

# PHOENIX THUNDERBIRD CLUB

## Arizona Chapter #66

\* JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER \*



### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT and SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT**

**Happy New Year 2019.** We had a wonderful, blessed giving to others in 2018. We are an awesome support team for many. You all make us so proud with all you do. Let's keep that up in 2019. So, the last challenge in 2018 was to see how many get well, cheery cards we can get delivered to our awesome Secretary/Treasurer Edna Keller. I want that challenge to continue for the first part of 2019. Please drop her a card or letter wishing her well: Wellsprings of Phoenix, 3008 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Room 202, Phoenix 85012. She loves to talk, so please give her a call at 602-313-6000. It will prompt you to press 2 then her room number 202. Looking forward to seeing all your beautiful smiling faces at our January luncheon.

*Caron Personke and Ellen E. Miller*

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**THANK YOU PIONEERS** for your generous donations  
to the **2018 Back-To-School Supplies Drive!**

\* **UPDATE** \*

Total number of school supplies donated: **1412 ITEMS DONATED!**



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**Scholarship information attached,** and it is available online at  
<https://aztelecompioneers.org/> Deadline to apply is **MARCH 15, 2019, 6:00 p.m.**

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- **Watch for increase in price of postage stamps** January 27, 2019,  
First class postage stamp price will increase to **\$0.55**. Stock up now!

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**CUPCAKE SCHEDULE:** Deliver cupcakes February 12, 2019, to Helen Trobough  
for Valentine's Day.

## VETERANS NEWS by Carole Spiess

Each year the state American Legion Auxiliaries sponsor the Christmas Gift Shops at the Phoenix, Tucson, and Prescott VA hospital locations. The gift shops provide a large variety of new, purchased or donated, items which the veterans in the hospital or those doctoring at the hospital may select, free of charge, for their family members.

If you weren't at the luncheon, here are some highlights from our Christmas wrapping paper project for the Veterans Christmas Gift Shop. **For the second year in a row, Pioneers provided a small mountain of gift wrapping supplies!** **375 rolls** of Christmas wrapping paper and **countless** bags of stick on bows, bags of To/From tags, packages of tissue wrapping paper, gift bags, rolls of Scotch tape were donated by Phoenix Thunderbird Club. Ninety-three volunteers (including at least two Pioneers) put in 500 hours helping **316** veterans shop for **503** family members. The volunteers at the eight wrapping stations at the Gift Shop, open December 3, 4, and 5, 2018, were going full tilt all day each day wrapping or stuffing into gift bags the hundreds of gifts selected by the veterans.

"Santa's Helpers" at the gift shop were very appreciative to Pioneers because they could use all donated money towards gift items. You who donated should be very proud of yourselves! This will be a yearly project for Pioneers. Thank you all, you are wonderful!

According to the Assistant Director of the VA Hospital, Phoenix VA Hospital is one of the largest in the United States. Because of our weather and schools that accept the GI Bill for schooling, we receive **200 to 300** new veteran patients each month. The hospital had intended to close the Mid-Town Clinic, 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Camelback, but decided to leave it open due to this increase.

A new clinic, OTC (Out Patient Clinic), will be opened soon at 32<sup>nd</sup> Street and Van Buren. It is a large building that will be completely remodeled. There will be two new floors added, the top two floors will house patients, there will be a cafeteria, and good news - it will have at least 1000 parking spaces! The VA is working to get Telecare for veteran patients and they are becoming a non-smoking facility.

The hospital received \$31 million for the updates. Last year they treated over a million veterans. A new parking garage will also be in the plans for the hospital and certain In-Patient clinics will be enlarged and others will relocate.

The VA Hospital is a teaching hospital with many students completing their training there and later hired by the VA. Students from the nearby medical school will train at the clinic and the VA Hospital. The hospital is getting rave reviews from the patients for their treatments, especially from the patients in Oncology and Veteran Long Term Care.

- ***PLEASE NOTE:*** This roster will only be printed at the beginning of each year or if changes are made. *Please keep this copy for your records.*

<b>PHOENIX THUNDERBIRD CLUB - OFFICERS / COMMITTEE CHAIRS</b>	<b>January 2019</b>
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Luncheons:	Lottie Novak	(602) 569-9470	<b>[Reservations]</b>
Luncheons:	Patricia DeBusk	(602) 943-7773	<i>[Location Arrangements]</i>
Hug-A-Bears:	Helen Trobough	(602) 938-3660	<a href="mailto:helen24@Q.com">helen24@Q.com</a>
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Pioneer Museum:	Frank Elsberry	(602) 734-3359	
Veterans Hospital:	Carole Spiess	(602) 242-1026	<a href="mailto:onmywayout.76@Q.com">onmywayout.76@Q.com</a>
Food Bank:	Pearl Biedrzycki	(480) 705-0490	
Treasures4Teachers and Ronald McDonald House:			
	Dorothy McShee	(602) 276-7076	<a href="mailto:mapatt02@ymail.com">mapatt02@ymail.com</a>

Retirement / Benefits: **1-800-729-7526**

Address changes must be made in writing – Send to:

Retiree Service Center  
PO Box 24989  
Jacksonville, FL 32241

Include information: Full Name, First 5 digits of your SSN, Old address/telephone number, New address/telephone number, Signature.

## IN MEMORIAM

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We send prayers for strength and comfort to the loved ones of those who have passed away.

**JAMES KINSMAN** 07-15-49 / 10-15-18

"Jim worked for the phone company for over 30 years."

**CLAYTON JAMES WILSON** 10-06-18

"He was employed as a linesman for Mountain Bell, which became USWest, Qwest, then subsequently CenturyLink for 45 years."

**CECILE JIMENEZ** 07-01-18

"Cecile worked for most of her adult life and retired from CenturyLink in Phoenix, in 1996."

**LUCILLE AIGNER WALTERS** (obituary published 11-08-18)

"... joined Mountain Bell and retired in 1995."

**GLENDAL COLLEEN MATTOX** 03-07-41 / 10-16-18

"She retired from USWest/Century Link after twenty-five years."

**JAMES WOOD** 04-26-46 / 11-08-18

"Jim retired after 32 years with Mountain Bell in March 2000."

**SHARON LYNN (SHAR) GRADY** 08-13-52 / 11-05-18

"Shar went to work for Mountain Bell after her graduation from High School. Shar's telephone company career of 29 years saw her working for such companies as Nevada Bell, USWest and Qwest."

**MARILYN KENNEDY** 09-29-30 / 11-15-18

"She spent her professional life working for Valley National Bank and later with Mountain Bell Telephone companies."

**JIM HOWARD** 1941 / 08-17-18

"Jim worked for the phone company for 30 years."

**JOHN STUART DEPERT** 04-17-41/11-28-18

"He had a full career at US West."

**ALVIN ALLEN TEETER** 08-08-23/01-28-18 "Al moved to Phoenix in 1951 to work as a lineman for the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, also known as Mountain Bell or, in recent times, CenturyLink. He continued to climb the ranks of Mountain Bell until he reached the position of Protection Engineer. Alvin retired in 1986 after 35 years of service."

**MURIEL TALCOTT** 09-10-28/08-12-18

**NELLIE MARGARET EMANUEL** 10-04-30/12-12-18

**ELDA TARNISH** 11-17-20/01-01-16 (notice of death just received)

**LEONARD NEWTON MORRIS** 12-06-22/01-18-16 (notice of death just received)

**RUTH L. BEATTY** (notice of death just received)

With the passing of President George H. W. Bush "41", we are reminded that the Telephone Pioneer Park, 1946 W. Morningside Dr, Phoenix, was recognized as one of the Thousand Points of Light. During his presidency Bush handed out "Point of Light Awards" six days a week to citizens working to aid their communities through volunteer work.

### LUNCHEON WINNERS:

**NOVEMBER :** Cash drawings (Each winner received \$30.):  
Lois Burr -and- Ellen E. Miller  
  
\$5.00 drawings (Each winner received \$5.00):  
Dorothy McShee -and- Mary Schinn  
  
Free lunch: Mary Hensell

**DECEMBER :** Cash drawings (Each winner received \$30.):  
Lois Burr -and- Dorothy McShee  
  
\$5.00 drawings (Each winner received \$5.00):  
Josie Richison -and- Mary Schinn  
  
Free lunch: Cindy Krey

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### **PIONEER WEBSITE – easy access to all Pioneer information**

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



**Make a direct donation!** Monetary donations may be made directly to Phoenix Thunderbird Club by mailing a check, made out to Phoenix Thunderbird Club, Attention: President, Caron Personke, P.O. Box 8078, Surprise, AZ 85374.

Be sure to note your donation is specifically for, and is to be kept in, Phoenix Thunderbird Club coffers. Keep in mind, your donations are tax-deductible within the legal parameters and a tax-deduction form will be provided to you if requested.



**After many years** of service, Patty DeBusk has hung up her Press hat and retired as Newsletter chair. For more than 30 years, she has been a dedicated Pioneer – involved in far too many activities than can be listed here! Patty will continue as the restaurant scout to find locations for our Pioneer luncheons. *Thank you, Patty!* We look forward to many more great luncheon locations!

\*\*\*\* LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS \*\*\*\*

**LUNCHEON:** WEDNESDAY, **FEBRUARY 20, 2019**

\*Social hour 11:00 AM \*Lunch 12:00 Noon

**LOCATION:** MANDARIN CHINESE BUFFET, 1501 W. Bethany Home Rd. Phoenix

**DEADLINE to make reservations** FRIDAY, February 15, 2019

MEMBER / LIFE MEMBER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARTNER / GUEST NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_ Each reservation is \$15.00

*Please make checks payable to:* Phoenix Thunderbird Club

Mail to: Lottie Novak, 19043 N. 33<sup>rd</sup> Way, Phoenix, AZ 85050 or call (602) 569-9470

Cancellations must be made no later than **48 hours prior to the luncheon** to be eligible for a refund.

*Please send reservations check for FEBRUARY luncheon at the beginning of FEBRUARY.*

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY !!**



\*\*\*\* LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS \*\*\*\*

**LUNCHEON:** WEDNESDAY, **JANUARY 16, 2019**

\*Social hour 11:00 AM \*Lunch 12:00 Noon

**LOCATION:** GARCIA'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT

3301 W. Peoria Ave. Phoenix

**DEADLINE to make reservations** FRIDAY, January 11, 2019

MEMBER / LIFE MEMBER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARTNER / GUEST NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_ Each reservation is \$15.00

*Please make checks payable to:* Phoenix Thunderbird Club

Mail to: Lottie Novak, 19043 N. 33<sup>rd</sup> Way, Phoenix, AZ 85050 or call (602) 569-9470

Cancellations must be made no later than **48 hours prior to the luncheon** to be eligible for a refund.

*Please send reservations check for JANUARY luncheon at the beginning of JANUARY.*

**Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy 2019 !**

**ARIZONA CHAPTER #66 &  
ROBERT M DEBUSK MEMORIAL  
LEGACY WEST PIONEERS-  
SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

(Revised Dec 2018)

Purpose: To encourage qualified students within the state of Arizona to seek higher education beyond the secondary school level, and to provide financial assistance through the award of a \$1,000.00 scholarship in this state each year. The Phoenix-Thunderbird "Robert M DeBusk Memorial" Scholarships and Arizona Chapter 66 Scholarships are open to any student with an accompanying letter of recommendation from a Legacy West Pioneer.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH APPLICANT**

1. Any high school senior or current college student enrolled in an accredited college or university.
2. Definite choice of a liberal arts college, technical institute, teacher training college, specialized college school of nursing or junior college, provided that the institution offers a standard degree or certification course of study for no less than two years.
3. Acceptance by college or institute of choice.
4. Completion of this application, twice if applying for both scholarships.
5. Attach a copy of your latest school transcripts.
6. Interview with scholarship committee, if requested.
7. Positive need for scholarship.
8. On a separate paper, in 500 words or less, tell us about your community service or **volunteer activity** and the goals you have set for yourself.
9. At least one current letter of recommendation by a Legacy West Pioneer.

**Phoenix Thunderbird  
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR**

ATTN: Caron Personke  
P. O. Box 8078  
Surprise, AZ, 85374  
cp4tbird@gmail.com

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 15, 2019, 6 PM AND MAY BE SUBMITTED BY MAIL, BY EMAIL OR IN PERSON. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE REGARDING THE DEADLINE. ANY APPLICATION RECEIVED MISSING ANY ABOVE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.  
PLEASE MAKE YOUR APPLICATION AS PROFESSIONAL AS POSSIBLE.**

**ALL CHECKS WILL BE ISSUED TO THE COLLEGE OF CHOICE AFTER WINNER IS NOTIFIED AND SUBMITS COPY OF TUITION BILL.**

**FUNDS MUST BE USED WITHIN 90 DAYS OR FORFEIT SCHOLARSHIP.**



\_\_\_\_Arizona Chapter 66 or  
\_\_\_\_Phoenix Thunderbird Club "Robert M DeBusk" Scholarship  
**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

(Revised Dec 2018)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Telephone Number :( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell number (text) \_\_\_\_\_

High School from which you will graduate or graduated: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation of Accumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Attendance record: \_\_\_\_\_

College now attending: \_\_\_\_\_

College or school to attend: \_\_\_\_\_ Have you been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_

Date school will start: \_\_\_\_\_ Course of study \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for financial aid or grants? Explain \_\_\_\_\_

Financial situation (Parents employment, number of children at home and information showing financial need) be specific:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Pioneer letter of recommendation \_\_\_\_\_ (Pioneer name)

Scholarship recipients will be announced by April 20th of each year.

I hereby give permission for the above announcement to be made, in case I am chosen as a recipient of an Arizona 66 or Phoenix Thunderbird Robert M DeBusk Scholarship. I hereby certify that material stated in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian Date

(Use additional pages as needed)