



Governor's Bulletin

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May 2026 Governor's Bulletin Article

Greetings Pilot Friends,

The first thing that comes to mind when you think of the month of May is Mother's Day, which will be celebrated on Sunday, May 10th, 2026. I have included a Mother's Day poem for ALL Mothers below entitled "A Mother's Love."

A Mother's Love

A Mother's love is patient and kind,
A precious treasure we are blessed to find.
Through every joy and every care,
Her strength and love are always there.
A guiding light both near and far,
In our hearts, Moms shine like stars.
Today we honor all they do,
With heartfelt love and gratitude, too.

As we gently move past the Kentucky Derby and Mother's Day, for the Pilots in the Kentucky-Ohio-West Virginia District, May usually means that the Annual Spring Convention has come to a close for another Pilot year.

On Friday evening, April 17th, 2026, the host club, the Pilot Club of Cambridge, welcomed attendees to a wonderful social gathering held at Georgetown Tavern on the Hill, a local winery featuring breathtaking views of the beautiful surrounding hills and countryside of Cambridge, Ohio. The fellowship, laughter, and scenic atmosphere made for a perfect beginning to the convention weekend.

A new one-day convention event was then held at the beautiful Cambridge Country Club, an impressive 18-hole golf course known for its picturesque setting and welcoming atmosphere. We were fortunate to have two interesting and inspiring speakers: Michelle Carpenter-Wilkinson from The Haven of Hope and Tanya Hitchens from the Guernsey County Department of Developmental Disabilities.

The Installing Officer for the 2026–2027 Kentucky-Ohio-West Virginia District Administrative Council was our 2025–2026 Pilot International Director and Executive Committee Representative, Terez Curry from the Pilot Club of Nassau, Bahamas District. We sincerely appreciate Terez for sharing her time, leadership, and dedication with our District during this special occasion.

As I begin this new Pilot year, I am honored and humbled to serve as your Governor. My theme for 2026–2027 will be:

"Pilots — Soar — Shine — Inspire"

May we continue to soar to new heights through service, shine brightly in our communities, and inspire others through friendship, compassion, and leadership.

Wishing each of you a blessed Mother's Day and a wonderful month of May!

Governor Rhonda Stemmer

Kentucky-Ohio-West Virginia District

The scores from the Convention Evaluation Survey have been tallied, and we are pleased to share the results:

Thank you to everyone who attended, participated, volunteered, and helped make this year’s District Convention such a wonderful success. Your dedication, fellowship, and servant hearts truly reflect the spirit of Pilot International. *Rhonda*

Newly installed DAC for the 2026–2027 Kentucky-Ohio-West Virginia District:

- Governor - Rhonda Stemmer, Pilot Club of Cambridge
- Governor-Elect — Jackie Creamer, Pilot Club of Dayton
- Secretary — Shannon Hill, Cardinal Pilot Club
- Treasurer — Pat Gwyn, Pilot Club of Akron

Convention Category	Score
Friday Evening Social	5.00
New One-Day Convention	4.43
Business Format	4.59
Speaker Presentation #1	4.82
Speaker Presentation #2	4.60
Awards Presentation	4.39
Installation	4.64
Service Project (Birthday Kits)	4.79
Facility	4.71
Overall Convention Experience	4.59

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ A Blue sky and warm weather made for a wonderful Social Meet and Greet
- ✓ Celebration of life
- ✓ Awards by Greta Tyler and Carol Eiselstein presented by ECR Terez
- ✓ Miles of smiles and plenty of friendship
- ✓ Invitation to the 2026 Workshop in Huntington and 2027 Convention in Charleston (see Dates next page)

Thanks to Sophie Cason - more photos to come to be posted on the District Website.



Thanks to **Jan Flinchum and Mary Pat Owen** (Huntington). In addition to their personal donation of Gift Cards for the Annual Raffle, they exceeded our budget goal.

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Spring Into Service- It's our time to Blossom!

Spring is a wonderful reminder that this is the season to blossom. Across our districts, clubs are growing, serving, and making a meaningful difference in their communities. The seeds of service you planted throughout the year are beginning to bloom!

May is also Bicycle Safety Month, a perfect opportunity for clubs to promote safety awareness in their communities through bicycle safety education and helmet programs. Your efforts help keep children and families safe while demonstrating Pilot International's commitment to service.

Let's join in taking action, this May, by raising your voice, and help change the conversation around mental health! Since 1949, Mental Health Awareness Month has been a driving force in addressing the challenges faced by millions living with mental health conditions. Now, more than ever, the National Alliance on Mental Illness needs you to be part of this movement. Whether by sharing your story, spreading awareness, or advocating for change, every action helps break the stigma and build a more supportive world for all. **The week of May 11-17 wear something green, a ribbon, clothing or your Pilot pin in support of Mental Health Awareness.**

Excitement is building for the Pilot International Convention in Oklahoma City! If you have not already registered, now is the time. Convention is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow Pilots, celebrate our accomplishments, and be inspired for the year ahead.

Following your District Convention, please remember that delegates should share a brief report at a club meeting so members remain informed about district highlights and important updates from the district and Pilot International.

A few important deadlines are approaching:

- Pacesetter Clubs, 250 Clubs, 250 Members, President's Circle and Special Giving Level Contributions – Due June 1 to be recognized at PI Convention
- Pick Me Up & Helmet Grants – Applications due to PI Headquarters June 15
- Heritage Garden Bricks – Orders due June 15
- Pilot International Dues and Fees – Due to Headquarters July 1



Thank you for the energy, passion, and dedication you bring to Pilot International.

As the season changes, may your clubs continue to grow, blossom, and serve where you are planted.

With Pilot pride,
ECR Terez Curry



In the coming month(s) you will receive an invoice to pay Pilot International Dues.

TO PAY DISTRICT DUES: COPY the PI Invoice and email/mail to District Treasurer. Payments may be made by check to the District Treasurer or via by clicking [Zeffy Donation](#). **If paying via Zeffy**, please check it is a Corporate Organization and enter the club name.

District members will be sent an email to pay online.



Thank You to all those whose efforts made the 2026 Spring Convention so meaningful and productive. *Thank You* Pilot Club of Cambridge for your warm hospitality. It was my privilege to deliver the Opening Invocation at Convention. I have included it here, for those who were not present the Convention.

“**INSPIRATION** is the force that brings us together to dream, deliberate, execute, assess and celebrate. **INSPIRATION** compels us to celebrate the possible, the probable, the essential.

Sandra Summers,

KYOHWW Inspirational Leader



Pilot Club of Jackson County member, Sheila Randolph, recently lost her mother-in-law, Anna Randolph at age 97.



Pilot Club of Nassau
In Loving Memory of
Nickola 'Nicki' Gomez-Dawkins



The **Pilot Club of Nassau** is deeply saddened to announce the passing of **Nickola 'Nicki' Gomez-Dawkins**, Past President of Pilot Club of Nassau, Past Governor of The Bahamas District of Pilots and Immediate Past President Pilot International.

May She Rest In Peace

<p>Across the waters, bright and blue, A cherished friendship came from you. Through Pilot's mission, strong and true, So many lives were blessed by you.</p> <p>Nicki—your name brings gentle grace, A caring heart, a smiling face. A beautiful friend, so warm and kind, With love that lingered in heart and mind.</p> <p>Your smile could light the darkest day, Your kindness showed us all the way. With servant's heart and leader's hand, You lifted lives across the land.</p> <p>As Past President, you inspired, With vision strong and soul on fire. A guiding light, both bold and bright, You led with wisdom, strength, and light.</p>	<p>From island shores kissed by the sun, To every life your love had won, Your spirit moves like ocean breeze, A calming strength, a lasting peace.</p> <p>Though heaven called you from our sight, Your legacy remains our light. In every act of love we do, We carry on the work of you.</p> <p>And when we gather, hearts in care, We'll feel your presence with us there. For in our hearts, you'll always stay— Dear Nicki, guiding us each day.</p> <p>Rest peacefully, your journey done, A shining, everlasting sun. Until we meet on heaven's shore, You are loved forevermore.</p>
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Would you consider being a District Parliamentarian?

A **parliamentarian** is a consultant who advises the chair, officers, and members on parliamentary procedure (e.g., [Robert's Rules of Order](#)), ensuring meetings remain orderly, efficient, and compliant with bylaws. They provide advice rather than final rulings, which are made by the chair.

Parliamentarians are often hired for large conventions, board meetings, or when disputes arise.

Key Aspects of a Parliamentarian's Role:

- **Advisory Role:** Under *Robert's Rules*, the parliamentarian advises the chair, but their advice is not binding, and they do not rule on questions.
- **Pre-Meeting Support:** Parliamentarians often assist in planning, reviewing bylaws, and crafting scripts for meetings.
- **During the Meeting:** They help manage the agenda, ensure proper procedure for motions, and advise on points of order.
- **Types:** Professional parliamentarians are often certified as a Certified Professional Parliamentarian (CPP) or Professional Registered Parliamentarian (PRP).
- **Seating:** They are usually seated next to the chair for quiet consultation.



[Robert's Rules of Order](#) is the standard guide for conducting efficient, orderly meetings in the U.S., balancing majority rule with minority rights. Its core principles include considering one subject at a time, allowing full debate, maintaining impartiality, and requiring a quorum. The 12th Edition is the current authority.

Core Principles

- **One Thing at a Time:** Only one motion or main question is considered at a time.
- **Equal Rights:** All members have equal rights, privileges, and obligations.
- **Majority Rule & Minority Rights:** The majority decides, but the minority has the right to be heard.
- **Courtesy and Decorum:** Personal remarks are prohibited; debate must focus on the business, not individuals.
- **Recognition by Chair:** Members must be recognized by the chair before speaking.

Key Motions and Procedures

- **Main Motion:** The core proposal for action, introduced by "I move that...".
- **Seconding:** A second is required to show at least one other member wishes to consider the motion.
- **Debate:** Members speak to the motion, with the chair ensuring balanced, polite discussion.
- **Voting:** Generally a majority vote is required, unless it affects member rights.
- **Types of Motions:** Include Main motions, Subsidiary motions (to modify), Incidental motions (procedural questions), and Privileged motions (urgent matters).

2025-2026 Month	Event
May	Club 2026-2027 Planning
June	July 15 - 18, 2026 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma - The Omni

Future Convention and Workshop schedule.	
Workshop/Council Host Club	Convention Host Club
Huntington 2026	Charleston 2027
Akron 2027	Cardinal Club & District Members 2028