



# THE DECK CHATTER

## PILOT CLUB OF TALLAHASSEE, INC.

"FRIENDSHIP AND SERVICE "... SINCE 1935

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### "BE A PILOT SPARK"

#### President's Corner



As the year comes to a close and the holiday season is upon us, this seems like a good time to reflect on the many blessings that have enriched our lives during the past year. For most of us, the greatest of these blessings is the love of family and friends, the gift of good health, and the opportunity to grow and become a new and improved version of ourselves.

Being a member of Pilot Club cannot insure good health (although it should give us a mental boost), but it does give us a whole "family" of friends and plenty of opportunities to grow by helping others. During the more than twenty-five years that I have been a Pilot, I have made some of the most enriching and fulfilling friendships of my lifetime. I am looking forward to spending more time in the new year with my old friends and getting to know my new friends, Stacy, Linda, Dot, LaTanya, Wilma, Pam, and Valencia. All those years ago, I became a part of Pilot, but now Pilot is a part of me. I am hoping that all of my new friends will come to love Pilot as my old friends and I do.

To all my Pilot friends, these are my Christmas wishes for you: May there be Peace on earth in the coming year. May your needs be supplied, your wishes be granted, and your lives be filled with joy. And may your love for each other and for all people continue to grow and glow and light up the lives of those whose hearts you have touched.



Jane

Pilot Club of Tallahassee  
Pilot Holiday Dinner  
December 8, 2003

#### AGENDA

Greetings/Welcome	Jane Furlong President
Invocation/Grace	Agatha Muse-Salters
Pledge	Linda Skoglund
Introduction of Guest	
Cares & Concerns	Jane Furlong President
Announcements	

#### Dinner

#### Fellowship by Pilots & Friends



*The President, the Executive Board and the Club Operations Division extend to all Pilots their families and friends happy holidays and season greetings. May you all have a blessed and prosperous New Year.*

*We thank God for timeless gifts  
That bless our lives year through --  
For faith that lives and love that gives  
And special friends like you.*



#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Salvation Army Sharing Tree  
December 18, 2003  
Governor's Square Mall

Deck Chatter Deadline  
December 22, 2003  
Submit to Agatha Muse-Salters

Next Business Meeting  
January 5, 2004  
Ryans Steakhouse

Pilot Scholarship House Annual Luncheon  
January 24, 2004

Executive Board  
January 26, 2004 @ 6:00 P.M.  
Jane Furlong's Board Room

#### PROGRAM MEETING

Please submit all recommendations and/or suggestions for program meetings to Bridget Dervish-Gonzalez @ 907-9519 or email at [gonzol26@earthlink.net](mailto:gonzol26@earthlink.net).

The annual Pilot Scholarship Luncheon will be held January 24, 2004 at 12:30 at the PSHF House on 324 Stadium Drive. It will take the place of the Program meeting.

#### CLUB FACT CORNER

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**Meeting Dates & Times:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month (11:30 A.M.) Ryan's Steakhouse, Mahan Drive

**Focus:** Brain related disorders & Brain Safety; Youth Projects; & Pilot Scholarship Houses

### BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES November 3, 2003

President Jane Furlong called the meeting to order at 11:55 a.m. at Ryan's Family Steak House on Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, Florida. A quorum was present. President Jane Furlong welcomed our visiting Anchor members and our new Pilot members, Pam Manley and Valencia Jenkins.

The invocation was given by Chaplain Opal Free and the pledge was lead by Charlotte Edenfield.

President Jane Furlong asked if there were additions to the minutes of the previous meetings of October. The minutes were approved as printed. Treasurer Lucretia Thomas presented the treasurer's report and the report was filed for audit. President-Elect Bridget Dervish-Gonzalez stated the speaker for the November program meeting, William Reily, Jr. of the Office of Financial Regulation within the Department of Financial Services will discuss current issues occurring in the securities field. Secretary Dene' Dixon read the summary of Executive Board action.

President Jane Furlong called for reports from the divisions. Charlotte Edenfield announced the Christmas Party for Club Operations Division on December 8, 2003 at Julie's Place and will bring a sign up for next meeting. Fundraising Division Coordinator LaKecia Watson stated that most members had already received their pecans and there were mostly specialty pecans remaining. Dene' Dixon announced that LaKecia Watson will be finding a family for Thanksgiving and to bring canned goods to the next meeting for the basket as part of Projects Division. She asked if members had a preference regarding any day of the last week of the Salvation Army Sharing Tree which would be sometime between December 15 and December 18, 2003. Members suggested calling and pick a day for our participation in the event. She also stated that several of the members would be assisting Chiles Anchor Club with their Second Harvest food drive on November 8, 2003 at the Bradfordville Publix from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. She also thanked all Pilot and Anchor members who assisted in the Crusade Walk on November 2, 2003 as well as congratulating Maclay Anchor Club for raising the most funds as a high school team.

President Jane Furlong stated there were no Reports of Special Committees or unfinished business pending. However, she did state that Fall Council was very successful and as a Club we looked great in our new polos.

New business to come before the Club was the recommendation of the Executive Board. Charlotte Edenfield moved to accept the Board's recommendation of amending the 2003-04

budget to pay the entire amount for the Club's new polo shirts. The motion was seconded and carried.

President Jane Furlong asked that our Anchors from Chiles, Lincoln and Maclay share their activities with our Club. Chiles Anchors present were Mallory Tucker and Jenni Wester; Lincoln Anchors present were Kristin Malzano and Carrie Dodson; and Maclay Anchors present were Jessie Hardson, Michelle Widner, Danielle Brewster and Mary Katlin Willis. After the numerous service projects and fundraising activities reported by each Anchor Club, President Jane Furlong called for announcements and reminded everyone of our program meeting on November 17, 2003. Belinda Mizell announced the recipient of the "Sparkler Award", Dot McCaskill, for participating in all our activities as a new member and how proud she was of all our new members and their level of participation.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dene' Dixon,  
Secretary

### PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES November 17, 2003

President Jane Furlong called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m. at Ryan's Family Steakhouse.

President Jane Furlong provided the invocation and Charlotte Edenfield led the pledge.

President Jane Furlong acknowledged the guest speaker, Bill Reily, Jr., former Pilot member Ruth Pestle and guest Dot Johnson. Mr. Reilly was introduced by President-Elect Bridget Dervish-Gonzalez. Mr. Reily is employed by the Office of Financial Regulation, Department of Financial Services and discussed financial matters related to securities, banking and insurance.

President Jane Furlong thanked Mr. Reily and made or asked for the following announcements:

- the ECR's report is available for Club members;
- the Executive Board meeting will be on November 24, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.;
- Charlotte Edenfield has the sign up for the holiday party on December 8, 2003 at Julie's Place;
- Dene' Dixon has the sign up for the Salvation Army Sharing Tree on December 18, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.;
- the deadline for contributions for the Thanksgiving Basket is November 24, 2003; and
- LaKecia Watson will be ordering a few more cases of pecans this week to complete customer orders.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dene' Dixon,  
Secretary

### PILOT TRIVIA



#### DECEMBER TRIVIA QUESTION

**QUESTION:** When was the Anchor Club program adopted by Pilot International? How many Anchor Clubs does the PC of Tallahassee sponsor? The Anchor Program began in 1952.

**ANSWER:**

The Pilot Club of Tallahassee sponsor five (5) Anchor Clubs. They are Aucilla Christian Academy, Chiles High School, Leon High School, Lincoln High School, and Maclay School.

Since this is the holiday season, the Trivia's section takes a new direction this month. Your gift is a question and an answer at the same time. The Pilot Trivia will continue in the January Deck Chatter.

#### HOLIDAY TRIVIA QUESTION

**QUESTION:** Who started the American tradition of Poinsettia at Christmas?

**ANSWER:**

Dr. Joel Poinsett, the U.S. Ambassador to Mexico brought the idea of the Poinsettia to America in 1828. Mexican considered the plant to resemble the star of Bethlehem.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Charlotte Curtis - December 8  
Mabel Huffman - December 13



## FROM THE DIVISIONS

## CLUB OPERATIONS

Agatha Muse-Salters

We can now celebrate the fact that we have **eight (8)** new members. We are proud to announce that Janette Wagner became a member December 1, 2003. Pilots let us keep working to reach our goal of **ten (10)** new members for the year.

## FUND RAISING

LaKecia Watson

The pecans have been delivered. A new order was placed and they have been distributed. They were delivered to Charlotte Edenfield's office located at 1584 Metropolitan Blvd. Thanks to all Pilots for your assistance in making this fundraiser a success.

Start saving those fleas. The next fundraiser is the Flea Market in March.

## PROJECTS &amp; YOUTH

Dene' Dixon

The Projects and Youth Division with help from Dene', Lucretia, LaTanya, LaKecia, and Valencia assisted the Chiles Anchor Club with their can drive on Saturday, November 8, 2003. The Anchors did an outstanding job collecting canned goods (three grocery carts full) and Second Harvest came to pick up the collection.

The Division gave a Thanksgiving to our adopted family and collections and donations are being collected for the Christmas basket.

The Salvation Army Sharing Tree will take place on December 18, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

## NEWS TO NOTE

Local, District &amp; PI

The dedication of the newest scholarship house, the Gresham-Kite Pilot Scholarship House will be on Sunday, January 18, 2004 in Fort Myers. Members are encouraged to attend.

*Just because a man lacks the use of his eyes doesn't mean he lacks vision.*

-- Stevie Wonder



## SPARKLER AWARD

The Sparkler Award this time goes to none other than Dot McCaskill. It was passed on to Dot from Bea. Bea is quoted as saying, "I am so proud about the level of participation from all our new members!!! It is an exciting time to be a Pilot in Tallahassee." It was my pleasure to nominate our new member Dot McCaskill for our SPARKLER Award. It has been a pleasure to get to know her. And when we needed another little piggy for our skit...she said YES !!! She has not missed one event since she joined Pilot and not all of us can say that. I am proud to call Dot my Pilot sister and friend.



## YVONNE HALE

I was born in Charleston South Carolina, but never have been back! (I have a friend's daughter getting married there in May 2004, so I have my chance). My mother was German, father Kentuckian, and through my life I have lived in 13 different towns (East and West coast-4 were in Florida-the most years as well), and attended nine (9) different schools prior to college, and five (5) universities! Needless to say, sometimes I don't know whether I am coming or going. In addition, my first language was German, then English! We traveled quite a bit due to my father being in the Air Force, and my parents finally settled down in Orange Park, Florida in 1977.

I have been lucky enough to have traveled to Russia now seven (7) times (the last being December 2003). I visit primarily a tuberculosis laboratory in Ivanovo, Russia where I work with them on quality assurance and teach new procedures. Russia is: cold; cold; oh, and ...cold! Yes, it does snow there when this primarily Florida raised person visits. I work there in conjunction with World Health Organization and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and hope to be able to continue these types of journeys. In addition, I traveled quite a bit to El Salvador on a different project post-Hurricane Mitch and Georges to assist with laboratory upgrades for CDC and Association of Public Health

Laboratories as well. It is enjoyable to be able to use my experiences to help others.

The reason I had these opportunities was that I have more than 20 years experience in the Microbiology Laboratory testing arena, primarily in testing for Tuberculosis. This is a field that is not familiar to most laboratorians, and the state laboratory in Jacksonville Florida is one of the busiest in the nation.

I came to Pilot Club of Tallahassee from the Orange Park club in April 2003. I moved to Tallahassee for a wonderful opportunity to take the position of Quality Manager at the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services working on an international accreditation for the Food Safety Laboratories. I was promoted to Interim Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Food Laboratories in October 2003. We do primarily surveillance for food-borne diseases and chemical and pesticide contaminants, and check that food items found in the retail outlets are labeled correctly (i.e., % fat, sugar-free, etc.) among dozens of other things.

I am working on a PhD in Public Health out of the University of South Florida. I thankfully have finished all my courses, and now have the nitty-gritty dissertation to really get to and finish. I hope, when I get this project accomplished, to spend more time on helping Pilot. The members of the Tallahassee Pilot Club are wonderful, and I truly appreciate you taking me into your club and becoming friends in such a short time. Thanks!

Club Operations has developed the calendar for the Pilot Profiles for the FY 2003-04 Pilot Year. The Pilot Profiles will be published monthly in the Deck Chatter. The Profiles will appear under **IN THE SPOT LIGHT**. Listed below are the schedules for the Pilot Bios for the remainder of the Pilot Year:

**Please have them to Agatha by the Deck Chatter deadline which is the fourth Monday of each month.**

## JANUARY

Stacy Hardenburg  
Wilma Smith

## FEBRUARY

Dot McCaskill  
Linda Summerlin  
LaTanya White

## MARCH

Valencia Salters Jenkins  
Pam Manley  
Janette Wagner