

# The Kansas-Missouri District Bulletin

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## Dates/Deadlines

- Send list of new officers to District Governor and PIHQ by May 1. Form is in Club Manual.



## From Sue's Quill...

Spring has sprung. My list of yard projects is not getting much shorter. Think of new beginnings as the flowers and shrubs come out of their winter rest and give us beautiful colors and fragrances.

The Convention Committee and the DAC are putting the finishing touches on the Spring Convention in Salina in just a few weeks, May 1-3.

Check your list-

- Delegates selected
- Hotel room reserved
- Registration sent in
- Donation for Wounded Warriors
- Silent Auction Item
- Fleece Presentation ready
- 2015-2016 Officers Elected

Presidents: Please be sure the Pilot Club Officers form (listing your 2015-2016 officers) is completed as soon as you have your new club officers identified and sent to 2015-2016 Governor Mindy Morgan [melindarmorgan@gmail.com](mailto:melindarmorgan@gmail.com). If you are unable to this send prior to Convention, please bring the completed form with you. A copy also goes to PIHQ; email to [bonnie@pilohtq.org](mailto:bonnie@pilohtq.org). The form has been sent to current Presidents.

*Sue Penn, KS-MO District Governor*

## District Governor-Elect

Happy Spring!!

Thank you to all of the clubs that send me their monthly newsletters! I really enjoy reading about all of the projects, fundraisers and pick-me ups that your clubs do for our great organization.

District Convention is quickly approaching in about 30 days and your District Team have been working hard to make this Convention fun and informational for you. I will be leading the President/President-Elect workshop on Saturday at Convention from 10am-11am. Please make sure at least one representative from your club leadership team is present for this workshop - I will be giving out updated manuals, and we will be discussing the upcoming Pilot year. Saturday will be a fun filled day with great speakers, the business meeting, and of course, our Installation Dinner "Birds of a Feather." The Convention will end on Sunday with the Memorial Service, Silent Auction Results, and Club Awards.

Mark your calendars to join us July 8th-12th in Sunny Florida for Pilot International Convention!

Hope to see you in May!

*Mindy Morgan, KS-MO District Governor-Elect*



## Chaplain's Corner

I'm sure you have a favorite ball team and wear a shirt, hat, etc. and even might have a license plate on your car for the team. Everyone at a glance knows the team you support and cheer for. Each of us would like to believe that others can see we are a Christian. But it demands more than putting on a T-shirt, hat, and even a license plate on the car. The third chapter of Colossians tells us that we need to "clothes one's self with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience." Also, we should be 'forgiving' and most of all "put on love." Only with the Spirit's help, can any of us clothe ourselves as God wants us too.

**Colossians 3:12-14**

May you have a Blessed Easter.

Ann Appleton, [ama37@twinvalley.net](mailto:ama37@twinvalley.net)



## District Treasurer



**Please send** to Rhonda Knudson Treasurer: Any donation for the Governor's Gift from your club for Sue

Penn—Bricks are available to honor or remember someone special. The bricks are displayed in the Heritage Garden at Pilot International Headquarters.

PILOT the Winning Team! May 1–3, 2015  
Ambassador Hotel & Convention Center,  
1616 W. Crawford, Salina, KS 785-823-1739

Room rate is \$69 plus tax. Hotel reservations **must** be made by March 30 or the rate goes to \$99. When you call the hotel for a reservation, be sure to mention "Pilot Convention."

Convention registration fee is \$90 per member. Each club should send one check with all registrations. Final registration deadline is April 10. **To be entered into a drawing for one free convention night hotel stay, registrations must be received by District Treasurer Rhonda no later than March 30.**

## Dues Information Chart:

### January-June

|                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| PI Dues        | \$30.00 |
| Initiation Fee | 25.00   |
| Club Insurance | 6.00    |
| Total          | \$61.00 |
| District Dues  | 5.50    |
| Total ALL Dues | \$66.50 |

Rhonda Knudson, [rknudson@amfam.com](mailto:rknudson@amfam.com)

## District Secretary

Hello Pilots! So many things are sprouting up right now, including our Pilot numbers! Make sure to welcome our newest member Janet Phillippi. She has joined the Sunflower Club in Manhattan. Hello Janet!

Just a little reminder to add your club officers to the PortalBuzz system. If you will be at the Spring Convention, I will be doing a workshop about the PortalBuzz system with help from our ECR Gwen Yarborough. So make sure you bring your questions!

Jennifer Butler, KS-MO District Secretary

## District Coordinator

### Fundraising

April Showers Bring May Flowers

April is such a great time of year for Plant Sales. Everyone is ready for some color after a long dreary winter.

You may have chosen to start your own plants or you may purchase them from a grower. Do your customers a favor and acclimate the plants prior to your sale by gradually increasing their time in the sun and wind. Our skin can sunburn the first few days out in the sun and plant foliage can sunburn as well. I suggest providing detailed care and planting instructions. You can include amount of sun, watering, fertilizing and trimming. The back side of the instructions could have your club name and contact information. You can include additional fund raising events, dates and locations.

Signage needs to include size of pot or pack, plant name (variety if known) and price. If you can also mark the signs with growing conditions, sun/shade it will not only help your customers but your helpers as well. Additional ideas could include making up some planters with combinations of popular plants. Could you offer a potting service during the plant sale? Don't forget to collect some boxes to send plants home in and use some inexpensive trash bags as trunk liners; it's a great way to protect cars from wet plants.

If your club is thinking of holding its first, you might want to contact a club that has been using plant sales as a fund raiser for several years to get some tips; better yet, visit them while they're sales are going on.

Mariann Jarboe, District Fundraising Coordinator

## **Leadership**

Since I have been involved in Pilot, I have been trying to figure out ways within my own club that I can become a better leader. There are many different ways a person can show leadership. Below I have included some examples of characteristics that we look for in leaders.

**Communication Skills** – This is one of the most important characteristics. It is important for a leader to communicate with the whole club and be willing to consider all options and feedback from others.

**Flexibility** – How you handle yourself in an unexpected situation is key. You will need to be able to adapt to the situation and make the most of it.

**Proactive** – Always try to be 3 steps ahead trying to avoid any problems that may arise.

**Consistency** – You will be able to gain more respect and confidence from those around you if you are consistent with your leadership.

**Delegator** – You realize that you cannot accomplish everything on your own. You need to be willing to ask the other members for their help in order to be successful.

**Rewarding** – Be sure to recognize the efforts from the other members. We all enjoy being recognized from time to time.

**Enthusiasm** – When you are a motivated leader, more people will want to join in on the enthusiasm. Remember, excitement is contagious!

These are just a few characteristics that we look for when it comes to being a great leader. I am positive that all of you have most of these characteristics, and I hope that you are willing to step up and be a leader in your own Pilot Club!

*Amanda Ogorzolka, District Leadership Coordinator*

## **Message from ECR Gwen Yarbrough**

Spring is here and District Conventions are just around the corner. As the flowers peek through the frosty ground, our thoughts turn toward renewing and refreshing. What better time to celebrate Pilot friendships than at your District Convention!

Our clubs need to renew and refresh as well, and we do that by electing new club and district officers each spring. Attending District Convention is a great opportunity to meet your new district officers and appointees, as they can be great resources of information and inspiration to you and your club! Pilots who attend a convention for the very first time are usually amazed as a “wider world of Pilot



International” is revealed to them! District Convention is also the ideal Spring Outing.

Are you making plans to attend the 2015 Pilot International Annual Convention and Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida July 8 – 11<sup>th</sup> at the beautiful Walt Disney Swan and Dolphin Resort? I hope the answer is YES! We have a full lineup of great speakers and trainers ready to encourage Pilots and Anchors as we Do More..Care More..and Be More! Registration links are online now at: [www.pilotinternational.org](http://www.pilotinternational.org).

Our 2015 keynote speaker will be Ethan Zohn, the winner of *Survivor: Africa*. While many of you may recognize Ethan from the television series *Survivor*; he is also a cancer survivor, motivational speaker, inventor, humanitarian and athlete. His time on *Survivor: Africa* exposed him to the challenges facing youth in the developing world, including unemployment, gender inequality and HIV/AIDS. Fresh off his victory on *Survivor: Africa*, Ethan was determined to use his prize winnings for something bigger than himself. Ethan will talk to us about finding purpose in the face of life’s most difficult challenges.

It’s never too early to be looking ahead to your club plans for the coming year. Does your club have a strategic plan in place that has been reviewed annually? Have you set a goal for growth in membership? As your club starts to create your Plans of Work for the coming year, make sure you are evaluating your current projects and fundraisers. Do you have too many or not enough? Are they effective? Do you need to address some new needs in your community? Are you addressing the ABC initiatives of Pilot International...Anchor (Youth Development, Brain Safety and Fitness, and Caring for Families in times of need? As you make critical decisions for the future of your club, remain focused on the mission and vision of Pilot International and on your purpose for service in the community. Let this drive the work of your club.

I leave you with one last thought; “Friendship and Service”. What better way to accomplish them both than to have like minded people meeting and serving together.

I look forward to seeing many of you soon at your District Convention.

## **Club News**

### **Great Bend**

The Club recently held a successful fundraiser entitled “Anything Chocolate.”

### **Little Apple**

The Little Apple Pilot Club of Manhattan received a \$5,000 grant from the Pilot International Foundation Founders Fund to create a therapeutic garden at the Big Lakes Developmental Center. The Club will match the grant with \$5,000 from fund raising efforts. With these

funds, the gardens will be expanded and made accessible for use by the 132 clients at the Center.

The Center provides day services to adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities. The therapeutic garden qualifies for the Brain Safety & Fitness category as it will stimulate visual, auditory and olfactory senses through the choice of plants, sound, and color. A therapeutic garden is an outdoor garden space that is designed to meet the physical, psychological, social and spiritual needs of the people using the garden as well as their caregivers, family members and friends. Natural elements in the garden will include: plants that attract birds and butterflies; ornamental trees, shrubs, perennials, and ornamental grasses; non-toxic and non-injurious plantings; vegetables; annual plants; soil; sunlight and natural shade. Constructed garden elements will include soothing outdoor musical instruments.

Club members will be actively involved in working with the clients at the center on this project. The garden project was designed by Little Apple Pilot Club member Dede Brokesh.

### Shawnee Mission

Annual Card Party & Luncheon, April 18. Contact Mindy Morgan for more information or to RSVP.

**SHAWNEE MISSION PILOT CLUB**  
21st ANNUAL CARD PARTY & LUNCHEON

Saturday, April 18, 2015  
11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.  
Leawood United Methodist Church  
2915 W. 95th Street  
Leawood, KS 66206

Bring your favorite group with your favorite games and enjoy an afternoon of fun and games, silent auction and drawings.

Cards are provided

Lunch will begin at 12:00 noon

Cost \$10 per person and may be paid at the door.

Proceeds go toward funding our projects to help improve the quality of life for those with brain related disorders and disabilities.

RSVP to Mindy Morgan at 913-745-6464  
or email melindaRmorgan@gmail.com

## Pilot International

### Shop PI

Take a look at PI's online store and purchase gear to show your support...[www.pilotclubstore.com](http://www.pilotclubstore.com)



### International Convention

The 2015 Pilot International Annual Convention & Leadership Conference is right around the corner. Let your Pilot International website be your source for up-to-date information regarding speakers, workshops, entertainment and MORE...

<http://www.pilotinternational.org/2015-pilot-international-annual-convention/>



## Miscellaneous

### Pilot Terms Explained

*Sail On International:* The official Pilot International song

*Anchor:* Pilot service organization for youth

*COED:* Clubs Outside of Established Districts

*Executive Director:* The employed chief staff officer in charge of day-to-day operation of Pilot International and Pilot Founders Fund



**Do More. Care More. Be More.**

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