



KY-OH-WV District of Pilot International

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Year 2024-2025



Governor's Message

To all the Pilots who attended, planned, and executed this year's convention—thank you. Your energy, commitment, and spirit made it a truly special event, and I'm so proud of what we accomplished together.

A very special thank you goes to Joanne, who graciously stepped up to serve as our acting Parliamentarian. Her steady guidance and knowledge were instrumental in our success—we simply couldn't have done it without her.

This convention felt like a turning point. The sense of connection, celebration, and shared purpose was unmistakable, and I believe it set the perfect tone for the year ahead. I'm confident the incoming DAC will ride this wave of momentum into a fantastic term. Their leadership, built on experience and heart, positions us all for success.

While we don't yet have a confirmed location for our 2026 convention, one thing is certain: after witnessing the brilliance of the Cookie Contest, the "Gwyn Dream Team" (Pat & Al) will definitely be playing a part in catering. It's safe to say we're in for something delicious!

The friendship and camaraderie we experienced were so strong that many of us didn't want the event to end—even if that led to an impromptu 3:00 a.m. parking lot meeting! While that may have been *slightly* over the top, it was a testament to the bonds we share and the fun we have when we're together.

I'll admit—this bulletin is coming out a bit later than usual. That's on me. I found it difficult to put into words how deeply this experience has touched me, especially knowing I have only one more message to share with you before officially becoming a "Has-Been." It's a bittersweet moment, but also one filled with pride and gratitude.

As I look ahead, I feel hopeful and excited. Our incoming DAC is made up of seasoned, dedicated leaders - "Has-Beens" who are giving it another go, and I know they'll guide us forward with wisdom and heart.

Thank you again for making this convention—and this year—so special. It has been an honor to serve with you.

Hats off to You!

Stephanie

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TO DO CHECKLIST

Clubs' plans of work and budget should be sent to Governor

(kyohwvgovernor@gmail.com) and ECR by August 15.

2025-2026 Budget and Standing Rules available on District Website





ECR MESSAGE

- Shelle Allen, 2024-2025 PI Director

Hopefully everyone is enjoying the convention season! This is always a good time to reconnect and recharge our Pilot Batteries for the upcoming year. Below are key items in regard to convention. Our Convention Committee is getting things ready to welcome you to Charlotte, North Carolina.

Council of Leaders will start Monday evening and continue through to mid-day Wednesday. During this time, we will also have Excursions you can join in on to spend some time just fellowshipping. Opening session will occur Wednesday evening and kicks off our Convention. Thursday will encompass our business session followed by numerous training sessions and workshops Friday. Saturday is a day of celebration as we start with the President's Breakfast and Awards and conclude with the Installation of Officers for the 2025 – 2026 Pilot International Year.

Join us at every step along the way! Below are the various links to register, sponsor, and get involved with our 2025 Pilot International Convention.

🌟 Register for the 2025 Pilot International Convention!

Join us in Charlotte, NC for an unforgettable gathering of friendship, service, and leadership!

📅 Standard Registration: \$525 (March 1 – April 30)

🛒 Reserve your spot now and be part of something extraordinary! This is also the link to buy extra shirts and pins for you to take back home!

<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/2025-pi-convention-general-registration>

💖 Support the 2025 Convention Service Project

Let's make an impact together! Contribute to this year's Convention Service Project and help us uplift lives in the host community. 💖 Every dollar makes a difference! 🌐 Make your donation here

<https://www.zeffy.com/donation-form/2025-pi-convention-service-project>

🛍️🍷 Pre-Convention Excursions – Shopping & Winery

Start the week in style with a fun and relaxing adventure! Enjoy a day of boutique shopping and scenic sipping with fellow Pilots. 🚗 Limited spots available – book your excursion today!

<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/2025-pre-convention-excursions>

🏎️ PIFF Fundraiser – NASCAR Hall of Fame

Feel the thrill of racing history while supporting the Pilot International Founders Fund!

🏆 This exciting event fuels scholarships and leadership programs.

🛒 Grab your ticket now and join the ride! <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/piff-fundraiser-nascar-hall-of-fame>

🎉 Bingo Night – Fun with a Purpose!

Ready to shout "Bingo!" for a good cause? ✨ Enjoy a lively evening of prizes, laughter, and giving back at this fan-favorite PIFF event.

🛒 Get your card here before it sells out! <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/piff-bingo-night>

📢 Advertise in the Convention Program

Celebrate your club, promote your business, or honor a special Pilot with an ad in our official Convention Program! 💡 A great way to share your message with over 700 attendees.

📄 Submit your ad today <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/convention-program-ads>

🍷 Installation Banquet Wine Table Service

Make Installation Night extra special with reserved wine service at your table. 🥂 Cheers to new beginnings in style! 🍷 Reserve your wine service

<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/pi-convention-table-service-installation-banquet>

🗳️ Club Not Attending Convention? Let Us Know

If your club won't be joining us in Charlotte, please pay the Convention Absence Fee here.

📌 Helps us plan and support the event for all Pilots.

🔗 Pay your club fee <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/clubs-not-attending-convention-payment>



“May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope.”

— Emily Brontë

Welcome to the month of May everyone. You are aMAYzing! I want to offer a warm welcome to the 2025-2026 District Administrative Council, appointees and coordinators. Thank you in advance for your service to the KYOHVV District.

The 2025 District convention is in the books. While the convention experience is still resonating with you, please give some thought to serving next year as a Pilot District officer, appointee or coordinator. We need members willing to step up and serve at the district level. We need your unique skill set and ideas. Your leadership, experience, and vision will strengthen and grow our district.

Serving as an officer or appointee gives you new opportunities and insights as you work with and get to know Pilots from other communities.

Along the way you will learn more about:

- Coordinating and facilitating Fall Workshops and Spring Conventions
- District policy, By Laws and standing Rules
- Planning and implementing the district budget
- Publishing the Governor’s Bulletin
- Pilot initiatives of other district clubs

Plan now to STEP UP and serve the KYOHVV District in 2026. Your talents are needed.

Thank you.

Sandra Summers

KYOHVV Inspirational Leader

Send get well, sympathy, and other wishes to Inspirational Leader, Sandra Summers at

kyohvwinspiration@gmail.com



JOB WELL DONE!!!

Pilot Club of Dayton members and DAC!!
Ky-Oh-Wv District of Pilot International
convention was a success and so much fun!



PAWS Ability Speaker

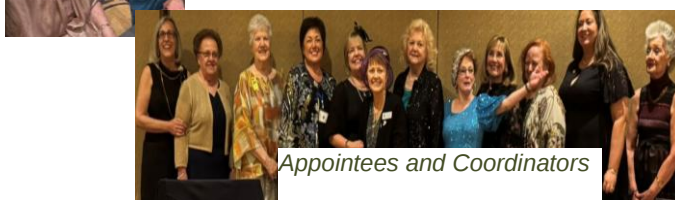


New Cardinal Club Chartered

Fundraising Cookie Contest Winners!!!



FUN, FUN & More Fun with Friends



Appointees and Coordinators



2025-2026 DAC

District

When KY-OH-WV thaws out from cold winter months we sure get busy!!!



Meghan Fondriest and Jessi Bowland from Meadowbrook

Cambridge donating School Supplies to Meadowbrook Elementary School. Left: Krista Shriver, 4th Grade Math Teacher and right Rhonda Stemmer, 2024-2025 KY-OH-WV Governor Elect, and Club Member.



Akron at Good Samaritan Hunger Center. Got their steps in packing up meals for the kids of Akron Public Schools! 2,400 bags were packed.



Akron Setting up for 2 sessions for Fun Night for a Cure! Donated items for prizes, sold 50/50 tickets and distributed raffle baskets,



Jackson County partnered with local EMS and police officers to safely install car seats for those in need within our community. We moved our inventory to their new home with the QRT at city hall in Ripley. Members Sarah McVay-Freeland, Suzette Lowe, and Cleta Monday were present to assist with the move.



Charleston: Christina Carr and Pam Smith from the University of Charleston attended our meeting today to accept a \$5,000 scholarship for the School of Nursing.



Clark County Sheriff's Office - Ohio

"A huge thank you to the **Pilot Club of Springfield** for their generous donation to the D.A.R.E. program benefiting Safety Village!

Your support helps us continue empowering kids with the knowledge and tools they need to make safe, smart choices. We're so grateful for community partners like you who invest in the future of our youth!

Huntington



Picture, from left, are Milton Volunteer Fire Department Safety Officer and Firefighter Dale Martin, Pilot Club of Huntington President Deborah Chapman, Milton VFD Treasurer and Firefighter Lt. Jonathan Black, Pilot Club Project Chair Chris Mastakas, and Dr. David Nichols, firefighter. The Pilot Club of Huntington awards a grant to the fire department.

Milton VFD awarded grant from Pilot Club of Huntington

By SARAH INGRAM
COMMUNITY
 MILTON — A grant awarded to the Milton Volunteer Fire Department last month from the Pilot Club of Huntington was put toward new helmets and gear to improve patient and firefighter safety. The club awarded the \$2,000 grant from its Project Fund to the fire department March 10 after learning the department could use more gear to keep patients' necks and heads safe while responding to emergencies in rural areas. "We were looking for helmets. We use specific helmets for rural areas, water rescue, auto extrication and things like that," Milton VFD Safety Officer Dale Martin said. With the grant funding, Martin said the department was able to buy five Team Wendy helmets. Team Wendy is a company that makes protective gear with a "deep understanding of traumatic brain injury," according to his website. They were also able to purchase two headlocks, or foam locks that keep a patient's head stable while being moved, and a collapsible backboard to help move patients. Milton VFD uses a side-by-side to respond to emergencies in rural areas where their regular vehicles cannot reach a location. Martin said when helmets aren't available, it is standard practice to secure a patient's head with towels and duct tape. "The problem with that is keeping the towels clean, storing all those towels, making sure they are secure. We wanted a way to protect our patients' heads in case of an accident, in case of a rollover or anything like that," which the helmets are better suited for both patients and the first responders, he said.



Dale Martin, Milton Volunteer Fire Department safety officer and firefighter, is seen with a Team Wendy helmet purchased with grant funding awarded to the department by the Pilot Club of Huntington.



Pilot Club President Deborah Chapman said the organization emphasizes the importance of head and brain protection. Chapman said while her club regularly awards Grants funded by the Pilot Club of Huntington Antique Show and Sale revenue to local organizations to support various initiatives, it had not previously awarded any grant to a fire department. When she learned of the need for head and neck support devices for Milton VFD, Chapman said it just made sense to tell Martin to apply for the grant. "That's really right up our alley and we had never funded a volunteer fire department before because they had never asked," Chapman said. "They took us on a tour and it just opened up my eyes to the work they do." Martin expressed gratitude to the Pilot Club of Huntington, saying any funding for volunteer fire departments is appreciated, and the Pilot Club is "a great resource for our area."

New safety gear is pictured in the Milton Volunteer Fire Department's side-by-side vehicle to be used for emergencies in rural areas.

DEBORAH CHAPMAN | Submitted photo