



KY-OH-WV District of Pilot International

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Year 2024-2025

Governor's Message

Pilots!

It's that time of year again – our District Convention is just around the corner, and we're excited to invite YOU to join us next month for a truly memorable experience!



Let us celebrate our dedication to service, community, and the incredible impact we make together. Let's tip our hats to the hard work, commitment, and compassion that define our Pilot Clubs, as we gather to celebrate our achievements and look forward to even more opportunities to serve.

Join us for:

- ❖ **Inspiring Speakers**
- ❖ **Engaging Workshops**
- ❖ **Exciting Networking Opportunities**
- ❖ **Celebration of Our Service to the Community**

Whether you're a long-time member or a newcomer, this convention will offer something for everyone! Let's unite and continue to make waves of positive change in our communities.

So, mark your calendars, pack your hats, and get ready to have a fantastic time as we continue our journey of service together! We can't wait to see you there!

Don't forget to **NOMINATE** for our **DO MORE, CARE MORE, BE MORE Awards**!

Together, let's make this convention unforgettable!

Stephanie



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TO DO CHECKLIST

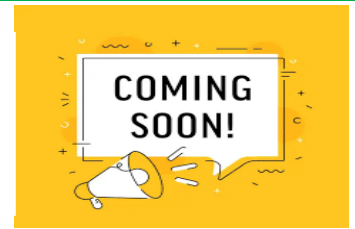
- ✓ District: Book Hotel – **Deadline March 25th** and Register for Convention in Dayton
- ✓ Submit **District Standing Rule Proposed Changes** to DAC/ECR (Form attached to email)
- ✓ PI: Book Hotel and register for PI Conference in Charlotte
- ✓ Nominate and vote for Club Officers (send to DAC)

KY-OH-WV Registration form included in Bulletin email and available on the District Website

[Convention Registration 2025](#)



MARCH 15TH – The DAC will send out Proposed Budget, List of 2025-2026 DAC Nominees, etc to Members.



ECR MESSAGE

Shelle Allen, 2024-2025 PI Director
Midwest District

March signifies that Spring is right around the corner which means warmer weather and blooming flowers. It is time to make plans to attend your District Conventions where you see your Pilot friends, make new friends, conduct business, install new officers, learn new facts about Pilot, eat good food, and have loads of fun! It is an exciting time to be a Pilot!

Brain Awareness Week is March 10-16, 2025. This is the official week to promote brain safety and research. Pilot International has focused on brain related service since 1992 and developed the Brainminders educational program. Over the years, Pilot Clubs have presented numerous programs about brain safety to educate children and seniors using the Brainminder buddies.

March is also a great time to start working on Anchor Awards. Nominations for these awards are due to Pilot International by April 15. These awards include Anchor Club of the Year, Anchor Club Star of the Year, Community Service and Visibility Awards, Outstanding Anchor Advisor, Ruby Newhall Anchor Service Award, and Support for Anchors Award for Pilot Clubs. These forms are found on www.pilotinternational.org/members/awards. Awards are presented at the PI Conference in Charlotte. Start completing these forms now and submit to PI HQ before the deadline.

Applications to PI HQ due March 15:

- PIFF Scholarship applications
- PMU & Helmet Grant applications
- Project Lifesaver Scholarship
- LAIN Compass Scholarship

Reminder: Register for the PI Annual Leadership and Leadership Conference to be held July 23-26, 2025, in Charlotte, NC. Link found on www.pilotinternational.org. Join your Pilot friends as it is going to be a great time!

Thank you all for your service to Pilot International!

In Pilot Service & Friendship ~ Shelle Allen



100 Ways to Recruit New Members

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

1. Meet at a good location.
2. Assign every member to a 5-person recruitment team—each team brings in a new member every six months
3. Develop a strategic plan membership is a year-round priority and needs to be planned
4. Have incentives for recruitment
5. Have a large poster that lists all the members who have sponsored a new member in the past year
6. Seek out diversity
7. Display a thermometer showing progress towards club goal
8. Feature a member's "benefit of the month" in the club newsletter
9. Induct new members with pizzas & invite spouse/partner
10. Develop a welcome letter from the president for all new members.





Pilot International Founders Fund (PIFF) has scholarships for your community.

By Greta Tyler

While local Pilot clubs no longer sponsor PIFF scholarships, you may **send students to our website to make applications.**

The PIFF manual says:

Scholarships are given to applicants interested in pursuing careers in one of the areas Pilot focuses on: Transforming communities through education and service in the areas of youth leadership and development, brain safety and fitness, or caring for families in need.

What is your college student looking for? There are scholarships for graduating seniors and full-time undergraduates, one for persons improving their careers or reentering the job market, one for international students only and one for graduate students. You'll find these described on our Pilot International website.

Applications are made online at <https://www.pilotinternational.org>. The form can be found under Pilot Founders Fund, then choose Scholarships. **Application must be postmarked by March 15.**

Pilot International Founders Fund

Greta Tyler, Pilot Club of Jackson County

Pilots, did you realize that our International club was started because civic minded ladies were not included in men's clubs?

The year was 1921. World War I had ended. Women had the vote. Enthusiasm and excitement energized the nation, and newly empowered women were eager to claim their rightful place as leaders in a modern American society.

Inspired by the efforts of the men around her - watching them gather together to form their own civic organizations - Georgia native Elizabeth Leonard and six of her friends met in early September to discuss a brave and hopeful new idea – the formation a volunteer service organization of businesswomen that could one day become international in its scope of service.

Thus begins the article about PIFF on our International website. Some of us remember the years when we had a separate Foundation for donor funds. When the organization was revamped into a single entity, our leaders chose to honor our Founders by naming our umbrella of grant funds for them. Thus, we have **Pilot International Founders Fund (PIFF)**.

Several funds are included in this catch-all name. They cover grants to clubs, districts and students. Funds for students in leadership go to Anchors. Endowment funds sustain Pilot International. Other funds support brain-related research and a list of general needs.

Of particular interest this year with our storms and floods is the Safe Harbor Fund. Monies held in this fund are specifically for disaster relief.

Where does that money come from? September is Founder's month. To celebrate, clubs are encouraged to choose an outstanding member and honor them as Ambassador of their club. A donation of \$25 is sent to Pilot International in the name of their Ambassador and they are listed in The Pilot Log for all to see. These contributions are specifically earmarked for the Safe Harbor Fund.



You may learn more about PIFF by going to Pilot International website. Remember that the password is **truecourse**

Governor Elect



My last official visit with the Pilot Club of Jackson County last month. Thanks to all clubs for their warm welcomes during this year.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Convention in Dayton.

Rhonda



2024-2025 DISTRICT CALENDAR

Month	Event / Fundraisers
March	Register for District Convention Hotel Deadline March 25th Vote for 2025-2026 Club Officers and submit paperwork to PI/DAC
April	April 25-27, 2025 Dayton, OH
May	Club 2025-2026 Planning
June	July 23-26, 2025 PI Conference –Charlotte, NC



MARCH HOLIDAYS

1-Peanut Butter Lover's Day
3-National Anthem Day
6-National Frozen Food Day
8-Popcorn Lover's Day
10-Middle Name Pride Day
11-Johnny Appleseed Day
12-Girl Scouts Day
14-National Pi(e) Day
14-Potato Chip Day
15-Ides of March
16-No Selfies Day
17-St. Patrick's Day
21-World Down Syndrome Day
22-National Goof Off Day
23-National Chips and Dip Day
23-National Puppy Day
24-National Chocolate Covered Raisin Day
25-Palm Sunday (varies each year)
25-Waffle Day
26-National Spinach Day
28-Something on a Stick Day
30-Good Friday (varies each year)
30-Take a Walk in the Park Day

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Inspirational Message



Sandra Summers

Hello members of Pilot International. Once again, I have the privilege of addressing you as District Inspirational Leader. The office of District Inspirational Leader was vacant as a result of the sudden passing of our dear Jackie Kautengerger. I volunteered to serve out this term and here I am. Previously, I served as Inspirational Leader during the years Marie Gravely and Jan Flinchum served as Governor. I am very pleased to once again bring messages of encouragement, hope, comfort and camaraderie.

I would like to begin with a reminder that the 2025 District Spring Convention is just around the corner. Please submit those registrations and make your travel plans soon. Your participation in the District Convention is vital to the functioning of this organization. The discussions you bring during business sessions and workshops are important and keep our organization functioning in a healthy efficient manner. The contributions you make to the service project make a significant impact by enhancing the quality of life for individuals in your communities. Your fellowship, laughter, and warmth help bind us together. Please attend the 2025 Spring Convention.

The KYOHVV District offers condolences to the **Pilot Club of Charleston** for their recent loss.



Roberta Jones' brother, David Leake, passed away 12/28/2024.



Mary Beth Carson a longtime Pilot Club of Charleston member who had relocated to South Carolina, passed away on February 8, 2025, after a long illness. [Click to read full Obituary](#)



Peggy Burke lost her daughter, Debra Ann Kiser, on 01/21/2025. [Click to read full Obituary](#)



Shirley Clowser recently fell and broke her hip. Doctors said she did well with her surgery. She will most likely go to Rehab. Cards may be sent to her home at 2506 Kay Lane, Charleston, WV 25302.