

## PILOT CLUB OF TALLAHASSEE

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# Deck Chatter

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83 Years of Service

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### 2018-2019 Officers

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**242 Years - July 4, 2018**, on July 4, 1776, the thirteen colonies claimed their independence from England, an event which eventually led to the formation of the United States. Each year on July 4th, also known as Independence Day, Americans celebrate this historic event. Conflict between the colonies and England was already a year old when the colonies convened a Continental Congress in Philadelphia in the summer of 1776.

In a June 7 session in the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall), Richard Henry Lee of Virginia presented a resolution with the famous words: "Resolved: That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved."

Lee's words were the impetus for the drafting of a formal Declaration of Independence, although the resolution was not followed up on immediately. A committee of five was appointed to draft the declaration, and the task itself fell on Thomas Jefferson of Virginia. Discussions of Jefferson's Declaration of Independence resulted in some minor changes, but the spirit of the document went unchanged.

The process of revision by the Continental Congress began July 1, then continued through all of July 3 and into the late afternoon of July 4, when the Declaration was officially adopted. Of the 13 colonies, nine voted in favor of the Declaration, two -- Pennsylvania and South Carolina -- voted no, Delaware was undecided and New York abstained.

John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, signed the Declaration of Independence. It is said that John Hancock's signed his name "with a great flourish" so England's "King George can read that without spectacles!"

Today, the original copy of the Declaration is housed in the National Archives in Washington, D.C., and July 4 has been designated a national holiday to commemorate the day the United States laid down its claim to be a free and independent nation.

(Reprinted from [military.com](http://military.com))

### FUTURE EVENTS

**July 9** - Club meeting

**August 13** - Club meet with DCR visiting (Board meeting prior to club meeting)

**August 18** - Anchor Officer and Advisor Training

## Pilot Birthdays

**Barbara** - July 20





**Pilot International** is going to a new Membership Portal, called MemberClicks. “The site will help with the work of keeping membership connected. With social networking support, simple tools for staying in touch, space for sharing documents and photos and resources to support committees, it will help market Pilot International and highlight the great work being done. In addition, this site will be the workhorse that collects member dues and supports Convention registration and payment.” Everyone should have received information on this via an email from PI.

## Florida District

Fall Council  
November 2-4, 2018



Mark your calendars to Save Date for the **Florida District Fall Council**. It will be November 2-4, 2018 in Jacksonville at the Baymeadows Embassy Suites. That means “happy hour” each night from the hotel, with their nightly reception and breakfast each morning. Not too far away. Mallory and Annette are the Projects Chairs and have planned a couple of great projects for our District. Hope a lot of us can attend.



## Champions 4 Causes

Florida District Fall Council

November 2-4, 2018

Embassy Suites, Baymeadows, Jacksonville, FL

Registration cost - To be announced

Room rate - \$129 (all rooms are suites) and will include daily 5-7 p.m. reception and daily breakfast

## Anchors

Mallory attended and spoke at the Chiles High School **Anchor Club** end of year celebration. Ms. Strickland and Ms. Beaty, Advisors thanked the Board for a great year and awarded Certificates for Top Service Hours.



Top Service Hours



Mallory, Ms. Strickland and Ms. Beaty



Thanks to the Board



## *Pilot Scholarship House Foundation*

Officers were installed for the **Pilot Scholarship House Foundation Board** at District Convention in Kissimmee. Unfortunately, Joan Midgett, President and Pat Furr, Secretary were not able to attend Convention.



Front - Joan Spangler 2018-2019 Director

Back (left to right) - Barbara McKenzie President Elect and Treasurer; Diana Kingree District Executive Council (DEC) Representative; Suzanne Lester 2018-2020 Director; Lynn Vasicek 2017-2020 Director; Shirley Pyle 2018-2019 Director.

Not pictured, Joan Midgett President and Pat Furr Secretary



## *Pilot International Founders Fund*

**Pilot International Founders Fund** (PIFF) is a 501(c)3 organization. PIFF supports the community-based work of Pilot Clubs by helping to underwrite their efforts to serve in our focus areas. And PIFF also provides scholarships that support graduate and undergraduate students working in fields related to our focus areas.

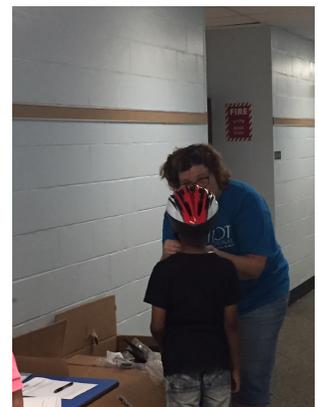


## What we've been doing

We were one of the three finalists in the non-profit category for **Volunteers of the Year** and were fortunate to receive Runner Up for the category. We were nominated by Alzheimer's Project, Inc.



We were back at **Sealey Elementary School**, fifth year, for the Health Fair. We are normally outside but this year, the weather changed our plans. We spoke to the second-fifth graders about bicycle safety. We were able to fit and distribute 50 bicycle helmets and hand out over 450 safety information booklets to the students.



**Installation** - starting 83 years of service for Tallahassee. Karol installed Bea as a Director; Yvonne as a Director; Claire as Secretary; Pam as President; Mallory as President Elect; Jane as Treasurer; and Annette as a Director. We are looking forward to a productive year.