

# The Kansas-Missouri District Bulletin

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## Dates/Deadlines

- March 2, 2015  
Nominate District Officers



## From Sue's Quill...

Clubs delivered many, many Pick Me Ups during Care and Kindness Week. THANK YOU! The holidays are times when lots of people are remembered; let's think about Pick Me Ups again in the long days of winter.

Please consider nominating a qualified Pilot for District Office – Governor Elect, Secretary and Treasurer positions are open. Talk to any DAC member for information on serving on the District level or about nominating someone. Forms are on the KS-MO District website, under forms.

Got fleece? Got your ideas for fleece that went home from Fall Workshop? Be creative in your club's 3 minute time slot as you present what you did and who received your projects.

I understand Santa is always wanting suggestions for gifts, so if you get a chance to whisper in his ear, let him know you want to go to District in Salina and/or PI Convention in Florida.

I wish for you all year long: peace, prosperity, happiness, health, fun around every corner, energy to find your dreams, and joy! Happy Holidays to you and your family!

*Sue Penn, KS-MO District Governor*

## District Officer Nominations due by March 2, 2015

The District needs your leadership. Please consider running or nominating a qualified Pilot. Service at the District level is a great leadership opportunity, and we have competent and enthusiastic Pilots in our District.

The KS-MO District will elect a District Governor Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. Postmark/email deadline for nominations to the Nominating Committee is 60 days prior to the first day of District Convention, or March 2, 2015.

The qualification form is on the District website under forms.

The 2014-15 nominating committee:

Chair Nancy Rogers, Blue Springs PC, [nwrogers.2@gmail.com](mailto:nwrogers.2@gmail.com) or 708 NW 19<sup>th</sup> St., Blue Springs MO 64015; Lynn Waugh, Little Apple PC; and Jean Thomas, Pratt PC. They can help with the forms and the process.

The Bylaws give clubs the privilege to nominate qualified nominees (MUST HAVE SERVED AS CLUB PRESIDENT) for district office from clubs within the district. A club may submit nominees from any club to the nominating committee.

1. Club Making Nomination--when a club votes to nominate a person for district office, the president sends a letter of nomination to the proposed nominee. A copy of the nominating letter should be sent to the president of the proposed nominee's club, the district governor, PI Headquarters and the chair of the district nominating committee. The letter should instruct the nominee to inform the club of their acceptance or refusal of the nomination in writing.

2. The Nominee--if the nominee accepts the nomination, she should complete the Qualification Form for District Office. The form can be obtained on the KS-MO District website. The nominee should inform each nominating club of their acceptance or refusal in writing with a copy to the District Nominating Committee Chair, Governor and PI Headquarters.

### District Governor-Elect

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your friends and family!

The holiday season is definitely here! Christmas has always been my favorite holiday, and I enjoy getting to spend time with my friends and family. My home has been decorated since just after Halloween, and I just decorated my office this past week.

I was invited to help make cheeseballs with the KCK Pilot Club this month. It was great to see how they worked together to make 280 cheeseballs in about 4 hours! Blue Springs Pilot Club invited me to their club meeting also this month for a wonderful meal and discussion on trying out new fundraisers. Thank you to both for inviting me to take part in your club activities.

It's time to start sending in those nominations for District Officers and also thinking about your internal club officers for the upcoming Pilot year. Please see more information in this bulletin regarding the procedure on nominating someone and how to submit the required forms. We're always looking for great candidates to represent our District.

District Convention 2015 is not far off! Make sure you reserve May 1-3 on your calendars for District Convention in Salina!

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

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



### District Treasurer

This December the warmth and love surrounding Christmas is a joy to be savored with family and friends. It is a time to give and share with one another. Here's wishing you the best the season has to offer.

Many Clubs may have had a Fall Share Pilot and now have new members joining the club. Below is the outline for the dues for when a new member joins---International Dues, Initiation Fee and Club Insurance Chart

	July-December	January-June
PI Dues	\$60.00	\$30.00
Initiation Fee	25.00	25.00
Club Insurance	<u>6.00</u>	<u>6.00</u>
Total	\$91.00	\$61.00
District Dues	<u>11.00</u>	<u>5.50</u>
Total ALL Dues	\$102.00	\$66.50

Up-coming in 2015

- ♦ Contributions postmarked no later than February 1: Pacesetter, 250 Club and 250 Member recognition at District Convention.
- ♦ Start your planning now for participation in Brain Awareness Week in March.

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

### District Secretary

Hello everyone! Now that you know why we are using the new PortalBuzz membership system (you can read my article from last month's bulletin if you need a reminder), I'm going to teach you how to access the system. Here are the steps!

1. Go to <https://members.portalbuzz.com>
2. Near the bottom of the screen, click on the "Register/Reset Password" link.
3. The next screen will ask you to enter your email address. After you have entered your email address, press the submit button.
4. Portalbuzz will send an email to you, giving you a link and a temporary password. Click on the link.
5. Once the page has loaded, please follow the steps to create a new password.
6. You will now be able to log into your Portalbuzz account, update your information and post on the message board.

Follow these steps, and you should be logged in in no time! But if you have any problems, please don't hesitate to email [jrb6059@gmail.com](mailto:jrb6059@gmail.com) or call 785-317-3030. I am here to help!

Hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

*Jennifer Butler, KS-MO District Secretary*

### District Coordinator

TAKING THE TWIST OFF OF THE CANDYCANE

The holiday season is the perfect time to pick up some new ideas for your clubs fundraising list. One example is Christmas Homes Tours. While you attend, be aware of what might be going on behind the scenes, because giving a twist to the theme, your club could organize a Garden or Home Landscape Tour to be held in the late spring or early summer. Water Garden Tours make great events too.

Next week I will be attending a Christmas Tablescapes event in a neighboring small town. Why wouldn't a Spring or Summer Tablescapes event work equally well--Mother's Day Tablescapes, Outdoor Tablescapes, the ideas are endless.

As you enjoy various holiday events, keep your eyes open – take notes, you never know you may be coming up with the next best fundraising event your club has ever held, just by putting a little twist on an existing idea.

*Mariann Jarboe, District Fundraising Coordinator*



## Chaplain's Corner

### CHRISTMAS DID NOT JUST HAPPEN

*Christmas was not a happenstance-It completed a plan,  
Designed eons ago by ONE-Who knew the needs of  
man.*

*Behind the nativity scene-A hidden message lies,  
Fulfillment of promise to us-As well as Three Men Wise.*

*Back of the trek of the Wise Men-Directed by a star,  
Man is shown a path to follow-To heaven's gates ajar.*

*'Twas in this greatest miracle-Future hope was avowed,  
No, Christmas did not just happen-Christmas was made  
by God.*

May you each have a blessed Christmas remembering  
the most important word born for each of us.

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

## District Convention

**PILOT the winning team!** is the theme for District  
Convention May 1-3, 2015.

The baseball theme will let club members represent their  
team (club) with club shirts or a special team hat, vest or  
scarf.

See if you can collect all 14 baseball cards!

Plan to join in the TAILGATE PARTY on Friday evening  
May 1. Come meet and greet our special guests Past PI  
Director Deb Hays, and ECR Gwen Yarbrough.

As previously announced, the order of convention has  
been changed. More details will be in the next issue.  
Below is a brief outline-

**SATURDAY** will be officer training, opening lunch,  
business session, report by clubs on the Fleece  
Challenge, installation banquet and reception for the  
new DAC.

**SUNDAY** will include the memorial service, awards  
presentation, and final PIFF silent auction results.

There will be an early bird registration drawing for one  
convention hotel night fee. Watch for the registration  
form in the March Governor Bulletin.

## Club News

### Blue Springs

The Pilot Club of Blue Springs eight-member team tied  
for second place at the Rainbow Center annual Wits and  
Wreaths trivia contest held Sat. November 22. There  
were 43 teams. Rainbow Center serves disabled  
students and adults and PC has a long history of service  
to the school. Local KC weatherman, Bryan Busby, was  
master of ceremonies. Prize? Bragging rights for the

next year, which means we  
are submitting this to the  
Governor's Bulletin.

Team Picture: Lizz Scott,  
seated. L-R Barbara Kotalik,  
Levetta Sneathen, Marilyn  
McQueen, Nancy Crawford,  
Cindy Ferking. Not pictured 2 friends of Pilot.



### Great Bend

Pilot international and local Pilot Clubs around the globe  
recognize the second week in November as International  
Care & Kindness Week a week-long public awareness  
campaign meant to bring awareness to how simple acts  
can change a day, a life or the world by simply showing  
someone you care. International Care & Kindness Week  
encourages people to "Take time to Care and Be Kind."

As part of International Care & Kindness Week, Great  
Bend Pilots recognized care givers in the community  
with a "Pick-me-up. The mission of the "Pick Me Ups"  
Initiative is to uplift and appreciate family caregivers by  
providing needed services or small gifts to brighten their  
day.

Pilot members provided a  
"pick me up" of popcorn to  
staff at Great Bend Health  
and Rehab where they were  
greeted by Shauna  
McPherson, activities  
coordinator, and Pam Lewis  
at Cherry Village.



Pictured: Back row left to right: Shelia Hunt, Marcia  
Johnson, Mary Cramer, Sharon Mauler, and front row:  
Lynette Blakeslee, Shauna McPherson (GBHR) Carol  
Hawk

### Junction City

Junction City Pilot Club  
presented Pick Me Ups  
to the Health Care and  
Hospice Volunteers  
during Care and  
Kindness Week. Pictured  
with the volunteers are  
Sue Penn, Governor on  
the left, and Club President Kay Gatza with the Pick Me  
Ups.



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

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