

# Southern AZ Telecom Pioneer

## Spring 2019 —Newsletter



Legacy West

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

**April 10, 2019**

The luncheon will be at the **1925 Bar and Grill** located at the Randolph Golf Complex at 600 S. Alvernon Way. We will be doing a BBQ package and the cost to you will be \$5 per attendee payable at the luncheon. **RSVP required.**

Please RSVP no later than **APRIL 1st** to any [officer](#)

**May 8, 2019**

**GOLDEN CORRAL:**

6865 N. Thornydale Rd

11am - 12pm Social Hour \* 12 noon Lunch

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

Lawrence William George – Feb 28, 2019

Jon Smith – Feb 24, 2019

Gilbert Sepulveda (Father of Cathy Greer) Feb 2019

Anita Gere – Feb 2019

Frank Ruhl – Feb 15, 2019

Cher Anne Perrin – Jan 2019

Norm Mason – Dec 2018

O. Roger Eagle – Dec 2018

Elbert Jones – Dec 2018

### VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:

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

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

President:	Jan Pitts	(520) 403-1299 <a href="mailto:sassiejan@gmail.com">sassiejan@gmail.com</a>
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Secretary:	Mo Ryan	(520) 870-0777 <a href="mailto:marleneseverson@msn.com">marleneseverson@msn.com</a>

**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

Please notify our 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

#### The SATPC and AZ Chapter 66

**2019 Pioneer Scholarships will be announced  
on April 20, 2019.**

Please keep an eye out on our Website, Facebook and email notifications for the announcements.

<https://aztelecompioneers.org/2019-scholarships/>



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### SATPC PROJECTS

#### IT'S A SHOE PARTY!

Teamwork pays dividends when it comes to helping others. The Southern Arizona Telecom Pioneers Chapter (SATPC) recently partnered with the South Tucson Cyber Lions Club to host a shoe shopping party for some local students in need. The chapter was able to donate \$600, and the services of 23 volunteers, to provide these children with new shoes. In November 2018, Pioneers showed up in force at a local Payless Shoe Store to play personal shopper to 24 children from a local elementary school. The store even opened early to accommodate all the volunteers, teachers and students who attended. **"Everyone involved had so much fun shopping and, at the end of the day, each child went home with two pairs of shoes and a bag of socks!"** noted Cathy Greer, a Pioneer at the event. "Working together with the Lions Club, we accomplished so much more than we could on our own." In addition to hosting the shoe party, the chapter also works with the Lions to help provide vision screening to children across Tucson. Just last year, over 22,000 students in 65 schools were the beneficiaries of the strong partnership between the two organizations. Across the country, these Pioneers (and many other volunteers) were thrilled to be paid only in grateful smiles for making sure all these children found shoes that fit them just right. And, of course, who doesn't like to shop for shoes? If you are interested in helping during the next event, please contact Cathy Greer (520) 780-9071



#### READERS 4 LIFE

In February 2019, we completed 6 schools with a Readers 4 Life event. The kids have a great time with "Rocky" the Reading Raccoon and enjoy getting to pick out their very own book. This is a very popular project around our local elementary schools. We visit these schools with the goal of encouraging a child to read by gifting them their very own book. Rocky Raccoon is always a big hit. Events are being scheduled for Feb 2020. Contact Patti Pace at (520) 241-6849 if you are interested in volunteering.



#### Hug-A-Bears

Southern Arizona Telecom Pioneers, Legacy West Hug-a-Bears donated to St. Mary's Hospital ER then to Pima County Victim Services.. Sherry Daughtry is our head lady of the HUG-A-BEARS.

The original Pioneers Hug-a-Bear rolled off 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 handmade 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..

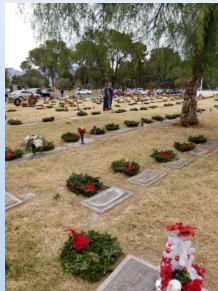
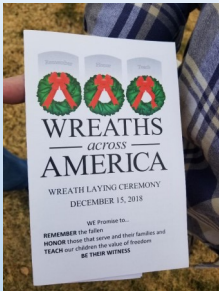


### SATPC PROJECTS CONT'D

#### WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Saturday December 15<sup>th</sup>, Southern Arizona Pioneer volunteers headed out to East Lawn, Evergreen, and Holy Hope Cemeteries, to take part in the honor of laying Christmas wreaths on fallen Veterans graves. With a grant from Pioneers, 25 wreaths were sponsored at each of the 3 cemeteries. Holy Hope ceremonies included Honor Guard ROTC from Cholla High School, Honor Choir from Tucson High School, and taps played before the speakers from Tucson Gold Star mothers.

It was truly a wonderful experience for us to be able to take a small part to “Honor the Fallen”.



#### MOBILE MEALS—STOCKING & WREATH DELIVERIES – DEC 2018

Delivering Wreaths & Holiday Stockings along with active CenturyLink employees to [Mobile Meals of Southern Arizona](#). Mobile Meals of Southern Arizona is committed to helping housebound seniors and adults with disabilities thrive physically and emotionally in their own homes. With each medically-tailored meal delivery, our volunteers also bring essential human compassion and connection. We are hoping these stockings bring a smile to everyone's face this holiday season. Please contact Mo Ryan for more information about this holiday project. Can't wait for next year.



#### TALKING BOOKS



Pioneers have a long history of volunteering with the Talking Books Libraries in the U.S. There is a library in every state. For over 50 years Pioneers have worked repairing the machines and still do, but now the machines are digital, there are fewer moving parts and the repair issues are way down. These Pioneers are at an outreach event, talking to potential clients and explaining how the program works, showing off the player and sharing information so more people can benefit from the free program. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Patti Pace (520) 241-6489



### UPCOMING PROJECTS / VOLUNTEERING



## The Hunt is on!

The annual **Beeping Easter Egg Hunt** is almost here!

**Where:** AZ School for the Deaf and Blind  
1200 W Speedway Blvd, Tucson AZ

**When:** Thursday, April 18, 2019 @ 2 PM (please arrive @ 130 PM)

**To Volunteer Contact:** Sherry Daughtry (520) 296-2304  
or Patti Pace (520) 241-6849



### 2019 Pioneer Day of Service



Providing Arts-in-Medicine for  
Children with Serious Illness

Beads of Courage polymer clay class. 3230 N. Dodge Blvd., Suite J. 2-4 pm April 12th. Our day of service will be making beads for children to tell their stories of courage and hope along their treatment journey. RSVP please class limited to 25 persons. COME JOIN IN THE FUN! SEE YOU THERE!

### HUG-A-BEARS

The So AZ Pioneers are in desperate need of people that can sew Hug-A-Bears. We have people that can show you how they need to be done. These bears are given out to children that maybe have been taken from their parents, have been in a car accident so then the police and or fire department can give out a bear. Just something that these kids can hold onto. It is a very worthwhile project that the Pioneers do for the community. Please contact Shery Daughtry at (520) 296-2304.



### LAP ROBE CLASSES!

We are offering classes to learn how to crochet or knit. Payment: at least one lap robe (or more). If you're interested, please contact Mary Seagle at (520) 886-7212 or [jrmrs80gmail.com](mailto:jrmrs80gmail.com), so she can get you registered for a class. Come join our group and see how amazed & wonderful doing the lap robes are. We share them with senior rehabs!



### SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

SATPC know how hard our teachers work to educate children. We also know that many have to spend their own money to help stock their classrooms. We are committed to helping. Please contact Jan Pitts (520) 403-1299 for more information.



#### SUPPLY LIST

Hi-lighters	Hand sanitizer
Journals	Lined paper - wide
Kleenex packets	Spiral notebooks
Dry erase markers	Rulers
Pencil pouches	3-ring binders
	Staplers

**Vision testing:**  
We are working with the Lions  
again this year. Please contact  
Cathy Greer or Adella Mason if  
you are interested.

### SATPC FUNDRAISING EVENTS

#### Jim Click Millions for Tucson 2019 Raffle

Tickets are available now! Feel free to purchase them at our luncheons or contact:

Priscilla Lujan  
(520) 298-5400  
[palujan@Q.com](mailto:palujan@Q.com)

#### We Want Your Recipes

AZ 66 is compiling a recipe book of favorite recipes from our Arizona Pioneers. This will be a fundraiser for our clubs and available through them, the web site, or at luncheons. Please send us your favorite, and include a sentence or two about when you got the recipe or how and when you and your family have prepared it over the years. The book will be available later this year. This can be a great gift or memento for all of us. Reply to this email to attach, or mail a hard copy to AZ 66 Cookbook, 10901 N Shannon Road, Tucson, AZ, 85742. You can

**Contact an officer**

**TICKET PRICE \$25 OR 5 FOR \$100**  
RAFFLE BENEFITING TUCSON CHARITIES 100% OF FUNDS RAISED STAYS HERE

The Jim Click Automotive Team is presenting a New **2019 Jeep Grand Cherokee Summit** to the entire community to be used as the featured prize in our ongoing effort to raise millions of dollars for non-profit organizations in Southern Arizona.

**Win one of THREE great prizes!**

**GRAND PRIZE:** New 2019 Jeep Grand Cherokee Summit  
**2ND PRIZE:** Two round-trip, first-class airline tickets to anywhere in the world!\*  
**3RD PRIZE:** \$5,000 cash!

With your \$25 contribution (or 5 tickets for \$100) you could win this stunning vehicle or one of two other great prizes! The best part is that 100% of your contribution will support Southern Arizona charities that keep all the proceeds from the maximum 100,000 tickets which will be sold. The drawing will be held on December 13, 2019. Entries must be received by December 6, 2019.

For campaign and ticket information, contact the Millions for Tucson Raffle Management Team at 520.342.5210 or at: [jimclickraffle@russellpublic.com](mailto:jimclickraffle@russellpublic.com)

[millionsfortucson.org](http://millionsfortucson.org)

\*Restrictions apply: Please see Millions for Tucson Raffle Rules



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### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Pioneers,

There has been a lot of activity this year and I wanted to take a moment to fill you in on all that we have accomplished and what we are looking forward to:

- \* We have started using Constant Contact to get information out to all our members. So, if you have changed your email recently please let me know so you can get on the mailing list for the newsletters.
- \* We have had a very busy 2018 and the start of 2019. I would like to fill you in on some of what we have done and are doing.
- \* We are still collecting school supplies that will be given out in the fall before kids go back to school.
- \* We have already done Readers for Life at 6 schools in the month of February.
- \* We handed out Christmas stocking for the clients of Mobile Meals in December.
- \* Still have tickets for the Jim Click raffle, the 1st place prize is a 2019 Jeep Grand Cherokee Summit, 2nd place is 2 round trip, first class airline tickets to anywhere in the world. 3rd place is \$5000 in cash. The Pioneers get to keep all profits from this raffle.
- \* We will be doing the Beeping Easter Egg Hunt at the AZ Deaf and Blind School on April 18th.
- \* We are always collecting items for Treasures for Teachers.
- \* For the Day of Caring we had volunteers that made clay animals to be handed out to kids in the hospital as they have medical procedures done they get one of the beads. We will be doing this again on April 12th.
- \* Don't forget our April indoor picnic at the Randolph Golf Complex at 600 S Alvernon. You must RSVP by April 1st and there will be a charge of \$5 per person.
- \* If anyone in the outstate area like Yuma, Casa Grande, Sierra Vista etc. would like something put in the newsletter about any event you are holding please let me know and we would be glad to get it out to people. You can contact me by email at [sassiejan@gmail.com](mailto:sassiejan@gmail.com) or at (520) 741-8034. Also, please visit our website for a lot of good info and also about our fundraisers that we have going on at <http://aztelecompioneers.org>.

If you are interested in any of these events coming up, please let me know.

Thanks,  
Jan Pitts—President So. AZ Club

*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.*