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PLEASE NOTE HUNTINGTON ANTIQUE SHOW CANCELLED

✓ MONTHLY CLUB CHECKLIST

- If not already sent, Approved Club Plans and Budget to Governor.
- August 11th - PI Power Hour 7PM
- BrianMinders, Helmet and Pick Me Up Grants by September 15th for 1st quarter.

✓ SAVE THE DATE

- **Workshop**
October 17, 2026
Huntington, WV
- **District Convention**
April 17, 2027 (16th Social)
Holiday Inn & Suites
400 2nd Avenue SW,
Charleston, WV 25303

Governor's Message

WOW! What a wonderful week I had in Oklahoma City at the 2026 Pilot International Leadership Conference and Convention! It was filled with inspiring speakers, outstanding Council of Leaders training, meaningful fellowship, and a whole lot of FUN!

Our Council of Leaders sessions focused on Collaboration, Servant Leadership, and Mentoring New Members—powerful reminders that we are stronger when we work together and invest in others.

The Opening Flag Ceremony proudly represented three countries, followed by an unforgettable presentation by the Fancy Dancers. They shared Native American customs and music, while their leader played a beautiful redwood flute. We were invited to join a Pow Wow dance around the room, and their hand-beaded regalia was simply amazing.

Another highlight was speaker John Turner, whose therapy dogs brought smiles and laughter to everyone.

We also welcomed our new Executive Committee Representative, Leslie McLaughlin, from the North Carolina District. We look forward to working with Leslie and learning from her throughout the coming Pilot year.

The dazzling conclusion was the 'Daisies and Diamonds' Banquet, where President Lisa and her leadership team were installed. President Lisa encouraged us to honor Pilot International's legacy while shaping its future. She reminded us that change is hard and often unpopular, but worthwhile in the end. A kind word and a smile truly make everyone feel better.

Her theme for 2026–2027 is: 'Believe in Yourself – Believe in Pilot!'

May we embrace that message as we continue serving our communities with friendship, compassion, and purpose.

In Pilot Friendship,

Rhonda Stemmer

2026-2027 Governor

The Starfish of Belief

A starfish rested on the sand,
Until one heart reached out a hand.
One gentle act, one caring soul,
Can help another become whole.
Believe in yourself, let your light shine bright,

Believe in Pilot and do what's right.
Each life we touch, both near and far,
Reflects God's love like every star.

One small kindness, one helping hand,
Can change a heart across the land.
Together we'll serve, inspire, and share,
Showing God's love everywhere.



Jackson County It is with a heavy heart that we bid farewell to our wonderful club as they have voted to disband.

We will miss our "JACO" friends!

Japan District There were 3 Pilot Clubs affected by the recent Earthquake, but we have been advised that all members are okay.

I AM a PILOT!!!

Leslie McLaughlin 2026-2027 Vice President Pilot International

Leslie joined the Pilot Club of Laurinburg, NC in 2007. She has held all the offices in the club except Treasurer. In her district of North Carolina, Leslie has served as Governor 3 times and also served as Membership, Fundraising and Leadership Coordinator.

She has served on the PI Executive Committee as Director, Secretary, and is honored to serve as the 2026-2027 Vice-President.

Leslie achieved a Bachelor of Science degree from North Carolina State University. Her career of 42 years was spent as a Medical Technologist and Manager in a hospital clinical laboratory. She retired in 2022 and moved to the coast of North Carolina. She spends time reading, playing golf, pickleball, practicing yoga, and watching the sunsets over the ocean.

Leslie has a very supportive Co-Pilot, Myron, 2 sons and 3 grandchildren. They all hold a piece of her heart, and she enjoys every minute spent with them.

We look forward to getting to know her!

Each month, a District member will be spotlighted. If you want to see someone recognized, please send info to Pat Gwyn
patgwyn13@gmail.com.

PILOT INTERNATIONAL



ECR (Executive Committee Representative) Message

Oklahoma City and the 2027 Pilot International Leadership Conference and Convention is a memory and part of our Pilot history. District leaders received training in collaboration, servant leadership, mentoring new members, and from speaker Carrie Grace during Council of Leaders. The convention body was entertained by the Fancy Dancers during Opening Ceremony. Speakers Nancy Norton made us laugh while Mike Breeze taught us how to grow. Speaker John Turner brought smiles with the therapy dogs. The Anchors did a fantastic job with their Cultural Exchange! We donned our Disney Bounding outfits for our President's Breakfast and learned that Orlando would be our site for the 2029 convention. The sparkling finish was with the installation of President Lisa and our leadership team during the Daisies and Diamonds Banquet. Photos will hit the website soon. A post-convention survey will be forthcoming. Please complete it as it will help us prepare for 2027 in Grand Rapids, Michigan!

President Lisa stated that the 2026-2027 Pilot year calls us to honor Pilot International's legacy while boldly shaping its future. She shared that change is hard and often unpopular but is worth it in the end. Embrace change with an open mind and a positive attitude. A kind word and smile can only make it better.

It's that time! Pilot Ambassadors need to be chosen. To be listed in the Pilot Log, the Ambassador's name and a minimum \$25 donation must be made by September 30. Eligibility requirements for Pilot Ambassadors are listed on the website. It's also time for quarterly grants. This quarter's deadline is September 15. There are three grants - Pick Me Up, BrainMinders™, and Matching Helmet. Applications are on the website and are easy to complete. Just remember to have the application properly signed and watch that the date of the event is the required number of days after the deadline. Clubs and Districts are eligible for each grant once in a Pilot year. There's money waiting for you! Apply and Do More! Care More! Be More! In your community.

In Pilot Friendship,

Leslie McLaughlin
Executive Committee Representative



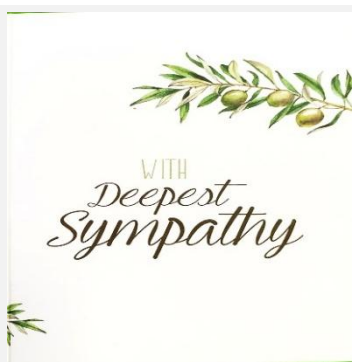
In [Pilot International](#), the starfish is used as a symbolic motif and reminder of individual impact through "The Starfish Story".

The parable describes a young person throwing stranded starfish back into the ocean. When told by an onlooker that they cannot possibly make a difference across miles of beach with hundreds of stranded creatures, the youth throws another one back and replies, "I made a difference for that one".



Oklahoma City Conference marked a significant achievement for District Member **TERRY UTTERBACK**. She has now visited all 50 U.S. states, which is a rare travel milestone achieved by fewer than 2 percent of Americans.

CONGRATULATIONS!!



Pilot Club of Dayton

Pamela Snitchler

Apr 18, 1948 – Jun 21, 2026



Obituary



Phyllis Mayne, was hospitalized briefly, and is now at a Rehab facility and hopes to return home soon.



Wishing **Marie Gravely**, Cardinal Club, a speedy recovery in her upcoming Knee Surgery

2026-2027 PI Convention OKC

Business:

- Budget was passed.
- By Law proposal: Attempt to change Annual conferences was sent back to Long Range Site committee as most felt shortening the convention would be in the best interest.
- By Law Proposal B, which was in the District manual but not in Bylaws - was accepted with an amendment. *Gov Elect must have been President of a Club and attended a PI Convention within 5 years.*
- Workshop training will be online for club officers not in attendance.



- Joanne Mason was voted as PI Director
- Rhonda Stemmer was installed as Governor continuing her dedication to our District on the International Administrative Council (IAC)



District Members Dinner

Fun and Friendship



Installation Banquet

Oklahoma Fancy Dancers



Speakers:

- Nancy Norton – first female to win the Boston Comedy Festival presented the *Power of Humor*
- Mike Breeze presented *BFR Behavior Follows Reinforcement*
- Amanda Gray - *How to improve communication, trust, and engagement.*
- Next Convention - Grand Rapids July 14-17, 2027
- San Antonio July 12-15, 2028 – note PI has cut back a day so dates may change.
- Orlando 7/11-7/14, 2029

The DAC (District Administrative Council) will be contacting clubs to schedule Official Visits:

- ☐ **Akron** (3rd Tuesday PM) – Shannon Hill
- ☐ **Cambridge** (3rd Wed PM) – Jackie Creamer
- ☐ **Cardinal** (online) – Jackie Creamer
- ☐ **Charleston** (3rd Wed Lunch) – Pat Gwyn
- ☐ **Dayton** (3rd Thurs PM) – Rhonda Stemmer
- ☐ **Greater Kanawha Valley** (3rd Wed Lunch) – Pat Gwyn
- ☐ **Huntington** (3rd Mon PM) – Rhonda Stemmer
- ☐ **Springfield** (2nd Mon PM) – Jackie Creamer

District Members - TBD





SEND CLUB ACTIVITIES, FUNDRAISERS TO PAT GWYN (patgwyn13@gmail.com) TO INCLUDE IN THE BULLETIN

Month	Event
August	CANCELLED Huntington Antique Show and Sale
September	IRS eFile Deadline Nov 1st (Link available on District Website)
October	October 17th District Workshop Huntington, WV
November	Nominate District Officers
December	Nominate District Officers
January	Happy New Year
February	Call to Convention
March	Determine Club Delegates and Register for District Convention
April	April 17th District Convention Charleston, WV (April 16 th Social Meet and Greet) Club Officer form Due to PI May 1 st – Copy to DAC
May	Club 2027-2028 Planning
June	July 13-17 Pilot International Conference Grand Rapids, Michigan – Amway Grand Plaza



Want the DAC to cover specific training during Workshop?

We will be sending a survey to see what you are interested in.

2026-2027 Appointees and Coordinators

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[Click to view Convention and Workshop information on the Website.](#)

District Financial Report is available on the District Website under Members Only. The 2025-2026 Final Report has been sent to the Audit Committee. Thank you, Bobbi Holland and Drema Davis of Charleston.