



## Governor's Bulletin

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### April Reflections: Convention & Gratitude

Dear Pilots,

When we think of April, many of us remember the familiar saying, "April showers bring May flowers." But for those of us in the Kentucky-Ohio-West Virginia District, April has come to mean something even more special—District Convention.

Convention is more than a date on the calendar. It is a time of renewal, connection, and celebration. It is where friendships are strengthened, ideas are shared, and we come together with a unified purpose—to Do More, Care More, and Be More. There is something truly energizing about being surrounded by fellow Pilots who share the same passion for service and dedication to making a difference in the lives of others.

As we gather this month, I find myself reflecting with deep gratitude on my year serving as your Governor. It has been an incredible honor to work alongside such compassionate, committed, and inspiring individuals. Each club, each project, and each act of kindness has reminded me just how powerful our collective efforts truly are.

I am especially thankful for the friendships I have built, the lessons I have learned, and the unwavering support shown throughout this year. You have made this journey not only meaningful, but unforgettable.

As April showers nourish the earth and prepare the way for beautiful blooms, I believe our work together is doing the same—planting seeds of hope, kindness, and service that will continue to grow far beyond this year.

"Gratitude turns what we have into enough."

Thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve this extraordinary District. I look forward to celebrating all that we have accomplished together at Convention.

With heartfelt gratitude,

*Governor Rhonda Stemmer*

Kentucky-Ohio-West Virginia District



#### PILOT CLUB OFFICER FORM

Each club is required to submit this form **on or before the May 1 due date**. Open this [Link](#), Click on Form, enter information and Save.

Email to: [clubservices@pilothonline.org](mailto:clubservices@pilothonline.org);  
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**Convention Registration Deadline - April 11<sup>th</sup>** (to give the facility a count for food.)  
**Don't like Zeffy** – contact Pat Gwyn, Treasurer, to register and make arrangement for payment.

- **Friday April 17<sup>th</sup>** Social Meet and Greet – Georgetown Winery and Vineyard *Casual Attire*
- **Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>** *Business / Business Casual Attire requested*
  - 9AM Registration, Market Tables, Continental Breakfast
  - 10AM Convention Opening and Welcomes
    - Call to Order and District Business
  - 12:30PM Awards and Installation Luncheon
  - 1:45PM Service Project, State of the District, PI/ECR message, Etc
  - End the day with Raffle winners



The Cambridge Country Club

Note: As we are using a different format for Convention a Past Officers' meeting will not be included at Convention.



**Cambridge Service Project:**

**Birthday Kits that Bring Joy Through Hardship**

We will assemble kits at convention to help those in need celebrate birthdays with children or loved ones.

**Attendees/clubs are asked to bring 1 or more of the following.**

- Boxed cake mix
- Frosting
- Candles
- Bag for packaging
- *Optional Items: \$5 grocery gift card for eggs/oil, Party supplies (balloons, streamers, stickers, cake plates, napkins, etc.)*



**ANNUAL DISTRICT RAFFLE**

**DON'T MISS OUT ON THE OPPORTUNITY TO WIN \$500 IN GIFT CARDS!!**

**ONLY \$5 PER TICKET!!**



You may purchase tickets by bringing cash or checks to the District Convention and for your Club members not attending the convention. You may also purchase tickets online through Zeffy by scanning the QR Code.

The drawing will be held at District Convention. **Winner need not be present.**



- **How do you plant a kiss in April?** You use two lips.
- **Why was the broom late for school?** It swept in.
- **If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?** Pilgrims




Every once in a while, I take time out from working on my local club’s projects and visit the district website to find out what other clubs in our district are working on.

Our KYOHVV website “About Us” page found at <https://pilotkow.org/index.php/forms>, is a wealth of information. If you’re new to Pilot, the time you spend looking it over is so worth it. The website feels inviting and friendly, just like it feels like being in-person at one of our awesome Pilot events. The site reflects members serving their communities through Pilot signature projects, as well as projects uniquely tailored to meet the needs of communities across the district.


Click on the “Photo Gallery” tab to view photos of our clubs participating in *The Walk to End Alzheimer’s*. Photos of community resource fairs feature clubs introducing the *BrainMinders* program to the neighborhood. You will see that Pilots bring the FUN to fundraisers, workshops and conventions! Photos of your fellow Pilots all dolled up in their glitz and glam ready to enjoy International or district banquets are sure to bring a smile to your face. The array of service projects provided by our clubs is sure to warm your heart. The photo gallery includes pictures of some very dashing co-pilots who provide support and encouragement throughout the Pilot year.

The photo of the 2025 chartering of the Cardinal Pilot Club reminds us our district has grown. PI Presidents and Presidents-Elect, and ECRs, your photos are there too. They tell the story of your friendship to our district. Thanks to the photo gallery crew for the many memories provided to us over the years. Readers, please visit your district website and Be Inspired by all that you and your fellow Pilots have achieved.

*Sandra Summers,*  
KYOHVV Inspirational Leader



**Peggy Burk**, Charleston member, passed away on 02/28/2026, one month shy of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.



**John Bayliss**, husband of Charleston member, **Susan McCracken Bayliss**, passed 3/11/2026.



**It’s never too early to plan for next year!** Go to [Pilot International Website](#) for Forms, Grants and Scholarships.



- ✓ New Club Officer Form – Send to PI and District Officers
- ✓ PIFF Matching Grant – Deadline
- ✓ PIFF Pick Me Up, Helmet and Brainminder Grants – Quarterly Deadlines

2025-2026 Month	Event
April	Vote for Club Officers and submit paperwork to PI/DAC
May	Club 2026-2027 Planning
June	July 15 - 18, 2026 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma - The Omni



Great Tyler, PIFF Representative (Jackson County)

**PIFF Scholarships**

Last year I encouraged a graduating senior from our local high school to apply for a PIFF scholarship, knowing that it takes time to put requests together. She did her homework and read our information, then determined that she would not be eligible based on her career choice in music. I urged her to be creative in her application, such as thinking about music therapy for kids with disabilities. I’m sad that she chose not to go that route.

By the time you read this, it will be past the March 15 deadline for scholarship submissions. I urge you to **find students in our district to promote next year**. The club is no longer part of the application process, but we can guide students to the website process and stand behind them in their efforts. (Continued)

The Pilot International Founders Fund supports five Scholarship Programs to benefit graduate and undergraduate students studying for a career in one of Pilot's chosen areas of service focus – Preparing Youth for Service, Encouraging Brain Safety & Health; Supporting Those who Care for Others.

#### **Pilot International Scholarship**

**Amount Awarded:** Varies, but does not exceed US \$1,500

**Eligibility:** Undergraduate Students

**Application Deadline:** March 15

Established in 1988 to provide financial assistance to undergraduate students preparing for a career working with youth leadership and development, helping people with brain safety or fitness, or caring for families during times of need. Scholarships based on financial need, academic success, and application contents. Awarded for one academic year.

#### **Becky Burrows Memorial Scholarship**

**Amount Awarded:** Varies, but does not exceed US \$1,000

**Eligibility:** Graduate & Undergraduate Students

**Application Deadline:** March 15

Intended for graduate or undergraduate students who are re-entering the job market, beginning "second careers," or seeking to improve their professional skills for current occupation by continuing their education in that field. Students must pursue courses of study that further Pilot International's mission

#### **Marie Newton Sepia Memorial Scholarship**

**Amount Awarded:** Varies, but does not exceed US \$1,000

**Eligibility:** Master's & Doctoral Students

**Application Deadline:** March 15

**The Marie Newton Sepia Memorial Scholarship** is for students studying at the master's or doctorate level who are preparing for or currently working in a career related to Preparing Youth for Service, Encouraging Brain Safety & Health; Supporting Those who Care for Others. It is intended that this fund will further Pilot International's mission by assisting worthy, capable individuals to pursue careers in which they will teach, encourage and rehabilitate children with disabilities.

#### **Ruby Newhall Memorial Scholarship (International Students Only)**

**Amount Awarded:** Varies, but does not exceed US \$1,500

**Eligibility:** Master's & Doctoral Students

**Application Deadline:** March 15

**Ruby Newhall Memorial Scholarship (International Students Only)** was established in October 1949. Ruby Newhall was from Gainesville, Florida and president of Pilot International. Her contacts with international students at the University of Florida strengthened her belief that these students could contribute significantly to improving international relations. An applicant must be from a foreign country, pursuing a degree in the US or Canada. The field of study must be of the nature that improves the quality of life for the community in their home country.

#### **Bob King Memorial Scholarship**

**Amount Awarded:** Varies, but does not exceed US \$2,000

**Eligibility:** Graduating High School Seniors & Undergraduates

**Application Deadline:** March 15

**Bob King Memorial Scholarship** established in 2015 provides financial assistance to graduating high school seniors and/or undergraduate students preparing for a career that furthers Pilot International's mission. Based on community service, financial need, academic success, and application contents. Awarded for one academic year.

#### **Anchor Achievement Scholarship**

**Amount Awarded:** Varies, but does not exceed US \$1,000

**Eligibility:** Graduating High School Seniors (Active Anchor Club participants)

**Application Deadline:** March 15

**Anchor Achievement Scholarship (Anchors Only)** was established in 2015 to provide financial assistance to graduating high school seniors who have actively participated in volunteer service through Anchor Club and shown outstanding leadership ability. The Anchor should reflect on their cumulative Anchor experience when completing the application.



#### **LA-IN Compass Scholarship**

**Amount Awarded:** Varies, but will be US \$250 or more

**Eligibility:** Graduate & Undergraduate Students

**Application Deadline:** March 15

The **LA-IN scholarship, established in 2021 funded by a private donation. It is administered by Pilot International.** The goal is to provide financial assistance to Compass Club members as they pursue education beyond high school. Based on community service, leadership roles, financial needs, academic success, and application content.



### CLUB NEWS!!!!



### Cardinal Pilot Club Fundraiser Raffle

The Cardinal Pilot Club is excited to host a special raffle featuring **three incredible Pampered Chef bundles**—perfect for anyone who loves time in the kitchen or gathering with family and friends!

#### Raffle Prize Packages:



#### Pizza Party Bundle (Value: \$115)

Includes a pizza stone and cutter, crust mix, and seasonings—everything you need for a fun and delicious pizza night.



#### Bread Extraordinaire Bundle (Value: \$215)

Features bakeware, a stone serving platter, a bread basket, and four bread mixes to create warm, homemade goodness.



#### Baking Made Easy Bundle (Value: \$238)

Includes three different baking pans along with a variety of cookie, brownie, and bread mixes—perfect for sweet treats and everyday baking.



#### Raffle Tickets: \$5 each or 3 for \$10

**You do not need to be present to win!** If you are unable to attend the District Convention but would still like to participate, **simply contact Marie Gravely or send your ticket money with a fellow Pilot.**

Thank you for supporting the Cardinal Pilot Club as we continue to grow, serve, and make a difference in our communities!

The DAC has updated the Future Convention schedule. We have determined with having fewer clubs it's best to have each club Host an event.

Year	Convention Host Club	Workshop/Council Host Club
2026	Cambridge	Huntington
2027	Charleston	Akron
2028	Cardinal Club & District Members	Greater Kanawha
2029	Springfield	Jackson County
2030	Huntington	Dayton
2031	Akron	Cambridge



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Pilots,

As we move into a new month, our Pilot year continues to move quickly! This is a busy and exciting time as we begin preparing for Convention, award submissions, and the transition to new club leadership. It's also a great reminder of our theme this year *Pilot in Bloom*. as we continue to grow through friendship, service, and leadership.



The Pilot International Convention & Leadership Conference is in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on July 15–18, 2026 and will bring together Pilots, Anchors, and Compass members from across the organization.

It is always a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with friends, meet new members, and gain ideas that we can take back to strengthen our clubs and communities. In addition to leadership sessions and fellowship opportunities, there are special events, service activities, and the chance to celebrate the accomplishments of our Pilot family. So dust off your hats and cowboy boots and get ready to gather in Oklahoma! It is a great opportunity to share ideas, build friendships, and experience all the energy and excitement that convention brings. Members arriving early will have the opportunity to participate in new Leadership Lab discussions focused on the future of leadership within Pilot at the club, district, and international levels. Convention also includes fun fellowship events and PIFF fundraisers, including a lively bingo event that promises a great time for everyone attending.



Now is also the time to start preparing Pilot and Compass Award submissions.

These awards recognize the outstanding work our clubs and members have done throughout the year. Whether your club hosted impactful service projects, supported Anchors, grew membership, or created strong visibility in your community, these efforts deserve recognition. Take time to review the award categories and consider submitting your club's accomplishments.

Remember, you cannot win if you do not enter!



It is time for clubs to select new officers for the next Pilot year. Once elections are completed, submit your new officer's form to Pilot International Headquarters and your incoming District Governor by May 1. Thank you to the Pilots who have stepped forward to serve in leadership roles.

Leadership keeps our clubs strong and helps ensure that Pilot continues to grow and thrive.

As we move through the final months of the Pilot year, I encourage each club to continue supporting one another, sharing ideas, and celebrating the impact you are making in your communities. When we work together, we truly

**Bloom in Pilot.**

In Pilot Friendship and Service,  
ECR Terez