



Kentucky- Ohio – West Virginia District of Pilot International

Website: www.pilotkow.org

OCTOBER 2026



Registration [CLICK HERE](#)

First United Methodist Church

1124 Fifth Avenue
Huntington, WV 25701

If you wish to pay via cash or
check, email or call Pat Gwyn.

SAVE THE DATE

District Convention

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

✓ MONTHLY CLUB CHECKLIST

- ✓ **Oct 15th** - PIFF Matching
Grants and Emergency
Response Application due
to PI
- **Nov 1st** - IRS eFile
Deadline

(Link available on District Website)

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Hello Pilot Members,

I am writing this month's message as Governor Rhonda continues to bravely battle with Shingles pain and vision difficulty. Please continue to keep her in your thoughts and prayers as we hope for a speedy recovery. (See her message on page 3).

As October begins, we celebrate by gathering for our District Workshop, Founder's Day, voting, Columbus Day, and Halloween.

Please bring your Pilot minds to make the workshop fun and be ready to share your ideas at Workshop on October 17th. I always enjoy visiting my Pilot Friends during these meetings.

Be sure to **register on or before October 9th** and get your **hotel room booked by the Reservation Deadline on October 2nd**

DoubleTree by Hilton Huntington, 1001 3rd Ave, Huntington, WV 25701
[Online Reservation Link](#) - Room rate - \$169.00

Project Donation Bring New underwear for Children and adults - for Huntington City Mission.

Market Tables available - please note during registration. I will be bringing pies to sell, so bring your appetite and money to purchase from District tables and for our 50/50 FUNdraising.

Read the "What's UP" in the Bulletins to stay informed of Pilot activities.

As we move into October enjoying the beauty of fall and fun festivals, keep up our Pilot Motto: Be More, Do more and Care More.

Soar into the fall tree colors.

Shine with the children's fun.

Inspire others with our sharing of happiness of this season and sharing Pilot Love and Missions.

The heat of autumn
Is different from the heat of summer.
One ripens apples; the other turns them to cider.
Poet Jane Hirshfield

In Pilot Friendship,

Jackie Creamer

2026-2027 Governor Elect Kentucky-Ohio-West Virginia District



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for Raffle
Tickets

Cardinal Club

"If you purchased a Pilot License Plate" cover from the Cardinal Pilot Club at District Convention, you may pick it up at Fall Workshop. Please contact Marie Gravely if you are not going to be at Fall Workshop."

Dayton Club



Dayton club's annual pie sale

\$12 each

Cherry, Peach, Pumpkin, Red Raspberry, Blueberry, Apple Crunch or Cherry

Pecan Pie - \$15

Send your order to Jackie Creamer at

quackyray@gmail.com by **October 9th** to have delivered at Workshop.

(Extras will be brought, but get your specific flavor by preordering)



ECR Message — Embrace the Season of Change

October brings a beautiful reminder that **change can be inspiring**. As the leaves begin to change and a new season unfolds, we are reminded that every season brings opportunities to pause, reflect, grow, and begin again. What better time to embrace our theme: **"Believe in Yourself."**

Across our Pilot family, Districts are gathering for their **Fall Council Meetings**, with training, learning, planning, and fellowship taking place. These gatherings strengthen our leadership, provide opportunities to share ideas, and help prepare our Clubs for a successful year ahead.

As you participate in District training, remember **you have something valuable to contribute**. Believe in your abilities, your ideas, and your ability to make a difference. Encourage those around you to believe in themselves too for leadership positions.

October also brings several meaningful opportunities to celebrate our Pilot legacy and put service into action. **October 15 is the deadline for PIFF Matching Grant applications** - a wonderful opportunity to turn creative ideas into meaningful community service.

As we celebrate **Make a Difference Day on October 25**, let us remember that making a difference does not have to be complicated. A helping hand, a kind word, or a simple act of kindness can have a lasting impact.

Looking ahead to November, remember to **"fall back" one hour on November 1** where Daylight Saving Time applies, and ensure **Anchor & Compass dues are submitted on time**. International Care & Kindness Week, November 9–13, culminates in **World Kindness Day on November 13**—a perfect time to let our kindness shine through our words, actions, and service.

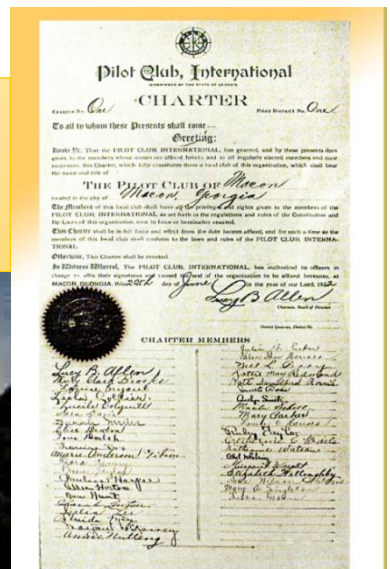
As the leaves change, let us embrace our own opportunities for growth. Believe in yourself. Believe in your Club. Believe in your ability to make a difference.

Together, let us **Do More, Care More, and Be More**—one act of kindness, one service project, and one person at a time. Believe in yourself...because the world needs what you have to give!

Leslie McLaughlin

Executive Committee Representative

October 18, Founders Day gives us a chance to honor the vision and commitment of those who began Pilot International and the legacy of service they created.



I AM a PILOT!!!

SHARON SLUSHER

Sharon is an active community member and has been a Pilot volunteer for 43 years. She served as Past Pilot International President for the 2001–2002 term. During her term Pilot International donated



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\$25,000 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital specifically to advance research on pediatric brain tumors.

Sharon moved to the Boston area where she chartered a club but also remained a member of the KY-OH-WV District. She returned to her many friendships in Springfield sometime after the passing of her husband James.

Sharon has a daughter, two grandchildren, two grand dogs and one great grand dog. When her family has time, she loves to bring them along on vacations.

Sharon is a WORLD traveler and LOVES to drive to destinations in the USA. If you plan to ride with her, be prepared to make stops to places along the way that she has not yet visited.

If you are on Facebook - Sharon Slusher [Gana Interview](#)

A one-on-one session during her visit to Ghana. She shared insightful remarks, and together they exchanged ideas and made several impactful decisions.



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

Hello October Pilots!

I would like to say a wonderful Thank You to my DAC for carrying the torch as I recover from Shingles in my eye. I also want to thank all my fellow Pilot friends for all the prayers, well wishes and cards as I recover during this long journey. They are greatly appreciated and I Love all of you very much.

I have been receiving a lot of care and thought a short poem would be nice.

Care More

At Pilot, service starts with care,
A helping hand, a moment shared.
A friendly smile, a welcome door,
Each little act says "Care More."

Listen closely, lend a hand,
Go the extra mile when you can.
For every guest who walks through our door,
Serve with heart - and Care More.

Blessings
Governor Rhonda



SPRINGFIELD

The Clark County Sheriff's Office honored the Pilot Club with a Community Impact Award during the July 29 Clark County Commission meeting.

Clark said the club has been one of their strongest supporters of the D.A.R.E. program for many years.

"The D.A.R.E. program is about far more than teaching children to say no to drugs. It teaches good decision making, responsibility, respect, leadership and the confidence to make positive choices through life," he said.

He explained programs like these don't succeed because of one person or one agency, but because of organizations that invest in young people, such as this club.

"Through their unwavering financial support over many years, they have helped ensure that thousands of Clark County students have benefited from the lessons and opportunities that D.A.R.E. provides. Their investment in our youth is truly an investment in the future of our community, and we are gratefully deeply grateful for their continued partnership," Clark said.

Sharon Slusher, former president, said, "The Pilot Club focus is really safety, so working with these wonderful people who protect Clark County is just right up our alley."

2026 Workshop - Tentative Agenda

9:00	Registration - Continental Breakfast Served Market Table, Silent Auction, 50/50
9:30	Pledge of Allegiance Inspirational Message Welcome Speaker/Introductions Presentations
12:30	Lunch Presentations
2:30	Closing



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

Month	2026-2027 District Event(s)
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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