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Happy September Pilots!

WOW! August has been a very busy month. I have enjoyed looking at the Plans of Work for the clubs in the district.

"Pilots have Bloomed and Sparkled like Diamonds" as they have dedicated themselves to working on or will be working on many worthwhile projects in their communities.

Plans are in place for the Year, so we can get down to business! I look forward to hearing about your successes and seeing some of them myself. Invitations to your service projects or fundraisers are always welcome. I cannot attend every event, but I would love to make as many as I can.

Rev your engines and get ready for Fall Workshop. It's less than a month away now. I want to encourage as many Pilots as possible to attend. This is a great time to collaborate with other Pilots, and to find new ideas to make your clubs better.

Remember, Plans are just plans. They can be changed if a great new idea comes along. The district also has a website, (pilotkow.org), that is a great resource for forms and contact information.

As I begin my "Official Visits", please send me your current Officer List information.

Make sure your clubs vote for their Ambassador(s) and send their names to PI before the end of September.

Lastly, start your engines and be prepared for Pit Stops, Checkpoints, Leadership Zones and finally the Finish Line at the Fall Workshop on September 20th at The Heritage Center of Clark County in Springfield, Ohio.

See you all soon!

In Pilot Friendship,

Rhonda Stemmer

KY-OH-WV District
2025-2026 Governor

District Convention - Date and Location change

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Cambridge Country Club

60755 Southgate Rd, Byesville, OH 43723

Hotel: Fairfield Inn – a short 4-minute drive

(TBD Optional Social Friday, April 17th at [Cambridge Winery](#))



Workshop Project: Young Woman's Mission runs a secondhand store to benefit persons in poverty. Agencies and churches give vouchers to people who redeem them at the Nearly New Shop. We give them three outfits of clothes, a coat, a pair of shoes, new underwear and socks, all free of charge.

They are always very grateful. (*although the men do not like white underwear*)





Those Silly Geese Aren't that Silly

As I see the season begin its amazing transformation and watch the birds begin to molt and flock, preparing for their journeys south, I am reminded of the leadership lessons we learn from the geese. These lessons are well worth remembering and applying to our Pilot lives.

Geese share leadership and work together in the service of a common goal and destination. They fly in a V formation for greatest efficiency as it creates lift for the geese behind them, allows members to see what's ahead, and keeps them connected to the group. Geese rotate leadership and other positions in the formation to share the tiring demands of leading, thereby empowering all members, leveraging strengths, and renewing energy. They value the individual and provide sick or struggling geese with the company of a friend or two until able to rejoin the flock. And they continuously honk encouragement from the rear, encouraging and helping each other to maintain speed and effort along the way.

Pilot leadership teams like the DAC and club officers help us stay focused, aligned and engaged in service of our shared friendship and service goals. Pilot communications help all members see what's ahead and stay connected. Informal leadership and communication practices keeps club members energized and committed to each other. Friendships offer comfort and support in difficult times. Projects, **annual elections**, and other club and district activities provide opportunities for all members to stretch their wings and lead in support of our shared goals. And honking encouragement from the rear is just something we Pilots tend to be good at.

What lesson of leadership might you like to strengthen this migration season? Let's go for it! **HONK! HONK!**

Cindy Forman
Leadership Coordinator



*"I'm back in the saddle again
Out where a friend is a friend
Where the longhorn cattle feed
On the lowly jimson weed
Back in the saddle again"*

BACK
IN THE
SADDLE
AGAIN



Sandra Summers

Inspirational Leader
KYOHVV District of Pilot International



Back in the 1940's there was a very popular singing cowboy movie star by the name of Gene Autry. He performed his signature song, *Back in the Saddle Again* in the 1941 Republic Pictures movie of the same name. The song was a huge hit. Yes, this is the same singing cowboy who also had a giant hit song with the much-loved, *Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer*.

I enjoy the sense of contentment and wellbeing this old cowboy song conveys. It seems to me this song captures the spirit of this season for us Pilots. As Pilot members, we are in the process of sorting out the 2025-2026 year. This is a cycle we have gotten to know very well. We once again experience "back to school" with friends and family. Our schedules once more include athletic events, holiday preparations and family gatherings. As members of Pilot, we return to this rotation by honoring an Ambassador, participating in a Fall Workshop, initiating new members, planning and facilitating fundraisers, spending countless volunteer hours providing Pick Me Ups, Brain Minders/Helmets events and other service projects in our communities. We will fund scholarships, submit grant requests, and plan for and attend convention, elect officers and pass a budget.

Pilot friends, here's to a successful year! Here's to being *back in the saddle again*! Here's to another year of friendship, service and community enrichment!

Thank You Pilots, for your work ethic. Thank you for your skill, cooperation, dedication, expertise, hard work, and experience



ECR Message

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In every corner of Pilot International, our mission blooms through service, leadership, and friendship. This season, we have so many reasons to celebrate how our clubs, members, and programs are blossoming into powerful forces for good.

One of the bright petals in our bouquet of initiatives is the Club Ambassador Program. This role is more than a title—it's a bridge. Club Ambassadors connect local clubs with the heart of Pilot International, sharing resources, sparking engagement, and ensuring every member feels part of something bigger. Like gardeners tending to a shared plot, Ambassadors nurture growth, foster unity, and help our mission flourish in every community we serve. Remember to select your Club Ambassador and then send your contribution and completed form to Headquarters by September 30th.

Our commitment to health and community spirit is also in full bloom with the Alzheimer Walk or Pilot Walk. These walks are not just steps on a path—they are strides toward wellness, awareness, and connection. Pick your Saturday and walk in a park, along the beach, or through your neighborhoods, each mile reflects our dedication to healthy living and visible service. It's a reminder that, together, we can move toward a better world—one step at a time.

Fall also brings the Council/Workshop season—a time when ideas blossom, friendships grow deeper, and skills are cultivated for stronger leadership. This annual gathering is where we share best practices, learn new strategies, and encourage each other to keep our clubs vibrant and Districts forward-thinking. The energy in the room is like sunlight—warming our passion, energizing our efforts, and helping us dream bigger.

And just as a garden needs water to grow, our clubs thrive with resources. Matching Grants provide that vital nourishment, turning good ideas into impactful projects. These grants double the power of local fundraising, enabling clubs to expand their reach and serve more people. From community health programs to youth initiatives, Matching Grants are proof that when Pilot International invests in its members' ideas, the results are nothing short of inspiring. Matching Grants are due into Headquarters before midnight October 15th.

Each of these initiatives—Club Ambassadors, Pilot Walk, Fall Council/Workshop, and Matching Grants—is like a stem, leaf, petal, or root. Alone, they are meaningful; together, they form a living, breathing bouquet of service that inspires hope and creates change.

As we step forward into the coming months, let us remember: growth takes time, care, and collective effort. By embracing these opportunities, we are not just running programs—we are planting seeds that will blossom into a legacy of kindness, health, and community impact for generations to come. Together, we are Pilot International—and we are in full bloom.

Your Executive Committee Representative

Terez Curry



WORKSHOP: Great ideas to bloom and sparkle.

Technology ready? Let's learn about Zoom, Zeffy, Facebook Events, CANVA and Whatsapp, Speed RFP/Cvent. And What's new with Pilot International?



Dayton club has long supported United Disabilities.

Please Consider a donation to this worthy cause at www.daytonducks.com.

Be sure to note Pilot Club in the note.

DISTRICT

2025-2026 Month	Coordinator Bulletin	Event / Fundraisers
September	Leadership	Workshop – Springfield September 20th The Heritage Center of Clark County
October	Treasurer – eFile Deadline Nov 1st	
November		Nominate District Officers
December	Membership	Nominate District Officers
January	Parliamentarian	Happy New Year!
February	Awards	Call to Convention
March	PIFF Scholarships	Determine Club Delegates and Register for District Convention
April		Vote for Club Officers and submit paperwork to PI/DAC
May	Anchors, Patriotism	APRIL 18th DISTRICT CONVENTION Cambridge, OH Club 2026-2027 Planning
June	Anchor/Compass	July 15 - 18, 2026 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma - The Omni

NOTE:

- District Financial report for 2024-2025 is available on the District Website.
- Officer Form ([click here](#)), Club plans and Budget to Governor as soon as possible.
- Past Due or New Members Dues are to be sent to: Pat Gwyn at 1522 Jacoby Rd, Copley, OH 44321.

22ND Annual URS Rubber Duck Regatta
Kick Off

It's Official - Duck Season is Off to a Wild Start!

Visit daytonducks.com to see the full list of prizes.

Duck adoptions are now OPEN!

Every \$6 duck supports therapy, education, and care for children and adults with disabilities right here in our community!

It also enters you into a race for the chance to win Big!

Adopt a Duck. Support a Life. Win Big!

Click Below to watch our 2024 Regatta Highlight!

Regatta Day:
Saturday, September 20
RiverScape MetroPark
alongside the Hispanic Heritage Festival
hosted by PACO!

Adoption is easy — here's how:

- Text "DUCK" to 24365
- Visit daytonducks.com
- Stop by any participating Jersey Mike's or Buffalo Wild Wings location in Greater Dayton

Your adoption isn't just a chance to win — it's a chance to make an impact.

All proceeds benefit United Rehabilitation Services, helping families access the support they need to thrive.

So go ahead — adopt a duck, change a life, and help us make a splash this September!

daytonducks.com

Every Event Supports a Story of Strength

When you attend, sponsor, or donate to a URS event, you're not just showing up — you're showing support for over 1,000 children and adults with disabilities.

Every ticket, table, and tee-off helps fund critical care, therapies, and inclusive programs that change lives.

Together, we're building a stronger, more inclusive future—one event at a time.

Future Convention Dates

JULY 15 - 18, 2026
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
The Omni

JULY 14 - 17, 2027
Grand Rapids, Michigan
Amway Grand Plaza

JULY 12 - 15, 2028
San Antonio, Texas
San Antonio Marriott RiverCenter