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Registration [CLICK HERE](#)

First United Methodist Church
1124 Fifth Avenue
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Hotel Room block (Friday)
\$169.00 [Online Reservations](#)

Double Tree
1001 3rd Ave
Huntington, WV 25701

SAVE THE DATE

District Convention

April 17, 2027 (16th Social)
Holiday Inn & Suites
400 2nd Avenue SW, Charleston

✓ MONTHLY CLUB CHECKLIST

- BrianMindors, Helmet and Pick Me Up Grants by September 15th for 1st quarter.
- IRS eFile Deadline Nov 1st (Link available on District Website)

Laboring Together in Friendship and Service

Happy Fall Pilots,

As September begins, we celebrate Labor Day—a time set aside to honor the hard work, dedication, and contributions of people who make a difference in our communities each and every day.

As I thought about Labor Day, I couldn't help but think about Pilot International and the many dedicated Pilots throughout our Kentucky–Ohio–West Virginia District. The work we do may not always come with a paycheck, but it comes with something even more valuable—the knowledge that through our service, we are making a difference in the lives of others.

Pilot International's motto reminds us to: **DO MORE • CARE MORE • BE MORE**
DO MORE Labor Day reminds us of the value of work, and Pilots certainly know how to work! Whether we are organizing fundraisers, supporting brain safety and health initiatives, helping families in need, recognizing caregivers, providing scholarships, or simply lending a helping hand, Pilots are always looking for ways to do a little more for others.

CARE MORE At the heart of everything we do is caring. We care about our communities. We care about those who are hurting. We care about children, families, caregivers, and one another. Sometimes the greatest service we can give isn't something big—it is simply showing someone that they are seen, they are valued, and someone cares.

BE MORE Being a Pilot is about more than attending meetings or completing projects. It is about becoming more compassionate, more encouraging, more willing to serve, and more determined to make our corner of the world a little brighter than we found it.

As we begin this new month, I challenge each of us to ask:

What can I **DO MORE**?

How can I **CARE MORE**?

Who can I encourage to **BE MORE**?

And when we do these things together, we live out our 2026–2027 District theme:

Pilots... **SOAR • SHINE • INSPIRE!**

Let us **SOAR** to new heights in service,
SHINE through kindness and compassion,
and **INSPIRE** others by the example we set.

This Labor Day, I especially want to say thank you to every Pilot throughout our District. Thank you for the hours you give, the miles you travel, the ideas you share, the hands you extend, and most importantly, the **HEART** you put into serving others.

The work of a Pilot is truly a labor of love.

Together, may we continue to... **DO MORE. CARE MORE. BE MORE.**

SOAR. SHINE. INSPIRE.

Happy Labor Day, Pilots! May September be filled with friendship, service, new opportunities, and many reasons to shine.

In Pilot Friendship,

Rhonda Stemmer

2026–2027 Governor Kentucky–Ohio–West Virginia District
Pilot International

I AM a PILOT!!!

Mary Ann Mendlik

Akron since December 2021.



District Parliamentarian

Magistrate Mary Ann Mendlik serves at the

Summit County Juvenile Court in Akron. Her extensive legal and community background spans from operating her own law practice in Cleveland to her current role presiding over delinquency, dependency, neglect, and power of attorney cases.

An active member who held the position of Akron Club President for two years and is involved in all the club's projects. She introduced the Lasagna Love program as a group project. She attends PI Convention, District Workshops, and Conventions whenever possible.

Married to her husband, Jason, in 2002. They are dedicated parents to two beautiful children. She **loves** to spend her free time baking and being with family and friends.



Want to spotlight someone from your club? PLEASE send info to Pat Gwyn patgwyn13@gmail.com.

ECR (Executive Committee Representative) Message



Dear Pilots, as summer begins to wind down and the "dog days" bring soaring temperatures of 90 degrees and higher, many of us find ourselves seeking a little relief—whether at the beach, by the pool, lowering the temperature on the air conditioner or simply enjoying time with family and friends. I hope you have found moments to rest, recharge, and reflect on the opportunities that lie ahead.

September also gives us the opportunity to recognize the hardworking men and women who keep our communities moving. This year's Labor Day theme, "Solidarity for the Next 250," reminds us that progress is built through unity, dedication, and service—values that are also at the heart of Pilot International.

As we begin a new Pilot year, I want to leave you with a simple message: "Believe in yourself."

- Believe in yourself when others may doubt your abilities.
- Believe in yourself when you have to be your own greatest cheerleader.
- Believe in yourself when the road becomes challenging and the waters seem rough.

And most importantly, remember that you are never alone. Your Pilot family is here to encourage you, support you, celebrate your successes, and stand beside you through every challenge. Together, we are stronger than any obstacle we may face. Please keep these important deadlines in mind:

September 15th – Helmet, Pick Me Up, and BrainMinders Grant applications are due to Headquarters.

September 30th – Club Ambassador Donations are due to Headquarters.

October 15th – PIFF Matching Grant and Emergency Response Grant Application due to Headquarters.

These programs reflect the very heart of who we are—serving our communities, promoting brain safety and health, and making a lasting difference in the lives of others.

As we move through September, let us continue believing in ourselves, believing in one another, and believing in the extraordinary impact we can make when we serve together.

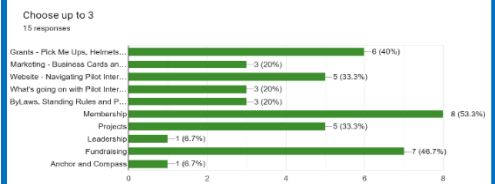
Believe in yourself. Believe in your fellow Pilots. Believe in Pilot International. Together, we will continue to inspire hope, strengthen communities, and leave our organization stronger than we found it.

Executive Committee Representative
Leslie McLaughlin



Click to respond to the **Workshop Questionnaire**

Responses are anonymous.
Please complete whether you can
attend or not.



There are some
who bring a light
so great to the world
that even after
they have gone

the light
remains

In loving memory of

Pilot Club of Charleston

Becki Mohn

07/16/1952 -
6/26/2026

[Obituary](#)



Rose Campbell

was diagnosed
with terminal
cancer and
discharged in the
care of Hospice.

A few days ago, her Church posted
the following.

*It is with deep sadness that we
report the death of beloved
congregation member Rose Grim
Campbell . Funeral arrangements
are not yet available.*

Cards of Condolence may be sent to:
**5124 Elk River Road N
Elkview, WV 25071**

At a club meeting in Akron, member Charlene
Klinger shared the following inspirational thought:

"The ability to seek beauty never grows old."



So, AI was asked

"What is the beauty of Pilot International?....."

The true beauty of Pilot International clubs lies in their unique blend
of lifelong friendship, community service, and dedicated focus on
brain safety.

Core Mission and Impact

Brain Health Focus: Clubs champion brain safety through
signature programs like *BrainMinders* (educating children) and
helmet safety awareness.

Local and Global Action: Members address distinct local
community needs while participating in international initiatives
and global outreach.

Youth Development: Through Anchor Clubs for middle and high
school students and Compass Clubs for young adults, they foster
the next generation of community leaders.

The Spirit of Fellowship

Friendship and Service: Founded in Macon, Georgia, in 1921, the
organization uses its guiding motto to unite people from all walks
of life.

Inclusivity: No two clubs are identical, as each local chapter
tailors its volunteer projects to reflect the passion of its members
and the needs of its hometown.

Continue to see the beauty in each other and all we do in our
communities.

We are a tapestry woven from different lives, creating something
stronger and more beautiful than we could ever be alone.

2026-2027 District Directory has been updated and Minutes
from Convention have been posted on the Website under
Members Only Resources ([Directory link](#)).



Cambridge

Governor Rhonda

Stemmer is healing
from an eye
infection caused by
Shingles, which is
incredibly painful

and exhausting. Sending her much
love and hoping the discomfort
fades very soon!

*Wishing You a
Speedy Recovery!*



Drema Davis had bypass surgery. She is slowly
on the road to recovery. Hoping each day brings
her closer to feeling her best.

Drema's address is:

**202 Poplar Point Estates
Poca, WV 25159**

Support Pilot International Club of Akron in the fight to end Alzheimer's.

- September 26th Trivia/Karaoke fundraiser at [Brighten Brewing Company](#) (event details coming soon).
- October 10th [Walk to End Alzheimer's](#) Lock 3 in Akron, OH

Pilot International Club of Akron's Walk to End Alzheimer's Team Page
[Donate](#) today to help them reach their goal.



What's up?

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

Month	2026-2027 District Event(s)
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

2026-2027 Appointees and Coordinators

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