

# Pilot Club of Jacksonville



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## Sails & Sightings



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## President's Message

By: **Leila LeVan**

*"The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you lived and lived well." – Ralph Waldo Emerson*

To my Pilot Valentines,

This quote by Emerson could be the quote for Pilots worldwide. This is who we are and what we do for our community and beyond. Humbling; isn't it. Isn't it grand that as we live our life with such purpose and integrity, that we get to experience the joy of service and the fun of working together for a common goal. We celebrate love this month and our love language is service!

We have already spread the love this month by serving home-cooked meals to the warriors at K9s for Warriors. What an honor to, in a small way, serve those who have given everything for us. They are actually giving us a gift of love by allowing us to cook for them.

**Since Pilots are full of love and generosity, remember that our February meeting is our UCOM food drive!** Please fill your car trunks and SUV's with non-perishables. There is still a food crisis in our community, and we can help as only Pilots do! How many pounds of food can we donate this year?

This is exciting times for our club! Gabriel did it! He has the all the members signed up that are needed for the Compass Club of University of North Florida for them to be chartered!

We will have the Charter signing ceremony at our April dinner meeting. His parents, hopefully all the new members and Pilot dignitaries will be present for the celebration. Please remember you do NOT have to be a student at The University of North Florida to be a member. You do need to be a few years younger than most of us: 18 to 26. Therese is helping Gabriel to find former Anchors that he can encourage to join. I am hoping our younger members may know some younger friends of theirs to encourage to join.

You now know that our own Sharon Nooney will be running for Lt Governor for the District of Florida. We are getting great exposure this year in District. Betty Lou was honored and surprised at Fall Council, we knocked it out of the park with our hospitality at Fall Council, Georgia as the Projects Director for District proved to all of Florida that she knows how to pull together a star studded project (with some help from her friends) that displayed the generosity of Pilots and honored the sacrifice the women of our military make for our freedom, and now Gabriel is going to put us on the Compass Map at PI. I know that these accolades are the result of dedication and hard work. You are all the BOMB!!!!

You know what makes a lot of this possible, don't you? It's the Fundraising Division keeping us agile and making money! Their efforts through consignment sales, marketplace, garage sales and pecan sales

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create the funds (and exposure in our community) to spread the love of Pilot. I know that Sherrill and Bill are counting down the days with anticipation and joy until the garage sale March 24<sup>th</sup>. Ok, so maybe the “joy” is a slight exaggeration. We have so many great projects that we want to grow and expand next year that we need this garage sale to be our biggest and best ever! For that to happen, we need three things from our members and friends of Pilot: 1) donations (save your kids from cleaning out that closet of treasures) 2) your time and talent: It takes a lot of work to make this successful 3) you and your friends purchases: we laugh that Pilots are our best customers. Since you LOVE our stuff (and yes, we do have a world famous garage sale twice a year that our customers anticipate for months), pass the word. **This year let’s hang up flyers the week before the sale everywhere we are allowed.** For those of you new to the process, not a single donation is wasted. If it is not purchased at the garage sale, we may offer it as a consignment item in an antique store or an estate sale (thank you Inez and Brandi) OR we happily donate what we do not sell to our dear friends at Angel Aid. Pilots NEVER stop giving.

This meeting will be a joyous occasion. We have a record number of guests. We have an awards ceremony for our Pilots who contributed to our Projects budget by selling nuts by the hundreds in the winter of 2022. We will be choosing our nominating committee which is chaired by Past President Carolyn Barrett.

May I close this Valentine’s letter with my wish for all my Pilot friends again from Emerson, “ *This is my wish for you: Comfort on difficult days, smiles when sadness intrudes, rainbows to follow the clouds, laughter to kiss your lips, sunsets to warm your heart, hugs when spirits sag, beauty for your eyes to see, friendships to brighten your being, faith so that you can believe, confidence for when you doubt, courage to know yourself, patience to accept the truth, Love to complete your life.*”

In Pilot Love and Friendship,  
Leila



## Pilots’ FEBRUARY Birthday



1 – Anne Hawk  
15 – Carolyn Barrett

2 – Audrey Griffin  
18 – Lucy Markert

14 – Betty Lou Watson  
20 – Yvonne Bulluck

## Calendar of Pilot Events



- February 14<sup>th</sup>     ♥ UCOM Food Drive ♥
- March 7<sup>th</sup>     Executive Board Meeting at Leila LeVan’s home at 6 PM
- 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**
- 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>     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



## Pilot Anniversaries



- Congratulations Carolyn Wright on your 22<sup>nd</sup> Pilot Anniversary!
- Congratulations Mary Stahler on your 19<sup>th</sup> Pilot Anniversary!
- Congratulations Cindy Lou Hartig on your 2<sup>nd</sup> Pilot Anniversary!

## Guest Speaker



Pastor Bob Sok with City Rescue Mission was our guest speaker at the January business meeting



## Initiation January 2023

Pilots initiated Patty Wise. Welcome to the club!



Membership Coordinator Lucy Markert, Patty, Cindy Lou Hartig(sponsor), President Leila LeVan

## Morning Star School



Leila LeVan stopped by Morning Star School to present a check from our club to Abbie Johnson, Development Director

## Pilot Returns to City Rescue Mission

At long last, Pilot Club of Jacksonville was able to go back to City Rescue Mission to assist with preparing and serving lunch. On Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, Carolyn Barrett, Joy Coyle, Susan Faircloth, Sharon Nooney, Inez Thompson, Dianne Werner, and Dianne's guest Karen Myers were cheerfully greeted by Head Chef Felter. He gave us a quick tour of the kitchen, and then we divided up to help prepare a meal of BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, German Potato Salad, Rolls, a Salad Bar, and a yummy assortment of Desserts. Lunch was then served to around 50 residents and staff.

We then met at European Street Café in San Marco for our own hearty lunch and a fun fellowship time. We all agreed it was a joy to be back serving at City Rescue Mission and look forward to our next time in May.

Thank you Sharon, for the pictures!



Pilot Joy, Friend Karen, Pilots Inez, Dianne, Carolyn, Susan, and Sharon







Pilot Dianne with friend Karen cutting celery for the salad bar



Pilots Joy, Dianne, Joy, and Susan cutting carrots for the salad bar



Pilots Joy and Carolyn getting supplies



Pilot Susan cleaning the sink

## Pilot Litter Retrieval

On Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, Pilots met at the Goal Post parking lot for our quarterly Litter Retrieval of St. Johns Avenue in Avondale. We had a beautiful day to be outdoors and the camaraderie of fellow Pilots to accomplish this hands-on project.



Pilots: Bill Bakai, Sherrill Casey-Bakai, Carolyn Barrett, Yvonne Bulluck, Cindy Lou Hartig, Barbara Lasso, Leila LeVan, Sharon Nooney (not in picture), Jack Paulk (not in picture), Georgia Reed, Javonna Singleton, Patty Wise, and Dianne Werner



Bill and Barbara



Cindy Lou, Yvonne, Dianne, Sharon, & Patty





Carolyn and Dianne



Georgia and Patty



Sherrill is delighted with the number of Pilots who participated, especially with the number of new Pilots



Javonna, Leila, and Sherrill







After the Litter Retrieval, we celebrated with breakfast at the Goal Post Luncheonette.

## Pilot Member Highlight: Joy Coyle

1. **What would you like Pilots to know about you?** *I joined Pilot Club of Jacksonville because I really like its mission statement and the good, friendly members. I enjoy playing pop, rock, folk, hymnal music on the piano and keyboard; reading mystery, dramatic life and love novels; exercising. I like to sing too. I sing in St Paul's Catholic Church choir.*
2. **If resources (time and money) were unlimited, what dream would you fulfill?** *One dream I can think of is to travel these United States and the world.*
3. **Tell us a fun fact we do not know about you.** *I enjoy Silver Sneakers online exercise and stretch classes at home.*
4. **Name a few items on your bucket list?** *Horseback Riding*
5. **Tell us about your family.** *I am one of four children of my parents, William John Coyle & Jean L Coyle. My dad served a total amount of 22 years in the Navy. My parents were from Riverside, N.J. They have passed on. My brother, William Coyle, was the eldest of their children. I have a year older sister, Jeannie Westbrook, who lives in Riverview, FL. Jeannie and I were born in Green Cove Springs FL. I also have a younger sister, Colleen Barnes, who lives in Panama City Beach, FL. Colleen was born in Riverside N.J. I have lived in Jacksonville FL since my family moved here in 1967.*
6. **Where were you born?** *Green Cove Springs, Florida*
7. **Where did you go to high school and/or college?** *Terry Parker and then Bishop Kenny (after 9<sup>th</sup> grade)*
8. **What was your favorite book as a child? As an adult?** *The only children's books I remember are a few from The Bobbsey Twins series. As an adult, I enjoyed Sue Grafton's "Kinsey Millhone" novels.*
9. **Tell us about your family (spouse, (grand)children).** *My step-children (Stephen Walker's children): Michael "Luke" McMillan, Lawrence McMillan, Stephen C Walker, Greg Walker, Natalie Walker Lonsway.*
10. **What was your favorite vacation?** *One of my favorite vacations was going to Big Sky country, Glacier National Park, Montana and Lake Tahoe.*

## 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



## 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**

- 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**

**BELLEVUE**  
WASHINGTON

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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



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