



**MINUTES**  
**90<sup>th</sup> Annual District Convention**  
**Embassy Suites Orlando North**  
**Altamonte Springs, FL**  
**April 14-16, 2023**

**Friday, April 14, 2023**

Rene' Naughton, Conference and Planning (C&P) Chair, called the Convention to order at 7:02 p.m. and introduced Jonda Erwin, 2022-2023 Florida District Governor, Pilot Club of Titusville and Riverview Pilot Club.

Governor Jonda welcomed Pilots, Executive Committee Representative (ECR) Joseph Cunningham, Pilot International (PI) Director Beverly Shean, Co-Pilots, Anchors and guests to the 90<sup>th</sup> annual District Convention.

Governor Jonda introduced Inspirational Leader Claire Mikko, Pilot Club of Tallahassee, who presented an inspirational message.

Governor Jonda introduced the dais, Pilot Scholarship House Foundation (PSHF) board and District Anchor officers:

Dais - Extreme left:

Amanda Valdespino, Lt. Governor, Pilot Club of Miami  
Missy Ridgway, Treasurer, Pilot Club of Ocala  
Barbara Keck, Governor Elect, Pilot Club of Fort Pierce  
Claire Mikko, District Secretary, Pilot Club of Tallahassee

Extreme right:

Connie Jones, Lt. Governor, Space Coast Pilot Club  
Joseph Cunningham, Pilot International (PI) Executive Committee Representative (ECR) and PI Treasurer,  
Pilot Club of Columbia, SC  
Ann Freeman, 2022-2023 Parliamentarian, Space Coast Pilot Club

PSHF Board:

Barbara Keck, Governor Elect, 2022-2023 DAC Representative, Pilot Club of Fort Pierce  
Diana Kingree, 2022-2024 Director, Rails 2 Trails Pilot Club  
Annette Cutchins, 2022-2024 Director, Pilot Club of Tallahassee  
Shirley Pyle, 2021-2022 Director, Pilot Club of the Halifax Area  
Joan Midgett, 2021-2023 Director, Space Coast Pilot Club  
Margaret Reydel, Secretary, Pilot Club of Fort Lauderdale  
Julie Thompson, President Elect, Pilot Club of Palatka  
Suzanne Lester, President, Pilot Club of Naples  
Charlotte Edenfield, Treasurer, Pilot Club of Tallahassee

2023-2024 District Anchor Officers:

Janene Anderson, Anchor Coordinator, Pilot Club of Quincy  
Stephanie Smith, Assistant Anchor Coordinator, Pilot Club of Miami  
Makenzie Hutchinson, Director, Palatka Jr-Sr High School Anchor Club  
Caleb Inabnet, Treasurer, Freeport High School Anchor Club  
Hallie Duncan, Secretary, Palatka Jr-Sr High School Anchor Club  
Daniella Gonzalez, President Elect, Miami Springs Senior High School Anchor Club  
Trinity Gilbert, President, Freeport High School Anchor Club

Governor Jonda recognized Josie May, 2022-2023 District Anchor President, thanking her for all she did.

Governor Jonda introduced Amanda Valdespino who conducted the ice breaker.

Governor Jonda introduced Claire Mikko, Pilot Club of Tallahassee, who read the Altamonte Springs Proclamation from Mayor Pat Bates, who was unable to attend our Convention.

Following the reading of the Proclamation, Bruce Larson, Hotel Representative, Embassy Suites Orlando North, welcomed Pilots on behalf of the hotel.

Governor Jonda introduced our Host Club representatives, Joyce Centrella, Pilot Club of Crystal River and Jean Henninger, Gulf to Lakes Pilot Club, each of whom welcomed us to Convention.

Missy Ridgway, District Treasurer, conducted an open forum on the proposed 2023-2024 budget and Barbara Keck, Chair of the Standing Rules Committee, conducted an open forum on the proposed Standing Rules amendments.

Gail Hill, District Pilot International Founders Fund (PIFF) Representative, gave the PIFF report.

Each of our 27 clubs and several individuals contributed to PIFF Goals for Grants and Scholarships, making us a \$250 District, with a total contribution of \$7,108. The individuals are: June Rhodes, Shirley Pyle, Maureen Durham, Laurie Kaye and Winnie Brewer

Pilot International received 20 grant applications which were awarded at a total of \$33,491.99

Pilot Club of the Halifax Area received a \$500 matching grant to help fund a Safe Room for Barracks of Hope

Pilot Club of Tallahassee received \$4,935 matching grant for robotic companion pets

Pilot International received 216 scholarship applications, fourteen scholarship applications were received from Florida. Scholarship Awards will be announced in May.

Twenty-two of our District clubs contributed to the Pacesetter fund: Crystal River, Daytona Beach, Fort Lauderdale, Fort Myers, Gulf to Lakes, Halifax Area, Jacksonville, Marianna, Miami, Naples, Ocala, Palatka, Panama City, Pensacola, Port of Jacksonville, Quincy, Rails 2 Trails, Space Coast, St. Augustine, Tallahassee, Titusville and Treasure Coast.

Stephanie Smith, Awards Jury Chair, presented the District Pilot and Anchor Awards:

#### Pilot Awards

##### Brain Safety and Health

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Pilot Club of Tallahassee

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Pilot Club of Rails 2 Trails

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Pilot Club of Quincy

##### Support of Anchors

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Pilot Club of Palatka

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Pilot Club of Tallahassee

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Pilot Club of Miami

##### Pick Me Up

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Pilot Club of Palatka

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Pilot Club of Tallahassee

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Riverview Pilot Club

##### Community Service

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Pilot Club of Titusville

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Pilot Club of Tallahassee

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Pilot Club of the Halifax Area

Visibility

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Pilot Club of Palatka
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Pilot Club of Tallahassee
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Pilot Club of South Brevard

Anchor Awards

Do More Awards (over 40 members)  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Miami Springs Senior High School

Do More Awards (40 and under members)  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Freeport High School  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Palatka Jr-Sr High School  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Palatka Jr-Sr High School

Care More Awards (over 40 members)  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place –Miami Springs Senior High School

Care More Awards (40 and under members)  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Palatka Jr-Sr High School  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place –Freeport High School

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 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Miami Springs Senior High School

Be More Awards (40 and under members)  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Freeport High School  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Palatka Jr-Sr High School

Anchor Club of the Year  
 Miami Springs Senior High School, Miami Springs

Ruby Newhall Anchor Service Award  
 Isabel Rosabal, Miami Springs Senior High School Anchor Club

Rene’ Naughton made announcements.

Session recessed at 8:47 p.m. to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, April 15, 2023

Ashlie Wood-Hill, Walton County Pilot Club president, sponsor of the Freeport High School Anchor Club, installed the 2023-2024 District Anchor Officers.

Following the District Anchor Officer installation, a reception was held for the First Timers.

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***Saturday, April 15, 2023***

Session reconvened at 9:03 a.m. Governor Jonda welcomed everyone back at the morning session.

The Seminole High School AFJROTC Presented the Colors. Ann Freeman, Parliamentarian lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Claire Mikko, District Secretary, introduced a representative of each club present as the Parade of Banners was conducted.

Inspirational Leader Claire Mikko and Governor Elect Barbara Keck, read an inspirational reading of our Code of Ethics.

Governor Jonda recognized Beverly Shean, 2022-2023 PI Director, followed by recognizing past PI presidents Diana Kingree (1999-2000) and Winnie Brewer (2012-2013).

The past District Governors: were introduced:

|                     |                         |   |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Diana Kingree       | 1993-1994 and 2019-2020 | Rails 2 Trails Pilot Club                   |
| June Rhodes         | 1994-1995               | Pilot Club of Daytona Beach                 |
| Betty Dubovsky      | 1997-1998               | Port of Jacksonville Pilot Club             |
| Winnie Brewer       | 2002-2003               | Riverview Pilot Club                        |
| Ann Freeman         | 2004-2005               | Space Coast Pilot Club                      |
| Joyce Centrella     | 2008-2009               | Pilot Club of Crystal River                 |
| Shearer Kennedy     | 2010-2011               | Space Coast Pilot Club                      |
| Rene' Naughton      | 2012-2013               | Pilot Club of St. Augustine                 |
| Barbara McKenzie    | 2013-2014               | Pilot Club of Fort Pierce and South Brevard |
| Nancy Bierema       | 2014-2015               | Pilot Club of Ocala                         |
| Debbie Thompson     | 2016-2017               | Space Coast Pilot Club                      |
| Lynne Stephenson    | 2018-2019               | Pilot Club of Palatka                       |
| Beverly Shean       | 2020-2021               | Pilot Club of Panama City                   |
| Charlotte Edenfield | 2021-2022               | Pilot Club of Tallahassee                   |

Two additional past Governors were introduced:

|                   |                                      |   |
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| Laurie Kaye       | 2010-2011 Northeast Potomac District | Pilot Club of the Halifax Area                                |
| Joseph Cunningham | 2015-2016 South Carolina District    | Pilot Club of Columbia, SC who was also introduced as our ECR |

The District Appointees were introduced and presented a gift by Governor Jonda:

|                            |                  |   |
|----------------------------|------------------|---|
| Anchor Coordinator         | Janine Anderson  | Pilot Club of Quincy                        |
| Awards Jury Chair          | Stephanie Smith  | Pilot Club of Miami                         |
| Compass Coordinator        | Barbara Keck     | Pilot Club of Fort Pierce                   |
| C&P Chair                  | Rene' Naughton   | Pilot Club of St. Augustine                 |
| C&P Asst Chair             | Barbara McKenzie | Pilot Club of South Brevard and Fort Pierce |
| Fundraising Coordinator    | Mallory Davis    | Pilot Club of Tallahassee                   |
| Inspirational Leader       | Claire Mikko     | Pilot Club of Tallahassee                   |
| Leadership Coordinator     | Melissa Lugo     | Riverview Pilot Club                        |
| Membership Coordinator     | Shirley Pyle     | Pilot Club of the Halifax Area              |
| Nominating Committee Chair | Lynne Stephenson | Pilot Club of Palatka                       |
| Parliamentarian            | Ann Freeman      | Space Coast Pilot Club                      |
| PIFF Representative        | Gail Hill        | Pilot Club of Marianna                      |
| Projects Coordinator       | Georgia Reed     | Pilot Club of Jacksonville                  |
| Wave Editor                | Diana Kingree    | Rails 2 Trails Pilot Club                   |

Georgia Reed, Registration Chair, Pilot Club of Jacksonville, presented the registration report.

**Voting Attendees:**

|                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| District Officers:            | 6         |
| Delegates:                    | 69        |
| Past Governors                |           |
| (not voting as Club Delegate) | <u>10</u> |
| Total Voting Strength:        | 85        |

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| <b>Non-Voting Attendees:</b>  |            |
| Pilot International Officers: | 1          |
| Florida District Pilots:      | 44         |
| Other Pilots:                 | 0          |
| Anchors:                      | 6          |
| Co-Pilots:                    | 2          |
| Non-Pilot Guests:             | <u>3</u>   |
| Total Non-Voting Attendees:   | 56         |
| <b>Total Attending:</b>       | <b>141</b> |

Barbara McKenzie, Pilot Club of Fort Pierce, moved to accept the registration report. Seconded. Motion carried.

Parliamentarian, Ann Freeman, verified that a quorum was present and presented the Convention Rules. Charlotte Edenfield, Pilot Club of Tallahassee, moved to adopt the Convention Rules. Seconded. Motion carried and the Convention Rules were adopted.

Rene' Naughton, Conference and Planning Chair, presented the Convention Agenda. Beverly Shean, Pilot Club of Panama City, moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded. The motion carried and the Convention agenda was adopted.

Governor Jonda announced that with the acceptance of the first report of the Registration Committee and the adoption of the Convention Rules and Convention Agenda, the 90<sup>th</sup> Florida District Convention of Pilot International was officially organized to conduct business.

The DAC previously approved the 2022 Convention Minutes, which are posted on the District website.

The DAC previously reviewed and accepted the 2021-2022 District Audit Report, which was prepared by Audit Committee Chair Debbie Thompson and her committee. A copy is posted on the District website.

Governor Jonda announced that she appointed Past District Governor, Betty Dubovsky, Port of Jacksonville Pilot Club, to serve as the chair of the 2022-2023 Audit Committee.

Governor Jonda stated the budget proposal was being proposed by a committee and therefore no second was needed. Missy Ridgway, District Treasurer, moved to adopt the proposed 2023-2024 budget as distributed. Motion carried.

Barbara Keck, Chair of the Standing Rules Committee, read the proposed amendments to the Standing Rules. Since the amendments were being proposed by a committee, no second was needed.

Barbara moved to accept proposed amendment #1:

Section V District Meetings, paragraph D The C&P will seek out and recommend District Convention and Fall Council sites/accommodations that are central to all the Florida District. Hosting/sponsorship will continue to rotate.

If this is approved by the District, Section V, District Meetings, paragraph E will be removed.

Charlotte Edenfield, Pilot Club of Tallahassee, moved to amend the motion by adding the words "and remove District Section V, District Meetings, paragraph E" to the proposed amendment. Seconded. Motion carried.

The original proposed amendment #1 as amended was voted on. The motion carried on the amended proposal and will become effective July 1, 2023.

Barbara moved to accept proposed amendment #2: Section VI District Club Visits, paragraph C  
If overnight lodging is required, the club will be responsible for half the cost and the DAC member will be responsible for the other half. Motion carried and will become effective July 1, 2023.

Lynne Stephenson, District Nominating Committee Chair, Pilot Club of Palatka, gave the Florida District Nominating Committee report.

Nominees for District Office

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| Governor Elect | Connie Jones, Space Coast Pilot Club           |
|                | Melissa Ridgway, Pilot Club of Ocala           |
| Secretary      | Claire Mikko, Pilot Club of Tallahassee        |
| Treasurer      | Charlotte Edenfield, Pilot Club of Tallahassee |
| Lt. Governor   | Sharon Nooney, Pilot Club of Jacksonville      |
| Lt. Governor   | Amanda Valdespino, Pilot Club of Miami         |

Each nominee, as their name was called, came to the podium and read their statements. Sharon Nooney was absent; therefore, Governor Jonda read her statement. After all statements were read, Governor Jonda stated that according to the Bylaws of Pilot International, at the close of the term, the Governor Elect automatically becomes Governor. Having served as Governor Elect, Barbara Keck, Pilot Club of Fort Pierce, will automatically become Governor of the Florida District on July 1, 2023.

She continued stating that there being no other nominees for the offices of Secretary, Treasurer or Lt. Governor the Chair declared the following by acclamation:

Claire Mikko, Secretary; Charlotte Edenfield, Treasurer; Sharon Nooney, Lt. Governor; and Amanda Valdespino, Lt. Governor

A vote will be held to nominate the 2023-2024 Governor Elect.

Debbie Thompson, PSHF Nominating Committee Chair, Space Coast Pilot Club, gave the Pilot Scholarship House Foundation Nominating Committee Report.

Nominees for Pilot Scholarship House Foundation (PSHF):

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Treasurer         | Esther Porta, Pilot Club of Titusville  |
| Director – 2 year | Janene Anderson, Pilot Club of Quincy   |
| Director – 2-year | Lynne Stephenson, Pilot Club of Palatka |

PSHF President Suzanne Lester introduced each nominee, who came to the podium and read their statements. After all statements were read, Governor Jonda stated that in accordance with the PSHF by-laws, several members were previously elected or appointed to serve in 2023-2024:

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| President       | Julie Thompson, Pilot Club of Palatka        |
| President Elect | Shirley Pyle, Pilot Club of the Halifax Area |
| Secretary       | Ann Moreau, Pilot Club of Quincy             |

Governor Jonda continued, stating that there being no other nominees for the offices of PSHF Treasurer or the **two** two-year Directors, the Chair declared the following by acclamation:

Esther Porta, Treasurer  
Janene Anderson and Lynne Stephenson, Two-Year Directors

Registration Committee Chair, Georgia Reed, stated there was no change in the registration.

After Rene' Naughton read the announcements., all non-delegates left the ballroom. Ann Freeman, Parliamentarian, presented the voting instructions. Peggy Bretz, Election Committee Chair, gave the instructions on completing the ballot.

**Recessed, after voting, at 10:57 a.m.**

Governor's Friendship Luncheon began at noon with a welcome from Governor Jonda. Claire Mikko, Inspirational Leader, said a few words before lunch. After lunch, ECR Joseph Cunningham, gave the report from PI and Trinity Gilbert, District Anchor President, presented the State of the Anchor Organization. Governor Jonda, presented the State of the Florida Pilot Organization.

**Business session reconvened at 1:48 p.m.**

Rachel Terry, Space Coast and Riverview Pilot Clubs, has been a Pilot for 50 years and was recognized as the most seasoned Pilot. Shirley Pyle, Membership Coordinator, recognized Rachel Terry and presented her with her 50-year PI and District certificates along with her 50-year pin.

There were 16 first timers at District Convention and they were asked to come forward and were presented with a gift.

Vanessa Trimble, Pilot Club of the Halifax Area, was recognized as the newest member.

Shirley Pyle, Membership Coordinator, Pilot Club of the Halifax Area, presented the Membership Reports, which included Growth Awards, Club Builder Awards and recognition of 25-year and 50-year members.

Shirley stated that as of March 31, we had 496 dues paying members, 44 emeritus, seven 50+ members and two students for a total of 549 members.

**Growth Awards**

Percentage Net Gain

|                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Crystal River, 23.53% |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Halifax Area, 25.81%  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Palatka, 36%          |

Number Net Gain

|                       |                               |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Crystal River – 4 new members |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Halifax Area – 8 new members  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Palatka – 9 new members       |

**Club Builder Awards** were presented to:

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|---|---|
| Joyce Centrella (Crystal River) – 2 members | Muriel Fuqua (Halifax Area) – 2 members |
| Suzanne Lester (Naples) – 2 members         | Karen Gramm (Titusville) – 2 members    |
| Cindy Hartig (Jacksonville) – 2 members     | Claudia Smith (Marianna) – 2 members    |
| Karleen Roll (Pensacola) – 2 members        | Jane Hafner (Palatka) – 7 members       |

Shirley recognized Pam Odom, Pilot Club of DeFuniak Springs, Janet Davenport, Pilot Club of Fort Myers, and Susan Faircloth, Pilot Club of Jacksonville as 25-year Pilot members.

Peggy Bretz presented the Election Committee report. Peggy reported:

For the District Offices

Governor Elect:

|                                    |    |
|------------------------------------|----|
| Number of Votes Cast               | 84 |
| Number of Illegal Ballots          | 0  |
| Number of Votes Necessary to Elect | 43 |
| Connie Jones                       | 30 |
| Melissa Ridgway                    | 54 |

Melissa Ridgway was elected as the District Governor Elect.

Julie Thompson, 2023-2025 PSHF president announced the 2023-2024 PSHF board, with Governor Jonda announcing Julie as President.

Barbara Keck, 2023-2024 District Governor, read the District goals and announced her 2023-2024 appointees. Barbara then announced the 2023-2024 District officers, with Governor Jonda announcing Barbara as Governor.

Rene' Naughton and Barbara McKenzie, C&P Committee, presented a workshop on how the costs for Convention/Fall Council are determined.

President Suzanne Lester, Pilot Scholarship House Foundation, conducted the PSHF annual meeting and presented certificates to those who donated money to PSHF since Fall Council.

Rene' Naughton made the announcements.

**Recessed at 4:12 p.m.**

The 2022-2023 DAC entered the Ballroom at 7:05 p.m., announced by Rene' Naughton. Governor Jonda welcomed everyone to the 2023-2024 Installation Banquet. Governor Elect Barbara Keck introduced her guests and Inspirational Leader Claire Mikko gave an Invocation.

After dinner, Carolyn Dill-Collier read congratulatory letters for Barbara Keck; Barbara McKenzie, 2013-2014 District Governor installed the 2023-2024 District officers and appointees, followed by Carolyn Maurer, Pilot Club of Fort Pierce reading the Pilot Code of Ethics; Barbara McKenzie, 2013-2014 Governor, installed the 2023-2024 PSHF board; the Governor and Governor Elect banner exchange took place; Joseph Cunningham, PI ECR, read the Charge to Appear at PI Convention to incoming Governor Barbara Keck; the Passing of the Gavel ceremony was conducted by Charlene Moses, Rails 2 Trails Pilot Club; and closing words were presented by Sara Hetherington, 2023-2024 Inspirational Leader.

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***Sunday, April 16, 2023***

At 9:00 a.m. Inspirational Leader Claire Mikko conducted the Memorial Service to honor those Pilots and Pilot family members who had passed away since Fall Council.

Marketplace drawings took place, conducted by Conference and Planning Assistant Chair, Barbara McKenzie.

Governor Jonda introduced Charlotte Edenfield, PSHF Treasurer, who gave a report on funds raised over the weekend for PSHF.

Governor Jonda read her parting thoughts, followed by the 2022-2023 DAC and Pilot Club of Titusville presenting her with parting gifts. Governor Jonda and Governor Elect Barbara conducted the Governor and Governor Elect pin exchange. Governor Jonda then thanked ECR Joseph Cunningham for attending and presented him with a gift.

Governor Elect Barbara Keck announced the 2023-2024 District Council Representatives (DCR) assignments.

Joseph Cunningham, ECR, issued the invitation to the 2023 Pilot International Convention and Leadership Conference, to be held June 28 – July 1, 2023 in Bellevue, WA.

Barbara McKenzie, Conference and Planning Assistant Chair, issued the invitation to the 2023 Fall Council, to be held October 13-15, 2023 at the Hilton Melbourne.



Trinity Gilbert, District Anchor President, issued the invitation to the 2024 Anchor Convention, to be held April 26-28, 2024, at the Orlando Marriott Lake Mary. Theme will be “Growing in Anchor” and the District project will be for the Ronald McDonald House.

Barbara McKenzie, Conference and Planning Assistant Chair, issued the invitation to the 2024 Florida District Convention, to be held April 26-28, 2024, at the Orlando Marriott Lake Mary.

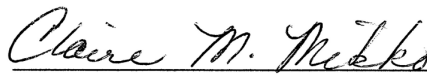
Governor Jonda thanked her Convention Committees for all they did to make the weekend a success.

Claire Mikko, Inspirational Leader, presented a benediction.

Governor Jonda led us in singing the first two verses of “Sail on International.”

Rene Naughton made announcements and adjourned the 90<sup>th</sup> Florida District Annual Convention by common consent at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Claire M. Mikko, District Secretary