

The Kansas-Missouri District Bulletin

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Dates/Deadlines

- Name delegates for District Convention
- Talk Pilot Day – each member tells at least 5 people about Pilot



From Sue's Quill...

Managing Your Playbook – looking to the new Pilot Year.

The theme for the year has been “Challenges, Choices, and Change.” Has your club looked at changes that could be made to projects, fundraisers, how meetings are run, ways to communicate with members, and how the Executive Board is set up?

Is the vision for the club understood by all members? Does the Strategic Plan need to be looked at?

Finding new members is a challenge – and the District Clubs took on the challenge - CONGRATS to the clubs with new members.

- * District Convention registration form is with this bulletin – Early Bird deadline March 30
- * Convention information sheet is included again. Questions? Give any DAC member a call.
- * The 2014-2015 Presidents and the 2015-2016 Presidents will be recognized.
- * Deb Hays, our invited guest, will be doing a live auction – be prepared for a good time and bring the check book.
- * New Officers please attend the workshops Saturday morning for updated information.

Sue Penn, KS-MO District Governor

District Governor-Elect

Pilots, I hope you will join us in Salina, KS for our 2015 District Convention May 1st-3rd. We have a lot of exciting things planned for Convention and the registration form is included in THIS bulletin! Please make sure that you are forwarding this bulletin to all of your club members so they can read about what is happening in our District!

Hopefully, by now you have elected (or will elect this month) your new club officers for the 2015-2016 Pilot year. We will be having Officer Training at District Convention from 10am-11am on Saturday May 2nd. Please try to send your incoming club President, President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer so that they may take away important information about leading your clubs into the next year.

As Spring is upon us, we know your clubs will be having lots of fundraisers and projects going on. Please send pictures of your club while you are working these fundraisers and projects to our Bulletin editor Shirley (bobshirl@sbcglobal.net) so that everyone can see your fantastic efforts!

Mindy Morgan, KS-MO District Governor-Elect

Challenges ♦ Choices ♦ Change



Chaplain's Corner

Philippians 2:15-16

That you may become blameless and harmless, Children of God without fault in the midst of A crooked and perverse generation, among whom You shine as lights in the world, holding fast the Word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

May you be blessed as we begin the Season of Lent and look forward to the day of Resurrection.

Ann Appleton, ama37@twinvalley.net



District Treasurer

AN UPDATE ON THE 501c (3) STATUS

The latest information from PI shows for the Kansas/Missouri District--NO clubs have a 501 c (3) status. They are all C4's. I am including information on filing for an individual 501c3 for any clubs that might be interested in going that route. Several have done so in other places and have gotten pretty immediate determinations back.

Information submitted by Sharon Brooks – Texas District Treasurer and member of Pilot Club of Quitman:

A Quick and Easy 501(c)(3) Application???

If you have ever gone through the process of filling out an application to become a 501(c)(3) or anything else with the IRS you would never associate the words quick or easy with it. However, because of a new application just issued by the IRS those words now apply in certain circumstances. The new application is a 1023EZ. It consists of 3 pages and is filed completely online. In fact the hardest part of the application is setting up the account for payment. There is a \$400 processing fee that goes along with filing this application. That may seem prohibitive to some clubs but please look at it as an investment into your ability to acquire donations from additional sources in the future. It is a factor, however, in the decision to be made by each club individually.

The new 1023 EZ application can be found on the IRS website (irs.gov) under the forms tab. Simply type in 1023EZ in the search blank and the options for the application and instructions will come up on the screen. The application option will bring up a sample copy of the application you will file online and the instruction option will give you the complete instructions for filling out the application. I recommend printing out both options so that you can get familiar with the application before you actually complete it online.

The first step in starting the application process is to answer the questionnaire that is found in the instructions for the application. This form will let you know if you are eligible to file using the 1023 EZ application or not.

There are several questions that, if answered yes to any one, will preclude you from being able to file on this particular form. The main criteria are that your organization **must make \$50,000 or less in Gross Revenue** and must have **less than \$250,000 in assets**. Please remember that gross revenue means everything you take in as revenue to the club before any expenses are taken out. That includes dues, donations, fundraising and any other form of revenue you may have. This is the same criteria for filing the 990N online tax return. So if you are filing your tax return as a 990N you will probably qualify to file this exemption application form. Some of the additional questions included may disqualify you from being able to apply in this manner so please answer them carefully.

The next step is setting up an account with Pay.Gov. This is the website the IRS has contracted to administer the filing of this application. When you go to Pay.Gov the first thing it will want you to do is to set up a method of payment with them. This can be a credit card or a debit to your checking account. Once you have set this up it will then allow you to go to the actual form to complete the filing. The basic sections of the application are as follows:

1. **Identification of Applicant.** Basic Information about your organization including name, address, employer identification number, contact person, officers etc. (The tax year ends in June for all Pilot clubs.)
2. **Your club's organizational structure,** i.e. corporation etc. and information about your organizing documents, Articles of Incorporation. (Have a copy of the original and amended Articles of Incorporation on hand to answer these questions.)
3. **Your specific activities**– charitable and educational and whether you participate in certain other activities. It also asks for a 3-character NTEE code in 1. For our club I chose the code S80 which stands for Community Service Clubs. When you go to the definition of this code it includes being a chapter of an International Organization. This code would be the best fit for most Pilot Clubs.
4. **Foundation Classification.** This is to determine whether you are a public charity or a private foundation. In most cases with our clubs you would check 1 b which states that you receive more than one third of your revenue from public support. There are some rules explained in the instructions to be sure that your club complies with this answer. Unless you have one major donor that supports your club and very little other income you will qualify as a public charity.
5. **Reinstatement after automatic revocation.** Unless your individual club has had its non-profit exempt status revoked because of not filing your 990's you would not be required to fill out this part. If your club has been in this situation, you will need some extra help with this part of the application. Please contact your local CPA or contact PI headquarters for suggestions for help on this

question. If your club has not been revoked skip this part and go to the next.

6. **Signature.** This part needs to have an electronic signature of one of your officers who will be attesting that everything in the application is true to the best of their knowledge. The electronic signature is simply typing in their name, title and the current date.

Several clubs in the Pilot organization have filed this application with success. Our club filed on September 11, 2014 and received its 501(c)(3) determination letter dated September 30, 2014. Another club received their determination letter dated the same day they submitted it to the IRS. It has really turned out to be a quick turnaround which is a very pleasant surprise. No more waiting for months or years for a reply.

In light of the problems encountered with the PI group application earlier this year the 1023 EZ application is a way for most of the Pilot Clubs in the U.S. to achieve their 501(c)(3) status and become a charitable organization on their own. For larger clubs the group determination, if resubmitted, or filing the long 1023 form may be options. Each club must make their own decision on which way to go but at least there is an opportunity that is "Quick and Easy" available now.

Rhonda Knudson, rknudson@amfam.com

District Coordinator

Fundraising

THINK GREEN \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

This fun calendar game is for the purpose of raising money within your club. FIND A JAR, FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS AND HAVE FUN!!!

March 01 – If you went out for breakfast this morning, you owe us 10 cents.

March 02 – If you got paid today, pay us \$1.00. Thank You!!!

March 03 – Please pay 2 cents for each year as a Pilot.

March 04 – If your bathtub faces east & west, you need to pay 25 cents!

March 05 – If you watch WHEEL OF FORTUNE, pay 75 cents.

March 06 – If you attended a basketball game today, pay us 20 cents if your team won.

March 07 – OH NO !! It's 10:00 a.m. and you are still in your PJ's. --- 25 cents please!!

March 08 – If you forgot to set your clocks ahead one hour, pay us 25 cents please!

March 09 – If you were at Pilot today, please pay yourself 50 cents.

March 10 – If you have an original Pilot Pin, take 10 cents out of the jar.

March 11 – If you ate anything sweet today, please pay 25 cents.

March 12 – Did you eat popcorn today??? Pay 10 cents.

March 13 – If you are superstitious because it's Friday the 13th, pay us 25 cents.

March 14 – If you read a book today, Yeah!! Take out 5 cents for you today.

March 15 – If you have not filed your income tax – you owe us 50 cents please!!

March 16 – If you are going to play bridge this month, pay us first!! 25 cents please.

March 17 – If you wore GREEN today, take out 50 cents.

March 18 – If it snows or rains today please pay 50 cents.

March 19 - Oops! Didn't wash the dishes this morning, 5 cents please.

March 20 – If you did not plant your potatoes yet, give us 50 cents. HAPPY SPRING!

March 21 – If you went for a walk today, please pay 25 cents for each mile or 2 cents per minute.

March 22 – If you didn't go to church today, you owe us 25 cents.

March 23 – If you have been a Pilot 25 years, pay yourself 25 cents.

March 24 – If you have ever been a Pilot Officer, pay yourself 25 cents.

March 25 – If your summer vacation is planned, take 50 cents out for your vacation.

March 26 – Coffee, Tea or Soda. If you had any of these, please pay 10 cents.

March 27 – If you were at the bank today, please pay 50 cents.

March 28 – If you played with your kids or grandkids today, pay yourself 25 cents.

March 29 – If you went to church today, pay yourself 25 cents.

March 30 – MONEY makes the world go-round. If you have more than 50 cents in your purse, give \$1 to us.

March 31 – You've done GREAT! Just for good measure, add \$3.00 more for GOOD LUCK !!

Mariann Jarboe, District Fundraising Coordinator

Message from ECR Gwen Yarbrough



Do you know the power of the letter 'B'? This month, the letter 'B' is honoring our Pilot International initiative for Brain Safety and Fitness. Pilots across the world will be supporting this by planning and attending events during Brain Awareness Week March 16–22.

Fifteen years ago, 1990 – 1999, was declared as the Decade of the Brain. From that presidential declaration, a unique interagency initiative "to enhance public awareness of the benefits to be derived from brain research" through "appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities" was introduced to the world. In 1992, Pilot International began working with various groups on Brain Related services. Closing out the decade, Pilot

International introduced our award winning program, BrainMinders™ Protecting Your Brain for Life. Our signature project continues to be shared worldwide to thousands of young people and even seniors every year. Is your club participating in an event or program during March? If so, consider using #brainweek as you post the event to your Facebook page or Twitter account. More information about Brain Week can be found on the Dana Alliance website at <http://dana.org/baw/>

The Pilot International Executive Committee invites you to attend the 2015 Pilot International Convention and Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida, July 8-12. Plans are well underway for a magical event. We have exciting speakers lined up and great workshops planned to help you bring back new ideas to your clubs. You can find more information online and registration information for Pilots and Anchors can be accessed here:

Pilots: <http://tinyurl.com/2015Pilot>
 Anchors: <http://tinyurl.com/2015Anchor>

There is still time to nominate qualified leaders for service at the International level for the 2015-2016 year. Contact Nomination Bonnie Millirans, Pilot International Club Services bonnie@pilothonline.org for more information.

**When you believe in a thing,
 believe in it all the way,
 implicitly and unquestionable.**
Walt Disney

Club News

Blue Springs

The Pilot Club of Blue Springs invites you to join them for a day of volunteering at their annual Ability Arts Festival on Wednesday and Thursday, March 25 and 26, at Northcross United Methodist Church, 1321 NE Vivion Road, Kansas City, Missouri. Volunteers are needed from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each day. If you cannot stay the complete time, just let me know the hours you're available so we can get you on the schedule. Middle and high school students will attend on Wednesday and elementary students will attend on Thursday. Please let me if you're able to help and, if so, which day(s). Nancy Rogers, 816-229-0371 home, 816-260-7807 cell or nwrogers.2@gmail.com. We hope you will be able to join us for this fun and rewarding way to get Pilot Club service hours!



Great Bend and Manhattan

It's time to sell geraniums!



Gyp Hills

The Gyp Hills Pilot Club entertained the clients at Arrowhead West with a Valentine Party luncheon of sandwiches, chips gignlers, cookies and punch, and of

course, a Valentine. This is an annual affair and is always looked forward to by the club members.

Shawnee Mission

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



Sunflower

The Sunflower Pilot Club made 160 fleece bags and filled them with items donated by local businesses, along with and a few items purchased by the Club. These were delivered to No Stone Unturned, Therapeutic Learning Center, in Manhattan, KS and will be given out to caregivers during the month of February who bring children to the Center. In addition, the Club provided 30 gift bags for the staff along with box lunches for their staff meeting.



Do More. Care More. Be More.

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Convention Play List

PILOT the Winning Team! May 1 – 3, 2015

Ambassador Hotel & Convention Center, 1616 W. Crawford, Salina KS
785-823-1739

Room rate \$69 plus tax

Reservation 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." Hot breakfast included with room reservation.

Registration fee \$90

The registration form will be in the March Governor Bulletin.

Early Bird registration due by March 30.

Drawing for one free convention night hotel stay. April 10 is registration deadline.

What To Wear

Friday Tail Gate Party - casual.

Saturday business session – business casual, represent your team(club).

Saturday installation – cocktail/evening wear.

Sunday – business casual.

District Project – Wounded Warriors Ft. Riley

Brave men and women serve us protecting our freedoms, we can THANK them.

Donate sunscreen lotions

Donate nutritious snacks – nuts, dried fruit, beef jerky, granola bars, trail mix

Donate meal gift cards. These stores are in Manhattan - **Fast Food:** Burger King, McDonalds, Sonic, KFC, Wendy's, Taco Bell, Taco Johns, Chick-Fil-A, Pizza Hut, Domino's, Cold Stone Creamery, Subway, Jimmy Johns, Dairy Queen, Chipolte, Freddy's, Starbucks, Papa John's. **Dine-In:** Chili's, Applebee's, Texas Roadhouse, IHOP, Carlos O'Kelly's, Longhorn's, Olive Garden, Panera Bread, Houlihan's, HuHot, Old Chicago.

Donate cash. Monies are used to purchase movie and athletic event tickets, and for emergency needs of the soldiers.

Friday night May 1 Tail Gate Party 7-9pm

Meet and Greet with ECR Gwen Yarbrough and special guest Deb Hays from the Michigan/Indiana District. Have fun in the photo booth.

Make Pick Me Ups for National Nurses Week May 6-12, for your favorite nurses.

Saturday May 2 business session and installation

10-11am: Officer Training

10-noon: Registration, Photo Booth, Set Up PIFF Silent Auction

12 Noon: Luncheon, Business session, Fleece project report – each club has 3 minutes

6:30pm: Installation Banquet

Sunday May 3

8:30am: Memorial Service

Awards, Invitation to future conventions, PIFF silent auction results

Adjournment before 11am

Hotel check out 11AM – NO LATE CHECK OUT!

2015 Pilot International KS -MO District Spring Convention

Pilot "The Winning Team"



Pre-game Tail gate Friday May 1- Convention Days Saturday May 2-3

Please make your own Hotel reservations at:

Ambassador Hotel & Convention Center, 1616 W. Crawford Salina, KS

PHONE: 785-823-1739

Nightly Room Rate is \$89. plus tax. Ask for Pilot Convention group rate.

Reservations must be made by March 30 or rate increases to \$99.

Rate includes full, hot breakfast (Check out 11am-no late check outs)

Convention Assignments we are asking members to volunteer

[] Registration Table ~ [] Greeter ~ [] Floor Teller (must be non-Delegate)

[] Room Arrangements ~ [] PIF Silent Auction

[] Yes, I will volunteer to help (name) _____ cell # _____

I will attend the Tail gate party Friday May 1 []



Individuals & Clubs can donate items for the Fort Riley Wounded Warrior District Project



Registration Information Form



Full Registration: \$90.00 per person, Must receive by March 30 for early bird drawing

Early bird drawing is for one free convention night hotel stay.

April 10 is registration deadline...

Please submit a form for **each person** attending, along with **ONE** check per club payable to the **KS-MO District**. Registration fees include Friday night snacks, Saturday breakfast, breaks, and lunch & banquet dinner.

GUEST MEAL-single prices \$16 Lunch &/or \$25 Dinner provide name of guest(s)

Mail Registration Forms & **ONE** Club Check to: Rhonda Knudson PO Box 287 Great Bend, KS 67530

Name _____ Club: _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Delegate [] Alternate [] Member [] First Timer [] I hold a club office: _____

E-mail _____ Home # _____ Cell # _____

Please indicate any physical assistance or dietary needs:

**Registration refunds will be considered by the DAC on a case-by-case basis and a written request stating reasons for not attending will be required. A fee for all fixed expenses will be deducted from all refunds.