

# Pilot Club of Jacksonville



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## Sails & Sightings



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## President's Message

By: **Leila LeVan**

*Your gifts, leadership, purpose—none of it is about you. Instead, a life of significance is about serving others. It's about guiding those who need your talents—those gifts, that leadership, and purpose. – Inspired by Kevin Hall*

We are embarking on a new adventure this month. We have the signing ceremony for the new Compass Club at UNF. We are honored to have Jonda Erwin, Governor, Connie Jones, Lt. Governor, Claire Mikko, Secretary and Missy Ridgway, Treasurer coming for the ceremony. In addition, all six Compass members will be joining us as well. I know you will show them the wonderful hospitality that for which this club is famous!

There is such an amazing treasure chest of talent and experience in our club and the non-profits we serve, that I expect that the members of Compass will be inspired and grow in their leadership skills from our influence!

Speaking of college students, I can't wait to go to the two scholarship houses in Gainesville this month. That was on my President's Bucket List for this year. Sharon will be sending the email with their list of needs and the details of the trip. Please add it to your calendar. If you can't join the caravan (we will be carpooling), you can still donate items for us to take with us.

You will hear that we knocked it out of the park AGAIN with our garage sale. Pilots worked tirelessly for the entire week to merchandise everything to increase its appeal and price! I

made some observations as I was assisting in the heat. First, Pilots are kind and look after one another. Jack helped me load furniture into my daughter's car (that came in real handy that weekend). He saw her jumper cables and immediately explained to me that I needed to get rid of them because they were unsafe. He never hesitated. That impressed me! And, of course, there are a few Pilots like Alma or Sherrill that can find ALL SORTS OF THINGS that I cannot live without. Isn't that thoughtful? Mary is faithful and handles the cash box every sale from beginning to end. Thankfully she does break for lunch and potty breaks. If not, we might be in trouble with wage and labor. Patricia is another faithful one. She is always there to lend a helping hand and is also the super wrapper when we have to pack up the breakables for transport. I must give a shout out to our very own Carnival Barker, Cindy Lou Hartig. Cindy, I promise that I say that with affection and admiration. She draws them in and even better she SELLS them too: furniture, plants, clothes, you name it. She entertained us all on Saturday morning. Thank you, Carolyn Wright for the plants! Your green thumb made us money! Our customers loved your plants.

We just received the email about the Belk's Charity Sale. That is one of my personal favorites! Thank you Judy Marcos and Carolyn Wright for perfectly and quickly executing that every time for us. Those dollars quickly add up.

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I need a special favor from you this month. Since this will be a busy meeting AND since District Convention is this weekend, please look at the Standing Rules Amendment. If you have any objections, let me know. Here is the link: <https://files.constantcontact.com/3531096f001/b25e894f-79cb-4780-a8bb-cf5e1f478143.pdf?rdr=true>.

We also need to vote on District Officers. Here is the link for that as well. <https://files.constantcontact.com/3531096f001/f162c8db-21a1-4265-9acd-6cb17306573a.pdf?rdr=true>

Since the Officers will be attending our meeting, please send me an email if you have any preferences. I believe you will. 😊 I don't want to make any of our visiting officers uncomfortable with a discussion on the floor.

Here is the proposed budget: <https://files.constantcontact.com/3531096f001/5eff8821-913a-4037-89be-031adbe7e5b8.pdf?rdr=true>

And lastly, here are the nominees for the Scholarship House: <https://files.constantcontact.com/3531096f001/d74db22c-8a7e-4092-906c-e6a30b18dab5.pdf?rdr=true>

Pilot is for ALL members! I value your input and seek it. Please do not hesitate to give me your observations and suggestions. Since you graciously trusted me with another year of leadership, I am dedicated to do the very best I can for the club and each of you!

Please look at the calendar. We are busy the next few months loving on our community! I know you will help where you can.

Pilots have sincere and beautiful hearts for service. When it comes to serving your fellow man, you seem to have a never-ending supply of energy and love.

It is a true joy to serve beside you.

In Pilot Love and Friendship,  
Leila



## Pilots' APRIL Birthday



29 – Sharon Nooney

30 – Carolyn Kates

## Calendar of Pilot Events



- April 11<sup>th</sup> Business Dinner Meeting and UNF Compass Charter Ceremony at Ramada at 6 PM
- April 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> District Convention, Altamonte Springs, FL – EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON NORTH
- April 20<sup>th</sup> Graduation K9s for Warriors at 5 PM
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> Field Trip to Scholarship Houses: meet at Ramada Inn at 9:30 AM
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Board Meeting at Sherill Casey-Bakai's home at 6 PM
- May 6<sup>th</sup> St. Augustine Scenic Cruise – arrive at 4 PM
- 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
- June 28<sup>th</sup>-July 1<sup>st</sup> PI Convention, Bellevue, WA(Hyatt Regency Bellevue)



## Pilot Anniversaries



- Congratulations Betty Lou Watson on your 51st Pilot Anniversary!
- Congratulations Joy Coyle on your 23<sup>rd</sup> Pilot Anniversary!
- Congratulations Barbara Lesso on your 2<sup>nd</sup> Pilot Anniversary!

## Pilot Club of Jacksonville 2023 Officers & Board

### Officers

Past President – Carolyn Barrett  
President – Leila LeVan  
President Elect – Georgia Reed  
Secretary – Dianne Werner  
Treasurer – Audrey Griffin

### Board

Cindy Lou Hartig – 2022-2024 Term  
Lucy Markert – 2022-2024 Term  
Barbara Lesso – 2023-2025 Term  
Sherrill Casey-Bakai – 2023-2025 Term

## Congratulations Angela Hicks

Congratulations are offered to Angela Hicks on her retirement from Florida Blue on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>



## Jacksonville Speech & Hearing



President Leila, guest Erika, and Projects Chair Yvonne

At the March Business Meeting the Director of Development for Jacksonville Speech & Hearing, Erika Hooper, joined us for dinner and an information filled after dinner speech. Jacksonville Speech & Hearing mission is to aid children and adults with hearing and speech challenges, regardless of ability to pay.

The Club presented Jacksonville Speech & Hearing a check the \$1129.00 for a Portable Audiometer w/ DD65 Headphones.

## UNF COMPASS CLUB

### REMINDER:

The Charter date is set for Tuesday, April 11, at 6pm, at the regular meeting of Pilot Club of Jacksonville.

Gabriel Springer: Some huge news.... Drum roll .... I applied and received the Pilot International "Helmet Matching Grant" of \$300!! Now we have a second project underway... helmeting the commuting community of UNF bicycle rider students!



## BROOKS Rehabilitation Clubhouse



On Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Yvonne Bulluck, Patricia McCullough, and Dianne Werner delivered “pick-me-up” bags to the caregivers at the clubhouse. We presented them to Kathy Martin who heads up the clubhouse, and she was very, very appreciative.

The bags were tote bags and included an insulated cooler, an insulated cup, a phone buddy, a notepad with pen, hand sanitizer, bottled water, two drink mixes, tea bags, socks, granola bars, nuts, chips and candy.



Kathy Martin and Yvonne Bulluck



Kathy Martin, Yvonne Bulluck & Patricia McCullough



Dianne Werner & Patricia McCullough

## Litter Retrieval - April 2023

What would be better than a walk on a beautiful spring day in a neighborhood with beautiful homes? Well, do all just mentioned with friends and picking up litter. Yes, on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Club held its quarterly Litter Retrieval along St. Johns Avenue. After cleaning a relative clean St. Johns Avenue, we adjourned to the Goal Post for breakfast and fellowship. Pilots who participated: Bill Baki, Sherrill Casey-Bakai, Carolyn Barrett, Cindy Lou Hartig, Angela Hicks, Joyce Jamro, Cathy Mansor (soon to be Pilot), Patricia McCullough, Sharon Nooney, Georgia Reed, Javonna Singleton, and Patty Wise.



Pilots lining up for our orange vests, gloves, and garbage bags.  
Ready to clean the mean streets of Avondale!



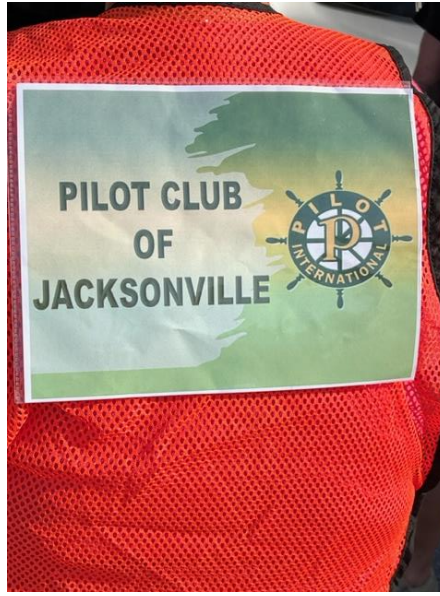
Bill and Patricia



Javonna, Sherrill, and Angela



Patricia, Joyce, and Georgia



Our reward for the litter pickup – breakfast and fellowship

## Annual Holiday Nut Sale Results (Part II)

Pecan Park Flea and Farmer's Market is a key component of our Annual Holiday Nut Sale, and central to its success are all the Pilot volunteers who 'man' the table every weekend during nut season. In addition to providing a lucrative site to sell nuts, the park can also be a fun and entertaining venue with quite the variable weather conditions. You can never predict the weather, or know what you may see or experience on any given weekend – it's just pure FUN! Kudos, and a special 'thank you' to all of our volunteers this year.

<u>Names</u>	<u>Volunteer Days</u>	<u>Shifts Worked</u>
Sharon Nooney	5	5
Yvonne Bulluck	4	4
Cindy Hartig	4	8
Leila LeVan	3	3
Diana Payne	3	3
Bill Bakai	2	2
Joy Coyle	2	2
Susan Faircloth	2	2
Linda Kinnealy	2	2
Joyce Jamro	2	2
Patricia McCullough	2	2
Cindy Ragland	2	2
Alma Shirley	2	2
Dianne Werner	2	2
Sherrill Bakai	1	1
Carolyn Barrett	1	1
Rae Bennett	1	2
Audrey Griffin	1	1
Angela Hicks	1	2
Lucy Markert	1	1
Therese Taylor	1	1
Inez Thompson	1	1
Jonette Welch	1	1

# Pecan Park Flea & Farmers' Market





Georgia & Jonette



Lucy, Georgia & Dianne



Joy, Joyce & Georgia



Cindy, Cindy Lou & Georgia



Georgia, Therese & a family from California

## PSHF – road trip to visit houses in Gainesville

When: Saturday April 22, 2023

Where to Meet: Ramada Inn - Hartley Road

Meeting Time: 9:30AM

If you are not going to go to Gainesville and want to donate much needed Kitchen Gadgets for each house, bring to the meeting on Tuesday April 11, 2023.

**Mary Ellen Thomas House(ALL FEMALE)** - Kitchen Gadgets needed (not limited to this list) Whisks, spatulas, spoon rests, cheese graders, Tupperware or Storage Containers, Manual chopper, Manual Can Openers, and other Types of Kitchen utensils.

Also T-Paper and Paper Towels and Feminine Products: Always Brand - Pads and Tampons all different sizes.

**Jack & Rosalind Williams House(ALL MALE)** - Kitchen Gadgets needed (not limited to this list) Kitchen Gadgets, Tupperware, Storage Containers, Manual Chopper, Manual Can Openers, Dishrags, Cheese Graters.



## St. Augustine Cruise on Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>

<https://scenic-cruise.com/> - St. Augustine Scenic Cruise - The VICTORY III departs daily from the Municipal Marina, 111 Avenida Menendez, just south of the Bridge of Lions in downtown St. Augustine, Florida

Meeting time: arrive by 4:00PM – Cruise leaves at 4:30PM

Lucy Markert is excited to announce our upcoming social - a St Augustine Cruise on Saturday, May 6 at 4:30pm! *Guests - spouses, friends, neighbors, brothers/sisters... and prospective members - are welcome!! :-)*

Here are the details: \$24.00 – Adult / \$21.00 - Senior

*Please confirm your reservation (number) no later than Monday, May 1st.* Members will be billed from the Club for this outing, including the cost of your guest(s).

It is a 75-minute cruise on a boat that holds 100 people. The top deck of the boat is open patio and the lower is fully covered. Bottled Water- \$4 Soft Drinks, \$5 - Beer and Wine, \$6 and Small Snacks are available for sale.

## BELK Charity Sale

BELK will be holding their Charity Sale **May 5 - May 7**. The tickets are **\$5** each and Pilot keeps **100%** of ticket proceeds.

Ticket holders will receive **\$5.00 off** their first purchase and a **25% stackable coupon**. This is a great opportunity to shop for Mother's Day and Father's Day, as well as treat yourself!

As we have done previously, we will be giving out 3 tickets per member-\$15.00. We will have additional tickets if you would like to purchase more Tuesday evening.

Please bring either cash or check for your tickets to the Pilot meeting this coming Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Questions (and monies) to Judy Marcos or Carolyn Wright.

## \$ Garage Sale – outstanding success \$

This 3-day fundraising event was held in the yard of fellow Pilots Sherrill & Bill Bakai. 4 pre-sale work days started on Monday, 3/20, with unboxing, cleaning, sorting and setup before the official start date of Friday.

Thank you to all the Pilots who worked different aspects of this sale. Really enjoyed having the newer members participating! Fundraising total will be announced at the business meeting.



Sherrill is 'in charge'



Bill always 'on site'



Cindy Lou is making a sale



Patty working the yard



Mary is in control of the money



Carolyn is also working the yard



Angela keeping the jewelry safe



Joyce and Leila checking out 'Alma's Boutique'



Joy keeping the linen area tidy



Javonna & Jack working the sale



Patricia enjoying the cash sales



Georgia keeping the volunteers nourished



Cindy Lou enjoying the nourishment



Patty & Joy



Staying 'cool' on Sunday under the tent - Sherrill, Leila, Georgia, Mary, Joyce and Diana



Leila trying to 'sell' an idea to Therese



Rae looking to change up her workouts



## 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**

**#SpreadingPilotSunshine**  
**2022-2023**

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- 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**

Pilot International is a community-based volunteer service organization founded in 1921 in Macon, GA, on the guiding principles of "Friendship and Service." From its very beginnings, Pilot International and its clubs have been dedicated to spreading the spirit of volunteerism throughout the world.

<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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