

PHOENIX THUNDERBIRD CLUB

Arizona Chapter #66

* NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER *



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT



TWO BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

As of January 01, 2020, we will have two vacancies on the Phoenix Thunderbird Club Board to be filled.

YOU CAN DO IT !!

Lottie Novak, who has been an active Pioneer for over 25 years, and

Tom Nelson, who has been an active Pioneer for over 30 years, are retiring from their seats on the Board.

When Lottie leaves, we'll need someone to track the luncheon reservations, the names and the payments. When Tom leaves, we'll need at least one or two volunteers to take over Education and Participation. Education primarily involves helping with the Back-To-School Supplies Drive and Read to Ride program. You may have some additional ideas to discuss as the Education chair. Participation duties are to gather and report volunteer hours for our club. Thanks to Lottie and Tom for their many years of wonderful service! Please contact Ellen or Lottie or Tom for information and to sign up!

Ellen (623) 546-9223 Lottie (602) 569-9470 Tom (602) 418-1620

Ellen E. Miller and Caron Personke

"CARON'S CHALLENGE" Newsletters will feature "Caron's Challenge"

No challenge this time! Just sincere wishes to all of you to have an awesome Thanksgiving. We are so thankful for everything you do and all your participation in and donations to our various projects. Please share thanks for the blessings you have with your families, friends, and our Pioneer family. Warm wishes to everyone for a wonderful Christmas holiday season. Merry Christmas! Here comes 2020!

FUND RAISER ! Exceptional Collector's item

Jim Beam 1928 French Telephone Decanter



Drawing at December Luncheon

Winner does not need to be present. Will need to arrange pickup.

*** TICKETS: ONE for \$1.00 SIX for \$5.00 ***

Can't attend luncheons? Contact Caron Personke at email: cp4tbird@gmail.com

As this collector's item has been around many years, the tax strip has become worn and torn, but the decanter has not been opened.



VETERANS NEWS by Carole Spiess

ANNUAL VETERANS CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP It's getting closer to Christmas. I'm sure Christmas supplies are out in the stores even though it's not Halloween yet. For years, Pioneers have partnered with the American Legion Auxiliary to support their annual Veterans Gift Shop. They are so appreciative and amazed that the Pioneers would do this to help them. We told them it's all about the Veterans.

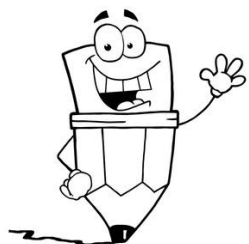
I found several new rolls at a thrift shop and another estate sale! Wrapping paper, gift bags, Scotch tape, bows, (no ribbon), and gift tags are all needed. If you have a roll that is partly used, we will take that as long as it is in good shape. Please bring your gift wrapping donations to our luncheons, or contact me and we will try to arrange a delivery. **Thank you Pioneers.**

Contact Carole for more information. Email: onmywayout.76@Q.com



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SMFB

St. Mary's Food Bank helps feed hungry families throughout Phoenix and 9 Arizona counties. Each \$1. donation helps provide enough food for 7 meals to feed hungry people. In America, over 5.5 million senior citizens are food insecure, threatened by hunger. 83% of low income, food insecure seniors are not receiving the meals they need. AZ senior population is 1,612,389. Phoenix Thunderbird Club Pioneers have donated over **\$ 650.** so far this year for St. Mary's Food Bank! Thank you for your continued support which helps St. Mary's to continue to serve Arizonans. (Statistics per St. Mary's Food Bank publication)



*** PENCIL PALS *** Ms. O'Keefe at Mountain View

Elementary School in Phoenix is the enthusiastic, award winning coordinator of "**Pencil Pals**", a program which the students thoroughly enjoy. Pioneers involved simply correspond with an assigned 3rd or 4th grader to help the student learn skills in reading, writing, vocabulary, and forming thoughts into sentences.

Quality education begins with reading. ONLY 36% of fourth-graders in the US are proficient in reading according to the National Assessment of Educational Progress. This can have dire consequences on an individual's success in school, work, and life. **Find a school, library, after-school-program where you can volunteer to help with students' education and success!**

2019 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS UPDATE

NEWS ON SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS. **Amanda Wiece** completed level 3 and has been accepted for nursing residency at Mayo for final level 4 with graduation in December 2019. **Olivia Dow** absolutely loves college life at ASU and is doing excellent in her classes at Walter Cronkite School of Journalism.

Changes are coming to the "Gift Table Drawing" so no more donated items are being accepted.

Over the years, in addition to items purchased by Cindy Krey our Fundraising Chair, Pioneers have been very generous in donating items for the Gift Drawing [blue tickets]. Thanks to everyone who has donated!



REPORT YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS !! Do you volunteer with a Police Department? Do you volunteer with an HOA or a community or church group? A group that paints over graffiti? Do you volunteer by knitting caps and scarves for veterans, or helping young students with their math? **Whatever you are doing to help in your community, report your hours!** Through 2019, please report

volunteer hours to Tom Nelson. Corporations and various organizations are often influenced to make donations to Pioneers when they see we are a vital, active service organization



SCAM CALLS come to you by bad people claiming they are an IRS Agent, or you've failed to appear for jury duty, or your grandson has been arrested and needs you to send bail money, or a "US soldier" stationed overseas needs money to send home the gold bars he

was awarded. Maybe you get an "Urgent Message" on your computer screen from Microsoft. Don't be tricked by scammers! They are, unfortunately, making millions of dollars by deceiving trusting citizens. Keep yourselves and your money safe!

Donate to Pioneers before the scammers try to get ahold of you!



Make a direct donation! Monetary donations may be made directly to Phoenix Thunderbird Club by making out a check to Phoenix Thunderbird Club, and mailing it Attn: Caron Personke, Pioneers Phoenix Thunderbird Club, P. O. Box 8078, Surprise, AZ 85374

Be sure to note your donation is specifically for 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.

Support Chapter 66! All information about various fundraising opportunities is on <https://aztelecompioneers.org> or ask any Board member.

LUNCHEON WINNERS:

SEPTEMBER 2019: Cash drawings : LAURA WARREN received \$50.

\$5.00 drawings (Each winner received \$5.00):
BOB PISKE and JIM COOPER

Free lunch: CINDY KREY

LUNCHEON WINNERS:

OCTOBER 2019: Cash drawings (Each winner received \$25.):
CARON PERSONKE and MARCIE RICHISON

\$5.00 drawings (Each winner received \$5.00):
DOROTHY MCSHEE and RUTH BUCK

Free lunch: LOTTIE NOVAK

IN MEMORIAM

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

PHILIP M. GRAHAM 10-24-26 / 09-09-19

"Phil is a retired District Manager in the communications industry."

GARY RAE GORSLIN 1944 / 08-25-19

"Retired from USWest after 34 years, he also was a Sergeant for the Phoenix Police Reserved."

OLA FRANCES (McCullough) YARBROUGH 08-27-1917 / 09-18-2019

"She was retired from Mountain Bell Telephone Co. after 27 years of service."

JOHN H. OSBORNE 11-11-29 / 09-22-19 "He worked for A J Bayless 1947-1950 then had a 40 year career with Mtn Bell 1950-1990. He was drafted into the Army 1951-1953 then returned to Mtn Bell as a Lineman working his way up to Engineering Staff Supv."

RICHARD F. BRAVO 08-09-33 / 09-23-19 "Rich retired from USWest in 1996."

JOSEPH HERSEY (10-16-19)



Joe Hersey, a longtime, dedicated Pioneer, passed away October 16, 2019. His volunteer activities are too numerous to list. Two outstanding volunteer undertakings come to mind when Joe is mentioned – "The Park" and "The Museum". He was a leader in the fundraising, design and building of Telephone Pioneers of America Park in Phoenix, AZ which broke ground January 23, 1983. Joe was instrumental in guiding and maintaining the Telephone Pioneers Museum, especially during its final move in 2016, to the Living Pioneer Museum. Hersey worked for the telephone industry for 35 years until he retired in 1988.

Joe at the Telephone Pioneers of America Park
(February 2019)

Services for Joe are scheduled Saturday, November 09 2019, 10:00 AM at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 11300 N. 64th Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85254



DONATE MONEY TO A SCHOOL - GET A TAX CREDIT

The AZ tax credit program gives a **dollar-for-dollar reduction** in state income taxes. This law allows taxpayers the opportunity to designate their tax dollars to directly benefit a specific school(s) and students. The maximum credit allowed is \$400 for married filing jointly and \$200 for single, head of household, or married filing separately.

According to the law, this money must be designated for extracurricular activities that supplement the educational program such as before- and after-school clubs; classes; sports programs; and non-recreational field trips. You don't need to know a child in school. You can ask the school to designate to which program your donation will go. Talk to your tax preparer for more details or go online azdor.gov/tax-credit. Deadline, as with most donations, is April 15, of the coming year.

Extracurricular programs provide positive learning experiences for children.



LABELS FOR EDUCATION® ENDED

Thank you to Pioneers who have saved Campbell soup labels for the *Labels for Education* ® program. **Soup Labels will no longer be collected as the program has ended.** For over 43 years, Campbell has offered the program which has contributed more than \$110 million in school supplies to tens of thousands of schools across the U. S. The program has recently been evaluated and it has been determined that, with participation considerably declining, the program is no longer strong. The program has wound down and has come to a close.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !

Signed up through Family and Friends

Have you helped a new member sign up? Please do!

Consider Pioneers in your estate planning !



MICKMAN HOLIDAY EVERGREEN GIFTS ARE BACK!

1. www.MickmanHolidayGifts.com
2. Enter Fundraising Code: **LEGACYAZ002**
3. Gifts are shipped directly to the gift recipient from the manufacturer.
4. Chapter 66 receives \$8. for every gift purchased. If you don't purchase an evergreen item, consider just donating \$8. to the Chapter!

GOOD FOR THEM AND GOOD FOR YOU !



MAYER and ZIGGITY and STRAWBERRY and ARCHIE, who are just four of the dogs waiting for their new forever homes, enjoy playtime with Pioneers. Small Dog Rescue in Phoenix, a 501(c)3, appreciates Pioneers volunteering. It's not a tough gig to play with little dogs for a couple of hours! The dogs love it, too. The volunteers play with the dogs, give them some exercise, and help socialize them which increases their chances of finding a new home. Flexible scheduling makes it easy to volunteer – once a day, once a week, once a month. Help our community's four-legged canine citizens (and feline citizens) by volunteering. Contact any animal shelter or rescue group to find out how you can help – the residents waiting for new homes will love to meet you!



LOVE THOSE HUG-A-BEARS!

The Hug-A-Bear team has made and delivered over 400 bears so far this year! The bears are delivered to Maricopa County Hospital and John C. Lincoln Honor Health. The staff at County is so excited when Pioneer Dorothy McShee makes a delivery. They can't wait to look in the bags at all the different, cheerful material the team has used to craft the bears. You can join this team – they have fun at the Workshop while they get a lot done! Contact Caron Personke cp4tbird@gmail.com for more information.



TREASURES 4 TEACHERS HAS EXPANDED TO WEST VALLEY

Treasures 4 Teachers has opened a new, second location at **3802 N. 91st Avenue, Phoenix**. T4T is a resource and supply store serving the educators of Arizona. Anyone who works closely with students can have access to a free, wide selection of materials, resources and training that will enhance and expand the learning process. T4T is a donation based operation, and Pioneers have munificently donated countless items. Pioneer Dorothy McShee volunteers many hours with this organization and can fill you in on details of how to get involved. Email Dorothy: mapatt02@gmail.com



HAPPY HOLIDAYS !!

***** LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS *****

LUNCHEON: WEDNESDAY, **DECEMBER 11, 2019** ****PLEASE NOTE THIS IS NOT OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED LUNCHEON DATE ****

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

LOCATION: **OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY** 1418 N. Central Ave

MENU: Salad, Spaghetti with choice of 3 sauces, bread and garlic butter, spumoni

DEADLINE to make reservations FRIDAY, DECEMBER 06, 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. 33rd 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 December luncheon at the beginning of December



***** LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS *****

LUNCHEON: WEDNESDAY, **NOVEMBER 20, 2019**

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

LOCATION: **THE BEATITUDES** 1610 W. Glendale Ave.

MENU: Salad, Chicken Francise (Dipped w/egg & parmesan & parsley w/lemon glaze)
Rice Pilaf, Vegetable Medley. Dessert.

DEADLINE to make reservations FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2019

MEMBER / LIFE MEMBER NAME: _____

PARTNER / GUEST NAME(S): _____

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

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