

# Pilot Club of Jacksonville



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## Sails & Sightings

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### President's Message

By: **Leila LeVan**

April Showers bring May flowers except in Florida where they bring heat!

Hello Pilots!

Well, let me say that you outdid yourselves at District. We won some awards that I will share at the meeting. We had a fantastic showing with 12 Pilots in attendance! That is the most since I have been attending District Conventions. AND we had two first timers: Cindy Ragland and Maria Pollock. We watched Carolyn Barrett pick up her 25-year pin. And we were proud to see three of the Jacksonville Pilots installed into Leadership positions: Georgia Reed as Projects Chair, Yvonne Bulluck as Projects Assistant, and me as Lt Governor. Congratulations Pilots! Marketplace was a BIG hit this year! I won't steal Sherrill's thunder, but I will say "great job" to all the salespeople in our booth.

Pilots love to party and when you have the Kentucky Derby AND Cinco de Mayo the same weekend, watch out! Our prize for the best hat went to none other than the lady in red Sue Harrell with second and third going to me and Maria Pollock respectively. Jim, Bill, Georgia and Audrey won the games. This month we have served, loved and laughed as Pilots do!

Sherrill, Bill and I celebrated with Gabe as he received his Honors medal at a special ceremony at UNF. At the May meeting we will be celebrating our Anchor President Emily and our Compass President Gabe. Please see the press

release for Gabe's latest achievement! Prior to this meeting we are producing a commercial for use at PI and on our website. I am sure (wink, wink) the royalties will be huge!

Coming up are important dates to put on your calendar. Plans of work happen May 21<sup>st</sup> at Georgia's home. Reed is making us a mean pot of spaghetti for dinner and then we will break up into our respective divisions. Remember to bring your creativity and enthusiasm so that we can make next year our best year ever! June 15<sup>th</sup> is the installation of officers for 2024-2025. It is always a beautiful event! We will be celebrating Georgia back at the helm. I hope I haven't worn out my welcome! It has been years since you had a President serve two years in a row. I told Audrey that since I did not get a Past President's pin last year, I wanted the fancy diamond one this year. We will see if she honors my request.

I listened to all the wonderful works our Pilots are doing throughout our District. WOW! Not only are we an incredible group in Jacksonville, but we can also be proud to serve in a District that is a powerhouse of service to the community. Pilots throughout Florida work tirelessly to make our communities safer and loved. We truly live the motto "do more, care more, be more" each and every day.

In Pilot Friendship,

Leila



## Guest Speaker – Children’s Home Society



Leila LeVan, Amy Moring, Yvonne Bulluck

Amy Moring, Senior Director of Development at Children’s Home Society of Florida, was our guest speaker at the April business meeting. The Pinwheels represent their message to ‘Craft Brighter Futures for Child Abuse Prevention Month’. ([www.chsfl.org](http://www.chsfl.org))

## Jumbo Shrimp Baseball

By Carolyn Barrett

Join your fellow Pilots and their family and friends at the 121 Financial Ball Park to watch the Jacksonville’s Jumbo Shrimp play the Durham Bulls on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, for a 3:05 pm game.

Tickets will be between \$18.00 and \$20.50. Once the tickets are purchased, you will receive an email with your cost and payment instructions. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Business Meeting or you may E-mail me ([cbarret2@comcast.net](mailto:cbarret2@comcast.net)) your reservation.

Hope to see you at the Ball Park!



## Litter Retrieval - April 2024

Another beautiful day in the neighborhood on Saturday, April 6, to pick up litter along our 'adopted' 2 mile section of St. Johns Ave. After cleanup, we assembled at the Goal Post Sandwich Shop for breakfast, fellowship and pinwheels.



Pilots who participated: Carolyn Barrett, Yvonne Bulluck, Tonja Merritt, Georgia Reed, Javonna Singleton, Joy Coyle, Dianne Werner, Maria Pollock, Leila LeVan, Bill Bakai, Sherrill Casey-Bakai, Candy Toussaint, Joyce Jamro & Therese Taylor



Joy, Leila, Yvonne, Sherrill, Dianne, Georgia, Carolyn, Maria, Javonna, Candy



Joy, Carolyn, Candy, Sherrill, Bill, Yvonne, Dianne, Javonna, Leila, Georgia, Maria, Tonja

# PILOT "PICK-ME-UP"

## Bags of Sunshine

Diana Payne and Yvonne Bulluck delivered twelve "pick-me-up" bags to Taylor Care Center for one unit's caregivers on April 15. They were received by Theresa Hubbard, Unit Manager.

The reason we chose this unit is because we have a connection. Diana's sister, Sandra, is there, and we wanted to thank these people for the loving care they provide.

Included in the bags were scented candles, a journal and pen, and YELLOW snacks such as Lays potato chips, peanut M&M's, lemon drops and Butterfingers.

Thank you to Carolyn Barrett and Lucy Markert for helping to assemble the bags and to Diana & Yvonne for making the delivery.



Diana, Theresa Hubbard, Yvonne



Lucy, Carolyn, Yvonne

## K9s for Warriors

On Monday, April 22, Susan Faircloth and Yvonne Bulluck delivered two meals and dog treats to K9s for Warriors at Camp K9.

Cathy Mansor made a tamale pie; Susan Faircloth made a gelatin salad; Georgia Reed made biscuits; Therese Taylor made peach cobbler; Yvonne Bulluck made pork chops; Pam Vanscoy made mashed potatoes; Barbara Lesso made broccoli salad and Tonja Merritt made brownies.

Around one o'clock, Susan, Therese and Barbara gathered at Yvonne's house to make dog treats. The treats were made from oats, pumpkin, and peanut butter. We made six batches which filled four cookie sheets. We looked like we were playing in clay as we rolled each treat!

*I just wanted to let you know that you and the amazing ladies of the Club did it again - the Warriors absolutely adored your dinner on Monday night! Earlier in the day I had bragged about what great chefs you all are, and when I came in Tuesday, they told me that I didn't do you justice! 😊*

*This is a group that is very nervous in general (on Dog Day Monday they blamed their nerves on the lunar eclipse, lol), but by this week they've had the chance to really spend time with their dogs, settle in and relax and look forward to graduation, and your pork chop and tamale dinner was just what they needed that night (they actually referred to everything you brought as a buffet!). Needless to say, your fabulous meal was enjoyed and appreciated, exactly the way it deserved.*

*They were also very concerned with making sure that I let you all know how thankful they were for your hard work on their behalf, and I promised I'd be sure and tell you how much it meant to them. Thank you so much for another fantastic dinner. You managed to make eleven extremely on-edge ladies very happy and turn a nerve-wracking final training week into one with great memories of your amazing food and kind hearts, and it doesn't get any better than that. **Cassandra Aristide***

*Please let those responsible for making the dog treats know that the dogs enjoyed and appreciated their treats just as much as the Warriors did their 'people' food. They were a hit and there were a lot of dog tails wagging!*



Susan, Yvonne, Barbara, Therese, Pam



Yvonne, Susan, K9

## Memory Gardens at Community Hospice

Saturday, April 20, Javonna Singleton, Candy Toussaint, Yvonne Bulluck, Joy Coyle, Joyce Jamro, Jenny and Matt Raulerson meet at the Memory Gardens, located on the campus of Community Hospice on Sunbeam Road, to continue to cleanup the area. (<https://www.communityhospice.com/>)



Joy, Joyce, Jenny, Javonna, Yvonne, Candy

## Division Assignments for 2024-2025

### PROJECTS

Carolyn Barrett – Coordinator

Yvonne Bulluck & Jenny Raulerson Co – Assistant Coordinators

Fran Butler	Susan Faircloth	Cindy Hartig	Joyce Jamro
Cathy Mansor	Tonja Merritt	Patty Wise	Patricia McCullough
Alma Shirley	Linda Kinnealy	Kathi Hansberry	Betty Lou Watson

### FUNDRAISING

Sherrill Casey-Bakai – Coordinator	Diana Payne – Assistant Coordinator		
Bill Bakai	Joy Coyle	Audrey Griffin	Sue Harrell
Judy Marcos	Sharon Nooney	Georgia Reed	Mary Stahler
Inez Thompson	Carolyn Wright		

### MEMBERSHIP

Lucy Markert – Coordinator	Dianne Werner – Assistant Coordinator	
Linda Hone	Barbara Lesso	Cindy Ragland – Leadership Chair
	Maria Pollock	Jonette Welch

### ANCHOR/COMPASS

Therese Taylor – Coordinator	Javonna Singleton – Assistant Coordinator		
Leanne Greene	Leila LeVan	Tammy Molter	Pam Vanscoy

## PACE Center for Girls

### Shine Bright Like a Diamond Prom Event

It is an exciting time for any girl to get ready for Prom, and boy did we have fun helping the Pace Center Girls get dazzled! On Monday, April 29, Barbara Lesso, Yvonne Bulluck, Fran Butler, Sharon Nooney and Betty Lou Watson assisted by going through a ton of beautiful gowns to ensure that they were in great condition to make the Girls shine!

We worked with other volunteers, sorting by condition and sizes and removing any tags that may have been left on the dresses. We also helped sort and size shoes and then put them in a beautiful display rack. Oh and then there were purses to be sorted and displayed as well. Yvonne did a beautiful job of recommending that the purses be displayed on top of the shoe display rack. All of our years of garage prep really came in handy!! Plastic dress bags were folded and extra hangers neatly placed in boxes.

On Tuesday, April 30, Barbara Lesso, Fran Butler, Linda Hone, Georgia Reed, Betty Lou Watson, Carolyn Barrett and Barbara Lesso's friend (potential new member) Shari Ruhlman assisted by being personal shoppers with an assigned Pace Girl.

It was so wonderful to see how excited and nervous they were as they sorted through all of the dress options. They would select up to 6 dresses and then go to a dressing room to try on and make their selection. The girls would come out to show off the dresses until they found the perfect one. You should have seen their faces! They then had the opportunity to go back in with their dress on and select shoes, a purse and of course jewelry. After they were all dolled up they would get their picture taken with the "She Said Yes to the Dress" sign. It was truly such a wonderful thing to see the excitement in their eyes. All of the girls were so kind and appreciative of the help we provided. At the end of the day we had assisted around 30 girls to be able to Shine Bright Like a Diamond for their Prom Night! Thank you so much to all of the volunteers for showing the Pace Center for Girls that Pilot Club of Jacksonville is strong and proud and always willing to support their events.



Pilots – Yvonne, Betty Lou, Barbara, Fran, Sharon with other volunteers



Fran, Carolyn, Betty Lou, Barbara, Linda, Georgia, Shari



Fran with the shoes



Fran, Barbara, Yvonne, Sharon, Betty Lou

## Gabriel Springer

Leila, Sherrill and Bill attended Gabe's UNF Hicks Honors College graduation ceremony at the UNF Herbert University Center on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4 PM. Gabe was awarded a medallion and his accomplishments were displayed during the program. There were ONLY 35 students in his graduating class who graduated from the honors program this year!!!



## Compass Member Gabriel Springer | Pilot International

Compass Member Gabriel Springer has been nominated to be the Pilot International, Inc. representative to the United Nations Department of Global Communications within the Civil Society Unit - May 06, 2024

Pilot International, Inc. and Compass Club International are proud to announce that University of North Florida student Gabriel Springer has been nominated to be the Pilot International, Inc. representative to the United Nations Department of Global Communications within the Civil Society Unit. From the United Nations website: “The Civil Society Unit is within the Outreach Division in the United Nations Department of Global Communications (DGC). It is mandated to link the Organization with civil society organizations (CSOs) that are associated with DGC and to support the department's efforts to disseminate information on the work and role of the UN.

A civil society organization (CSO) or non-governmental organization (NGO) is any non-profit, voluntary citizens' group which is organized on a local, national or international level. Task-oriented and driven by people with a common interest, civil society organizations (CSOs) perform a variety of services and humanitarian functions, bring citizens' concerns to Governments, monitor policies, and encourage political participation at the community level. CSOs provide analysis and expertise, serve as early warning mechanisms and help monitor and implement international agreements, including Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals. Typically, they are organized around specific issues, such as the UN pillars of peace and security, human rights, and development. CSOs often promote UN observances and international years and decades established by the General Assembly to focus world attention on important issues facing humanity. Their relationships with offices and agencies of the United Nations System differ depending on their location and mandate.”

Gabriel Springer is double majoring in Biomedical Science and Behavioral Neuroscience at the University of North Florida. Springer will continue his education at the University of London, Royal Veterinary College under a merit-based scholarship this September 2024. He is also President of the UNF Compass Club: “working to make my student and local community better using a brain safety approach,” said Springer.

Springer is also a member and officer involved in many clubs alongside a host of other organizations at the university level including Student Government, the Hicks Honors College, the UNF Institute of Environmental Research and Education (IERE), and the Dean's Student Conduct Board.

“My ultimate goals are to help all life, human and animal, through a One Health approach by practicing medicine, supporting mental health, and building communities,” said Springer.

“Compass Club means so much to me. Some of the things that readily come to mind are community, opportunity, and mentorship. Compass has helped me build a community of like minded peers with a goal of improving our local, regional, and global paradigms,” said Springer. “Opportunities this club has provided me include leadership roles and impact such as being the President of the Compass Club, leading volunteer events, and nomination to representative of Pilot International to the United Nations DGC. Lastly, mentorship has gifted me the skills and experiences of a host of pilots to navigate the difficult world of adulthood. The recent position of representative to the UN will further my goal of international philanthropy that connects all of us regardless of economic, social, or cultural differences.”

## Florida District Board 2024-25



Missy Ridgway, Governor, Pilot Club of Ocala  
Claire Mikko, Governor Elect, Pilot Club of Tallahassee  
Ann Freeman, Secretary, Space Coast Pilot Club  
Charlotte Edenfield, Treasurer, Pilot Club of Tallahassee  
Leila LeVan, Director, Pilot Club of Jacksonville  
Dorothy Moore, Director, Pilot Club of Ft. Lauderdale

## Florida Pilot District Convention 2024

April 26-28, twelve club members attended the Florida District convention held in Lake Mary. Those that attended were Leila LeVan, Georgia Reed, Dianne Werner, Sherrill and Bill Bakai, Yvonne Bulluck, Patricia McCullough, Cindy Ragland, Barbara Lesso, Sharon Nooney, Maria Pollock, and Carolyn Barrett. Three of the Jacksonville Pilots were installed into Leadership positions: Georgia Reed as Projects Chair, Yvonne Bulluck as Projects Assistant, and Leila LeVan as Lt Governor. Marketplace was a BIG hit this convention!



Sharon, Sherrill, Yvonne, Bill, Georgia, Leila, Dianne, Maria,  
Cindy, Barbara, Patricia, Carolyn



Marketplace – Maria, Bill, Leila, Sherrill



Barbara, Maria, Cindy



Sharon, Leila, Georgia, Bill, Sherrill



Jonda

Carolyn



Leila



Georgia, Cindy, Barbara



Jonda Maria



Leila



Georgia





## Pilot International Convention



## Pilot Websites

- Pilot Club of Jacksonville – [pilotclubjax.org](http://pilotclubjax.org)
- Pilot International – [pilotinternational.org](http://pilotinternational.org)
- Florida District Pilot International - [pilotflorida.org](http://pilotflorida.org)
- Anchor Club International - [anchorclubintl.org](http://anchorclubintl.org)
- Compass Club International - [compassclubintl.org](http://compassclubintl.org)
- Pilot Scholarship House Foundation - [pshffl.org](http://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))

## 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.  
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