

# Pilot Club of Jacksonville



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## Sails & Sightings



## President's Message

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By: **Leila LeVan**

Happy New Year, Pilots!

*"Nothing in nature lives for itself. The rivers do not drink their own water; the trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself, and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature". Author Unknown*

This is probably one of the reasons Pilots receive so much joy and satisfaction in our work. Our divisions will be reporting this month on how well they are meeting their objectives. Having the benefit of insider knowledge, I know you will be proud to learn how far we have come this year under their leadership. Great leaders assume responsibility, make no excuses, and inspire others to succeed. That will be on full display at our meeting!

Gabriel is working diligently to put together the first Compass Club in NE Florida. His club will have a standing invitation to help with our projects and fundraisers. I know a few able-bodied young men and women would be a welcome addition to our spring Garage Sale! Since many in the group will be Neurology Majors, I hope that our projects with groups like BASCA will help and inspire them academically. This could prove to be very rewarding to them and offer them hands on opportunities to serve those whom they hope to help in their careers.

We have ended 2022 strong! We have had two VERY successful garage sales as well as two rewarding Marketplaces. Sherrill and Bill, I just don't know what we would do without you! We so appreciate everyone that helps behind the scenes as well as during shopping hours at both these events. 2022 cannot go by without a special thanks to Todd and Vanessa for allowing us to help with the Estate Sale. We all know that Yvonne put many hours of sweat equity into that sale. Thank you, Sharon, for bringing us the Evergreen fundraiser and doing all the organizing, ordering, and distribution. I love mine! Inez, Sherrill, and Brandie Ricketts help us each and every month with extra dollars from consignment sales. It was so much fun to have Brandie join us for Christmas Cheer. She normally sneaks into the garage sale to help with pricing and presentation. Carolyn and Judy are always forced to put together the Belk Charity Sale for us last minute. We appreciate you ladies jumping through hoops to make that happen. Thank you everyone, especially Georgia, for the many hours you worked at the Flea Market. Those hours contribute significantly to our ability to serve our community. Our gifts to Angel Aid made this Christmas special to many children who will be celebrating their next Christmas in heaven. Alma, you always put your heart and soul into this event. We are honored to walk along side of you.

I just know I am missing something....

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2023 is starting off with a full schedule of activities. We finally get to cook for people who are unrelated to dogs! We will be at **City Rescue Mission cooking this month on the 18th**. If you have never done this activity, I strongly encourage you to join in the fun! Before COVID shut us out, I would take off work to participate. It was well worth it! **Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> we will have our Litter Retrieval**. Personally, I am excited to be able to participate again after my last few years of “physical instability”. It is a fun way to build camaraderie AND serve our community.

Please bring your personal calendar to this meeting. You want to be prepared to sign up for activities that are being added to the Pilot Calendar. Pilots’ energy is only exceeded by our generosity and desire to serve.

*And just for fun...this is the month you are to come to the meeting sporting one of your great purchases from the Garage Sale or Marketplace!*

May this year bring us all the BEST of health and abundant prosperity!

In Pilot Love and Friendship,  
Leila

## 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



## Pilots' JANUARY Birthday



None this month

## Calendar of Pilot Events



- January 18<sup>th</sup> City Rescue Mission – Cook and serve meal 9AM
- January 28<sup>th</sup> Litter Retrieval – 9AM – Goal Post Sandwich Shop(3984 Herschel St)
- February 7<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting at Georgia Reed’s home at 6 PM
- February 9<sup>th</sup> Cooking for K9s for Warriors
- February 14<sup>th</sup> ♥ UCOM Food Drive ♥
- February 14<sup>th</sup> Business Dinner Meeting at Ramada Inn at 6 PM
- March 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Florida District Anchor Convention –Kissimmee
- April 7<sup>th</sup> Cooking for K9s for Warriors



## Pilot Anniversaries



- Congratulations Alma Shirley on your 5<sup>th</sup> Pilot Anniversary!

## Guest Speaker



Cassandra Aristide with K9s for Warriors was our guest speaker  
Joining her is Leila LeVan and Yvonne Bulluck presenting a check

K9s for Warriors serves our veterans as honorably as they served their country. Our lifelong program is provided to Warriors at no cost and is designed to deliver maximum benefit with minimum administrative costs.



## Florida District Governor visit

Jonda Erwin, FL District Governor (member of the Pilot Club of Titusville), visited with members and spoke to the group thanking us for co-hosting the Fall Council and praised Georgia Reed for her work coordinating the District Project for the Northeast Florida Women Veterans. She also encouraged members to attend conventions and to consider filling a board position with District or with the Pilot Scholarship House Foundation.



Dianne Werner, Audrey Griffin, Georgia Reed, Jonda Erwin, & Leila LeVan at the head table

## Jacksonville Club PI Ambassador

President Leila LeVan presents the PI Ambassador Certificate to Betty Lou Watson. She is our 2022-2023 Club Pilot International Ambassador





## Annual Holiday Nut Sale



Another successful year of selling Holiday Nuts at the Pecan Park Flea Market!



Lucy Markert, Georgia Reed & Dianne Werner



Georgia Reed and Jonette Welch



## BASCA, Inc



Leila LeVan stopped by BASCA to present a check from our club to the CEO – Patrick Kennedy

## K9s For Warriors

On Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, Susan Faircloth and Yvonne Bulluck delivered Christmas stockings for the December graduates. There was a stocking for each of the thirteen warriors and one for each of the thirteen dogs. Thanks to all that helped fill these with all kinds of goodies!



Susan, Cassandra Aristide & Yvonne

## Upcoming Volunteer Opportunity

**CITY RESCUE MISSION**

Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> @ 9AM

426 McDuff Avenue South

We will finally be returning to City Rescue Mission to help prepare and serve a meal. A sign-up sheet was passed around at our last meeting. For anyone that has never done this before, please wear 'closed toe shoes' – no flip-flops or sandals.



## PILOT CHRISTMAS PARTY



Our Christmas party was a huge success and was enjoyed by over 30 Pilots, Co-Pilots, and guests. We “mixed and mingled” around a fire pit, because it actually felt a lot like winter. It even SNOWED!!!!

The food was great – first the appetizers; then Edi had fixed a delicious meal; then we had a few desserts and a few more and a few more and a few more...

We had some contests and games. The highlight of those was watching and hearing Cindy Lou Hartig and Lucy Markert team up to wrap a present, each using only one hand. In case you were not aware, Cindy Lou is extremely competitive!

We finished the evening with our “Stocking Exchange.” The gifts were awesome, but the stockings themselves were adorable.

Thanks go out to Cindy Lou and Bill Hartig for letting us gather at their Winter Wonderland and for their very gracious hospitality.



Patty, Cindy, Yvonne, Audrey, Sharon,  
Cindy Lou & Susan



Leila & Audrey – welcome to the party!



Angela, Patty, Sherrill & Joy



Mary, Audrey, Yvonne, Leila & Dianne



Jonette, Dianne, Yvonne, Cindy Lou, Leila & Cindy



Yvonne, Inez & Diane Siprelle



Yvonne, Lucy & Mary







Joy, Yvonne, Steve, Susan & Edi



Edi(the chef), Bill, Diana & Ty



Alma



Susan



Sharon & Angela



Inez & Diane



Diana, Todd & Vanessa



Ed & Joyce



#1 – Cindy Lou & Lucy  
#2 - Leila & Audrey





Bring on  
the  
NEW YEAR!

## 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

## Fundraising Opportunity for PC of JAX

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## 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



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>

## Florida District Convention

Embassy Suites by Hilton

Altamonte Springs

April 14th – 16th, 2023



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