

# Northeast Potomac District



Welcome to 2025.

There is something refreshing about opening a brand-new calendar. It invites us to feel the excitement of what lies ahead, to start filling in those blank dates with all the things we want to do, places we want to visit, and dreams we want to fulfill. A new calendar means endless possibilities. May 2025 be your most extraordinary yet. Embrace the unknown with courage, seize opportunities with enthusiasm, and spread kindness wherever you go.



Also be sure to use your brand-new calendar to mark some important deadlines. We are in the process of nominating Pilots for our 2025-2026 District Officers positions: Governor-Elect, Treasurer and Secretary. The power of the nomination process lies within the Clubs. Clubs should make time on their January meeting agenda to vote to nominate qualified Pilots for district office from any clubs within the district. A list of potentially qualified Pilots, along with all the instructions and position descriptions, can be found on our [www.pilotnepot.org](http://www.pilotnepot.org) website.

Clubs and Pilots should also mark that PI Founder Fund contributions for Pacesetter Clubs, 250 Clubs and 250 Members must be postmarked by February 1 to be recognized at our District Convention. Pacesetter Club status is given to all clubs that contribute \$10 per active member. Individual Pilot members and clubs who donate \$250 to PIFF's Grants and Scholarships will be recognized as well. If all seven of our district's clubs become 250 clubs, then our district will earn 250 District status.

Finally, mark your calendars for our upcoming District Convention in Breinigsville (Lehigh County), Pennsylvania from April 25 - April 27, 2025.

Let's make this new year a tapestry of memorable Pilot moments, new community relationships, and meaningful projects. Here's to 365 days of friendship, service and growth!

Happy New Year!



# Do More, Care More, Be More

Happy New Year and welcome 2025! The new year brings opportunities to step up and reach for the stars!

Here's a little story to explain. The story is about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done. What does this have to do with opportunities and reaching for the stars? Leadership! We are beginning the search for candidates at the club, district, and international levels to serve our amazing organization. When someone approaches you to serve, do not assume that Somebody else will do it. Ask questions about the responsibilities and the role of the position, rather than just saying no. It may surprise you to find that the position is not as daunting as you may have thought it was. So step up and serve with pride, accept your nomination or appointment and instill fresh, new ideas for the 2025-2026 Pilot year!

March 15, 2025 is an important date in the Pilot books! Circle it on your calendar. It is the deadline for the 2025 Scholarship Applications and a quarterly deadline for Helmet, BrainMinders™, and Pick Me Up Grant Applications. The Pilot International Founders Fund awards scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students seeking an education in one of Pilot's focus areas. Several scholarships are awarded to students that were active Anchors during their high school career. For more information and the applications, go to <https://www.pilotinternational.org/grants-and-scholarships/>

Pacesetters, 250 Clubs, and 250 Members are recognitions that Pilot International uses to identify clubs and members for their financial generosity. Each club that donates \$10 per member is recognized as a Pacesetter Club and each club or member that contributes at least \$250 to the Grants and Scholarships Fund is recognized as a 250 Club or 250 Member. In order to receive recognition at District Conventions, a February 1 postmark is required. Go to <https://www.pilotinternational.org/Content/Uploads/PilotInternational/Files/Contribution%20Form.pdf> for a contribution pdf form.

Best wishes for an amazing 2025 as we embark on a new and exciting year of friendship and service!

Leslie McLaughlin  
Executive Committee Representative



VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [www.pilotnepot.org](http://www.pilotnepot.org)



## Founders Fund

Under the PIFF umbrella are a number of funds such as Giving Tuesday, Safe Harbor, Goals for Grants and Scholarships, Pick Me Up Grants, Brainminders, Helmet People Fund, Dream Ahead Fund and 100th Anniversary Fund. There are more listed on the contributing form located on Pilot website.

Pilot offers Scholarships

- Applications for scholarships are due by March 15, 2025.
- Graduating high school seniors and full time undergraduate students are eligible.
- Pilot International offers 6 scholarships not to exceed \$1500 each.

[CLICK HERE FOR SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION](#)

Pacesetters \$250 Clubs Dues from each club are due to headquarters by February 1, 2025.

Funds from the Northeast Potomac District Crazy Auction held during Fall Workshop were \$260 to PIFF and \$695 to Safe Harbor. Thank you to Trudy Houck for being our auctioneer and those who donated the items auctioned.



[Contribution Form](#)  
[CLICK HERE](#)

Submitted by

Linda Bauer, PIFF Northeast Potomac District of Pilot International

2024-2025 NEPOT Inspirational Leader  
Please notify Rita Siniski,  
of any illness or passings.  
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“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot. Things aren’t going to get better, they’re NOT!”

~Dr. Seuss~

Thoughts and Prayers go out to Sayville member, Arlene Garbarino, who recently fell and broke her wrist.



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# District Officers & Appointees

# Anchor Club News



## Sayville Anchor Club

Sayville HS partners with a few outside organizations to help run an annual event in December called Every Child's Dream. The HS hosts approximately 800 people from various homeless shelters in Suffolk County, Long Island. The school building is beautifully decorated; transformed into a winter wonderland. Families are provided a sit down, catered meal and their children can participate in many holiday activities: face painting, arts and crafts, ice cream station, candy bar, etc. All are surprised with a visit from Santa who gives a wrapped toy to each child. Every club in the school takes on a specific role to help make this night so special.

The Sayville Anchor Club is responsible for running a clothing boutique for the families. They began in September holding a coat/clothing drive. Individual donation bins were decorated and placed in each building within the district to make it more accessible for the school community to donate. Each week, Anchors picked up items and move them to the high school. A week before the event, club members sort all of the items into categories. Finally, on the day of the event, Anchors set up a beautiful clothing boutique for guests to shop. Anchors assisted families in finding items, carrying their shopping bags, and whatever else was needed.

Members demonstrated exceptional dedication and compassion through their volunteer efforts during every aspect of Every Child's Dream. They worked diligently to ensure the boutique was well stocked and welcoming for families. This event truly reflects the core values of Anchor Club, emphasizing the importance of service to others!

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## Parliamentarian News

### PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES - Assisting the Club

The "QUORUM" is the most important Parliamentary Rule for the Club. A quorum is the number of members that must be present to conduct a business meeting. A count should be conducted before the meeting begins to determine whether a majority of members are present (half the total membership plus one member). When a quorum is present the business meeting can proceed. Members arriving late do not affect the quorum. However, members leaving early definitely present a problem. According to Roberts Rules, when there is no longer a quorum the business cannot be conducted.

*But hold on this is what I love about Parliamentary Procedures' little twist that helps the Club conduct business.*

> If the Club believes that action must be taken on a motion without a quorum present, they can do so. It is not the action of the Club until it is approved at the next meeting when a quorum is present. A non-vital motion can be postponed until the following meeting when a quorum is present.

The Club minutes should reflect that a ratification vote is needed to approve the motion. This motion should be the first item of Old Business. Eliminating the procedure dance, the easiest solution of a quorum is for the presiding officer to contact members and encourage their attendance for the meeting.

I encourage the Club's Parliamentarians to bring their Rules book to meetings. When a problem comes up - look it up in the book. The current Club Parliamentarian should train another club member in Parliamentary Procedures or have an assistant.

# District News

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## District Treasurer Update

Hi, all. I hope you had a wonderful holiday and are making some healthy resolutions for the new year.

Here are some friendly reminders with the due dates.

- The \$250 donation for Grants and Scholarships is due February 1st.
- The Pacesetters contribution of \$10 per member is due February 1st.

The form to send with these contributions is on the PI website. Go to <https://www.pilotinternational.org/Content/Uploads/PilotInternational/files/Contribution%20Form.pdf> to find the form.

Some food for thought, a deficit budget was passed at the PI convention in Denver (2024) and a dues increase was voted down. You might want to be prepared that a dues increase may be probable for next year. The budget can be viewed on the website. Any questions feel free to reach out to me.

Jean Ann Saville  
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### 2025-2026 DAC Nominations Due January 28th

One of the most important things that the clubs in the NEPOT district must do every year is decide on the leadership team for the following year. This year, we are responsible for nominating the team that will lead our district with Gina Monteleone, our current governor elect.

Each club has been sent guidelines for the offices of governor-elect, secretary, and treasurer, and the process to nominate their candidates. A club may nominate a member of their own club, or they may choose to nominate someone from another club. The main requirement of the club is to write a letter of recommendation that tells the committee why you think that person is a suitable candidate for the position. It is important that the nominated person can perform the duties of the office and has the time to attend zoom meetings, the workshop, the midyear meeting, and the district convention.

It is time to decide who we think will best lead our district for the next year and get their nominations in so that our DAC is ready to grow and flourish in the future.

~ Nominating Committee ~  
Mollieann Gray-Chair, Pilot Club of Pittsburgh  
Sue Ferrara, Pilot Club of Patchogue  
Karen Beck, Pilot Club of Central Pennsylvania



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# Leadership Update

Being a leader has nothing to do with your title or how many people you manage. You are a leader if you positively impact others' capacity to thrive, and if this is something you care deeply about." ~Nataly Kogan

One of the most common replies we hear when a Pilot member is asked to step up into District leadership is that they don't feel qualified. Often Pilots believe that in order to be a District Officer, they need to already possess a certain expected level of "leadership" qualities. But as the quote above reminds us, we are all considered to be leaders if we have a sincere desire to impact others.

Most of us joined Pilot because we were influenced by the projects and fundraisers that allowed the club to serve others in the community. So if Pilot's mission and programs are something you care deeply about, then you already possess an important officer qualification!

Another important qualification is experience in club leadership. Any Pilot interested in serving as Governor-Elect must have been a Club President. Nominees for District Treasurer and Secretary must have served on a club Executive Board for two (2) years (President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer or Director).

Another reason that many Pilots turned down the opportunity to take on a District Office is they don't feel they have the time. It is true that serving as a District Officer requires time. But no District Officer is ever left on their own. The best District Officer teams are the ones where the officers are willing to work together. They are made up of Pilots who sincerely support each other and want the district and its members to thrive. Nominees for 2025-2026 District Office are reminded that they will need to attend Pilot International's "Council of Leaders" at the 2025 PI Convention from July 21-23. The Convention will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina which is a real travel advantage for our District! Another perk is that the District pays for the incoming District Officers registration and contributes towards their travel expenses. The Council of Leaders is an excellent opportunity to network with other District Officers from across the country and be encouraged with leadership training.

We need members who care deeply about our Pilot commitment to service and who want to make a positive impact to step up and carry our District forward.

We have put together a District Office Packet to provide you with all the information concerning the nomination process. The information can be accessed on our District website at <https://pilotnepot.org/district-nominations>.

Questions can be directed to our District Nominating team:  
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# Pilot Club of Valley Forge



The Valley Forge club joined thousands of others across the country in the annual Wreaths Across America ceremony in December. Governor Karen was invited to speak during the program. She shared about Pilot's purpose and programs, and in particular about the club being one of the 7,000 sponsoring organizations.

The funds that the club earns are then earmarked for projects and pick-me-ups that the club wants to do for the veterans at the Southeastern Veterans Center. After the ceremony, Pilots and Co-Pilots participated in the laying of the wreaths on veterans' graves. This year's Wreaths Across America theme was "Live with Purpose" which draws inspiration from the remarkable stories of volunteers whose impactful work in their communities is a beacon of inspiration for all.

This theme resonates so much with our Pilot International mission to serve with purpose. It is Pilot's purpose to care for the caregivers, and what better group to care for than our nation's military and veterans whose purpose is to put their own lives on the line to protect us and our freedoms.



Throughout the year, Valley Forge Pilots collect various personal care items such as toothpaste/brushes, deodorant, shampoo and winter wear accessories.

Then at the end of the year they assemble care bags that are donated to local organizations that serve those in need in the community. Pilot Eileen Hughes takes the lead in organizing the inventory throughout the year.

The club delivered 50 care bags to three organizations: Phoenixville Area Community Services, Orion Communities and Good Samaritan Services.

This has been a signature project for the club for many years and the organization and their clients continue to be grateful for the Pilot club's care and generosity.



These flowers were delivered to the Southeastern Veteran Center by Kathy Tarlecki of the Pilot Club of Valley Forge to celebrate Veteran's Day. She makes bouquets for the Vets frequently throughout the year.

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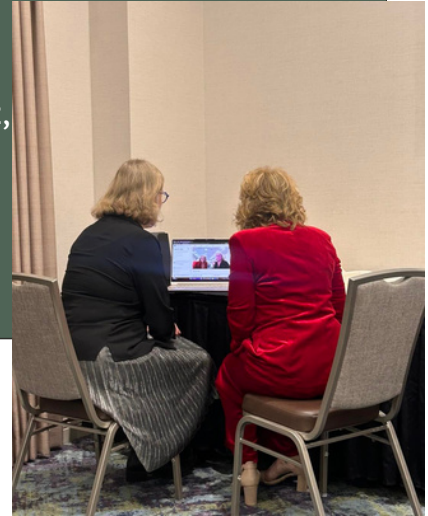


# Pilot Club of Lancaster



Directors led by past President, Marge Thomas planned and executed the annual Holiday Party at the DoubleTree Resort, Willow Street, PA.

>Debi Horning-Brubaker, Sharon Gantz, Marge Thomas, Dawn Boltz, & Valerie Calhoun



Treasurer Sophia Russo's celebrated her 26th birthday at the December Executive Meeting before meeting her family for a birthday dinner.



Kelly Osborne & Lisa Naples pulled the winner of the calendar raffle on a Facebook live from the holiday party. Pilots sold 244 calendars totaling over \$6000 for their 25 Days of Christmas Calendar Fundraiser.



President Elect, Sharon Garloff made beautiful gingerbread party favors for all of her Pilot sisters.



President, Kelly Osborne with two of her sponsees: Shannon Cessna & Eden Filson (Kelly's daughter)

## District News

New Address:  
Valeria Calhoun  
102 Valleybrook Drive,  
Lancaster, PA 17601



# Pilot Club of Patchogue



For our Holiday Benefit our Club members collected candy canes to help our local Anchor club.

A donation to Pat-Med Community youth center was collected as well. The Pat-Med Community Youth Center will use our donation to do Holiday shopping.

Have a Happy New Year!

## District News



# Pilot Club of Central Pennsylvania



Our Holiday Benefit for Unlocked Closet



Santa  
Spokes



**SANTA'S  
SPOKES**



Lisa Palmquist & Kelly Parker  
helping Santa hand out bikes  
and helmets! #helmetpeople

## District News





# Pilot Club of Pittsburgh

Funny fact - it rained for the picnic, the horse show, and the Alzheimer's walk.

Pittsburgh did their part to improve the water table in PA.  
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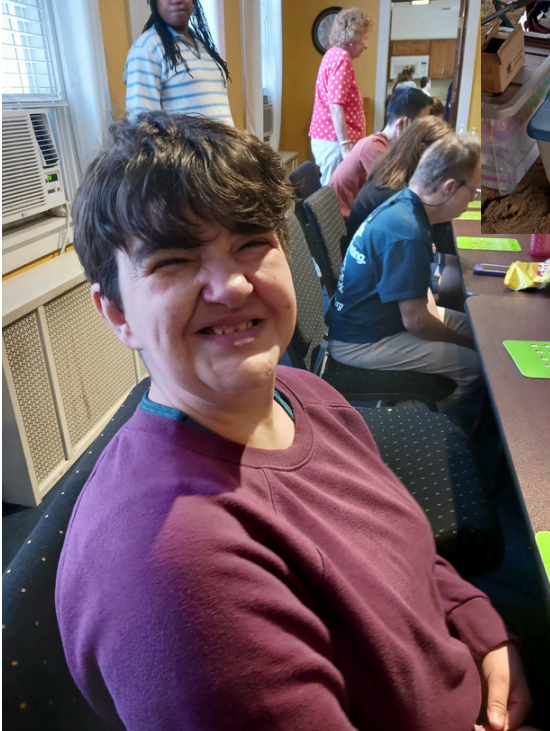


Some of these pictures are from the 'Break Away from Cancer' Horse Show.

We ran the food booth and had a BrainMinderters table.



Janie was just initiated but has been a member for about a year. She introduced us to "Breakaway from Cancer" and the horse show. /She was chosen as our Pilot Ambassador.



Every year we have a late summer picnic with the Emmaus community. Emmaus provides housing and services to adults with intellectual disabilities. This year the picnic was moved indoors due to rain. Bingo is a highlight of the event.



## District News



# Pilot Club of Sayville

Pilot Club of Sayville recently hosted their Holiday Luncheon. Friends from PC of Patchogue joined in the fun along with former Sayville Charter Member, Patti Vasquez and Past NEPOT District Governor, Virginia Holmes.

Members were kept busy helping our Sayville Anchors wrap gifts for children in need, making no-sew blankets for children and seniors and collecting toys for Stony Brook Pediatric Center.



- Check Out Everyone's Social Media Accounts & Websites ~

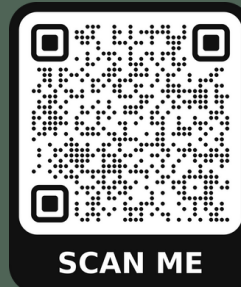


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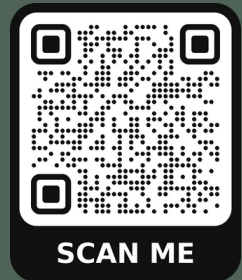


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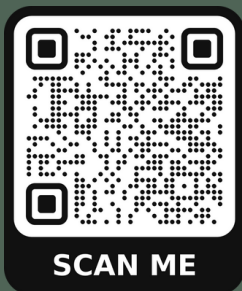
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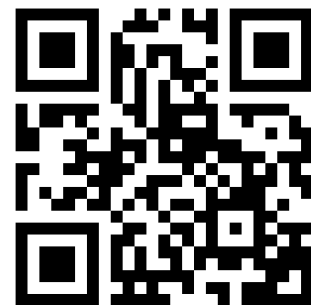


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# SAVE THE DATES!

**DISTRICT CONVENTION**  
**FRI. APRIL 25 - SUN. APRIL 27**  
**2025**



**Easily accessible**  
**from I-78**

**1.5 hrs from Lancaster**  
**2.5 hrs from Long Island**

