will be 90 years old, and from its very beginning in 1934, our founding members charted a true course of strength and leadership that has never wavered. With the initiatives of our first President, Jean Henderson, our club was

recognized for its great work and organization as she quickly rose to the rank of Governor within our first year. That was just the beginning of the success of our outstanding club. During my first term as President in 1984, it was a tremendous pleasure to meet, introduce and honor Jean Henderson at the Pilot Club of Jacksonville's 50th Birthday Bash. She was truly a Rock Star!

To continue to preserve and build upon our club's 90-year legacy, the 2024-2025 Class of Officers, Coordinators and Appointees are inspired, committed and ready to pick up the mantle with a renewed spirit of giving and serving. Our Installation Luncheon at the Crown Plaza Hotel was a beautiful and fun event chaired by Diana Payne and assisted by Yvonne Bulluck and Sherrill Bakai. Yvonne once again showcased her talents by decorating the tables with the most gorgeous, meticulously arranged bouquets that would rival anything from Kuhn's. They provided the perfect table setting for our family members, friends and fellow Pilots to gather around to engage in fellowship, conversation and a delicious lunch prepared by Chef White. Sherrill shared a moving and personal inspirational message about what Pilot means to her.

After lunch, Pilots got to experience not one, but two club firsts! Leila revved up our ceremonial spirit with the installation of incoming Compass President, Alexis Sant. What a delight to witness Alexis' installation and acceptance of the responsibilities in leading the Compass Club of UNF in its second year, the Florida District's only one so far. With Leila serving as the District's Compass Coordinator this year we can expect that number to start rising soon!

Diana then installed all of our Coordinators, Assistant Coordinators and Appointees in recognition of their leadership commitments and responsibilities. This, too, was the first time our club has had an Appointee-Coordinator Installation, and I have no doubt that this is the beginning of a new tradition. In good fashion, Diana then installed the Officers and Board, followed by Betty Lou's flawless reading of the Code of Ethics. Diana, Yvonne, Sherrill, Betty Lou, and Pilots, thank you for making this year's installation a very memorable occasion!

As we now like to say, 90 is the new 50! And to that I reply, "Absolutely!" Our club is a reflection of its members who embody the true spirit of Pilot

in word and deed with a willingness to embrace and influence positive change that continually keeps us moving forward, all the while preserving our rich history and legacy. You will see threads of this framework woven into our 2024-2025 Plans of Work as they are presented at the business meeting Tuesday evening for your approval. Our focus will be on enhancing and adding more value to our members' experiences and participation in all the things we do in the name of Pilot. It is going to be a fun and exciting year!

Pilots, you inspire me and it is an honor to serve as your President!



Pilots' JULY Birthday



8 – Patty Wise

23 – Sherrill Casey-Bakai



Pilot Anniversaries



- Congratulations Audrey Griffin on your 5th Pilot Anniversary!
- Congratulations Dianne Werner on your 4th Pilot Anniversary!
- Congratulations Cindy Ragland on your 3rd Pilot Anniversary!
- Congratulations Fran Butler on your 1st Pilot Anniversary!
- Congratulations Cathy Mansor on your 1st Pilot Anniversary!
- Congratulations Tammy Molter on your 1st Pilot Anniversary!

Calendar of Pilot Events



- July 9 Business Dinner Meeting at Ramada – 6PM
- July 17-20 Pilot International Convention – Denver, Colorado
- July 27 Pilot Birthday Party – Fountain Gate Clubhouse 9360 Craven Rd - 5PM
- August 13 Business Dinner Meeting at Ramada – 6PM
- September 21 BASCA 5K event – 352 Stowe Ave, Orange Park 7AM-Noon
- October 5 Litter Retrieval – Goal Post Sandwich 3984 Herschel St – 9AM
- October 11-13 Garage Sale – 3285 Marbon Road(Leila's yard)JAX
- October 18-20 FL District Fall Council Wyndham Resort - Kissimmee, FL

PILOT CLUB OF JACKSONVILLE HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



Saturday, July 27th, 5pm

Fountain Gate Clubhouse - 9360 Craven Road

It is time for our members to celebrate the accomplishments, laughs, losses – ALL the memories from the last 90 years. Please join us and bring your spouse or significant other. We will have a sign-up sheet at our next business meeting. The club will provide the meat and the members will provide the rest. There will be no cost other than what you bring. Be thinking about some memories you would like to share!

Anchor Scholarship Recipient



Anchor Eyerusalem Wolday with President Leila LeVan &
Anchor/Compass Coordinator Therese Taylor

Compass Scholarship Recipient



Compass member Alexis Sant with President Leila LeVan & Anchor/Compass Coordinator Therese Taylor

Anchor Club President



Bishop Kenny Anchor Club President, Emily Rrukaj, updated Pilot membership of the many projects they participated in this past school year as well as their plans for next year's projects.

What Makes Sponsors Special?

The journey of becoming a Pilot is indeed a unique and exhilarating experience, marked by a sometimes-challenging learning curve and the joy of promoting community involvement. Newer Pilots, brimming with enthusiasm, are eager to share their experiences and the opportunities that Pilot offers. Despite their recent initiation, their passion is a driving force in building our club's base of servant-hearted members.

Sponsors play a crucial role in guiding these newcomers through their introduction to Pilot. They foster a supportive environment, emphasizing the importance of a community-driven approach. The essence of a Pilot's journey lies in shared passion for Serving our Community while building strong, supportive Friendships along the way.

Canceled Stamps for Tubfrim

Thank you Pilots for the many canceled stamps collected this past year! The canceled stamps are on their way to Norway by way of Minneapolis, MN.



Information about Tubfrim from their website (www.norwegianamerican.com/tubfrim-helps/)

In 1928, in Nesbyen in Hallingdal in Viken County, Norway, postmaster Ditlef Frantzen established Tuberkulosearbeidets Frimerkeforretning (literally “Tuberculosis work’s postage stamp business”), abbreviated TUBFRIM. Its task was to collect and sell used postage stamps with the proceeds going to aid the eradication of tuberculosis among Norwegian children. In 1929, the organization showed its first profit of NOK 1,500. Since then, profits have risen steadily, in all adding up to NOK 23 million.

Today, the charity is owned by Nasjonal-foreningen for folkehelsen (“National Society for Public Health”). It collects and sells telephone cards in addition to postage stamps, and its profits are used to help children and young people with disabilities and handicaps, in addition to those with serious illnesses.

By M. Michael Brady - Asker, Norway

All but one question about TUBFRIM is hopefully answered. The last question is “How did the Pilot Club start collecting stamps for TUBFRIM?” I hope one of you has the answer and will share it with the Club.

Litter Retrieval - June 2024

A gorgeous Saturday, June 1, to pick up litter along our 'adopted' 2 mile section of St. Johns Ave. After cleanup, we enjoyed breakfast & fellowship at the Goal Post Sandwich Shop.

Pilots who participated: Bill Bakai & nephew John, Carolyn Barrett, Yvonne Bulluck, Sherrill Casey-Bakai, Cathy Mansor, Lucy Markert, Cindy Ragland, Georgia Reed, Javonna Singleton, Candy Toussaint, Dianne Werner, Maria Pollock, Aleix Sant(Compass) & Therese Taylor



Pilots Go To The Ballgame

On Sunday, June 2nd, four Pilots, Lucy Markert, Yvonne Bulluck, Javonna Singleton, and Carolyn Barrett, were joined by nine family and friends for a fun time watching the Jumbo Shrimp play the Durham Bulls. We had great seats and good weather, which was cloudy, but no rain, and with a slight breeze. The only downside of the day was the Jumbo Shrimp losing to the Durham Bulls by a score of 3 to 1.



PossAbilities Plus Tea Room Visits

Members of the Pilot Club enjoyed a mid-day outing at the PossAbilities Plus' Cup of Dreams Tea Room on Tuesday, June 26th and Thursday, June 28th. Thank you to Alma Shirley for making the reservations and attending both lunches. Alma knows the staff, as she is a frequent diner and shopper, so she was happy to educate us throughout this special experience. Thank you to Lucy Markert, Membership Division Coordinator, for organizing the event.

Pilots who attended the luncheon on Tuesday were Georgia Reed, Patty Wise, Alma Shirley, and Carolyn Barrett. Then, Betty Lou Watson, Leila LeVan, Sherrill & Bill Bakai, Cindy Ragland, Barbara Lesso, Alma Shirley and Lucy Markert enjoyed the Cups of Dreams Tea Room Thursday. There was an extensive selection of dishes including quiche, sandwiches, salads, soup, dessert and, of course, a variety of delicious teas. We also supported the Thrift Shop by shopping after lunch. It was so enlightening to see all the opportunities for skill development, including a garden in the back of the building where each program participant has a small area of the garden to tend to.



Alma, Georgia, Carolyn, Patty



Server Heidi



Garden Area



Pilot Patty pouring tea for Carolyn



Pilots toasting Pilot with tea— Georgia, Carolyn, Patty



Bill, Barbara, Alma



Lovely selection of Sandwiches, Salads & Tea



Betty Lou, Leila, Sherrill, Cindy



A plate full of goodies!



A special "guest" joined us!



Thrift Store fully stocked

Garage Sale Update

Garage Sale Update: Now accepting donations!
Sale dates are Friday, October 11 thru Sunday, October 13
3285 Marbon Road, JAX 32223

Get ready, get set, it's almost garage sale time! Picture this: a treasure trove of goodies, all in one place, just waiting to find new homes. It's like a carnival for bargain hunters and vintage lovers alike, where every item has a story, and every purchase is a piece of history. Need to make a donation? Leila's got you covered with her trusty vehicle, ready to transport your treasures like a modern-day Santa's sleigh. But remember, Leila's sleigh doesn't have infinite space, so give her a heads-up to make sure your goodies get the VIP treatment they deserve. And if you can't make it to the Pilot meeting, fear not! Leila's got a hotline straight to garage sale headquarters. Just drop her an email or send a text—just be prepared for a game of phone tag, because this woman is on a mission, and she might be out saving another donation from the clutches of obscurity. So, mark your calendars, spread the word, and let's make this garage sale the talk of the town!

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BASCA – Volunteer Opportunity coming up



Join us for the **12th annual BASCA Cape "ABILITIES" 5K/1M walk on September 21, 2024 at 7:00AM** in Orange Park. This family-friendly event invites participants of all ages and abilities to run, walk or roll for a great cause!

Litter Retrieval coming up

Adopt-A-Highway – Litter Retrieval
Meet up at Goal Post Sandwich Shop - 3984 Herschel St
Saturday morning, October 5, 2024 – Starting @ 9 AM



Maria Pollock - Member Profile

Maria was born in Guatemala City, Guatemala. After her father passed when she was eight years old, her mom got a job as a Diplomatic Counselor to the Ambassador of the Embassy of Guatemala in Washington, D. C. She grew up in Maryland and attended public schools. Maria attended Montgomery College and the University of Maryland. During her high school summer break, she worked at The Embassy of Guatemala as a bilingual secretary to the Ambassador. Every summer break from college and then permanently from 1981 - 1984, she worked at the prestigious The World Bank Group, an international financial institution fighting poverty worldwide with loans and grants to the governments of low- and middle-income countries for the purpose of pursuing capital projects in Washington, DC.

Maria moved to Florida in 1984. She worked for a few small companies and eventually landed a job working at the # 1 company to work for in the State of Florida: J. M. Family Enterprises, the parent company of Southeast Toyota Distributors, Inc. (SET). Maria held several positions as an Executive Secretary and then Senior Marketing Coordinator, which included all Hispanic Advertising. She was recognized by SET for her keen eye for proofing copy and having impeccable attention to detail which to ensure accuracy in their advertising.

She met her husband (Don) while working at SET. They celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary on June 30th. Don is currently working as an automotive consultant and does dealership buy-sells throughout the US.

Maria is honored to have become a U. S. Citizen in 2008 on her own merits without a sponsor. She retired from SET in June 2016 after 25 years of service and moved to Saint Johns as Don grew up in the Jacksonville area and missed it. Though Maria has no children of her own, they have a Golden Retriever named Maggie who knows her as Mommy. Don has three grown sons who are all married with children.

They only knew Don's son and two friends from years ago when they first moved to Saint Johns. Fortunately, her sister Carol and brother-in-law moved to Saint Johns after retirement to be closer to them and Maria has since met people like Dianne Werner who introduced her to Pilot and other organizations! Maria genuinely loves to give of herself to help others and, now that she is more settled in a new home and retired, she is looking forward to being of more service to those in need. Maria also loves dogs, watching movies, entertaining at home, cooking, travelling, shopping, and meeting new people. Be on the lookout for the woman with the biggest smile the next time you come to a Pilot event. It is likely to be Maria Pollock!



Installation of Officer's 2024-2025

The Pilot Club of Jacksonville's 2024-2025 Installation of Officers was held on Saturday, June 15th with a luncheon at Crown Plaza Hotel



Georgia Reed installed as
our 2024-2025 President

Congratulations!



(pictured) Lucy, Dianne, Sherrill, Leila, Betty Lou, Leeanne, Barbara, Georgia

President – Georgia Reed	President-Elect – Barbara Lesso	Secretary – Audrey Griffin
Treasurer – Leeanne Green	Immediate Past-President – Leila LeVan	
Directors for the 2024-2025 term	Linda Hone	Sherrill Casey-Bakai
Directors for the 2024-2026 term	Lucy Markert	Dianne Werner

“Be the POSITIVE CHANGE and MAKE a difference”



Sisters: Sue Crawford, Joan Nipper, Georgia, Barbara Faulkner – standing Pilot friends Christine & Mary



Installed Compass President Alexis Sant, Leila & Georgia Compass – Kayla Mercedes & Alexis Sant





Diana Payne



Sherrill Casey-Bakai



Leila LeVan



Georgia & Leila



Pam Vanscoy & Leanne Greene



Mike & Barbara Lessa



Javonna & Yvonne Singleton



Tonja & Lanny Merritt



Matthew & Jenny Raulerson, Lucy Markert



Yvonne Bulluck



Maria Pollock



Carolyn Barrett & Leila



Leila & Sharon Nooney



Greg & Stephanie Lesso



Leila & Alexis



Georgia



Jenny, Betty Lou, Yvonne, Carolyn, Sherrill, Javonna, Dianne, Lucy, Diana & Barbara

Pilot International Convention



Florida District Fall Council

Wyndham Resort, Kissimmee, FL



Oct 18th – Oct 20th, 2024

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 - Patty Wise
- ✚ Can tabs for Ronald McDonald House - Georgia Reed
- ✚ Plastic bags(Walmart, Publix, Target)
- BKHS Anchors – Therese Taylor

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