

Pilot Club of Jacksonville



Website: <http://www.pilotclubjax.org>



Sails & Sightings

Newsletter Date August 13, 2024

Volume 2024, Issue 08

President's Message

By: **Georgia Reed**

Pilots, I can't believe you did that! What do you mean, did what? Well, if you don't know I'm certainly not going to tell you! In fact, you are A _____! Yes, I did just call you a seven-letter word that starts with a CAPITAL A – so there! That's just too bad if you don't know what it means, you can go figure it out for yourself. In fact, school starts next week so everyone is getting a homework assignment – figure out the seven-letter word that starts with A, write it down and bring it to the meeting next week for a little pop quiz. We've got a lot of smarty pants in this club so we'll see who gets an A+ on this one!

Phew, glad to get that off my chest! Now we can move on to some other important things.

July was one of the busiest Pilot months that I can recall with our 90th Birthday Party taking the spotlight. What a party! And the icing on the cake in celebrating this milestone event was to donate \$25,000 to one of our community nonprofit partners. Damara Farwell, Chief Development Officer with Angelwood, joined us for this special occasion and was presented with a huge, oversized check for \$25,000. Those funds will be applied to the purchase of a wheelchair accessible van which will be used to transport clients who participate in their Career Development & Education Center. The Angelwood Thrift Store provides a very structured and support environment for participants to learn the functional and social skills of a workplace, with the goal of then moving on to more integrated community employment. The Thrift Store will also be home to our big, oversized check where it will be

showcased in appreciation of our considerable gift.

The birthday party continued with the memorabilia table leading a pathway to stroll down memory lane while flipping through yearbooks, one dating back to 1978 – oh my, what about those hair and fashion styles back then! Hanging on the wall was an artful numeric collage of photos representing our 90 years. Members shared their fondest memories of Pilot and making lifelong friendships along the way. And who would've 'thunk' that their mug shot would end up on a jar lid – well that's what happens when the creative and talented Yvonne Bulluck is in charge of a party! A special thank you to Yvonne and her committee, Diana Payne, Susan Faircloth, Lucy Markert, Maria Pollock, Barbara and Michael Lesso, Bill and Sherrill Bakai and all of our members for decorating and dishing up those great sides to make our 90th Anniversary Party the best ever!

Consider this – the Pilot Club of Jacksonville will contribute almost \$45,000 this year to further our mission to support our nonprofit partners who provide vital services to individuals in need. There is no greater joy than to see and feel the positive change and influence that our continued contributions make in the many communities where we live and serve!

Mingle anyone! What a great idea and nice prelude to dinner and our business meeting next Tuesday. I can't think of a better way to welcome and get to know our newer members, and it's a great opportunity to ask all those questions you have about Pilot.

See you Tuesday – Let's Mingle!



Pilots' AUGUST Birthday



5 – Bill Bakai 19 – Nancy Eastman 31 – Fran Butler



Pilot Anniversaries



- Congratulations Pam Vanscoy on your 1st Pilot Anniversary!

Calendar of Pilot Events



- August 13 Business Dinner Meeting at Ramada – 6PM
- August 24 Memorial Garden – Community Hospice – 4266 Sunbeam Rd 8AM-11AM
- September 7 Cummer Museum - 829 Riverside Ave – 11AM
- September 10 Business Dinner Meeting at Ramada – 6PM
- September 21 BASCA 5K event – 352 Stowe Ave, Orange Park 7AM-Noon
- September 24 Cook for K9s for Warriors
- September 26 Graduation K9s for Warriors at 5 PM -114 Camp K9 Rd, PVB
- October 5 Litter Retrieval – Goal Post Sandwich 3984 Herschel St – 9AM
- October 5,7-10 Garage Sale Set-up days with various hours during the week
- October 11-13 Garage Sale – 3285 Marbon Road(Leila's yard)JAX – various shifts
- October 18-20 FL District Fall Council Wyndham Resort - Kissimmee, FL

Initiation JULY 2024

Pilots initiated at our July business meeting.

We want to welcome to the club Nancy Eastman and Shari Ruhlman!



Lucy(membership), Dianne(Sponsor), Nancy, Shari, Barbara(Sponsor), Georgia(President)

Angelwood - Grant recipient of \$25,000

Damara Farwell, Chief Development Officer at Angelwood, joined the Pilot Club of Jacksonville at their 90th Birthday party so that President Georgia Reed could present a check for \$25,000 as a grant towards their purchase of a wheelchair accessible Toyota Sienna Hybrid rear entry Commercial Van. It will be used to transport those they serve both to and from Angelwood Career Development & Education Center as well as provide transportation for their supported employment participants to travel from that center to their Angelwood Thrift Store, which serves as a real-world training space for the employment program. This grant will be combined with funds from the Edna Sproull Williams and the Cavan Family Foundation.



Pilots in attendance at the 90th Birthday party celebration!

PI Scholarships for Compass

Alexis Sant was recently awarded the Pilot International LAIN Compass Scholarship. It was established in 2021 to provide financial assistance to Compass Club members as they pursue education beyond high school. The scholarship is funded by a private donation.

Gabriel Springer was recently awarded the Pilot International Becky Burrows Memorial Scholarship. It was established in 2005 from the estate of Becky Burrows.



Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens and Brunch

Saturday, September 7, 2024
Free admission!!



We will meet at the Cummer Museum (829 Riverside Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32204) at 11:00am on Saturday, September 7, 2024. There will be no admission cost, due to Cummer's "Free First Saturdays"! We will have brunch "around the corner" at River and Post at 12:30pm. The cost of brunch runs around \$16-\$25 with drinks and cocktails available separately.

This has been a Pilot Club favorite for many years so this will undoubtedly be an enjoyable and relaxing time spent with Pilots!! Come prepared to sign up at the August Business meeting. (Carpooling is highly likely!) Hope you can join us!

Shari Ruhlman - Member Profile

Shari Ruhlman joined the Pilot Club of Jacksonville July 2024. Her sponsor is Barbara Lesso. She had joined us at an earlier litter retrieval Saturday and that didn't scare her away from becoming an official Pilot member. She joined to meet others that share the same interests with regards to volunteering and helping others. If resources were unlimited the dream she would fulfill is to gather her entire family together and travel for the vacation of a lifetime. A few items on her 'bucket list' are to travel to Yellowstone, Italy, Rome, Spain and more! A recent trip to Scotland with her oldest daughter was so beautiful. Shari was born in Minnesota, but grew up in Illinois and Nebraska. She is a graduate of Kearney State College in Nebraska majoring in Commercial Art.

Shari had a career in Banking for 36 years enjoying working with her colleagues and clients. She is widowed with 3 children and 7 grandchildren. If she wrote a book about her life it would be titled 'Becoming Me'. It's all about enjoying being with family....especially the grandkids.



Volunteers In Medicine



The August Business Meeting speaker is Jennifer Ryan, MPH, Chief Executive Officer for Volunteers in Medicine.

Jennifer will update the Club on VIM's work in the community.

Below, please read the introductory paragraph of Volunteers In Medicine (VIM) grant request.

“Each year, VIM’s patients are consistently 70% women, and many are single mothers who are the sole breadwinner in their household. In our 2022-2023 fiscal year, thanks to our 247 volunteers, we provided 4,758 medical appointments to 685 women, including 324 Well Woman visits. The high percent of women patients is not because we market to women, but because of the overwhelming need for women’s care in our community, and their special needs during every phase of life. VIM provides care at every stage, especially during childbearing years.”

The original grant requested funds for a Colposcopy Machine. Fortunately, VIM had two Colposcopy Machine donated since the grant request was submitted. VIM then requested that our grant be used for Vaginal Ultrasound Machine. Thank you for agreeing to the grant change and funding the Vaginal Ultrasound Machine.

Please read about the Vaginal Ultrasound Machine.

“A vaginal ultrasound machine will give our physicians the ability to look at a woman’s uterus, ovaries, tubes, cervix and pelvic area to provide images that are more detailed than an abdominal ultrasound. This machine will help us identify the source of abnormal bleeding or pelvic pain and can help us check for fibroid tumors, cysts, masses, pelvic inflammatory disease and more.”



Pilot International Convention

July 17 – 20, 2024 Denver Colorado



Georgia & Barbara



Sharon, Barbara, Leila, Georgia



Sharon



Barbara



Leila & Georgia



Leila LeVan, Charlotte Edenfield, Missy Ridgway, Claire Mikko, Ann Freeman, Dorothy Moore



Dorothy, Missy, Leila



Sharon



Georgia



Sharon, Georgia, Leila



Georgia & Leila



PI President Nickola Dawkins with PC of Jacksonville President Georgia Reed



Georgia & Barbara



Leila & Sharon



PILOT CLUB OF JACKSONVILLE HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Was held Saturday, July 27, at the Fountain Gate Clubhouse



Yvonne & Diana



Georgia



Fantastic Grant \$\$ presentation!



Patty Lucy Tracy Susan



Georgia, Therese, Betty Lou



Cindy Fran



Sue Bill



Michael & Barbara



Inez Bill Carolyn



Nancy Maria Don



Matthew & Jenny





Ty



Diana



Therese & Richard



Sherrill Betty Lou Yvonne Audrey



Patty Tracy Susan Sharon



Cathy Michael Tammy



Audrey, Sue, Lucy



Yvonne Javonna Cindy Lou Bill



Pinterest Queen Yvonne



BASCA – Volunteer Opportunity – September 21



Join us for the **12th annual BASCA Cape "ABILITIES" 5K/1M walk on September 21, 2024 at 7:00AM** in Orange Park. This family-friendly event invites participants of all ages and abilities to run, walk or roll for a great cause!

If you do not wish to work the event, please consider participating in the 5K at:

www.itsyourrace.com (I use Internet Explorer). Scroll to find the BASCA 5K/1 Mile Fun Walk.

There will be a 'Register Now' button on the right side of this screen.

EARLY entry fees expire at midnight Sept 10, 2024. A team - **Pilot Club JAX** - was created for anyone from the club that registers for the run/walk.

Litter Retrieval – October 5

Adopt-A-Highway – Litter Retrieval

Meet up at *Goal Post Sandwich Shop - 3984 Herschel St*

Saturday morning - October 5, 2024 – Starting @ 9 AM



Upcoming Garage Sale

Garage Sale Update: Now accepting donations!
Sale dates are Friday, October 11 thru Sunday, October 13
3285 Marbon Road, JAX 32223

Get ready, get set, it's almost garage sale time! Picture this: a treasure trove of goodies, all in one place, just waiting to find new homes. It's like a carnival for bargain hunters and vintage lovers alike, where every item has a story, and every purchase is a piece of history. Need to make a donation? Leila's got you covered with her trusty vehicle, ready to transport your treasures like a modern-day Santa's sleigh. But remember, Leila's sleigh doesn't have infinite space, so give her a heads-up to make sure your goodies get the VIP treatment they deserve. And if you can't make it to the Pilot meeting, fear not! Leila's got a hotline straight to garage sale headquarters. Just drop her an email or send a text—just be prepared for a game of phone tag, because this woman is on a mission, and she might be out saving another donation from the clutches of obscurity. So, mark your calendars, spread the word, and let's make this garage sale the talk of the town!

Email: leila@innovativestrategicaliances.com Cell : (904)571-8882

Florida District Fall Council

Wyndham Resort, Kissimmee, FL



Oct 18th – Oct 20th, 2024

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 - Patty Wise
- ✚ Can tabs for Ronald McDonald House - Georgia Reed
- ✚ Plastic bags(Walmart, Publix, Target) BKHS Anchors – Therese Taylor

Accepting Payments thru Zelle

Payments can now be made instantly through Zelle to pilotclub.org.jax@gmail.com

Questions? Ask Leanne Greene

Newsletter Editors

Articles and pictures for our newsletter - Sails & Sightings can be sent to: Therese Taylor (pybtkaylor@aol.com) and Carolyn Barrett (cbarret2@comcast.net)



PILOT CLUB OF JACKSONVILLE
Chartered July 25, 1934
P.O. Box 600935
Jacksonville, FL 32260