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Message from our President

As we progress toward the hundredth anniversary of Pilot International and celebrate Founder's Day once again let us reflect briefly upon the history of our organization. We were chartered on October 18, 1921 in Macon, GA with the Pilot Club of Tallahassee chartering in 1935. Our colors are green for life and vigor and gold for sincerity of purpose. The Pilot Code of Ethics was written by Pearl Sparks and presented in 1926 at the 5th Annual PI Conference. During World War II Pilot International Conventions were canceled and Etha Hall from Greensboro, NC served as President of the organization for five years. Our youth division, Anchor Club, was established in 1952 as envisioned by Ruby Newhall. The Pilot International Founders Fund grant program was established in 1977 and has distributed over \$1.5 million in grants to Pilot Clubs across the world. Our club has used grants from this program to assist the Alzheimer's Project, Gretchen Everhart School and many other amazing programs in the community. This month we honor those that came before us as we continue to Do More Care More and Be More every day.

Mallory

FUTURE EVENTS

October 11 - Set up for Alzheimer's Assn Walk
October 12 - North Region Workshop in Marianna
October 12 - Alzheimer's Assn Walk to Remember
October 14 - Club Meeting with Anchors
October 17 - Allegro BrainO
October 19 - Tallahassee Science Festival

Pilot Birthdays

Pilot International - October 18

Pilot Anniversaries

Annarene - 14 years
Annette - 3 years



Florida District

Yay for Florida, we have two new Pilot Clubs this year!

Here is the full list of the clubs with their charter dates

Pensacola (April 2, 1928)

Miami (June 1, 1934)

Florida District (1934)

Tallahassee (June 10, 1935)

St. Augustine (August 8, 1936)

Daytona Beach (December 4, 1940)

Quincy (May 6, 1947)

Florida District Anchors (1952)

Ft. Lauderdale (March 17, 1952)

Palatka (January 4, 1957)

Naples (May 20, 1959)

Pilot Scholarship House Foundation (PSHF) (1962)

Port of Jacksonville (May 26, 1967)

Treasure Coast (September 21, 1979)

Space Coast (September 8, 1986)

Gulf to Lakes of Citrus County (December 31, 1997)

Rails 2 Trails (August 8, 2016)

Walton County (August 7, 2019)

Panama City (November 26, 1930)

Jacksonville (July 10, 1934)

Ocala (April 10, 1936)

DeFuniak Springs (April 25, 1940)

Marianna (January 26, 1944)

Ft. Pierce (November 11, 1951)

Ft. Myers (April 23, 1954)

Titusville (May 1, 1957)

South Brevard (July 17, 1961)

Crystal River (July 21, 1978)

Halifax Area, Inc. (May 23, 1983)

St. Lucie County (July 19, 1988)

Riverview (June 8, 2013)

Palm Beach (August 1, 2019)

Pilot International

JOIN THE MOVEMENT AND PARTICIPATE IN

Pilot First Saturday

WHEN? FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
BEGINNING ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2019

Wear your Pilot, Anchor, or Compass shirt/gear and
share your Pilot International pride!

PLEASE TAG US IN YOUR PICTURES AND USE THE
HASHTAG #PILOTFIRSTSATURDAY

<https://pilotinternational.org>



Pilot Scholarship House Foundation

Since 1962, the Pilot Scholarship House Foundation, Florida District, Inc. (PSHF) has made it possible for hundreds of students to attend Florida State University in Tallahassee, the University of Florida in Gainesville and Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers.

PSHF is able to make a difference thanks to a unique partnership with the Southern Scholarship Foundation, the organization responsible for the processing of scholarship applications and maintaining the Pilot Scholarship Houses and other scholarship houses located on select Florida college campuses. The PSHF currently assists 61 young women and 16 young men each semester toward their goal of a college education.

If you're interested serving on the PSHF board, be watching for announcements later this Pilot year about positions that will be available.

FIVE REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD VOLUNTEER



1. Volunteers live longer and are healthier - older people who volunteer remain physically functional longer, have more robust psychological well-being and live longer; however, older people who volunteer are almost always people who volunteered earlier in life.
2. Volunteering establishes strong relationships - working alongside people who feel as strongly as you do about supporting a particular cause creates a path to developing strong relationships with others. Volunteering alongside other members your family strengthens family bonds based in “doing” your values.
3. Volunteering is good for your career - people who volunteer make more money, partially because the relationships people create while volunteering can be leveraged for financial benefit.
4. Volunteering is good for society - many businesses, and almost all mission-driven organizations are successful only if they maintain a strong volunteer workforce. These businesses are committed to doing good things for society, they pick up the pieces where government programs leave off.
5. Volunteering gives you a sense of purpose - although it is not well-understood why volunteering provides such a profound health benefit, a key factor is assumed to be that volunteering serves to express and facilitate opportunities to carry out one's sense of purpose. The very nature of volunteering means choosing to work without being paid for it. As a result, people choose to spend their time on issues they feel strongly about.

Reprinted from Psychology Today (March 12, 2014)



Member Spotlight, Barb Lengemann

My cousin, Claire Mikko asked me to write for the October Deck Chatter. I started this task reluctantly but have actually enjoyed reminiscing about my life. Here's the *Readers Digest* version.

When did you join the Pilot Club of Tallahassee and why did you join? I joined the Pilot Club of Tallahassee three years ago when my husband Gunter and I moved to Tallahassee. I learned about Pilot Club from Claire Mikko, my cousin and

Pilot mentor. The club filled my need to meet new friends in a city where my only contacts were family. Besides Claire and family, my daughter Ali and her family, including our sweet grandchildren, live less than two miles from us. Pilot also filled my need to help others. The Pilot mission to come together in friendship and to influence positive change throughout the world was a perfect fit for me.

Where are you originally from and where have you lived other than Tallahassee? I was born in Massachusetts, where I lived in various areas from the historic and picturesque Berkshires to the beaches of Cape Cod. While there I obtained two bachelors degrees. The first was in social work, which I pursued until I decided to be first a foster mother and later a mother to my three children, Ben, Katie and Ali. I continued my community involvement, volunteering for the local mental health center and assisting as a Lamaze childbirth instructor. I became fascinated by all things medical and decided when the children were ready for school, to head back to college, receiving a second bachelors degree in nursing. I loved nursing! In 1985, my family and I moved to Florida to be close to my aging parents and my immediate and extended family. I worked in a variety of nursing positions. Eventually, as I became more mature, I found that hospice nursing was my calling. In a career that spanned 23 years, I worked first as a nurse, providing care and support to hospice patients and families, as a nurse educator there and eventually to the position of Executive Manager of Services. Working with those patients and families and the staff who chose this career, was a fulfilling career. I believe the work is important work and those who chose this profession were some of the finest professionals I'd met.

What do you do for work? Tell us something about your family. Gunter and I retired five years ago. We weren't ready to just relax and volunteered for a number of organizations, including Habitat for Humanity, Hospice, and Meals on Wheels. I've continued my lifelong love of reading (mostly literary fiction and mysteries) gardening, cooking and, of course, enjoying the company of our grandchildren, who are now 5, 3, and 2. Story hour and baking brownies are two of our many favorite activities.

What do you do for fun (leisure time)? What's the best vacation you ever had? Before my husband's illness, we enjoyed traveling in North America and Europe. We had many favorite places. We've seen most of this country. If you haven't done so, it's really a must see! It is truly awesome. Colorado and Minnesota, where 2 of our children live, are among our favorites. Nova Scotia, where we've been several times, is one of our faves... Rocky coastline, sparkling blue waters, rushing tides, whale watching, wineries. It's just a lovely. And in Europe, Ireland was a gorgeous place. Cliffs overlooking crashing waves, ancient castles, towns where homes line the streets in all the colors in a crayon box, pubs and some of the warmest people I've ever met. In general, I'd say our travels, including to Gunter's native Germany, have been some of the highlights of our lives.

When Claire asked me to write about myself for Deck Chatter, I did it reluctantly. But it's turned out to be a great walk down memory lane. I relived many fond memories and look forward to reading about the rest of our Pilots in future issues of Deck Chatter.



The Pilot International Founders Fund was established to support the community-based work of Pilot Clubs by helping to underwrite club service in the areas of Preparing Youth for Service, Encouraging Brain Safety & Health and Supporting those who Care for Others. Through the Pilot International Founders Fund (PIFF), Pilot International and its local Pilot Clubs improve the lives of others through education,

volunteerism, financial support and research.

The Founders Fund provides the funds for the Matching Grants, Pick Me Up Grants and Scholarships. We've been fortunate to receive grants in the past and are working on one for the future.



September birthdays - almost 25% of our membership have September birthdays! Carol, Mallory, Pam and Kristie (who was not able to attend our September meeting) all celebrate in September. Yvonne, our Membership Coordinator, provided the sign and a red velvet cake for all to share.

Club Happenings

Mallory and Claire represented our club at the **Leon County School Partners for Excellence Program** breakfast. We let everyone know we partner with Gretchen Everhart School, Conley Elementary, Buck Lake Elementary and were available to go to any of the elementary schools for our BrainMinders and helmet fitting.



Thank you to **Capital City Bank Group Foundation** for selecting the Pilot Club of Tallahassee to receive a \$1,000 grant. The grant money will be used specifically on our education projects including sponsorship of our Anchor Clubs at Chiles High School, Leon High School and Maclay School and our partnership with Gretchen Everhart School. The grant will also support our continuing patriotism essay contests for 4th graders on Veterans Day and Presidents Day in the local elementary schools. The check was presented by Kaila Hardee (Capital City Bank Vice President and Business Banker).