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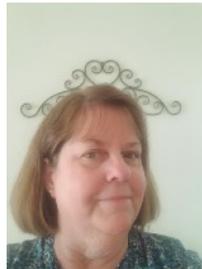
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Message from our President



Season's Greetings Pilots! Wishing you peace of the season, hope as you look to the new year, much love and laughter with family and friends and I hope you find joy and comfort in sharing holiday traditions. Don't drink too much 'spiced' eggnog! I look forward to Zooming in with all of you in the New Year!



In Pilot Friendship,
Annette



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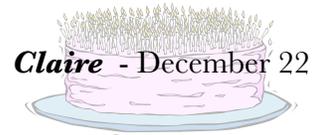
The American Dream means giving it your all, trying your hardest, accomplishing something. And then I'd add to that, giving something back. No definition of a successful life can do anything but include serving others. ~ President George W. Bush



FUTURE EVENTS

- Dec 5** - Holiday Party at Charlotte's beach house
- Dec 19** - Bake and deliver pies - Big Bend Hospice
- Jan 4** - Board Meeting
- Jan 11** - Club Meeting

Pilot Birthdays





Sharon Davidson, Member Spotlight

When did you join the Pilot Club of Tallahassee and why did you join?

Even though I joined the Pilot Club of Tallahassee this year (November 2020) I think I could be the poster child for procrastination when it comes to joining. I was introduced to the club in 2012 by Claire Mikko. However, personal matters kept intervening and I joke that it took a pandemic for me to “pause” long enough to see how important this organization could be to me (*I love that Friendship is part of the mission.*)

After attending the October meeting, I was in awe of what an impact this group makes in our community. I was almost exhausted listening to all they do and all they accomplish. And it wasn't just the volume they accomplish but the variety of their target audience. They assist young children, teenagers, and seniors. (*I love that Service is the other part of the*

mission..)

I am excited to finally be a part of such an effective, impactful, and amazing group of women.

Where are you originally from and where have you lived other than Tallahassee?

I am originally from a small town just south of Atlanta - Griffin, GA. As an adult, I have lived in several areas around the I-285 perimeter, as well as Knoxville, TN. My family and I moved to Tallahassee in February 2001.

What do you do for work?

I am the Senior Director of Volunteer and Community Services for Big Bend Hospice (BBH). In this position, I oversee the organization's marketing, communication, and social media strategies, as well as BBH's brand and image. Additionally, I supervise the organization's Volunteer, Veteran, Pet Peace of Mind, and Transitions (pre-hospice) programs.

But my key role is educating the community on what hospice is and what it isn't. My goal is to get people to “call sooner rather than later” when needing the team-approach to end-of-life care.

NOTE: Prior to joining BBH in 2012, I was the Development Director for Elder Care Services (Meals on Wheels & Foster Grandparent programs) for eight years.

Tell us something about your family.

I am blessed to be married to my husband, Keith, for over 31 years (1989). He truly is my rock and my “Zen”, being the “worker bee” through all of my event coordinating roles. He has been with Federal Express for 25 years.

We have two beautiful and intelligent daughters, Samantha (27) and Jennifer (24). Samantha is a graduate of FSU and recently married Anthony (Kupbens) in January of this year, less than one month before the country started the COVID-19 shut down! They live in Charlotte, North Carolina where she is a consultant for Wells Fargo.

Jennifer graduated from West Florida and lives in Tampa working for a continuing education firm for Financial Planners. She recently completed training and volunteers at St. Petersburg Aquarium for Sea Turtle Rescues.

What do you do for fun (leisure time)?

Our family is obsessed with College Football, especially FSU. Needless to say, these past few years have been rough for us. Our new son-in-law is a 'Bama fan which has given us a little sunlight at times. Our extended families also consist of UGA and Tech die-hards, making it a lot of fun around the Thanksgiving table.

Like most Floridians, we enjoy a variety of water activities – swimming, canoeing, kayaking, and snorkeling. My personal guilty pleasure is reading mystery novels and working in the yard.

What's the best vacation you ever had?

In addition to the cruises we take and trips to the casinos, one of the most memorable vacations I had was when a group of us rented a boat in Miami. For two weeks, we cruised from the Miami Bay, along the Keys, to Key West and back. We went scuba diving, snorkeling, and ate wonderful seafood at several “hole in the wall” dives.

I have to agree with a prior statement made by Terri Sue - any vacation is good. What's that old adage, “A bad day at the beach is better than a good day at work.”



Pilot Scholarship House Foundation

**Providing a “home away from home”
for young men and women attending
college in Florida.**



Pilot International Founders Fund



Pilot International is hoping to raise \$10,000 this year on Giving Tuesday. You can donate by sending a check, calling them on the phone or online (pilotinternational.org), then click Donate. December 1 is the day. The money raised will support Goals for Grants and Scholarships Fund.



Florida District

Charlotte, Governor Elect, visited with the Pilot Club of DeFuniak Springs to speak with them about their club, the District and Pilot International. Pictured with Charlotte is Marty Dees, President of the Pilot Club of DeFuniak Springs.



Welcome to our newest member

Our winning streak continues - another new members in our club.

Sharon Davidson has finally joined our club. I say finally because she's been talking about being a Pilot member for several years but "life" got in the way. But now she is one of us. We first met Sharon in 2012, when she worked at Elder Care Services and asked us to run the silent auction for their Oktoberfest, which we did. Our friendship and communication continued with her when she started working for Big Bend Hospice. She let co-workers know of our pecan sale resulting in several of their staff supporting our club by buying pecans. And she helped us with working out the details for our Pick Me Up pies for the weekend workers at the Margaret Z. Dozier House at Big Bend Hospice. Thanks Sharon for joining our organization - we look forward to our friendship and service together. You can learn more about Sharon on page 2 in our Member Spotlight.



November 2020



We donated needed items to the 4th grade classes at W. T. Moore Elementary School - dry erase lapboards with markers and erasers, jump ropes and playground balls. We also put together a Pick Me Up basket for the Custodial Workers at the school.



Pilot International

Join Pilot International (PI) for the third PI Power Hour! December 3, 2020 7:00 - 8:00 PM eastern time

Training sessions:

- How to order and fit helmets and project ideas including the coloring contest.
- BrainMinders

Registration: Please email PI at pitraining@pilothonq.org to register. The first 85 members to register will be able to attend this training. Include: name, club and district and email address



Best in Show

Claire the Scottish Deerhound beat out hundreds of dogs representing 168 breeds and varieties recognized by the American Kennel Club. First, she won the hound group in a field of 28 breeds. She then competed against the other six group winners before taking home the top honor. **With the name Claire**, we know who this dog gets her grace, poise, character and patience from!

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