

# Southern AZ Telecom Pioneer

## Fall 2018—Newsletter



Legacy West

**ALL MONTHLY LUNCHEONS ARE HELD  
THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH**

### **GOLDEN CORRAL:**

6865 N. Thornydale Rd

**11am - 12pm Social Hour**

**12 noon Lunch**

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| * September 12, 2018               | * January 9, 2019               |
| * October 10, 2018                 | * February 13, 2019             |
| * November 14, 2018 <sup>(1)</sup> | * March 13, 2019                |
| * December 12, 2018                | * April 17, 2019 <sup>(2)</sup> |
| * <b>Happy New Year</b>            | * May 8, 2019                   |

<sup>(2)</sup> Pioneer Picnic - TBA    <sup>(1)</sup> Xmas Raffle

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:**

<https://aztelecompioneers.org/southern-az-club/>

### **2018-2019 Southern AZ Telecom Pioneer Officers:**

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**NOTICE:** If you have any address, email or phone number updates, please contact Jan Pitts at [sassiejan@gmail.com](mailto:sassiejan@gmail.com) or (520) 741-8034

*SATPC Extends our deepest  
condolences to the family  
and friends of those who  
have passed away*

Mike Livermore - (Jan Pitts' brother)  
Billie Ray Decker  
Fred Mayer - (Gogi Gasper's Father)  
Carolyn Smothers  
Tom Moore - Telephone Retiree (Mariann's Father)  
Betty Dalgo  
Lydia Verduzco's father  
Irene Dietz  
Frederica Mills (mother of Kathy Kisro)  
Tim Clark (brother of Tom Clark)  
Richard (Dick) Young  
Dorothy Sterling  
Rod Rigby  
Donald Kahler (Brother of Pat)  
Curtis Shanks  
Margret Basham-Hubbard  
Tom Rebholz (Husband of Louise)  
Steven Heinz (Husband of Sandy, Father of Erick)  
Robert Ferber (Father of Randy)  
Vince Montoya (Husband of Sharon)  
Richard "Dick" Buccini  
Francis Mow  
Delfina Tellez  
(Wife of Danny Tellez, Sister of Fred Murguia)  
Neva MacLaren (Mother of Linda Hatfield)

Please notify our new Fellowship Chair Adella Mason of any illness or passing of Pioneers or their family members. She can be reached by email: [adzik@comcast.net](mailto:adzik@comcast.net) . You can text or call her at: (520) 237-2763

### SATPC PROJECTS

#### BACKPACKS FOR KIDS!!

This was a new project starting in January 2018 and it was very successful! We worked with the counselor to develop the list of items for the packs. Many backpacks were taken home by our volunteers in Tucson and filled at the volunteers' expense. More supplies in bulk were purchased to fill additional packs, and we plan to continue this program throughout the year. We received a grant from the Telecom Pioneers Charitable Foundation to supplement this project. In February we donated 61 backpacks and in June we completed and donated an additional 78! This has been a very rewarding project and we look forward to continuing this throughout the year. If you would like to volunteer to stuff, purchase or deliver, please contact Jan Pitts at (520) 403-1299 for more information!



#### READERS FOR LIFE!

In Tucson, we're doing the Readers for life projects. Here's a Reader's for life event picture of our volunteers when they go to visit the children and give them a book to take home. Rocky Raccoon is a favorite; however, when Patti is in costume, she can't see anything so it takes a couple of volunteers to help her to navigate. Rocky also hands out masks so the kids will be like him and book-mark with our information on it. If you are interested in joining this project, please contact Patti Pace (520) 241-6849



#### 2018 Easter Egg Hunt for the AZ School for the Deaf and Blind



The annual Beeping Easter Egg Hunt was held at the Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind last Wednesday, March 28 in Tucson. A group of 24 volunteers worked the previous week to make up the baskets for the 91 children who participated. There were baskets of treats with plush animals for the preschool age and with playground balls for the elementary age kids. The Tucson Fire department was there with a ladder truck, the kids always enjoy visiting with

them. We provided bubbles for the firemen to hand out to the kids. The bucket truck from CenturyLink was there with Anthony Gabrielson throwing out packages of gummy candy to the kids below. Anthony is fluent in American sign, and the kids love catching the candy from him and interacting via sign language. The Easter Bunny (Mary Rhodes) was there handing out bendy monster toys. 25 volunteers were on hand to spread out the beeping and large eggs. They were turned on at the same time, and the kids came flooding out to find an egg and line up to exchange an egg for their basket. The children at this school look forward to the Pioneers coming for Easter every year. This year it was a beautiful day, sunny with light breezes. From the looks on everyone's faces you can tell a good time was had by all. Interested? Contact Sherry Daughtry at (520) 296-2304 SEE YOU ALL AGAIN NEXT EASTER!



### UPCOMING PROJECTS / VOLUNTEERING

#### SISTER JOSE WOMEN'S CENTER

Sister Jose's is in need of BLOOMERS. They would love any packages of underwear, assorted sizes, any colors. Please feel free to bring these to the luncheon on September 12th or you can contact Cathy Greer directly at (520) 780-9071



#### WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA!



Volunteers needed for WAA. The event takes place December 15, 2018 at 8am. Cemetery's are, East Lawn, Holy Hope and Evergreen. If a member has the "full" name and date of death, we can locate and place a wreath. Please contact Cathy Greer directly at (520) 780-9071

#### HUG-A-BEARS

The original Pioneers Hug-a-Bear rolled of the Pioneers assembly line and into the arms of ailing children in hospitals in 1979. Pioneers keep police, fire and emergency units stocked with these hand-made bears to be used when children are involved in traumatic situations. We are always happy to have volunteers as well as supplies. They meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month Noon-4pm. Please contact Sherry Daughtry at (520) 296-2304 for info.



#### LAP ROBES

The SATPC have been making lap robes for seniors for many years. In addition to volunteers, we are happy to accept any supplies such as material, yarn, fleece and thread.

For additional details and to volunteer, please contact Mary Seagle at (520) 603-2075 .



#### TREASURES 4 TEACHERS OF TUCSON

Their mission is to provide educators with learning materials for use in their classroom through donated and re-purposed items from the community. SATPC has become one of their biggest supporters with everyday items you would typically throw away. For a complete list of items, please visit their website at <http://t4teachers.org/help/>. Our teachers need all the help they can get and

the Southern AZ Telecom Pioneers have helped answer the call. For more information please contact Patti Pace at (520) 241-6849



#### CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

For the last few years, we have been stuffing Xmas stockings with items and providing them to Mobile Meals of Southern Arizona to

distribute around the holidays. Mobile Meals has been serving meals twice daily to homebound adults in the Tucson area for 48 years. This year we anticipate creating 75+ stockings for delivery. If anyone would like to volunteer by taking a stocking or two (or more) and filling them with everyday items, please contact Mo Ryan at (520) 870-0777 or sign up at this luncheon.



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### SATPC FUNDRAISING EVENTS

#### Support Southern Arizona Pioneers Club projects AND win prizes or money!

Jim Click is a huge supporter of charitable organizations in Southern Arizona, and your Southern Arizona Telephone Pioneers Club is participating again this year. Tickets to win are \$25 each or 5 for \$100, and the ticket sales go on through November 2018. Contact Priscilla Lujan at [palujan@Q.com](mailto:palujan@Q.com), (520) 298-5400 or mail your check to her at 7863 E Waverly, Tucson, Az, 85715. Make checks out to SATPC, as ALL of your funds are benefiting our club. Priscilla will fill out the stub and mail or email your tickets stubs back to you.

#### GET READY FOR THE HOLIDAY SHOPPING LUNCHEON / RAFFLE

It is almost that time of year again and we are hoping to have a smashing turnout for this years raffle. There will be lots of unusual and exciting items at the November 14th luncheon. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. We will also have our 50/50 raffle as well. For more information, please contact Priscilla Lujan at [palujan@Q.com](mailto:palujan@Q.com), (520) 298-5400



*A sincere thank you to all our members and volunteers. Your support helps keep the spirit of Telephone Pioneers alive and helps us to support the community we call home.*