



KY-OH-WV District of Pilot International

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Year 2024-2025

Governor's Message

Welcome to April!

This is the month we've been preparing for, and we're excited to welcome members and guests from the Tri-state and beyond to the Spring Convention. Registration will close on April 11th, so now is the time to get involved!

On March 15th, an important email with convention details was sent out, along with a text to all club Presidents notifying them of this information packet. The packet includes the proposed budget, proposed standing rule changes, and fundraising details.

This year, the registration fee is slightly higher due to a variety of factors. However, we can mitigate this increase by having more pilots attend. The more members we have, the more we can spread out the costs per person. Not only will increased attendance make the event more successful, but it will also help us host a more affordable event for everyone involved.

We encourage you to get your registration in and help make this event a success!

Stephanie



District Convention Service Project | Victory Project

Afterschool program to help high school boys with homework and encourage them to continue academics beyond high school, while involving them in community service projects

NEEDS: Laptops | Hygiene Items | Athletic Equipment | Monetary Donation

TO DO CHECKLIST

- Elect 2025-2026 Club Officers and send in Form (*link in ECR Message*) by May 1st.
- Review Proposed Budget and Standing Rule changes to be prepared to vote at Convention.
- Arrive to District Convention with a Smile on your face and ready to have fun!!



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[Link to District Website](#)

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**KY-OH-WV
Convention Registration 2025**

Just a simple reminder my fellow Pilots, it's a new month and we have lots to look forward to. This month districts are hosting their annual conventions. What an exciting time to get together and reunite with old friends and meet new friends. Learn new things about the clubs within your district and utilize each other's creativity and expertise to work smarter NOT harder. We all have a gift and just because we are from different clubs does not mean we cannot help our fellow clubs with ideas on fundraising, projects and how to grow membership. When we work together, we succeed as ONE!



April Blessings by Mary Davis.....

Be present.
Let the day flow with grace.
Expect joy. Be positive.
Serve with compassion.
Speak with kindness.
Impart only love.
Never forget you're not alone

Give thanks for everything.
See goodness in others.

Let that energy continue and let's get enthusiastic about the 2025 Pilot International Convention and Leadership Conference. It will take place in Charlotte, North Carolina on July 23-26. Some fun facts about Charlotte are that it is the largest metropolitan area in the United States without a zoo, Dairy Queen on Wilkinson Boulevard is designated as a national historic landmark. It's got the only remaining Dairy Queen "Eskimo" roof display left in the entire country. The nation's first gold rush happened in Charlotte, in 1799. Miners found a 17-pound gold nugget and of course we cannot forget it is the location of the NASCAR Hall of Fame, where it showcases the history and achievements of its legendary drivers. We will have to polish up on our motorsport terminology or for some of us, we may just have to learn it before we head to Charlotte so we can be in the know. Thank goodness for Wikipedia.

Registration is still open, and the cost is \$525.00 [PI Convention 2025 | Pilot International](#) Our early bird registration just ended and was well received with over 300 + people registering for the PI Convention. This year's convention includes: a dynamic opening night, workshops aimed at enhancing leadership skills and sparking innovative ideas, keynote speakers, PIFF Fundraiser at the NASCAR Hall of Fame, collaboration opportunities with Pilots and installations of officers to celebrate achievements and future plans. YOU won't want to miss these FABULOUS few days of events!

Pre-Convention Excursions are Monday July 21 and Tuesday July 22 ~ Tour to the Mall for \$35.00 or you can add Tree House Winery & Vineyard to your Tour of the Mall for a total of \$65.00. Polo Shirts are available with President Nicki's logo on them "No Pilot Left Behind" for \$30.00 and there is also a Pilot Convention Pin for \$5.00 (which everyone loves & they are great souvenirs to bring back to members that are unable to attend or gifts for new members.)

On the night of Installation Banquet there is a new approach to the beverage service. This year, we will transition from a traditional cash bar to a hotel-reserved wine table service. This change aims to enhance the banquet experience ~ no standing in line and managing costs effectively. So, make sure to order your wine prior to coming to the convention. You can find the selections and costs on the Pilot International Convention page and payment can be made by using Zeffy. (Which on a side note ~ PI has saved \$8,000 and counting by using this platform for all our registering)

Individuals, Clubs and Districts can put an ad in the Convention Booklet to congratulate a Pilot for their achievement or their upcoming leadership position. They range from \$50 to \$300, and you can email your ad to [PI Convention 2025 | Pilot International](#). The deadline is May 6, 2025. Should you have any questions or need help reach out to Mallory at HQ.

At PI Convention awards are presented for Elizabeth Leonard Pilot Club Builder, Lucy B. Allen, Outstanding Community Service, Outstanding Pilot Club, Outstanding Pilot Club BrainMinder, Outstanding Pilot Club Visibility, Peral Sparks Service and Pick-Me-Up Project. The Awards Committee is ready and patiently waiting for all the submissions as we know there are so many worthy clubs, Pilots and projects. The deadline is **no later than 5 p.m. on May 15th**. All entries and required documents must be submitted in PDF format to clubservices@pilothonline.org.

Anchor Registration is open. Please remember your registration is NOT complete until all 3 forms are emailed to Pilot Youth Development and Communications Specialist at youthdevelopment@pilothonline.org Forms required are Anchor Summit Chaperones, Youth Release / Medical Forms and Photo Release. Any questions how to register or use Zeffy call Mallory at 478-477-1208 ext. 305 (continued....)

Anchors have several awards that are presented at convention also, however their deadline is a little earlier. It is **no later than April 15** and all entries and required documents must be submitted in PDF format to youthdevelopment@pilothonline.org

All clubs continue to do an outstanding job this year in Friendship and Service, and we cannot wait to see how many submissions are received. You can't win if you do not enter.

Pilot International is still accepting nominations for the 2025-2026 Executive Committee, Districts should have their slate of nominees for their 2025-2026 District Leadership Team for voting on at the District Convention and Clubs are hopefully starting to choose their incoming officers for 2025-2026 Pilot Year. Once the Club Officers are selected the President-Elect needs to complete the **New Officer Form** by **May 1st** and send it to Pilot International Headquarters (clubservices@pilothonline.org) and your incoming District Governor. The form is on the website under Members ~ Forms/Documents ~ Club Officer Form

Thank you to all Pilots who stepped up to serve and take on a leadership role. Our goal is to see everyone lead in some type of capacity because we all are leaders one way or another. If not, we would have never joined Pilot. Sometimes it just takes another Pilot to bring it out of us and be our biggest cheerleader. We are ALL LEADERS because we ALL want to DO more ~ CARE more ~ BE more!

Now I am going to use a Darrell Waltrip NASCAR race catchphrase.... (Will Butler will enjoy)

Imagine the Green Flag is being flown, and the race is starting Boogity, boogity, boogity – let's go racing Pilots!" Let's get excited and I will see you all in Charlotte, North Carolina.

In Pilot Friendship and Service, *Shelle Allen*

Greetings from Byesville, Ohio!

WOW! Time sure goes by quickly...I can't believe my year as your 2024-2025 Governor-Elect is coming to an end. As the KY-OH-WV District prepares for the upcoming District Convention to be held April 25th and April 26th, 2025 in Dayton, Ohio, I want to encourage everyone to register for this fun and exciting District Convention.

We will have fun with lots of laughing, new friendships will be made, and we will cherish the friendships that we have made through the years as Pilots. On a side note, it would not be a District Convention if we didn't take some time for business related items in our Business session.

I would like to remind all clubs to submit their 2025-2026 Club Officers form to Joanna Kotlarski, (clubservices@pilothonline.org) at Pilot International and also send a copy to your current Governor-Elect, Rhonda Stemmer at (kyohwvgoelect@gmail.com) by May 1st, 2025.

Now, I am moving on to the Installation Banquet that will be held Saturday evening. My installing officer for the 2025-2026 DAC and Appointees will be Joanne Mason.

My colors will be Teal, Baby Blue, Fuchsia, Light Pink and White. I would LOVE for everyone to be in Semi-Formal attire with Bling and Sparkles. Complimenting your outfit will be a hat, fascinator, headband, etc., with Bling and Sparkles. NOTE: Prizes will be given to 4 individuals that evening; judging will consist of Most Bling and Sparkle; Best Overall Attire; Best Hat or Fascinator with the Most Bling and Sparkle and the last winner will be a SURPRISE that evening.

After the Officer Installation, we will have a joyful reception that I am calling, "The Bloom & Sparkle Diamond Club". I hope you plan to attend the celebration and enjoy a dessert from my local bakery.

Mingle with friends and share your success story with others. Also, plan to welcome your new officers in a delightful and sparkly setting.

I want to leave you with this quote, "The best way to find Yourself is to lose Yourself in the Service to Others". – Mahatma Gandhi –

In Pilot Friendship,
Rhonda Stemmer
2024-2025 Governor-Elect

Inspirational Message



Spring Convention happens this month! We are certainly looking

forward to this event which represents a “*changing of the guard*”. Spring Convention is a pivotal time in our Pilot calendar. In this concentrated block of time, the district budget is approved, as well as amendments to Standing Rules. We learn about various social and community services via guest speakers and workshops. We actively grow our service projects through donations. New Officers, Appointees and Coordinators are installed. We offer various fundraisers and a Marketplace. Past officers come together to re-connect. Celebration of Life Service provides an opportunity to honor our dearly departed. The social gatherings provide opportunities to enjoy the company of others outside our own clubs; to laugh and to catch up.

The process of putting together a Spring Convention Program requires a great deal of time and effort. Patience, cooperation, understanding, and compromise in order to facilitate the best possible outcome. Over the course of a year, individuals share their time and unique talents to create this event. We are grateful to those who spent long hours attending in-person and zoom meetings. We are grateful to the individuals who participated in on-site visits. All those brainstorming and numbers crunching sessions paid off. The menu and program planning came together at last. A great deal of energy, focus, and preparation made the Spring Convention possible. Pilot Club of Dayton and friends and 2024-25 DAC we appreciate your hard work. Your collaboration and dedication make the 85th Annual Pilot International KYOHVW District Convention a success.

Sandra Summers

Inspirational Leader
KY-OH-WV District
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Send get well, sympathy, and other wishes to Inspirational Leader, Sandra Summers at kyohwvinspiration@gmail.com



The family of Marie Gravely on the loss of Keith Ramon Gravely, 54, of Point Pleasant, WV. Who passed away at Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House in Huntington WV on March 14th.



2024-2025 DISTRICT CALENDAR

Month	Coordinator Bulletin	Event / Fundraisers
April		April 25-27, 2025 Dayton, OH Vote for 2025-2026 Club Officers and submit paperwork to PI/DAC
May	Anchors, Patriotism	Club 2025-2026 Planning Send final plans to Gov Elect
June	Anchor/Compass	July 23-26, 2025 PI Conference –Charlotte, NC



100 Ways to Recruit

Every month the bulletin will give you 10 ways out of the top 100 to try.....let's see if they work!

1. Contact all members who have resigned in the past 3 years
2. Use billboards at bus stops and roadside signs
3. Ask club members to put club ads on their commercial trucks
4. Recognize new members in newsletters
5. Regularly check the PI web site for ideas
6. Subscribe to Rotary Membership and promote Pilot
7. Invite spouses to social functions
8. Ask recipients of service or donations to speak
9. Introduce your club to local businesses. Send a letter, email, or stop by and introduce yourself. Bring along your informational brochure and club business card.
10. Pass out M & M candy to remind members that “Membership Matters” and that we need “More Members”