

# Pilot Club of Jacksonville



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## Sails & Sightings

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## President's Message

By: **Leila LeVan**

*"If you wish to travel far and fast, travel light.  
Take off all your envies, jealousies,  
unforgiveness, selfishness, and fears."  
Glenn Clark*

Dear Pilots,

I believe this allows Pilots to accomplish all we do. We do not allow distractions to keep us from our mission of friendship and service. We are great friends to each other as well as our community. We serve our families, our friends, our fellow Pilots and our community with overwhelming love.

They say that April showers bring May flowers. I must say that the late April showers were a little dicey this year. I hope that all of you weathered the last few storms with no damage!

On a business note: You will receive the invoices for your dues this month. As you may remember, we changed our standing rules so that we could collect the money BEFORE we send the checks. If you are deserting us to move to the Bahamas or the North Pole, please let us know so we don't pay your dues. They do not get reimbursed after payment to PI, etc.

I feel like a broken record but one that is thrilled and proud to be broken. You have had an outstanding month! Litter retrieval with lunch was well attended. You treated the warriors to a delicious home cooked meal AND a group went to graduation. Surprise, surprise... I saw a picture of Betty Lou with a dog. I don't know

who loves who more... Betty Lou or the dogs she finds during her adventures.

I thoroughly enjoyed the Compass Club signing ceremony and was thrilled that we had so many District Officers in attendance. We are grateful to Jonda Erwin, Governor, Claire Mikko, Secretary, Missy Ridgway, Treasurer, and Connie Jones, Lieutenant Governor, for making the trip to support us and celebrate the new club. Personally, I will miss Jonda. As a new President with Fall Council AND a new Compass Club to maneuver, she was ALWAYS gracious and supportive. I have heard from Gabe that he is backpacking through Europe this summer with straight A's as his send off. The other members want me to keep them informed of service opportunities in our club while he is gone. I fondly remember summer breaks in college. I always had to work but I somehow found ample time to enjoy the break! Hmmm, maybe it would be fun at a summer Pilot meeting for everyone to confess their most embarrassing summer escapade. What happens in Pilot stays in Pilot, even true confessions.

A group attended District Convention and were proud to hear the accolades for the chartering of our Compass Club at UNF. Congratulations to Sharon Nooney for being elected Lieutenant Governor in abstention. Sadly, we all voted for her while she was suffering in the hospital with pneumonia. We missed her as did ALL her District friends. Thankfully she has recovered and is back doing her Pilot work!

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We were also excited to see our long-time friend Missy Ridgway be elected as Governor Elect! Marketplace was once again a hit with all the Pilots. We are the chic boutique of every District meeting! We appreciate Bill driving us around shopping as well as all the manual labor that he gives to Pilot to set up the booth. He ‘totes that barge and lifts the bale’ for hours to make it happen for us. I also had the privilege of receiving recognition for Susan Faircloth’s 25 years as a Pilot, Cindy Lou Hartig membership win, as well as Therese Taylor’s contribution to Anchor. Our club was also recognized as a 250 Club as well as a Pacesetter Club. I have to give kudo’s to our neighbors in Palatka. They won First Place for Pick-Me-Up, Support of an Anchor Club, Club Visibility Award, and they brought in the most new members this year. One member alone brought in 9 new members! Guess what? She is a new member. Our new members have always helped us grow too!

Thankfully Sharon recovered in time to facilitate our trip to the Scholarship Houses in Gainesville. She, Georgia, and Therese were our chauffeurs, and they were awesome. Georgia managed to drive through a road hazard (which she had no way of knowing was such) and picked up 12 nails in her tires. And of course, supply chain being what it is, there were no tires in Gainesville, so she had to have her car towed to Jacksonville. With all that stress and drama, she maintained a positive attitude and was an encourager to the students (as I believe we all were in one way or another).

It really is a privilege to know that our chapter in a small way contributes to the success of these students. And to drive that point home, EVERY student we met who is graduating this year already has a job! Lunch at Outback was delightful!

May is lining up to be an exciting month as well. May 6<sup>th</sup> is our St. Augustine Cruise. What a great opportunity to relax and enjoy the friendship of our fellow Pilots! We serve at The City Rescue Mission on the 17<sup>th</sup> and Inez Thompson has notified the Pilot chefs what spices they need to replenish their kitchen. Your respective POW meetings are happening. At the very beginning of June, we have New Member Information Session. *PLEASE* remember that this is an excellent opportunity to bring a guest who would be a great addition to Pilot. They get all their questions answered in one place by all the experts.

Please keep our ill or injured Pilots in your prayers. Pilots are hard to keep down and you know how it frustrates them when they can’t be participating at 100%.

Thank you again for always inspiring me to “Do More, Care More, and Be More” every day!

Leila



## Pilots’ MAY Birthday



26 – Dianne Werner

27 – Leila LeVan



## Pilot Anniversaries



- Congratulations Anne Hawk on your 28<sup>th</sup> Pilot Anniversary!
- Congratulations Carolyn Barrett on your 24<sup>th</sup> Pilot Anniversary!
- Congratulations Yvonne Bulluck on your 9<sup>th</sup> Pilot Anniversary!
- Congratulations Carolyn Kates on your 9<sup>th</sup> Pilot Anniversary!

## Calendar of Pilot Events



- May 9<sup>th</sup> Business Dinner Meeting at Ramada at 6 PM
- May 17<sup>th</sup> Cook and Serve at City Rescue Mission at 9AM
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> New Member Orientation – Fountain Gate Club House at 9:30AM  
9360 Craven Road, Jacksonville 32257
- June 6<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting at Audrey Griffin's home 6PM
- June 10<sup>th</sup> Litter Retrieval – 9AM – Goal Post Sandwich Shop(3984 Herschel St)
- June 13<sup>th</sup> Business Dinner Meeting at Ramada at 6 PM
- June 17<sup>th</sup> Officer Installation at Copeland's of New Orleans on Southside Blvd 1-3PM
- June 26<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting and Presentation of POW's at Barbara Lesso's home at 6PM  
\*Note this one is NOT the first Tuesday of the month. We did not want it to conflict with those attending PI Convention.
- June 28<sup>th</sup>-July 1<sup>st</sup> PI Convention, Bellevue, WA(Hyatt Regency Bellevue)
- July 11<sup>th</sup> Business Dinner Meeting/Presentation of POW's at Ramada at 6PM

## Florida District Board Visit



Joining our April business meeting were District Board members (L-R front): Missy Ridgway, Claire Mikko, Connie Jones and Jonda Erwin. PC of JAX board members (L-R back): Dianne Werner, Audrey Griffin, Georgia Reed and Leila LeVan.



## Charter Ceremony UNF Compass Club

The Compass Charter Candlelight Signing Ceremony was held on Tuesday, April 11, at 6pm, at the regular meeting of Pilot Club of Jacksonville. Joining us were members the Florida District Board.



Compass Club members(holding yellow roses) – Brooklyn McDill, Gabriel Springer(President), Tegan McDill, Rena Vellissarios, and Andrew Fox(Treasurer). L-R back row – Missy Ridgway, Connie Jones, Jonda Erwin, Leila LeVan and Claire Mikko.



## POW meetings

- May 16<sup>th</sup> Fundraising POW at Fountain Gate Clubhouse 5PM
- May 27<sup>th</sup> Projects POW at Yvonne Bulluck's home at 10AM
- May 30<sup>th</sup> Membership POW at Lucy Markert's home at 6 PM
- ???????? Anchor/Compass POW - To Be Determined

## Congratulations Susan Faircloth

Congratulations to Susan Faircloth on her 25<sup>th</sup> Pilot Anniversary (June) recognition at the April business meeting from FL District Governor Jonda Erwin.



Leila LeVan, Susan and Jonda Erwin



## Congratulations Linda Hone

Congratulations to Linda Hone on her retirement from First Coast Women's Services on Friday, April 28th





## K9s for Warriors

On Thursday, April 20, eight of us attended the graduation ceremony for the April class of warriors and their new best buds. We were all surprised to see three poodles amongst the mix where we are used to seeing more labs. As usual, it was a very moving and gratifying event. Those that attended were Sherrill and Bill Bakai, Linda Kinnealy, Diana and Ty Payne, Mary Stahler, Betty Lou Watson and Yvonne Bulluck. Most of us followed this event with dinner at One Third Asian. We had a very nice dinner and thoroughly enjoyed each other's company.



Diana, Linda, Betty Lou, recipient, Sherrill & K9



Betty Lou, recipient, K9, Sherrill & Yvonne

## PSHF – road trip to visit houses in Gainesville

On Saturday, April 22, nine of us made the trip to Gainesville to drop off needed items to both Pilot Scholarship houses. Sharon Nooney coordinated the group which also included Patty Wise, Cindy Lou Hartig, Georgia Reed, Leila LeVan, Audrey Griffin, Patricia McCullough, Sherrill Casey-Bakai and Therese Taylor. We lunched at the Gainesville Outback Restaurant.

Thank you to all the Pilots that donated items for both houses!

First house visited was the Jack & Rosalind Williams House – @ 16 men occupy the house







Second house visited was the Mary Ellen Thomas House - @ 23 women occupy the house





## Pilot Member Highlight: Jonette Welch

**1. What would you like Pilots to know – why you joined, your special interests?**

*I joined Pilot because I had been thinking about where I could volunteer to help People and Animals in need. Lucy had invited me to go to the Alhambra Theater with some of her Friends from Pilot. She also invited me to come to Dinner and a Meeting. I felt like this could be the opportunity that I had been looking for. It was soon after that I joined the Pilot Club.*

**2. If resources (time and money) were unlimited, what dream would you fulfill?**

*My dream would be that my Husband and I would buy a small Farm and rescue Animals. Then, of course, I could finally get a Miniature Goat or two.*

**3. Name a few items on your bucket list.**

*Part of my Bucket List is that we would take an Alaskan Cruise, visit Montana at Christmas Time, buy a cabin in North Georgia and go there often and also go Antique shopping at Flea Markets in upstate New York.*

**4. Tell us about your family.**

*When I met my Husband he had four Kids and I had two. They are all grown now and between all of them we have fourteen Grandkids. One Daughter, her Husband and two Kids live in Jacksonville and the rest live out of state. Our dogs Lily and Daisy are part of our family too.*

**5. What was one of your favorite vacations?**

*One of my favorite Vacations was in the Mountains of Georgia where we rented a nice, cozy and quaint Cabin. It was fun Antique shopping and of course we had to go to Mercer's to get the best Apple Cider ever.*



## 2023-2024 Florida District Board

- Governor – Barbara Keck
- Governor Elect – Missy Ridgway
- Treasurer – Charlotte Edenfield
- Secretary – Claire Mikko
- Lt. Governor – Sharon Nooney
- Lt. Governor – Amanda Valdespino

## 2023-2024 Pilot Scholarship House Foundation Board

- President – Julie Thompson
- President Elect – Shirley Pyle
- Secretary – Ann Moreau
- Treasurer – Esther Porta
- DAC Representative – Missy Ridgway
- 2022-2024 Director – Annette Cutchins
- 2022-2024 Director – Dana Kingree
- 2023-2025 Director – Janene Anderson
- 2023-2025 Director – Lynne Stephenson

## Florida District Convention and Marketplace

April 14<sup>th</sup> – 16th seven club members attended the Florida District convention held in Altamonte Springs. Those that attended were Leila LeVan, Georgia Reed, Dianne Werner, Sherrill and Bill Bakai, Yvonne Bulluck and Patricia McCullough.



Bill, Yvonne, Patricia, Sherrill, Georgia, Dianne and Leila





Leila participating in the 'Parade of Banners'

Marketplace was a big part of the convention for these attendees



Patricia, Georgia, Dianne, Leila, Sherrill, Yvonne and Bill





## 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

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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



## 2023 Pilot International Convention



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

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