

# Pilot Club of Jacksonville



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## Sails & Sightings

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## President's Message

By: **Leila LeVan**

Good day Pilots!

What is the expression about March? She comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. That does not seem true to me for my fellow Pilots. We have been rather quiet after our spectacular gathering of goods for UCOM. It is so wonderful to share with such a great organization. Feel free to continue to share with them on your own all year long. The need is great especially among women of ALL ages.

Wasn't it great to see old friends! Dot and Gail, you were such a welcome sight for all the Pilots. Although there were some who did not know you or serve with you, you are both legends! For me personally, Gail passed the Membership Torch to me with love and inspiration. Dot, I have heard your name for years! It was great to meet you. You are both TRUE Pilots! How many years have you been gone from the club and yet you still make a significant contribution (worthy of an award) to the success of our nut sales. PLEASE ladies, do not be strangers.

Our February meeting also celebrated the overwhelming success of our Nut Sales for 2022. Georgia, you truly are the Nut Queen! Georgia puts hundreds of miles on her car delivering nuts to Pilots and customers. And she does it looking like a million dollars! We want to visit this endeavor in the next Pilot year to find a way to relieve some of the burden for her. Divide and conquer!!!

Speaking of divide and conquer, we need to do just that at the end of the month. It is garage sale time. Sherrill and Bill are so generous with their time and their home. During that week their home becomes garage sale central with Pilots in and out all day every day. We have some real pros in the club that know how to merchandise the items to get the highest dollar possible. Susan, Inez, Patricia, and Diana to name a few are machines! It is impressive! In February I asked you to go through your closets, drawers, and garages for treasures. I hope you found some contributions.

As you are looking for treasures, please remember Marketplace: think elegant.... think eclectic.... think fun! Those are the items that the fellow Pilots at District LOVE to buy. We have all ages who are our customers: Anchors, Compass, and Pilots converge on our booth. We have a reputation for the best! Help us continue to dazzle our shoppers.

It is not too late to sign up for District. It is being held in Altamonte Springs April 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. If you are new to Pilot, it is a fabulous way to become an engaged and knowledgeable Pilot. You will meet Pilots from Florida and the Bahamas. You will hear district candidates make speeches promoting themselves for key positions. You also hear discussions about projects and fundraising. Pilots love to share their successes with other clubs. Yes, we compete for awards, but we do it in a spirit of improvement for all!

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We are saddened and honored to bring before membership this month the request for Emeritus Status for Barbara Leonard. In PI By-Laws it states, “Emeritus status may be conferred upon a charter member of a club or a member who has been a Pilot for at least fifteen (15) consecutive years and made significant contributions to a club through participation in club activities and projects, but who can no longer fulfill the responsibilities of an active club member. Emeritus status may be granted by majority vote of the club.” Barbara more than qualifies for this honor. She joined our club in November 1989. She has been a Past President, a Past Ambassador, and a very active member for years. She personally made my Installation beautiful! Although I do not personally know her well, I am very much aware of the tremendous respect she has earned for her many contributions to Pilot and the friendships she has made.

Barbara, we wish you well as you move to be closer to your daughter and get the care you need. You will be forever loved by the Pilot Club of Jacksonville. Please remember that you have a standing invitation to any function we are hosting!

As I wrap up this letter, I cannot help but notice the bond that Pilots have for the organization and each other. I felt it in the room when I came to my first meeting. As I have grown as a Pilot, I have experienced the bond more each month. I cherish each one of you and appreciate how much you bring to the club.

In Pilot Love and Friendship,  
Leila



## Pilots' MARCH Birthday



12 – Inez Thompson

22 – Barbara Leonard

## Calendar of Pilot Events



- March 12<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> Brain Awareness Week
- March 14<sup>th</sup> Business Dinner Meeting at Ramada at 6 PM
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> Registration deadline for FL District Convention
- March 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> **Spring Garage Sale**  
Bill & Sherrill Bakai's home (9132 Glendower Ct, Jax)
- April 1st Litter Retrieval - 9AM – Goal Post Sandwich Shop(3984 Herschel St)
- April 4<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting at Carolyn Barrett's home at 6 PM
- April 7<sup>th</sup> Cooking for K9s for Warriors
- April 11<sup>th</sup> Charter Compass Club (University of North Florida) ceremony
- April 11<sup>th</sup> Business Dinner Meeting at Ramada at 6 PM
- April 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> District Convention, Altamonte Springs, FL –  
EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON NORTH
- June 28<sup>th</sup>-July 1<sup>st</sup> PI Convention, Bellevue, WA(Hyatt Regency Bellevue)



## Pilot Anniversaries



- Congratulations Linda Kinnealy on your 13<sup>th</sup> Pilot Anniversary!
- Congratulations Bill Bakai on your 4<sup>th</sup> Pilot Anniversary!

## Special Guest

Emily Rrukaj is a sophomore at Bishop Kenny and shared some of the fun projects she has participated in with her Anchor Club. Emily will serve as President of the club next year!



Leila LeVan, Therese Taylor & Emily

A check for \$200 was presented to BKHS Anchor club for any Anchor Project




## UNF COMPASS CLUB

Gabriel Springer:

Hi everyone! I know I'm a little behind - last week and this week were exams. I'm happy to update you all now that I have more time! We have successfully had our first club meeting and had a potluck! It was a blast and we really worked on writing each individual goals and aspirations for life and how the club will help us achieve those!



Secondly, the Compass club through me and Brooklyn are taking part in the "Brain Bee", an elementary school trivia contest about neuroscience. This is being conducted alongside 4 other clubs as seen below and cohosted by Mayo Clinic Representatives!



**UNF NEURO:  
BRAIN BEE  
INTEREST MEETING**

MONDAY FEB 20TH @6PM  
BLDG 2 ROOM 1018

Hear from representatives from the  
Mayo Clinic/UCF

Hosting in partnership with:  
UNF Biomedical Pre-Professionals Club  
UNF Pre-PA Club  
UNF Research Ambassadors  
UNF Women in Medicine  
UNF Compass Club

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The Pilot International Executive Committee voted on Monday, February 20, to approve the charter request for the Compass Club at University of North Florida. The Charter date is set for Tuesday, April 11, at 6pm, at the regular meeting of Pilot Club of Jacksonville.

## Annual Holiday Nut Sale Results and Awards (Part I)

“Drum-role please”! requested Georgia Reed, Chair, of the Annual Holiday Nut Sale, before announcing this year’s record-breaking profit of **\$20,423!** This was an increase of \$5,423 from last year’s sales. As our club’s primary fundraiser, Pilots participate in direct purchases/sells as well as volunteering to work shifts selling nuts at the Pecan Park Flea and Farmer’s Market which netted proceeds of \$11,558 including donations of \$426.

All Top Sales Producers of \$500 or more were recognized and presented with orchids. Remaining in the number one ‘super star’ spot was Sue Harrell with sales of \$3,909. She was followed by Sherrill Bakai - \$2,216, Dot Whitten - \$2,146, Yvonne Bulluck - \$1,611 and Gail Pender with \$1,005. Special kudos to former members, Dot Whitten and Gail Pender, for their continued support of our club’s annual fundraiser! That is true dedication and love of Pilot – thank you, and to all Pilots who made this an extraordinary year! (Stay tuned for Part II next month!)

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|----------------------------------|----------------|---------|--------------------|
| <b><u>\$2,500 &amp; Over</u></b> | Sue Harrell    | \$3,909 | Alhambra Gift Card |
| <b><u>\$1,500 - \$2,500</u></b>  | Sherrill Bakai | \$2,216 | \$50 Gift Card     |
|                                  | Dot Whitten    | \$2,146 | \$50 Gift Card     |
|                                  | Yvonne Bulluck | \$1,611 | \$50 Gift Card     |
| <b><u>\$1,000 - \$1,500</u></b>  | Gail Pender    | \$1,005 | \$25 Gift Card     |
| <b><u>\$ 500 - \$1,000</u></b>   | Sharon Nooney  | \$ 925  | Orchid             |
|                                  | Cindy Hartig   | \$ 922  | Orchid             |
|                                  | Mary Stahler   | \$ 901  | Orchid             |
|                                  | Inez Thompson  | \$ 771  | Orchid             |
|                                  | Judy Marcos    | \$ 758  | Orchid             |
|                                  | Leila LeVan    | \$ 622  | Orchid             |
|                                  | Dianne Werner  | \$ 522  | Orchid             |



Dot Whitten, Gail Pender, Inez Thompson, Sue Harrell, Cindy Lou Hartig, Leila LeVan, Dianne Werner, Sharon Nooney, Georgia Reed, Sherrill Casey-Bakai, Yvonne Bulluck & Mary Stahler (not pictured – Judy Marcos)

# United Community Outreach Ministry



Items collected at February meeting for UCOM

On Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, Inez Thompson and Yvonne Bulluck delivered all the food to UCOM. They were thrilled to receive so much. Inez and Yvonne were thrilled to have so much help unloading. Besides all the food, we gave them a \$500.00 gift card to Walmart where they can shop for their greatest needs.

We learned that the need for food has increased by 40%, and the majority of the need comes from senior citizens. At our next meeting, you will have a chance to guess how many pounds of food we donated and win a FANTASTIC prize! As required by Pilot law, we followed this trip with lunch...at the French Pantry.



Inez, Yvonne & UCOM volunteer



UCOM volunteer

## Thank You From Betty Lou



Betty Lou Watson would like to thank the Club for the many Valentine Birthday wishes she received at the February 14 Business Meeting.

Betty Lou especially thanks Georgia Reed for the beautiful flowers (Tree Rosazalea).



## Fundraising Opportunity – Garage Sale

Actual Garage SALE dates – Friday March 24<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup>  
Pre-sale setup dates – Tuesday March 21<sup>st</sup> thru Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup>

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



## Please Bring to the Pilot Business Meeting

Cancelled stamps for Tubfrim (Carolyn Barrett)

Small shampoos, small soaps, disposable razors, combs, small toothpastes, individual sanitizing cloths, individual bug repellent cloths, feminine hygiene products, and Q-tips for City Rescue Mission (Bill Bakai)

Silverware for City Rescue Mission (Sherrill Casey-Bakai)

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

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## Pilot Websites

Pilot International – <https://www.pilotinternational.org/>

Florida District Pilot International - <https://www.pilotflorida.org/>

Anchor Club International - <http://www.anchorclubintl.org/>


Compass Club International - <https://www.compassclubintl.org/>



Can also be found on Facebook



## 2022-2023 Pilot International Membership Challenge

**2022-2023 MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE**



- For every Pilot member you bring in, your name goes in a drawing for a trip to the 2023 International Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque or a \$500.00 cash prize.
- Drawing to be held at the 2023 Pilot International Annual Convention and Leadership Conference (PICON) in Bellevue, Washington.
- Let's get to 7K Pilots, 7K Anchors, and 70 Compass members!
- Use the hashtag #SpreadingPilotSunshine with all your Social Media Posts!

**July Pilot International HQ Newsletter**  
Rhona Rhea Espinoza  
2022-2023 President  
Pilot International



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<https://pilotinternational.org>



## 2023 FL District Pilot Convention

FLORIDA DISTRICT, PILOT INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT CONVENTION APRIL 14-16, 2023  
EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON NORTH IS READY FOR PILOTS!

### Florida District Convention

Embassy Suites by Hilton  
Altamonte Springs  
April 14th – 16th, 2023



## 2023 Pilot International Convention



<https://www.pilotinternational.org/convention2023/>

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