

# 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.
- Attend District Convention
- PI Convention/Leadership Conference registration early bird discount
- Club receives dues invoice from PIHQ



## From Sue's Quill...

### Once upon a time...

a young woman was asked to join Pilot Club. Shortly thereafter she attended her first District Convention with a dedicated group from the club.

Miss Pilot was taken with the tales of fundraisers and projects of the past. How the club felt so bad when they had to refund money after running out of food for the annual smorgasbord, vowing that would never happen again. So proud of the matching grant they received that was used to install the elevator at the Historical Museum.

Next, Miss Pilot was invited to attend PI Convention in Atlanta. Miss Pilot was awestruck by the service given to communities and by the many tales of projects done by Pilots--good ideas to try at home. A special side trip was to see the beautiful southern mansion that served as Pilot Headquarters.

More conventions, more learning, more stories of the times they had together. Mentored by a great group of women, including the club charter President, Miss Pilot moved through the club offices. She washed dishes, made salads, tied yellow ribbons, washed windows and visited seniors in the nursing home.

Then there came the opportunity for committee work on the District level. Skits on Pilot information and patriotism complete with costumes were used to share knowledge. Friends were asking if she was ready to serve the District further. Life happened at that point with a new career so the focus for Miss Pilot at that time had to be with her club.

Fast forward years and the District had an International President to be installed; she didn't want to miss it. Having seen a fellow club President step into that high office earlier in her Pilot years, she had to go to Louisville. The bosses gave in and let Miss Pilot be gone in July. What a great time to be at International again.

Miss Pilot was retiring, and the phone rang with an opportunity to again serve the District. Three years on the DAC gave Miss Pilot the opportunity to give back for all that was shared with her.

Yes, this is my Pilot story. Forty years with wonderful fellow Pilots doing service that is felt in communities around the world.

It all started with an invitation, who can you invite to be on our Pilot team?

*Sue Penn, KS-MO District Governor*

## District Governor's Gift

If your club would like to donate funds for the 2014-15 Governor's Gift in honor of Governor Sue Penn, please mail a check to District Treasurer Rhonda Knudson at 2210 Cleveland, Great Bend, KS 67530.





## Chaplain's Corner

We have often heard sermons, etc. according to spelling M-O-T-H-E-R, but today I want to consider 'Christian

Mothers' using the letters.

**M-Christian mothers are 'models'**. They must be examples. You must live close to God as qualities you want in your family.

**O-Christian mothers are 'ordained'**. When a child is born, a woman is ordained for Christian Motherhood. God lays His hand on her to teach, love, be an example, and to learn of God through you.

**T-Christian mothers 'teach'**. Teaching children about Bible stories and listening to prayers isn't enough, but lifting God up in every situation places your supreme value in Him and His will.

**H-Christian mothers are 'holy'**. They are pure of mind and heart, in their speech, don't gossip, pay attention, and do not judge as they don't wish to be judged.

**E-Christian mothers are 'elevated'**. 'The Psalmist said, 'What is man that God is mindful of him that He made them a little lower than the angels'. Let us think He meant by 'angels,' Christian women.

**R-Christian mothers 'reaper'**. In the Bible, Paul said 'That which is sown of the flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption, but that which is sown of the spirit reap life everlasting'. We might legitimately change that to say of Christian mothers, 'Whatsoever a Christian mother sows that will she also reap'.

How are you doing, Mother? Are you sowing seeds to the spirit? If so, God has arranged things so they will fall on fertile ground.

Happy Mother's Day to each woman, a mother, grandmother, unwed mother, childless woman who nurtures neighbors' children or in Sunday School classes.

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

## District Governor-Elect

May is finally here!! Which means it is District Convention time! I can't wait to see everyone in Salina! The DAC and Convention Committee have both been working very hard to make this a wonderful Convention for all. If you are attending the officer workshops - please make sure to arrive in the meeting rooms by 10 a.m. on Saturday so we can get started on-time.

For those of you who are attending Pilot International Convention and Leadership Conference in Orlando, FL, I have been contacted by a few people that are looking for roommates. If you are in need of a roommate - please contact me at my email [melindarmorgan@gmail.com](mailto:melindarmorgan@gmail.com)

If you have not already, please make sure to email or mail me your list of officers for the upcoming year!

I will have a new mailing address here soon and it will be published in my article in the June Bulletin.

Thanks so much and see you in Salina!

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

## District Treasurer

### Reminder:



Both your Pilot International dues and your KS-MO District dues are due to be paid by July 1. KS-MO district dues are \$11.00 per year per club member.

The KS-MO dues information is located on the District website-<http://www.ksmodistrict.org> On left hand side on the site, you will see a heading called "FORMS & DOCUMENTS" click on that to take you to the area for the available forms and documents.

Attach the club check to the Annual Club Membership Report form (found on page 118 of the PI Club Manual available on the PI website) listing each club member. A **copy of the PI invoice is NOT acceptable**. The District Treasurer needs the completed and true club membership report of all members from each club.

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

## District Secretary

Hello everyone! We have a new member in our district! Everyone send a warm welcome to Teresa Snyder, who joined the Little Apple Pilot Club in Manhattan. Welcome Teresa!

Make sure to send someone to the Secretary/Treasurer workshop during District Convention to learn more about the PortalBuzz Membership System. Gwen Yarbrough, our Pilot International ECR, will be there to help answer questions, so it is going to be a very informative session!

Looking forward to seeing some of you very soon!

*Jennifer Butler, KS-MO District Secretary*

## District Coordinators

### Fundraising

Time Passes So Quickly...

As your District Fundraising Coordinator, I have tried passing along ideas to help your Pilot Club be more successful in raising funds for your projects and community services you help with. I believe these are some basic steps to be successful.

1. Get all your members involved.
2. Don't be afraid to try Something New.
3. Provide Good Signage.
4. Promotion is Key.
5. Keep good records on your successes and failures.
6. Support other community events and they'll support yours.

I have appreciated the opportunity to pass along fundraising ideas throughout the year. I hope your club continues in being successful in their fundraising efforts. The upcoming Pilot year will be here soon so it's time to start your clubs brainstorming.

*Mariann Jarboe, District Fundraising 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

### Blue Springs

The Pilot Club of Blue Springs will hold their annual Spring flower fundraiser on Saturday, May 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. As in years past, our tent will be set up in the Zarda BBQ parking lot on Highway 7 in Blue Springs. There will be a variety of 6-pack annuals, 3.5" & 4.5" pots, as well as hanging baskets, patio containers and Trellis Mandevilla.

### Gyp Hills

A successful Share Pilot with the theme Do More, Be More, Care More for Medicine Lodge was held in March. Each member was asked to share their favorite project or the reason why they liked being a Pilot. This not only shared the numerous opportunities we have as Pilot members, but how we serve others in an effective, focused way.

Mariann Jarboe shared about the Safety Seat Project the club has been active in for several years and encouraged members and guest to take brochures of child booster seats and car seat recommendations for children. Grandparents need to be aware of the rules too.

Then the fun began by making "little" Pick Me Ups, like Smile Jars using lemonade pitchers with each holding 365 positive or humorous notes; Quick & Easy Cookie Baskets filled with homemade cookies; and Brain Awareness Tips along with candy and stickers tucked into 100 plastic Easter Eggs. Pick Me Ups were delivered to community members that needed a little something thoughtful & special. The eggs were donated to the local Easter Egg Hunt.

The evening concluded with two new members joining the club, visiting, and laughter. Light refreshments and fresh squeezed lemonade were served. Each member and guest went home with a favor of a little glass pitcher filled with silk daffodils, lemonade packet with a straw to say Thanks for Letting Us Share "When Life Gives You Lemons, Make Lemonade!"



## Prairie

A Share Pilot was used to fill baskets with Pick Me Up treats for caregivers at Presbyterian Manor Nursing Home and for volunteers at Flint Hills Therapeutic Riding Center. Prairie Pilot has had a close relationship with these two organizations for many years. The event also included 2 speakers working with wounded warriors, who are helping the club find a recipient for an AMBUCS trike for a vet.



volunteer at Flint Hills  
Therapeutic Riding Center



Share Pilot quests filling baskets  
with Pick Me Up treats



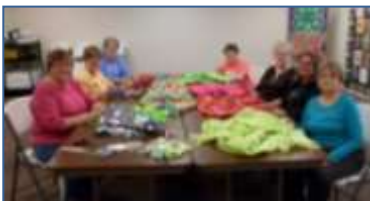
Pilots Carol Hirsh and Lynne Wolverton  
with her granddaughter Bayley  
delivering Pick Me Up baskets of treats  
to staff at Presbyterian Manor.

## Pratt

Pratt Pilots had a visit by Miss Kansas at the April meeting and recently completed the fleece project.



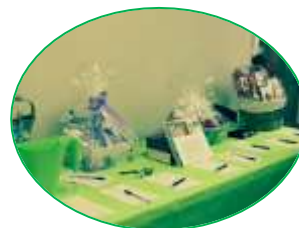
Miss Kansas with Pratt Pilots



Fleece project completed

## Shawnee Mission

The Pilot Club of Shawnee Mission hosted a Card Party and Luncheon at the Leawood United Methodist Church. The annual spring event was well attended and full of fun, fellowship, and good food! The event included a silent auction, raffle chances and a delicious luncheon provided by Club members!



## Pilot International

### Top Member Resources

Find links to these resources by visiting the PI website and clicking on "I'm a Pilot"

1. [2015 – 2016 Pilot International Club Manual](#)
2. [Grants & Scholarships](#)
3. [Pilot International Club Manual](#)
4. [2014-2015 Pilot International Directory](#)
5. [2014-2015 BrainMinder Buddies Order Form](#)
6. [Volunteer Hours](#)
7. [Last Revision July 2013 Pilot International Bylaws](#)
8. [2013 PI Policies](#)
9. [Pilot International Business Card Template MS Word](#)
10. [2014 – 2015 Pick Me Up Manual](#)
11. [District Manual](#)
12. [District Travel Reimbursement Form for Club Visits PDF](#)



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