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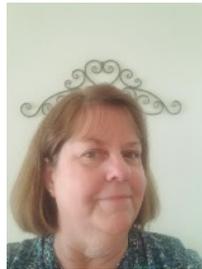
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Message from our President

Hello Pilots!!



October – what an exciting month for Pilots! This is the month we celebrate Founder’s Day - celebrating the first official Pilot Club meeting that was held on October 18th, 1921. What better way to start off than to participate in one or both special walks being held on Oct. 3rd; the Pilot International Founders Fund Walk and/or

the Walk to End Alzheimer’s. Get out, take a walk, track your miles, and take pictures in support of your chosen walk(s) to share with the club and PI. **We get to initiate two new members into our Club!** The month closes with Fall Council – where one of our own – Charlotte – is getting sworn in as the Governor Elect of the Florida District! See you at our Zoom meeting!

In Pilot Friendship,
Annette



“Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more.”

~ H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Pilot Birthdays

Pilot International - October 18

Pilot Anniversaries

Annette - 4 years
Annarene - 15 years

FUTURE EVENTS

Oct 12 - Club meeting
via Zoom 6:00 p.m.
Oct 30-Nov 1 - Fall
Council in Destin



Wendy Lewallen, Member Spotlight



I'm originally from Seal Beach, California where I was born and raised along with my two sisters. I graduated from the University of Southern California with a BA in Political Science and worked for a few years teaching high school history and government. At 25, I moved to Washington, DC to live with a college friend who introduced me to my husband Steve at a Marine Corps parade. In Washington, I was able to work for the National Academy of Sciences helping with research reports for the government.

Soon after we married, we moved to Kailua, Hawaii. I returned to teaching high school until our son Stephen(21) was born, followed quickly by Patrick(20). From there, the Marine Corps journey took us to Quantico, Tampa, Jacksonville (NC), Detroit, Virginia Beach, Okinawa (Japan), Bahrain, Kansas City, then finally retirement in Birmingham. My husband started looking for a second career at this point and that's how we ended up here in Tallahassee. He is now the Education and

Training Director for Department of Children and Families.

Throughout all of our moves, I was able to volunteer for many organizations that helped Marines and their families. I was the Board Chairman for the Marine Gift Shop on Okinawa, which donated all of its proceeds to help local American and Japanese welfare organizations. I also spent time on the Board of the American Women's Welfare Association on Okinawa. I've run youth baseball leagues, Boy Scouts, and even a few charity golf tournaments. As my boys went through their school years, I was a frequent volunteer in their classrooms across the world. I joined the Pilot Club of Tallahassee in September 2020 after hearing about the great things the group does for the local community. I was hoping to find an organization where I could continue to do meaningful volunteer work and help others. I'm so happy I found the Pilot Club and can't wait to get involved.

When I have free time on my hands, I enjoy golfing, traveling, home improvement, genealogy, and trying out new microbreweries with my husband and friends. I also love every minute I get to spend with my boys. Stephen is currently a senior at Auburn studying Aviation Management and Patrick is a junior at the University of Kansas double majoring in accounting and supply chain management.

We lived overseas for seven years and were fortunate enough to travel to many different countries. I truly enjoyed every one of those trips. But, the best vacation ever was spending Christmas with my husband and boys climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro, followed by an amazing safari in the Serengeti. We had to spend our last few days recuperating at the beach in Zanzibar!



Pilot Scholarship House Foundation

The LaVerne Weddle Pilot Scholarship House opened on August 20th. As we saw in the September edition of our Deck Chatter, Mallory and Charlotte bought and distributed breakfast foods to the residents. Here's some house information: Florida District Pilots:

Location: 324 Stadium Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32304

The house is the home for 21 female residents

And this year's House Manager is the same as last year:

Antoinencia Blaise ab16bb@my.fsu.edu (407) 921-4291

Although we are not able to go and visit the residents at this time, we can contact Blaise (the name she goes by) about dropping off items for the house. See the Wish List in the September Deck Chatter.

Pilot International Founders Fund

2020 Pilot International Founders Fund Walk

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2020

Put on a Pilot shirt and go for a walk on October 3rd. Take a picture of yourself (or have someone take it) with you in your shirt and send it to me. I'll put together a collage of us walking, even if we all walk on our own. Or if you feel comfortable walking with others now, set up a time and place to walk together, while social distancing and send me a picture.

Florida District

You should have received a Constant Contact email discussing the google forms that are available for clubs to complete and send to Amanda Valdespino (valdespinoamanda@gmail.com). The information received from the forms will be shared on the District website (www.pilotflorida.org). This is a way for clubs to share information about their projects, fundraising and membership.

- 1) Projects: <https://tinyurl.com/y6o4m4mu>
- 2) Fundraising: <https://tinyurl.com/y6fmo6w7>
- 3) Membership: <https://tinyurl.com/y4pqobh5>

Also on the website is the August 22nd Zoom Workshop. Click the link below and use password bgZrd+C6 to view [Zoom Meeting Video](#) The video will be available for approximately two months



September 2020



Thinking of You cards
for the residents at Allegro Assisted Living



Pilot International

“On October 16, 1921 the forty Charter Members of Pilot International came together to sign the original Pilot Charter. Two days later, buoyed by their excitement and their collective cause, they gathered again to dine, celebrate and conduct the first official Pilot Club meeting on October 18, 1921. From that day on, Pilots around the world gathered to meet, celebrate and honor this historic day, October 18, as Founders Day, the birthday of a grand idea, the day of our noble club’s founding. On this day, we celebrate Pilot International. We honor the history and tradition of our storied organization and we celebrate the gifts that we - as today’s Pilots - are able to bestow through our strength, through our friendship and through our service.” ~Pilot International website

A little Pilot history to celebrate **Founder’s Day** - October 18th.

Pilot was inspired by the riverboat pilots. Pilot International was founded by Elizabeth Leonard and was chartered in 1921 in Macon, GA. Our principles are Friendship and Service and our motto is True Course Ever. The first president of Pilot International was Lucy B. Allen (Mallory was awarded the Lucy B. Allen Leadership Award for 2019-2020). Pearl Sparks is the author of the Code of Ethics (Claire was awarded the Pearl Sparks Service Award for 2019-2020). Pilot’s mission is to influence positive change in communities throughout the work and we focus on (1) Encouraging Brain Safety and Health and (2) Supporting Those Who Care for Others. The emblem is a riverboat pilot’s wheel with eight spokes, the colors are green (life and vigor) and gold (sincerity of purpose) and the song is “Sail On International”. Currently there are 19 Districts in Pilot International.

September 2019 - what we were doing



Carol, Mallory and Pam - September birthdays (minus Kristie)



Kristie, Carol and Claire volunteering at WFSU Pledge Drive



Assembling Walk to Remember flowers for the Alzheimer's Association walk - Jane, Annette, Carol, Claire, Yvonne, Mallory



Pam, Jane, Claire and Mallory at the fundraiser for Bahamian Anchors organized by Chiles Anchor president Julia Pagan



Chiles High School Anchor meeting