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of Pilot International

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Appointees and Coordinators info available on the District Website

SAVE THE DATE

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

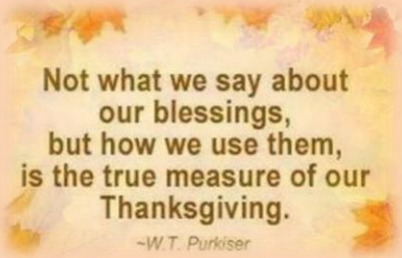
✓ **MONTHLY CLUB CHECKLIST**

- **Nov 15th** - IRS eFile Deadline

(Link available on District Website)

For the 2025 tax year, Fiscal-year organizations must file by the 15th day of the 5th month after their tax year ends.

Example: June 30 fiscal year-end: *Due November 16, 2026 (since November 15 falls on a Sunday)*



A Heart Full of Thanksgiving

Dear Fellow Pilots,

As November arrives, we are reminded that Thanksgiving is more than a holiday. It is an opportunity to pause, count our blessings, and appreciate the people who make our lives richer. I am especially thankful for YOU – the dedicated Pilots who give so generously of your time, talents, and hearts.

Across our Kentucky–Ohio–West Virginia District, your acts of service bring hope to our communities. Whether you organize a project, welcome a new member, or offer a kind word, you make a difference. The greatest blessings of Pilot are often found in the friendships we build and the lives we touch.

Our motto encourages us to "Do More, Care More, Be More." This Thanksgiving may we also thank more, appreciate more, and give more—not only through service, but through encouragement, patience, and kindness. As we SOAR above challenges, SHINE through compassion, and INSPIRE others, let gratitude guide our journey.

Please remember those who are grieving, lonely, or facing difficult days. A phone call, a card, or an invitation to share a meal can be a wonderful gift. The true spirit of Thanksgiving is not only being thankful for our blessings but becoming a blessing to someone else.

A Thankful Pilot Heart
For friendships shared and hands that care,
For kindness offered everywhere,
For every life our Pilots touch,
We thank the Lord for oh, so much.
May we SOAR with hope, and SHINE with grace,
INSPIRE with love in every place.
With grateful hearts, our service starts–
Thanksgiving lives in Pilot hearts.

Wishing you and your families a blessed and joyful Thanksgiving! Thank you for all you do for our District.

In Pilot Friendship,

Governor Rhonda L. Stemmer
2026–2027 KY–OH–WV District Governor

"Pilots…Soar…Shine…Inspire!"



Annual District Fundraiser

Drawing April 17th at Convention in Charleston.

$5 per ticket
Winner Need not be Present

Scan or Click QR Code to enter



Veterans Day is an annual Holiday celebrated on November 11th. This day is to honor the women and men who have served the United States.

In 1919, the first celebration was called Armistice Day, and on this date was the celebration of the end of World War I.

Later in 1954, this holiday was changed in name to honor both living and deceased veterans who served both during war and peace time.

Pausing on this date we know the courage, the sacrifices and the tenacious duty of these soldiers.

Today we celebrate with parades, local ceremonies and wreaths at 11AM on the 11th day of November, we stop everything to remember in silence and thankfulness for freedom in the Unites States given to us by these veterans.

By Deborah Mingroni
District Patriotism



Rose Campbell memorial will be held November 28th, 11am at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2626 Pennsylvania Ave, Charleston, WV 25302. Luncheon to follow.

Contact Connie White (Charleston Club) with any questions.

ECR MESSAGE



Thousands of years ago, man learned that by striking 2 stones together, it would create a spark. From that tiny spark, he was able to cook his food over fire, shape his tools and weapons, shape pottery out of clay, and have light to see by. All of that from a tiny spark. A tiny spark of joy can make a dark and dreary day into one of sunshine and happiness. A tiny spark of enthusiasm from just one Pilot can ignite a group of Pilots into action and much can be accomplished.

Each fall, Monarch butterflies in Maine begin an unbelievable journey to a hilltop in Mexico. How do they do it? They focus on the goal, not the difficulties, just as we do as Pilots. Each day they take their bearings and set off, allowing their instincts and desire to steer them. They accept what comes: some winds blow them off course; others speed them along the way. They keep flying until one day they arrive. Their determination makes the difference. As Pilots we make that difference by doing more, because we care more to be more for our communities.

Dates to Remember:

Anchor Dues and Compass Dues: Should be paid by November 1st.

IRS For 990: Due by November 15th for all clubs in the United States.

Kinro Kansha no Hi (Labor Thanksgiving Day): November 23rd in Japan thanking workers and production with roots in ancient harvest rites.

Thanksgiving: November 26th, the last Thursday in the US, is designated the end of fall's harvest.

GivingTuesday: is called that because it is a designated day dedicated to charitable giving and generosity, strategically scheduled on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. This year it is December 1st; **your Pilot donation this Giving Tuesday will benefit our Youth 100 Fund.**

Governor Elect 2027 Appointments: Due to Pilot Headquarters December 1st.

Heritage Garden Brick Orders: Due to Pilot Headquarters December 15th.

We as Pilots focus on giving back to be the positive change within our local communities. By doing more we are the breath of fresh life for those in our communities. We are the spark of light that will grow our club and organization especially through President Lisa's Incentive Program, into one that will be the example of what can be accomplished when we work together as a collective group focused on doing more, caring more and being more as you Believe in Yourself, and Believe in Pilot.



Executive Committee Representative

Leslie McLaughlin

I AM A PILOT!

The beauty of Pilot is not the action of one but the ability to do more as a group. Here is the Charleston Club – "Having Fun while Doing Good!"





With the City of Charleston Police gave out bicycle helmets and candy at the annual West Side Health Trunk or Treat.



Lighthouse of Learning for United Way Day of Giving. We organized games, puzzles and craft supplies.



Pick Me Up lunch to Ronald McDonald House



Several members assemble 25 "hygiene kits" for flood victims. The GMC will distribute these kits to victims of the recent flooding in north central West Virginia.

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



Workshop

33 registered with 30 in attendance (due to illnesses, which we have heard are all doing better.)



Huntington City Mission Director spoke to attendees about the need of community support.

Market Tables



THANK YOU, HUNTINGTON, FOR A BEAUTIFUL DAY OF FRIENDSHIP AND SERVICE



Evaluation Results (18 of 27)

Registration process	5
Market Tables	4.87
Speaker	5
Membership Presentation	4.93
Projects Presentation	4.93
Grants Presentation	4.93
Who Do You Go to?	4.93
Where can I find things?	4.93
Founders Day Presentations	5
Food	4.87
Facility	4.67
Fundraising	4.87
Rate your overall experience	4.93

Comments:

1. *Grant presentation was a little long, but very informative*
2. *Loved the Founders Day presentation format*
3. *Great Fellowship with new members. Everything was wonderful*
4. *Good overall experience. Very well planned.*
5. *Very Good!*
6. *Double Excellent on Food*
7. *Great Job. Thank you*
8. *It was wonderful and very friendly*
9. *Great Workshop! Would have liked to go a little slower on the A&B Option to get to know my table mates better, but all was terrific!*
10. *Liked the Founders Day info spread out. Great job everyone!*

NOMINATIONS: At Fall Workshop, we set everyone up to get to know someone from another club! Did you meet someone you would just LOVE to see as an officer of the District? Do you have someone in your club? Even if you believe they may not accept, let them know you believe in their leadership and nominate them for an office.

How do you do it? Send an email/letter copied to the nominating committee chair, Marie Gravely, Governor Rhonda Stemmer and Governor Elect Jackie Creamer. If the nomination is accepted a Qualification Form and Vision Statement will be sent to be completed by the nominee.

NOMINATION LETTER/EMAIL EXAMPLE:

Dear _____,

Your support of Pilot International's mission to influence positive change through friendship and service is greatly appreciated. It is the Pilot Club of _____'s delight to nominate you for the 2026-2027 KY-OH-WV District _____ position.

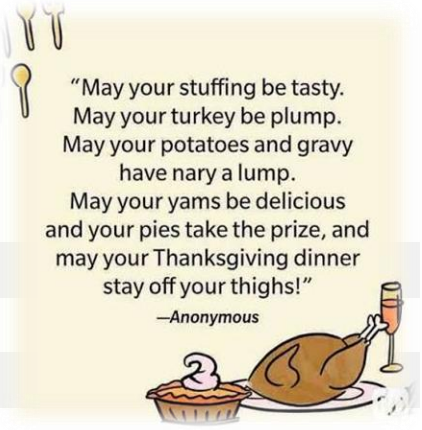
Responsibilities for this office may be found in the District Manual, but feel free to reach out to current or past officers to find out more.

If you accept this nomination, please reply with a letter or Email of acceptance. Once you have accepted the nomination you will need to complete a qualification form, create a vision statement, and provide references. These will need to be forwarded to the nominating committee no later than February 1st.

We hope you will accept the nomination and look forward to seeing you in the future. The Governor, ECR, your club President and Nominating committee have received a copy and will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

What's up?

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



Month	2026-2027 District Event(s)
December	Nominate District Officers
January	Happy New Year!!
February	Call to Convention in Charleston
March	Determine Club Delegates and Register for District Convention
April	**April 17th District Convention** Charleston, WV (April 16th Social Meet and Greet) Club Officer form Due to PI May 1st – Copy to DAC
May	Club 2027-2028 Planning
June	**July 13-17 Pilot International Conference** Grand Rapids, Michigan – Amway Grand Plaza