

Pilot Club of Jacksonville

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Sails & Sightings

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President's Message

By: **Leila LeVan**

“Ten years from now it won't really matter what shoes you wore today, how your hair looked, or what brand of clothes you wore. What will matter is how you lived, how you loved, and what you learned along the way.” Marc Chernoff

Hello Pilots and Friends!

I cannot believe this is my last President's letter. It has been an amazing two years serving our club and helping our club serve our community. It has truly been an honor walking alongside of you as we feed UCOM with our donations to those struggling to survive or cooking and supplying food at City Rescue Mission. While we serve by sorting clothes at charities like PACE Center for Girls or AngelAid, we entertain each other with humor and loving jabs. We get our fresh air and exercise picking up litter, beautifying Hospice Gardens, or helping BASCA with their yearly 5K walk, run, roll community event. Our chefs delight our warriors and their dogs with dinner and treats and every Christmas we spoil terminally ill children with presents organized by AngelAid. When we are not serving, we are fundraising to support our local charities with the funds they need to serve their clients in need. We love having them visit our business meetings to tell us how much our donations mean to them. Pilots exist to make a difference!

I would like to personally express my gratitude for all the love, guidance, and support each and every one of you have shown me throughout my term. It takes a village to raise a Pilot President. You have been an amazing village!

There is something very symbolic about breaking bread together. Pilots LOVE to break bread together. EVERY Pilot project is celebrated with food. And EVERY Pilot party like the one we just had for The Derby and Cinco de Mayo involves delicious food homemade by our Pilots! Thank you Lucy and the Membership Division for a super party. And it goes without saying that we appreciate our decorations made by Yvonne. It does not take long to realize there are MANY wonderful, fulfilling reasons to be a Pilot!

June 15th, we install our new officers. What a joyous occasion to join our fellow Pilots in welcoming our new officers and appointees. This one has a special twist. We will also be installing this year's new Compass President. We recently did an interview with our Anchor President Emily Rrukaj and our outgoing Compass President Gabriel Springer that we shared with PI to inform high school and college students why they should join the Pilot youth and young adult program! These young leaders make us proud!

Reflecting on the past two years, it's evident that the journey has been nothing short of extraordinary. Dedication to service and community has always been the cornerstone of the Pilot Club of Jacksonville, fostering a spirit of camaraderie and generosity. As the club approaches its 90th anniversary, it stands as a beacon of hope and service, ready to embark on another decade of impactful work. The legacy of the past presidents, including the heartfelt contributions made during my term, will undoubtedly inspire future leaders to continue this noble path. Here's to celebrating the past,

embracing the present, and eagerly anticipating the future contributions and celebrations that await. The Pilot Club of Jacksonville's story is one of unwavering service, boundless enthusiasm, and a shared love for the community it serves.

I cannot close this letter without a shout-out to Robin Parsons of Parsons Marketing. She is the brains and the talent behind our website and marketing collateral. She had patience and an endless supply of creative ideas. What a gift! Please check it out at www.pilotclubjax.org.

Another individual that has walked beside us the last two years and contributed to our success is our outgoing Governor, Jonda Erwin. She walked beside me every step of the way to get Florida's Compass Club chartered and serving. We look

forward to the continued success of the University of North Florida Compass Club. We look forward as well to our incoming Governor, Missy Ridgway! She has been a longtime friend of our club and a longtime devoted leader at District. I wish you an amazing 2024-2025 year of service and friendship. Georgia has the passion and experience to make this next year our best one ever! Personally, I am looking forward to my year as Lt Governor of our district as well as the Compass Coordinator. I will be using all the skills you have taught me during my time in our award-winning club!

In Pilot Friendship,

Leila



Pilots' JUNE Birthday



2 – Patricia McCullough 6 - Alma Shirley 6 – Jonette Welch 23 – Tonja Merritt
25 – Joyce Jamro 30 – Susan Faircloth



Pilot Anniversaries



- Congratulations Susan Faircloth on your 26th Pilot Anniversary!
- Congratulations Therese Taylor on your 22nd Pilot Anniversary!

Calendar of Pilot Events



- June 11 Business Dinner Meeting at Ramada – 6PM
- June 15 Installation of Officers – Crown Plaza Jacksonville Airport
- 14670 Duval Rd 11AM-1PM
- June 22 Memorial Garden – Community Hospice – 4266 Sunbeam Rd 8AM-11AM
- July 9 Business Dinner Meeting at Ramada – 6PM
- July 17-20 Pilot International Convention – Denver, Colorado



Congratulations Carolyn Barrett

Congratulations to Carolyn Barrett on her 25th Pilot Anniversary (May) recognition at the April FL District convention Orlando Marriott Lake Mary, FL



GIFT OF LIFE

Our club has three of these books that should be circulating among our members. If you have one, please read it and give it to another Pilot. This book explains where our upcoming Florida District Project started. It will make you laugh, and it will make you cry! A book by Henri Landwirth



Isabelle Jones – Port of Jacksonville

The Pilot Club of the Port of Jacksonville lost Isabelle Jones on May 26 to cancer. We are all deeply saddened by this loss. Condolences can be sent to husband Art and son Don Jones at 13886 Marquis Villas Court, Jax. 32246. Isabelle's service will be on Saturday August 10th at the Palms Presbyterian Church, 3410 South 3rd St., Jacksonville Beach, FL at 11:00 a.m. There will a reception to follow.



Gabriel Springer & Compass @ UNF

The Pilot Club of Jacksonville recently celebrated a significant milestone at their May business meeting.

District Governor Jonda Erwin and Jacksonville President Leila LeVan had the distinct pleasure of presenting Gabriel Springer, affectionately known as Gabe among the Pilots, with his letter and certificate from Holly Baker, President of Pilot International. This prestigious document officially invites him to serve as the United Nations Designated Representative for Pilot International. Gabe's achievements are noteworthy; he has not only graduated from the Honors Program at the University of North Florida but has also been accepted into the esteemed Royal Veterinary College in London. His initiative and leadership were instrumental in establishing the first Compass Club in Northeast Florida at UNF in 2023. The Pilot Club of Jacksonville looks forward to further supporting the Compass initiative by installing the new Compass President, Alexis Sant, at the upcoming installation service in June, continuing their tradition of fostering leadership and community service.



Leila, Gabriel, Jonda



Lisa Springer

Gabriel

Alexis Sant



Pilot May Social

What a great social event we had to kick off the month of May – a Kentucky Derby-Cinco de Mayo party on Saturday, May 4th!! Twenty-four people were in attendance, seven of whom were guests! Women and men alike came dressed to eat, drink and be very merry!

There was a “Best Hat” competition, games (including Left-Right-Center and Bingo!), a viewing of the Kentucky Derby and lots of laughter!! Lot of goodies were available – from homemade guacamole to pigs-in-a-blanket to delicious desserts and even sangria!

Sue Harrell won “Best Hat” with Leila LeVan and Maria Pollock as Runner Ups! Much thanks to Yvonne Bulluck for her beautiful center pieces and to our Set-up Team and Game Leaders (including Carolyn Barrett, Audrey Griffin, Joy Coyle, Dianne Werner) and to Pam Vanscoy for her help throughout the evening!

Our Pilot social motto was on full display – gotta work hard to play hard!! 😊



Dianne, Alma, Javonna, Lucy



Sue

Maria

Leila



Sue & Audrey



Leila & Betty Lou





Lucy

Javonna

Sue

Sherrill



Leila & Audrey



Sue & Alma



Don & Maria



City Rescue Mission

At 9am on Wednesday, May 8th, Bill Bakai, Sherrill Casey-Bakai, Yvonne Bulluck, Susan Faircloth, Inez Thompson, and Pam Vanscoy were greeted by Chef Darryl at the McDuff Campus of City Rescue Mission. After putting on our aprons and gloves, we began preparation of our lunch menu: Fried Pork Chops, Brown Rice, Brown Gravy, Roasted Veggies, Fruit Salad, and an assortment of Desserts. Sherrill and Pam chopped a wide variety of fruit for a very colorful salad. When that was done, they assembled the dessert trays. Susan and Yvonne took on the task of cleaning and chopping numerous vegetables that were later seasoned and roasted. Bill and Inez took on the task of breading and frying the pork chops. Chef Darryl took care of parboiling the brown rice. It was a group effort to get it done on time! Lunch was served at 11:45am to around 60 residents, staff, and thrift store workers.

We then went to European Street Café in San Marco for lunch. It felt good to be off our feet for a fun fellowship time. Thank you Pam for being a first-time volunteer!



Inez



Bill



Susan & Yvonne



Pam & Sherrill



Memory Gardens at Community Hospice

Saturday, May 25, Cindy Lou Hartig, Inez Thompson, Diane Siprelle, and Therese Taylor met at the Memory Garden, located on the campus of Community Hospice on Sunbeam Road, to continue to cleanup this area. (<https://www.communityhospice.com/>)



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Isabella Cratem - update



Isabella was PC Jax Anchor Scholarship recipient 2021

I have just finished my third year at the University of Florida and I love it there! The years have flown by so quickly - I can hardly believe I am almost done! I have met the best friends and have really enjoyed my time there. I have chosen to study Electrical Engineering and it has definitely been a challenge! I have spent the last 2 summers working for JEA at one of their power plants. I have enjoyed my time there and have learned so much! As of right now, I still don't know exactly what I want to do when I graduate but I'm taking it one day at a time :) I am still trying to learn Spanish, although I was never able to take more than 1 class in college, due to scheduling issues with my other classes. However, I am currently in Madrid for a study abroad that will last about 2 months, where I will be taking Spanish and working with a professor on an electrical engineering project.

I got inducted into the Electrical Engineering Honor Society, internship with JEA last summer, and this past year I served as Treasurer on the Eboard of WECE- Women in Electrical and Computer Engineering - alongside some of the most incredible women! I was very involved with the club and had a lot of fun learning about what it takes to run a club. I was elected Vice President for this upcoming year and can't wait!

I hope you and all the Pilot Club members are doing well, and I hope you pass along my well wishes to all!




Pilot International Convention



Pilot Websites

- Pilot Club of Jacksonville – pilotclubjax.org
- Pilot International – pilotinternational.org
- Florida District Pilot International - pilotflorida.org
- Anchor Club International - anchorclubintl.org
- Compass Club International - compassclubintl.org
- Pilot Scholarship House Foundation - pshffl.org

Can also be found on Facebook 

Pictures for our club’s FACEBOOK page can be sent to Lucy Markert (lmarkert@bellsouth.net)

Please Bring to the Pilot Business Meeting

- Cancelled stamps for Tubfrim (Carolyn Barrett)
- Can tabs for Ronald McDonald House (Georgia Reed)

Accepting Payments thru Zelle

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 To serve by furthering Pilot International's humanitarian efforts through charitable, educational, and research programs in communities throughout the world.
 Get to know us and assist us in serving the Jacksonville community



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