

Northeast Potomac District



As we come to the end of another calendar year, Northeast Potomac Pilots are already looking ahead to the district business that will be happening in 2025.

Each Club President has received information about the nominating process for our 2025-2026 District Officers: Governor-Elect, Treasurer and Secretary. Be sure to review the information in this Bulletin and access the related documents from the website. I encourage you to nominate a Pilot from your own club or from one of the other clubs in our District. If you are nominated, I encourage you to give it careful consideration. I am here to tell you that no District Officer ever stands alone. There are many seasoned Pilots in our District and at the International level who are more than willing to support and guide you through the experience. Being a District Officer is a tremendous opportunity to not only strengthen your leadership skills but learn from and work with an amazing group of Pilots! Our District's sustainability and growth relies on Pilots taking their membership to the next level and stepping up into one of these key officer positions. Be our next Pilot Superfan!



Watch for future announcements about a new District Online Learning Series on one of the most-requested topics – fundraising! We will be scheduling mini-Zoom sessions to delve deeper into the various aspects of fundraising such as how to solicit corporate sponsors, how to make an “ask” of a local business owner, and how to craft a meaningful sponsor letter that gets noticed. These sessions will be open to all Northeast Potomac Pilots and will be recorded for anyone who needs to watch a replay. The sessions will allow for sharing questions and ideas because we know that our Pilots love to learn from each other!

Mark your calendars for our upcoming District Convention in Breinigsville (Lehigh County), Pennsylvania from April 25 – April 27, 2025. All events will be held at the Delta Hotels-Marriott. There is no specific “host club” this year, so your DAC is requesting assistance from each club to help with the various tasks and responsibilities. Perhaps your club enjoys working the Registration Table, or creating centerpieces for the Awards luncheon, or writing and presenting the Flag Ceremony. Your Club President will be given a list of Convention tasks that need volunteers. We welcome your ideas and involvement as we start the planning process.

December is always a month of reflection as we look back over the past year. Be grateful for the wins and milestones you accomplished. Remember the challenges you faced and have a deep appreciation for how they made you stronger. Set a goal to achieve in 2025. And invest in a journal or planner book so you can record all the experiences and lessons that await you in 2025.

May you have a restful, peaceful and enjoyable holiday season!



Do More, Care More, Be More

Do you believe that it is December? Where has the time gone?

It was just July and plans were made and set into action. However, there is still enough time left in the Pilot year, to accomplish your goals.

December 1, is the deadline for the Governor Elects to identify the District Appointees, as well as the dates and locations of the Fall Councils and the District Conventions. The new teams must start to think about where they want to charter the course for the next Pilot Year! Good luck, in advance, and happy planning.

At this time of year, we are reminded of how fortunate we all are, and how we are drawn to share with others. The funds raised as a result of Giving Tuesday, will go a long way in assisting Pilot with its many goals this year. As the Giving Tuesday program is a little later this year, please remember to donate towards this exercise.

December 15, is a major milestone in Pilot. This is the quarterly deadline for:

- The Pick Me Up Grant.
- The Helmet Grant.
- BrainMinders Grant.

It is also the deadline for the Heritage Garden brick orders. Please get your applications and orders in on time.

As we get ready for the holidays, whatever you do for the end of the year, please remember to share your happiness. There are many who may struggle in their happiness, so reach out where possible, share a meal or simply a smile.

2025 will bring new experiences. As you prepare for the new year, remember the reason why you joined Pilot and share that feeling with someone else. Happy Holidays!



Leslie McLaughlin
Executive Committee Representative
Pilot International



VISIT OUR WEBSITE: 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](#)

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Please notify Rita Siniski,
2024-2025 NEPOT Inspirational Leader
of any illness or passings.

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The Pilot Club of Valley Forge announces the passing of long-time member Arlene Umstead who would have turned 93 this month. She was an amazing Pilot and friend for over 13 years. She faithfully attended club meetings and district conventions, participated in service projects, and even traveled with us to the 100th PI Convention in Atlanta at the age of 90! Cards can be forwarded to the Valley Forge Club; Attention: Linda.

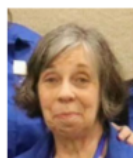
Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around." -Leo Buscaglia

"Winter, a lingering season, is a time to gather golden moments, embark upon a sentimental journey, and enjoy every idle hour." -John Boswell



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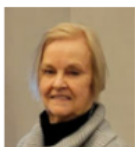
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District Officers & Appointees

Calling all cell phones!!!!

The Anchors are collecting old cell phones (working or non-working) for their service project at International Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Give your unused cell phones to anyone attending the convention (Vice President Lisa Palmquist or Governor-Elect Gina Monteleone will be attending).

Click the links to learn more about Big Sky Recycling and the Project, Call to Safety. The link helps explain the process of clearing your phone for easy donation to the Anchors.

The program, Call to Safety, supports President Nikki's goal for the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG): #5 -Gender Equality and #15 Life on Land.

Click the link to learn more about SDGs.



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Pilot Club of Valley Forge

The Pilot Club of Valley Forge did a Pick Me Up service project for the caregiving staff and physicians at the Phoenixville Breast Health Center. Members donated various healthy snack treats such as whole fruit, trail mix, pretzels, nuts and Kind bars. The items, along with "Thank You" cards written and signed by the Pilot members, were then assembled into beautiful gift baskets designed by Pilots Bonnie Misko and Kathy Tarlecki. The club also delivered more handsewn/stuffed "breast surgery comfort pillows" for the Center's patients. This has been an ongoing service project for the club members who gather with sewing machines, rules, scissors and stuffing to continue to make these essential care items.

There were so many extra basket goodies that the Club was able to make and donate an additional basket for the staff at the neighboring Phoenixville Cancer Center.

Staff and doctors from both centers were happy to see the gift-bearing Pilots. They shared that while their mission is to ensure the best care and show compassion and respect for their patients, it was such a pleasant surprise to have someone show appreciation for the staff.



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Rest in Peace

Arlene K. Butts Umstead



District News

Pilot Club of Lancaster



We honored Jean Weglarz at our November meeting for her 50-year anniversary in Pilot. Jean joined Pilot in November of 1974 and has held many positions over the years including club President, President Elect, Secretary, Parliamentarian, Director Anchor Liaison, NEPOT District Treasurer, & PI Project Coordinator. Jean has been a friend, mentor, & sponsor to many Pilots over the years. PCoL purchased a brick to be placed in Jean's honor in the Heritage Garden's Pathway of Service at PI.



Kelly Osborne & Shannon Cessna led a county wide Project Lifesaver ESS training for our participating agencies. Lancaster County Park Rangers were added to our team of trained search specialists.



NEPOT District Governor, Karen Dobson attended our November meeting and spoke following Jean's celebration on the history of Pilot International and the Northeast Potomac District.

Pilot Club of Patchogue



We helped residents at the Brightview Assisted Living Facility make Holiday cards & gift bags.



We celebrated care & kindness week by dropping off cookie platters to the Patchogue Fire Department.



The Patchogue-Medford Anchor club held their Installation Ceremony



We did two BrainMinders presentations at the Patchogue YMCA for preschoolers.



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Patti Burke,
Trigger,
Jo Ann Lewald,
and Sue Kahl

Pilot Club of Babylon

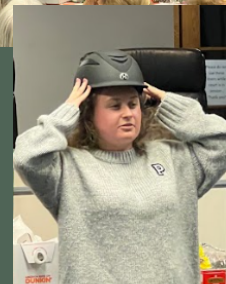


Every November our Pilot club puts a collection box in the Babylon library for residents to donate hats, gloves, and socks which we then distribute to the same sources as our Start School Right Program so that these families now have something to keep their heads, hands and toes warm for the winter. If necessary our club will also buy items to fill in the gaps of what is donated so there is enough to go around. The Start School Right project, Winter Gear Collection, and our February Supermarket Gift Cards allow us to have continuity with the families we help throughout the year.

At our November meeting, the Pilot Club of Babylon was happy to welcome our District Secretary, Sue Kuhl, who spoke to us about membership and the upcoming District Convention. Also, there was a very lively presentation by Bianca Turchiano who spoke about her experiences with Equine Therapy for the Special Needs program at Chestnut Bay Equestrian Center in Babylon as well as Pat Ryan from A Gentle Touch who spoke about Senior Care. This was a very informative meeting.



Pat Ryan speaking about senior care



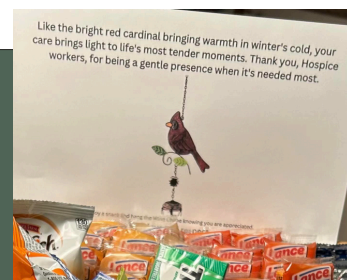
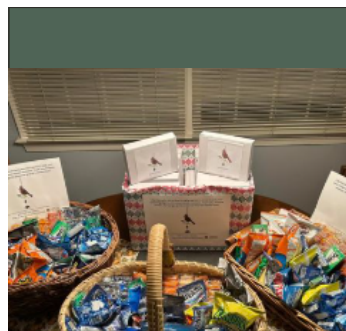
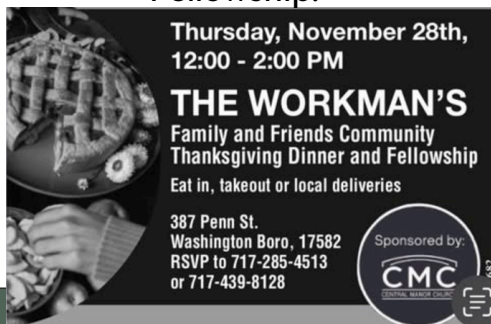
Bianca Turchiano speaking about her experience with horse therapy



Collection Box at the Library

Pilot Club of Central Pennsylvania

Our very own Dolly Workman's Annual
Thanksgiving Dinner & Fellowship
We donate turkeys & the fixings
We volunteer and enjoy
Fellowship!



Lancaster Hospice Workers Pick-Me Up
Gifted a Cardinal Wind Chime & Snacks

BINGO



BMW (Beer, Money & Wine)



What a great fundraiser with a lot
of Community Support!



Our very own Adrienne
Official BINGO caller



Sheila
The Raffle Basket
Master

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Pilot Club of Pittsburgh

Governor Karen visited our club, initiated new members, and introduced them to BrainMinders. We also had a successful pepperoni roll sale.



Pilot Club of Sayville



PC of Sayville is diligently working on increasing our membership this year. We welcomed our newest member, Rita Nicholson, last month.

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Members are currently working on "tag" blankets to be donated to a local Veterans Home and local Children's Home.

DAC Nominations – Due January 28th

A strong DAC is so important to keeping our clubs strong, as well. And it is never too early to start thinking about people who your club would like to nominate for a position on the DAC for 2025-2026.

Since we already have our governor (Governor-Elect Gina), we will need a Governor-Elect, a Secretary, and a Treasurer for next year. The deadline for nominations is January 28th because after that date, the nomination committee is charged with finding nominees by February 1st.

All that is needed to nominate a member is to write a letter of recommendation. In that letter, the club should state the reasons why their nominee is qualified for the position. Any member may be nominated for Secretary or Treasurer, but to be nominated for Governor-Elect, the member has to have served as a club president.

It is wise to consider factors such as ability to perform the duties of the particular position (having served in the position at the club level is a plus), and having the time necessary to attend DAC meetings on Zoom, and to attend Workshop, Mid-Year Meeting and Convention in person.

Please start discussing this with your clubs now so that we can have our DAC in place in a timely manner!

[CLICK HERE](#) for documents to assist with DAC Nominations!

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Documents

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

