



I live with my partner of 28 years, Jim, our six month old kitten and three month old black lab - some serious playtime happening! My daughter, Allison, a social worker, and her husband, J.J., live in Springfield, Massachusetts. My three granddaughters are all in college: Brianna, a senior at the University of Alabama, Amanda, a sophomore at Smith College, and Sammie, a freshman at Westfield State University.

I was very fortunate to have a career I loved - nineteen years as a middle school reading teacher and fifteen as a principal. I was also an adjunct professor at Dowling College and, in retirement, a Project Manager for Literacy Collaborative in Suffolk County for three years. My current employment is as a Water Aerobics instructor at the Patchogue YMCA.

My volunteer work is multi-faceted. I am the President and Treasurer of a consortium of four soup kitchens. I cook weekly, at one, for approximately 80 guests. For my church, I volunteer weekly in their Thrift Shop which just reached the \$100,000.00 mark in the three years it has been open.

My Pilot journey has been soul satisfying. I was a member in the early '90s, but had to leave due to the demands of my career. I was reinstated in 2013 and rapidly gained experiences at the club and district levels. As a member of Karen's Krewe, I began to see the larger picture and eventually accepted positions on the International level. My passion, since its inception, has been the Pick Me Up initiative; I love seeing how a small gesture can be so deeply appreciated by the recipients. I treasure the work we do and relish the fact that we do make a difference.

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**2022-23 Pilot International Secretary**

