

# Deck Chatter

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83 Years of Service

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## 2018-2019 Officers

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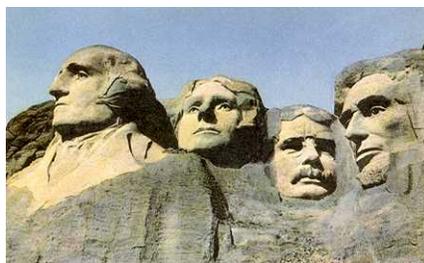
## Appointees

**Anchor Liaison Claire Mikko**  
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**VALENTINE'S DAY** - Originally the word Valentine meant the person whose name was picked from a box to be chosen as your sweetheart up until the 1500's. Then around 1533, it meant the folded piece of paper with the sweetheart's name on it. By 1610 it then became the gift given to this special someone and by 1824 it then became a poem, letter or verse to a sweetheart. Although Valentine's Day is celebrated on February 14 every year, it originates from the Roman celebration called Lupercalia, which was held on February 15, a fertility festival.



Another story goes like this...A man named Valentine (who was in prison for helping persecuted Christians) witnessed to his jailor and ended up converting his entire family to Christianity. The jailor also had a blind daughter, Julia, that Valentine ended up falling in love with (as well as restoring her sight). But love did not prevail. :( On the morning of Valentine's execution, he sent a message to the daughter signed, "From your Valentine."



**President's Day** is a day set aside to honor all of the U.S. presidents. We often think of two great presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln when we celebrate this holiday, as it falls by design between their birthdays. More and more of us, look at

this day as a tribute to each and every person who has ever served in the office of the President of the United States of America. It is a national holiday.

## FUTURE EVENTS

- February 11** - Board Meeting 5:00 p.m.
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- February 9** - Alzheimer's Conference (7:30 a.m.)
- March 2-3** - Anchor Convention Kissimmee
- March 28** - Combined Anchor Officer Installation
- May 3-5** - District Convention Kissimmee

Pilot Birthdays

Kim - February 12

Pilot Anniversary

Mallory - 6 years



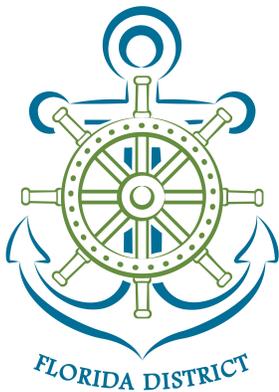
## PILOT INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS

The Florida District has been fortunate with having had eight Pilot International presidents.

Name	Years	Club
May McCormick Pynchon	1939-1940	Jacksonville
Ruby Newhall	1949 (died in office)*	Gainesville
Edith McBride Cameron	1955-1956	Gainesville
Marie Newton	1968-1969	Jacksonville
Mary Ruth Hauser	1973-1974	Coral Gables
Marian Yerkes	1978-1979	Winter Haven
Diana Kingree	1999-2000	Gulf to Lakes
Winnie Brewer	2012-2013	Titusville

\*The Ruby Newhall Memorial Scholarship was established in 1949 in her honor. Her contacts with international students at the University of Florida strengthened her belief that these students could contribute significantly to improving international relations. An applicant for the Ruby Newhall Memorial Scholarship must be from a foreign country, pursuing a degree in the United States or Canada. The field of study must be of a nature that it improves the quality of life for the community in their home country. Scholarship funds, not to exceed \$1,500, are disbursed for one full academic year and must be used for tuition and related educational expenses considered necessary by the Executive Committee. Assistance may only be extended to students who are studying through the doctorate level.

## *Florida District*



There's an event coming up in May that will not want to miss - ***Florida District Convention***. Convention will be held at the Park Inn by Radisson in Kissimmee and will be held May 3-5. Delegates at Convention will have the opportunity to vote on the proposed District Standing Rules. As of right now, there are seven proposals to amend our Standing Rules, some administrative in nature and some would provide a cost savings to our District. Awards will be given, newest and most seasoned Pilots along with those who are 25 or 50 year Pilots, this year, will be recognized. Of course there will be recognition of the Pilots who are attending their first Convention - known as First Timers. There

will be elections of new officers for the District Executive Committee (DEC) and the Pilot Scholarship House Foundation Board of Directors (PSHF). There will be voting on the proposed 2019-2020 budget. PSHF will also conduct their annual meeting while we are at Convention, informing us of how the Foundation is doing and where we stand on fundraising for Strive for Five (a goal of \$160,000 for furniture to support a new Pilot Scholarship House at Florida Gulf Coast University). Lisa Patterson, Executive Committee Representative (ECR), our liaison with Pilot International, will share information with us from Pilot International. There will be Regional meetings on Friday night plus presentations on Saturday afternoon. Saturday night, there will be a banquet followed by the installation of the 2019-2020 Florida District Executive Committee. Registration will be \$120 and rooms are \$82. Our club is the Registration Committee and Annette is the Chair. She'll be needing assistance from any and all of our club members who attend. Make plans now to attend.

# Pilot Scholarship House Foundation



The Pilot Scholarship House Foundation (PSHF) sponsors four scholarship houses at Florida State University (LaVerne Weddle Pilot Scholarship House), University of Florida (Mary Ellen Thomas Pilot Scholarship House and the Williams Pilot Scholarship House) and Florida Gulf Coast University (Greshem-Kite Pilot Scholarship House) enabling 77 students to live rent-free each semester while attending college. In total, the Pilot Scholarship houses provide a savings to these 77 students of over \$931,000 each year. And don't forget the Florida District is working on a fifth house (Strive for Five) which is targeted to open in 2021. The goal is \$160,000 to

procure the furniture and we are a quarter of the way there.

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## Pilot International Founders Fund



### **The Pilot International Founders Fund**

**(PIFF)** supports five scholarship programs to benefit graduate and undergraduate students studying for a career of one of Pilot's chosen areas of service focus - Preparing Youth for Service, Encouraging Brain Safety & Health and Support Those who Care for Others.

They also offer three additional scholarships for students involved in Anchor Club. The

deadline for all the scholarships is March 15. Scholarships available are:

Pilot International Scholarship - available to undergraduate students. Amount varies, but does not exceed \$1,500

Brain Injury Association of America Partnership Scholarship - available to caregivers and direct care staff. Amount is up to \$250

Becky Burrows Memorial Scholarship - available to graduate and undergraduate students. Amount varies, but does not exceed \$1,000

Marie Newton Sepia Memorial Scholarship - available to master's and doctoral students. Amount varies, but does not exceed \$1,000

Ruby Newhall Memorial Scholarship (International Students only) - available to master's and doctoral students. Amount varies, but does not exceed \$1,500

If you know of anyone who may qualify for these grants, please tell them they can find more information by going to [www.pilotinternatioinal.org](http://www.pilotinternatioinal.org), Grants and Scholarships.

## Club Happenings



### **Veterans' Essay Contest**

Claire and Charlotte presented the top three essayists at Holy Comforter School with their ribbons, certificates and monetary awards. They wrote essays on "Tell us about a U.S. Veteran you know or have read about. Why is a Veteran important to our country? Why is this Veteran important to you?"

### **WFSU Pledge Drive**

Claire and Carol, back at one of their favorite events, answering the phones for the Pledge Drive at WFSU. They usually work a two hour shift, taking donations for the radio station. When the phones are not ringing, they have the opportunity to sit and visit. And the radio studio provides some great food.



### **Salvation Army Thanksgiving Dinner**

Barb and Claire were at the Salvation Army, serving food to those who may not of been able to have a Thanksgiving Feast. This is annual event is always held the day before Thanksgiving.



## Honor Flight Reunion

Pilots were on hand to thank our Veterans at the Honor Flight Reunion. This is an annual event for the Veterans who were on the Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. The veterans are treated to a meal, have time to visit with their guardians (person who accompanied them to D.C.) and are thanked for their service. Pilots helped set up, serve food and clean up after the event.



## Wreaths Across America

Charlotte and Claire were proud to be a part of Wreaths Across America. This annual event takes place each December at many of the National Cemeteries.

## Soul Santa

Annarene, Pam and Claire, braved the cold, and were on hand to fit and distribute bicycle helmets to the winners of bicycles at the annual Soul Santa event at the Lawrence-Gregory Community Center. Date for this year's event is December 21, 2019.

