
PHOENIX THUNDERBIRD CLUB

Arizona Chapter #66

Cupcakes:

Father's Day: Bring them
on Thurs. June 14.

Fourth of July: Sunday ,
July 1st or Monday July
2nd.

Halloween: Saturday,
Oct. 27th or Sunday,
Oct. 29th.

Helen

Fund Raising

We will have our
Cookie Jar Silent
Auction during our May
luncheon at Beatitudes
on Wed. May 16th.
Hope to see you there.

Cindy Krey

President/ Senior Vice President's Message

Wow, I can't believe this is our last newsletter until September. We have come a long way this year so far with some new and exciting things coming up thru the end of the year. The May luncheon at Beatitudes is going to be fun-filled. We will be honoring the winner of the Robert M. DeBusk Memorial Scholarship and we will also be honoring a winner of the Arizona Chapter #66 Scholarship. YEAH. . .

Our normal fund raising drawing at the May luncheon will be replaced with a fun filled cookie jar auction. If you love cookies and love the jar, plan on bidding and winning your favorite. We will also have a surprise tin up for auction (have to come to the luncheon to find out what is inside) guaranteed to be yummy. This will be our last luncheon until September.

Everyone have a safe and happy summer. I will be looking forward to seeing all your happy faces at the September luncheon. Should you have anything you need answers for before then; please feel free to give me a call.

Take a moment if you are on the internet and check out the Pioneer Websites. New pasta fund raising on AZ-66. Yummy. They are listed further in the newsletter.

Caron Personke/Ellen Miller

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March Luncheon Winners:

\$5.00: Pam Nelson, Elaine Thrasher

Free Lunch: Dorothy McShee

Cash Drawing: Fred Holz, Marcie Richison

Special Drawings: Jeanine Soffel, Lottie Novak, Pam Nelson



April Luncheon Winners:

\$5.00: Cindy Krey, Thyme Ricley

Free Lunch: Helen Trobough

Cash Drawing: Laura Warren, Patti DuBois, Carla Debow

Special Drawings: Laura Roybal, Ian MacInnis, Mary Schinn, Christine Cook, Marilyn Mead, Jackie Fricano.

Congratulations to all and thank you for participating in our fund raising.

VETERAN NEWS

I don't have a lot of news for you, but what I do have is good news. A close friend of mine of more than 60 years passed away recently and in her will she left a large amount of money to the Homeless Veteran Program. The Volunteer Office who receives and processes all donations got a note from her attorney saying that she had left a huge amount to the Homeless Veteran program. What a wonderful surprise for the hospital. I had told my boss that this was going to happen but, he certainly wasn't expecting that much. This is one of the largest donations ever received. This money will only be used for that department. What a wonderful surprise for them. They were always short of money. This is one of the biggest needs at the hospital.

I just want to take another minute to remind everyone of the donations that we do accept for the veterans and if you can; please save these items for me. I will make sure they get to the Volunteer Office where I volunteer. Comfort items like the little ones you get on your trips. Shampoo, razors, chap stick, soap and toothbrushes and toothpaste. These are given out free to any veteran in need. I also save unused birthday cards and get well cards like the ones you get in the mail that are requesting money. I take magazines, books and large print books for the library to hand out to veterans. They always need socks, underwear and tee shirts. There is also a Veteran Furniture Store who picks up and that is held for homeless veterans who get moved into apartments. Their number is 602-303-6112 and their hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tues. thru Fri. Thanks for always thinking of our veterans.

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Sympathy

We send our prayers for strength and comfort to the
families of those who have passed away:

Donna Chudanov

Don Cline

George Walter Fielding

Paul Wielandy Fuetterer

Christine "Tina" Giacomini

Elizabeth (Bette) H. Knight wife of deceased Pioneer

Kenneth Knight

Frances Steeger, sister to Marie Mueller

Get Well

Our ill members & families

Thoughts of Health and Recovery Go To:

Tonya DeBusk

Pat Dwyer

Diane Greenough

Harry Hensel

Harry & Marilyn Kennedy

Cindy Krey

Barbara Palmer

"Paraprodsokians"

Ever stop to think and forget to start again?

Women spend more time wondering what men
are thinking than men spend thinking.

He who laughs last thinks slowest.

Behind every great man is a woman
rolling her eyes.

Is it wrong that only one company makes the
game Monopoly?

I was going to give him a nasty look, but he
already had one.

SHOUT OUT TO PIONEERS

On the front page of the Acacia Elementary School February 26, 2018, Newsletter, there's a note about wonderful Pioneers! Newsletters may be viewed online at www.acacia.wesdschools.org

THE NOTE: "They're Here! Once again this year, our wonderful Business Partners, Telephone Pioneers, have donated bikes for AR! Tom and Pam Nelson delivered the bikes to the library to motivate students to keep reading and earning the chance to win one of the bikes! Thank you TP and keep reading!"

THINK BACK-TO-SCHOOL !

It's never too early to start thinking about the back-to-school needs of the children at Acacia Elementary School! Acacia is a Title I school with over 90% of the families at or below the poverty level. It is also the largest elementary school in Washington District with over 920 students in K-6 grades.

Each student in grades 2 – 6 needs 4 spiral notebooks, wide rule or college rule. Each student uses one notebook for specific classes or groups of classes such as Math, English, Science, etc. Students in all grade levels need pencils, colored pencils, crayons, colored chalk, regular point scissors, erasers, glue sticks, dry erase markers, ball point pens, glue sticks, etc.

Boxes of Kleenex® type tissue and hand sanitizer are bonus items for the teachers as these are not provided by the school district. Teachers provide these products on their own and with so many little runny noses and sick kids, the teachers go through their supply quickly.

Watch for Back-to-School special ads during July and August from stores such as Big Lots, Walmart, Staples, Fry's Food Stores, etc. for great buys on Back-to-School supplies. Please bring your purchases to our September 19 luncheon for delivery to Acacia School. If you can't attend the luncheon, please contact one of our Board Members listed in the newsletter for assistance.

THANKS IN ADVANCE for helping with the students' learning needs!

MAKE A DIRECT DONATION !

Make a direct donation! Monetary donations may be made directly to Phoenix Thunderbird Club by mailing a check, made out to Phoenix Thunderbird Club, to EDNA KELLER, Secretary/Treasurer, 1408 N. 37th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85009.

Your direct donation will be used only to support our local Phoenix Thunderbird charitable projects. Keep in mind, your donations are tax-deductible within the legal parameters and a tax-deduction form will be provided to you as requested.

PIONEER WEBSITES – easy access to all Pioneer information

<https://aztelecompioneers.org>

Chapter 66 website – access Board Member information, news about Phoenix Thunderbird Club and Southern Arizona Club, as well as general Chapter information. Phoenix Thunderbird Newsletter may be accessed directly on this site by entering

<https://aztelecompioneers.org/thunderbird-club/>

www.legacywestpioneers.org

Informational website about Pioneering in the Legacywest Unit (Arizona, Idaho, Colorado/Nebraska, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Washington, Oregon, Utah/Wyoming, Minnesota/Iowa/South Dakota)

<https://pioneersvolunteer.org>

The “big picture” of Pioneering. Access information about worldwide projects. Some membership benefits (look at “Affinity Partners” which includes offers at Office Max/Office Depot, Nationwide Insurance, ScriptRelief, to name just a few) are listed.

NEW FUND RAISER

Go to <https://www.funpastafundraising.com/shop/arizona-chapter-66-legacy-west-pioneers> to see and participate in the new Fun Pasta Fund Raiser. With each sale, our group earns 40% which helps us reach our fund raising goals.

SPECIAL THANKS FOR HUG-A-BEARS

At the March 21, 2018, luncheon, Phoenix Thunderbird Club Hug-A-Bears received a special thank you from HonorHealth John C. Lincoln Medical Center Auxiliary in appreciation of the many Hug-A-Bears donated to their facility. Marian Emmons, Past President of the Auxiliary, presented **\$400.** in cash to be used for Hug-A-Bears. Photograph of the presentation may be seen on <https://aztelecompioneers.org/thunderbird-club/photos/>. Ms. Emmons was accompanied by Joe O'Hagan of HonorHealth and they both noted they are Pioneers. Hug-A-Bears continue to provide comfort to children going through various illnesses, injuries, or traumas. Thanks Hug-A-Bear group!

BECOME A HUG-A-BEAR TEAM MEMBER

There is a Hug-A-Bear Workshop that meets the third Tuesday of each month September through June 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. During this workshop we are stuffing and sewing to complete the bears making them delivery ready. We are always looking for fabric-cutters, sewers, stuffers to join this wonderful volunteer project. Some of the production process can be done in our own home while watching your favorite television show. Contact HELEN TROBOUGH for information on helping with Hug-A-Bears.

PIONEERS AWARD BICYCLES TO STUDENTS - MAY 2018

At the end of each school year, Phoenix Thunderbird Club awards 8 bicycles to students at Acacia Elementary School, 3021 W. Evans Drive, Phoenix, who have met certain reading achievements. Any and all students may participate in a "Read to Ride" program. Since this program was started by Phoenix Thunderbird Club Pioneers in 2011, over fifty-eight bicycles have been awarded to students. Throughout the year, bicycles are either purchased by the Club by taking advantage of sale prices or are donated to the Club. Each bicycle is presented with a bike safety helmet and bicycle lock.

Students read grade appropriate books throughout the school year and take a test about each book read. Students who pass the tests are awarded **AR*** points. When a student receives X-number of AR points, their name is put in a drawing for the bicycles. The more AR points a student receives, the more times the student's name is entered in the drawing.

At a school assembly near the end of the school year, names are randomly drawn, announced and the happy winners are awarded their new bicycles. The excitement of the students at the school assembly for the drawings is incredible! For many students this is the first bike they have ever owned.

Testings administered by the state have shown reading scores and reading comprehension have improved each year since Phoenix Thunderbird Club started our reading program and these improved scores have contributed to Acacia's A++ rating. Yay Pioneers!

***AR (Accelerated Reader)** is a supplemental program used by Acacia to help students with reading success. Accelerated Reader, in total, has 155 research studies and reviews to support the effectiveness of this program.

- Students choose books at their appropriate reading levels and read them at their own pace.
- Students then take a quiz. Acacia has a quiz on the computer for each library book to help motivate and monitor students' reading performance and vocabulary growth.
- When students pass three quizzes in the same range, they are moved up to their next level range.
- Students earn prizes at predetermined benchmarks and join the dance party every week with the principal. And for 8 lucky winners – a new bicycle from Pioneers!

May Luncheon:

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Beatitudes

Address: 1610 West Glendale Ave.,
Phoenix, AZ 85021

Time: Social hour, 11 a.m.,
Lunch Noon.

Menu:

House Salad w/2 Dressings on the side
Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Vegetable Medley
Brownie ala Mode

Beverages: Coffee, Tea and Iced Tea

Price: Life Member, Spouse and
Guests: \$15.00 each.

Don't Forget

Bring to these folks at luncheons:

Box tops for Education, **Pam Nelson**
Campbell Soup Labels

Hug A Bear supplies, **Helen**
Trobough

Ronald McDonald House & Treasures
for Teachers, Aluminum pop tops, cans
& postage stamps, **Dorothy McShee**
Veteran's Hospital, small personal
items, magazines etc. **Carole Spiess**
West Side Food Bank, monetary
donations, **Dan Dowis**.

Volunteer Hours: **Tom Nelson**

Address Changes, deaths, **Caron**
Personke

Please make reservations for:

LIFE MEMBER_____ SPOUSE_____

GUEST_____

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

CITY_____ST____ZIP_____

TELEPHONE (____) _____ - _____

E-MAIL_____

**Make checks payable to: Phoenix Thunderbird
Club. Deadline, Friday, May 11th.**

Refunds for cancellations require notice **48 hours**
prior to the luncheon.

Call or mail reservations to: Lottie Novak,
602-569-9470, or 19043 N. 33rd Way, Phoenix,
AZ 85050.

Just a Thought !

The most destructive habit.....Worry

The greatest joy.....Giving

The greatest loss.....Loss of self-respect

The most satisfying work.....Helping others

The ugliest personality trait.....Selfishness

The most endangered species.....Dedicated
leaders
