



THE DECK CHATTER

PILOT CLUB OF TALLAHASSEE, INC.

"FRIENDSHIP AND SERVICE "... SINCE 1935

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"BE A PILOT SPARK"

President's Corner



Why a spark plug at the top of this column? What does a spark plug do, anyway? My dictionary gives two definitions: (1) a device that produces the electric spark to ignite the mixture of fuel and air in an internal combustion engine (2) a person who leads, inspires, or animates a group. The "spark plug" can also be used as a verb-an action word. You can see where I am going with this.

Last month I challenged each of you to be a spark plug for Pilot, and related a dramatic example of the enthusiastic response that can follow from a single spark. This challenge was meant for everyone, not just for those with official leadership positions.

Often a person may "sparkle" (emit sparks) in a spectacular single event that no one can fail to notice. At other times the sparkle comes from many less dramatic actions which taken together show that person's commitment to and enthusiasm for Pilot. Both kinds of sparks can inspire and encourage us and ignite the flames of friendship and service that Pilot is all about.

This month I am starting a new way for us to recognize the "sparklers" in our midst-the Sparkler Award. The rules under which this award will be given are as follows: The recipient should be someone who deserves to be recognized for her Pilot "sparkle"-either for a single act that has been inspirational or for continued commitment to a job, project, or activity of the club. With the award comes a responsibility. The recipient must choose the next person to receive it. The award may be given to the next recipient at any meeting or Pilot activity following the one at which it is received. The award must be given no later than the next business meeting following its receipt. And finally, your President is not eligible to receive it.

It is my hope that this award will

give us an opportunity to recognize those who personify our ideals of friendship and service, and that each award recipient will have difficulty choosing the next one because there will be so many of you who deserve it.

Jane

Pilot Club of Tallahassee

Business Meeting

July 21, 2003

AGENDA

Call to Order Jane Furlong, President
 Invocation Opal Free
 Pledge Charlotte Edenfield
 Cares & Concerns
 Roll Call (Quorum)

Minutes: Dene' Dixon

Treasurer's Report: Lucretia Thomas

Secretary's Report: Dene' Dixon

President-Elect's Report:
 Bridget Dervish-Gonzalez

Communications Not Requiring Action:
 Dene' Dixon

Summary of Executive Board Actions:
 Dene' Dixon

Reports of Division Activity:
 Club Operations - Agatha Muse-Salters
 Fund Raising - LaKecia Watson
 Projects/Youth - Dene' Dixon

Reports of Special Committees

Unfinished Business

New Business

Recommendations from Board Requiring
 Action

International Convention Report

Announcements

Adjournment

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Next Program Meeting

August 18, 2003

Ryans Steakhouse

Executive Board

August 25, 2003 @ 6:00 P.M.

Jane Furlong's Board Room

Deck Chatter Deadline

August 25, 2003

Submit to Agatha Muse-Salters

Next Business & Program Meeting

September 15, 2003

Ryans Steakhouse

PROGRAM MEETING

Please submit all recommendations and/or suggestions for program meetings to Bridget Dervish-Gonzalez @ 907-9519 or email at gonzo126@earthlink.net.

CLUB FACT CORNER

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Meeting Dates & Times: 1st & 3rd Monday of each month (11:30 A.M.)

Ryan's Steakhouse, Mahan Drive

Focus: Brain related disorders & Brain Safety; Youth Projects; & Pilot Scholarship Houses

PILOT TRIVIA

**AUGUST TRIVIA QUESTION ANSWER**

QUESTION: Who wrote the Anchor Creed?

ANSWER: Mrs. Sue McCreary, Past President 1971-72

SEPTEMBER TRIVIA QUESTION

QUESTION: PI has had 76 Presidents in our history (28 are living today). How many PI Presidents (give names) have we had that were from Florida?

HINT: Math to help with the number (28/4 & ½ dozen + 1)

NOTE: (Look for the answer in September Edition of the Deck Chatter.)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Linda Summerlin	July 31 st
Carol Wolfe	August 4 th
Lucretia Thomas	August 9 th
Bea Mizell	August 20 th
Wilma Smith	August 21 st
Maye Peabody	August 26 th
Betty Jane Ebel	August 27 th
LaKecia Watson	August 28 th

THOUGHT FOR A MOMENT

Time invested in improving ourselves cuts down on time wasted in disapproving of others.

-Anonymous

**2003 - 2004 PI OFFICERS**

Alayna Schaffer, PI President/Chair PIF Board of Trustees; Denver, CO

Maryann Filosa, PI President-Elect/Vice Chair PIF Board of Trustees; Cedar Rapids, IA

Cindy Weaver, PI First Vice-President/Treasurer PIF Board of Trustees; Elberton, GA

Bobbie Hudson, PI Second Vice-President/Secretary PIF Board of Trustees; Danville, VA

Joanne Mason, PI Treasurer, Owensboro, KY

Pansy Morgan, PI Secretary; Many, LA

PI Directors
Deborah Archer, 2002-04, Lucaya Club, Freedport Bahamas

Judy Breaud, 2002-04, Dallas, TX

Pat Jarvis, 2003-05, Elberton, GA

Winnie Tumblin 2003-05, Titusville, FL

EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT PILOT BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK CORNER

ANCHOR: - Pilot International's service organization for youth. It provides service and leadership opportunities for young people in their schools and/or communities. The Anchor program began in 1952. Our club sponsor five (5) Anchor Clubs (Aucilla Christian Academy, Chiles High School, Leon High School, Lincoln High School and Maclay School)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) - Governing body of Pilot International. The Board consists of the members of the Executive Committee and the District Governors. The FL District Governor is **Judy Vendrick**, PC of Greater Tampa.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - Governing body of Pilot International Foundation. The Board consists of the Pilot

International President (Chair), President Elect (Vice Chair), First Vice President (Treasurer), Second Vice President (Secretary), and the four Division Chairs (Donor Recognition/ Revenue Development, Grants, Scholarships, and Program Oversight).

BRAIN MINDERS™ - Pilot International Foundation's trademarked, public service program is created to promote awareness of brain injury, to educate the public regarding prevention of brain injury and to inform through public service announcements, and educational programs in schools and community informational venues for brain-related disorders.

BYLAWS - The Pilot Club International Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws govern the organization. Clubs may not adopt any standing rules which conflict with provisions of the bylaws.

CLUB YEARBOOK - A publication by Clubs. Yearbooks contain information regarding that Club's officers, meeting time and place, Division members and Plans of Works, past Presidents, Appointees (e.g., Chaplain, Parliamentarian), information on individual members (e.g., names, addresses, phone numbers, classification, birthdays), District Officers, and Club and District Standing Rules. Each yearbook is unique to its Club and may include any materials the Club feels is appropriate.

CO-PILOTS - The spouses of Pilot members.

CODE OF ETHICS - Within this Code are the highest standards and goals by which every member of Pilot strives to live. Written by Pearl Sparks.

DISTRICT CONVENTION - Held annually at least 45 days prior to International Convention. (Exception: COED District Convention is held at International Convention). Each Club is entitled to three delegates and two alternates. The delegates are the President, President Elect, and one delegate and two alternates elected by the Club. This year District Convention will be in **Tampa at the West Shore Marriot** on April 23-25, 2003.

ECR - Executive Committee Representative. This is an officer of Pilot International who is assigned to each District for one year to serve as a liaison for the District to Pilot International. The purpose of having an assigned ECR is to assist the District, as well as individual clubs, which ultimately strengthens Pilot International. Our ECR is **Cindy Weaver**, PI First Vice- President from Elberton, GA.



PILOT BIOS

Lucretia Susan Thomas

I grew up on a large farm in Southern Madison County, Florida. I was given the name of Lucretia Susan Thomas at birth for several reasons. Supposedly, it was in honor of both grandmothers, but I am confident that it was an early ploy by my mother to make life just as difficult as possible. After all, diversity builds character. My father did not want me named after his mother, Lucretia. Mother, of course won out by telling him "it's either Lucretia or Billy Joe." I've always felt I was more a Billy Joe.

Our farm was a working farm with Mother, Daddy, three sisters and myself all pitching in. We worked all 600 plus acres, six days a week. My summers were spent picking cotton, gathering tobacco, canning and freezing vegetables or gathering some other money making crop. Sunday was for church and we were glad to go, no work that day. I guess the cows and hogs didn't eat on Sunday, because I never had to feed them on Sunday, but we did. Sunday lunch was always a big deal and you never knew who would be there but you could count on company. Life was good and we were happy.

I was very active in the 4-H Clubs and won many awards and served in every office at the local and state level of the organization. I'll never forget presiding over the State Fair in Tampa, when Dole Conner was just too good looking and too young for Commissioner of Agriculture, I thought. When I was 14 years old, I won the State 4-H Award in Home Improvement and a trip to National 4-H Congress in Chicago, Illinois. A trip to Chicago, articles in the local paper, the Tallahassee Democrat and Florida Times Union, and a T.V. appearance on Channel 6 in Tallahassee, was I excited? Excited I was and when I say I flew to Chicago I certainly did, and I was on cloud nine. What a world, me a little country girl in Chicago, eating in fancy restaurants and sleeping in fancy hotels. I was certain I was destined for greatness.

Life would never be the same for me in south Madison County again. I wanted so to be an interior decorator at this time; after all I was the State Home Improvement winner. My project had been the design of our new house on the farm. It was a very simple structure by today's standards and views but a gem for the time.

After finishing high school I attended junior college in Madison. Upon leaving Madison I moved to Atlanta and became a flight attendant for Southern Airlines, things were looking up. Once again, I was eating in fancy restaurants and sleeping in fancy hotels Working odd hours, serving drinks, holding babies,

making everyone happy and smiling while I did it. This job was not like the movies made it out to be. It reminded me of working on the farm, except I wasn't the owner's daughter.

After some time I returned to Tallahassee, worked briefly for the State, as everyone does, and found my calling, real estate. I became a Realtor. It was like being an interior decorator, a salesman and like being a farmer too. You work six or seven days a week and pray for a good crop. I love it. I now have over 30 years in the profession. I was invited to join Pilot by a dear lady, Callie Cross in the 70's. I was single at the time and Pilot was a great opportunity, I was honored. I served two terms as president of Pilot in the 70's.

In 1979, I married Charles "Chick" Mihalich. I retained my maiden name, Thomas. I was sure no one could spell Lucretia and Mihalich. After the birth of our son in 1981, I left Pilot to be mom and Realtor. I'm still a mom and still a Realtor, and Nicholas is almost 22. Just this past year I returned to Pilot. I appreciate Pilot and am glad to be back.

RECIPE CORNER



Note: The recipes that appeared in last month's "Deck Chatter" Green Bean & Tomato Salad, Balsamic Chicken and Low Fat Turkey Chili were provided by Agatha Muse-Salters.

Taco Soup By Bea Mizell

2 pounds ground beef
 ½ -1 package Taco Seasoning Mix (use whole package if you want spicier flavor)
 1 package Ranch Salad Dressing mix
 1 teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon pepper
 ½ to 1 onion
 1 can Kidney Beans (all small cans)
 1 can Lima Beans
 1 can Pinto Beans
 1 can Hominy or Corn
 2 cans diced Tomatoes (we decided one can of Rotel tomatoes would be good!)

Cook and drain ground beef; Saute' onion and add to ground beef; Add all seasonings; Stir well over low heat; Add beans and tomatoes (do not drain) Cook and stir until flavor is throughout mixture; Simmer about 10 minutes (or cook in crock pot, longer is better).

Serve with Fritos (I used corn bread.) Can provide sour cream and/or grated Cheddar cheese on the side. **Note:** I decided it needed the whole package of Taco seasoning and I would try one can of Rotel tomatoes since I like spicy food. It does well in the crock pot and it freezes.

FRIENDSHIP CORNER



ABC'S OF FRIENDSHIP

..... *A Friend*.....

- (A)cccepts you as you are
- (B)elieves in "you"
- (C)alls you just to say "HI"
- (D)oesn't give up on you
- (E)nvisions the whole of you (even the unfinished parts)
- (F)orgives your mistakes
- (G)ives unconditionally
- (H)elps you
- (I)nvites you over
- (J)ust "be" with you
- (K)eeps you close at heart
- (L)oves you for who you are
- (M)akes a difference in your life
- (N)ever Judges
- (O)ffer support
- (P)icks you up
- (Q)uiets your fears
- (R)aises your spirits
- (S)ays nice things about you
- (T)ells you the truth when you need to hear it
- (U)nderstands you
- (V)alues you
- (W)alks beside you
- (X)-plains thing you don't understand
- (Y)ells when you won't listen and
- (Z)aps you back to reality.

Above all, a friend Loves You.

