

Southern AZ Combined Club

Winter 2020 —Newsletter



Legacy West

**ALL MONTHLY LUNCHEONS ARE HELD
THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
11am - 12pm Social Hour : 12 noon Lunch
\$15 per person**

- * **Happy New Year** * January 8, 2020
- * February 12, 2020 * March 11, 2020
- * April 8, 2020 ⁽²⁾ * May 13, 2020

Golden Corral 6865 N Thornydale Rd — ⁽²⁾ Pioneer Picnic - TBA

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

Leonard Zimmerman—Nov 2019

Marilyn Reno—Nov 2019

Pat Gougeon—Sept 2019

Audrey Williams—Sept 2019

Donald A Bollschweiler— Feb 2019

Hi All,

If you have not heard by now, I am passing the torch of the club President on to Patti Pace starting in January 2020. I have been the president for a little over two years and it is time for a break. I want to thank all of you that have supported me during this time and it has been appreciated more than you know. I will take over the Senior Vice President position. We can always use new board members, so if you know of someone please pass that information along.

Jan Pitts

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 . You can text or call her at: (520) 237-2763

2020 Chapter 66 Scholarships

2018-2019 Southern AZ Combined Club Officers:

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Secretary:	Mo Ryan	(520) 870-0777 marleneseverson@msn.com

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

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

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:

<https://aztelecompioneers.org/>



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year Pioneers!

Well, it is the start of a new year, here's hoping we will all have a fun and profitable one. I am thankful for all the hard work and dedication Jan Pitts put in for us, I hope to do as good a job as she has done. Thank you, Jan!

This past year has seen a lot of very interesting projects. In March, several of us attended the biennial Pioneers meeting in San Diego. Much information was learned and many of us brought back ideas from that gathering. April showcased our annual Beeping Egg Hunt at the Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind. For the past two years we have been serving 125 elementary age students, providing beeping eggs for the kids to locate, toys from the Easter Bunny, and hand assembled Easter baskets for all the kids. We had several grants awarded to us, and those projects made a big impact in our community. Lap Robes gave out over 250 during the holiday season, school supplies were donated to Title I schools to the tune of over 2500 items, the beeping egg hunt was partially funded with matching monies from our club, and the end of the year a shoe party was held partnering with the Lions Club benefitting 15 children. Other projects included Readers For Life, Beads of Courage, Crochet Class for lap robes, Marshall Home for Men, Marana USD Power Pak Program, Chef for a Day at Ronald McDonald House, Totes for Good, Holiday Gift Extravaganza Raffle, Day of Caring decorating family rooms for DCS, and stuffing Christmas Stockings for Mobile Meals clients.

Our club plans to continue luncheons at the Golden Corral on N Thornydale, the second Wednesday of the month except June, July, and August when some activities are suspended. Please come support and join us for fellowship, fundraising, and fun!

Thanks for supporting your local Pioneer projects.

*Patti Pace
President, So AZ Combined 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.*

SACC PROJECTS

School Supply Delivery – San Xavier Mission

Mary & Mike Rhodes, Mary See & Adella Mason made a school supplies delivery in October to the San Xavier Mission school. Supplies included 2 cases of copy paper, 3 ring notebooks, hi-liters, sharpies, folders, calculators, calendar notepads, etc.



School Supply Drive – Pueblo Gardens & Nash



The last of our school supply drive items were delivered in October to Pueblo Gardens and Nash Elementary schools.

Thank you to Jan Pitts, Patti Pace and Mo Ryan for delivering these items.

This is an ongoing project for our club. Please contact Jan Pitts (520) 403-1299 for additional details or to volunteer.

Holiday Raffle Wrapping Event

Every year, volunteers gather to organize and wrap all the donations for our holiday extravaganza. This year our hostess Priscilla Lujan did an amazing job by opening her home and providing the supplies we needed to get the job done in one day. Thank you to Bonnie Stahl Bush, Anna Patton, Kathy Kisro and Patti Pace for helping. This year's donations and prizes are the best ever!



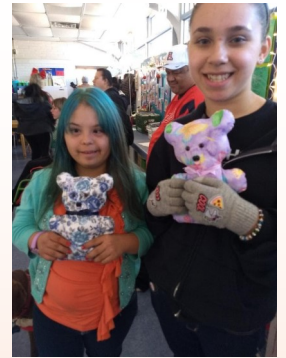
Totes for Good

To date, we have delivered over 250 new and gently used totes to the Emerge! Center for Domestic Abuse in Tucson, AZ. This new project by SACC collects both new and gently used totes and donates them to different local organizations who will put them to good use based on their needs. If you would like to help, please contact Anna Patton (520) 444-1874.



HUG-A-BEARS

Reflecting back on 2019, we were able to give out approx. 1800 bears. They were given to agencies in our community from as far away as Wilcox. Some of our recipients are Tucson Fire, AMR Ambulance, St Mary's Hospital, Pima County Sheriffs, Victims Services, DES and Children's Advocacy Program. We meet once a month for an afternoon workshop full of fun and fellowship & always good food. The ladies



that sew the bears at home, so we can finish them, are our heroes. They keep us supplied & without them, we couldn't continue. Theirs is a labor of love for us. Some don't even live here in state. We've had them as far south as Louisiana & as far north as Washington state. They both have moved from Tucson but not forgotten our needs & still very much a part of our Pioneer members. Our club has made Hug-A-Bears for the last 35 years & that's something to crow about. We lost two of our workers this year Marilyn Reno & Audrey Williams. They both were two of our original workshop helpers. I would like to thank everyone who has helped make this another successful year & provided much needed bears to traumatized children. The bears are cute but they are also a tool fireman or policeman can give assurance to a child that they will get through whatever their circumstance are at that moment. Everyone needs hugs, even bears.

Please contact Sherry Daughtry at (520) 296-2304 to volunteer.

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SACC PROJECTS CONT'D

Day Of Caring – Oct 2019

For our Day of Caring, the Southern AZ Combined Club decorated two meeting rooms for DCS (Department of Child Safety). These are rooms for family to meet for supervised visits, and they needed some cheer. We put up lots of pictures, added throws, books and games, and stuffed animals. One Pioneer went out and bought new stuffed toys to provide in the room. These two rooms took on a new look, and we are hoping they provide a warm and reassuring ambiance for the clients who use them. The volunteers were happy with the results, and hope to do more rooms in the future. Thanks to all who donated, worked on the project, and gathered for a cooperative and fun time. Thank you to our volunteers: Adella Mason, Cathy Greer, Sherry Daughtry, Mo Ryan, Priscilla Lujan, Jan Pitts, and Patti Pace.



Mobile Meals Christmas Stockings

The Southern AZ Combined Club delivered 84 filled Christmas stockings to Mobile Meals of Southern Arizona. They will send them out with prepared meals for their clients this week, spreading cheer and caring to home bound individuals. Our Pioneers, retired and still working, love this project. Each stocking is filled with love as well as goodies. Mobile Meals of Southern Arizona serves Tucson, Sahuarita and Green Valley.



Holiday Extravaganza Raffle – 2019

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Holiday Extravaganza Raffle! We had so many wonderful donations and were able to raise a large sum for our club. We hope to keep growing this event!



For more information, please contact Priscilla Lujan at palujan@Q.com or call (520) 298-5400



SACC UPCOMING PROJECTS / VOLUNTEERING



TOTES, TOTES AND MORE TOTES

How many tote bags do you own? Tote bags are irresistible. They are quite useful! They hold such promise for an imagined future! So many of them are free! And almost all of them are impossibly filthy. There is a reasonable limit to how many tote bags you need in your life, and it's quite likely that if you're reading this article, you have a tote bag problem. Does the term "bag of bags" mean anything to you? If you answered yes, please know that you are among friends, and that help is here. **How many tote bags is too many tote bags?** Left unmanaged, tote bag collections can take over closets, drawers, car trunks — really, any space is a potential tote bag dumping ground. So why do we

bother holding onto them? "We often get them for free, and so we think, 'How good does a tote have to be? I didn't even pay for it,'" **Your unwanted totes are actually wanted!** Bring your totes with you when you come to the luncheon and give them to Anna Patton. She will be collecting them, washing them and distributing them to local non-profits who want them for their clients. For more information, please contact Anna at AZ66Media@gmail.com or give her a call at (520) 444-1874



So AZ Club Valentines 2020 FUNDrive

- The FUNDrive is a way for our club to collect & donate items that our club will get paid for by the pound.
- Between now and Feb 14th 2020, we will be collecting soft good and textiles. Please bring your clothing, shoes, textiles and accessories to one of the following luncheons: Dec 11th, Jan 8th, and Feb 12th
- Anna Patton will collect and store the items until our submission date. If you cannot attend or have a large donation, please contact her at (520) 444-1874 & she will arrange to have someone come and pick them up.



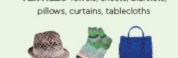
CLOTHING Men's, women's and children's



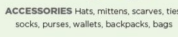
SHOES Men's, women's and children's



TEXTILES Towels, sheets, blankets, pillows, curtains, tablecloths



ACCESSORIES Hats, mittens, scarves, ties, socks, purses, wallets, backpacks, bags



We cannot accept: Mattresses, baby gear, appliances, large furniture, auto parts, building materials, cleaning products, tires, flammable materials



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

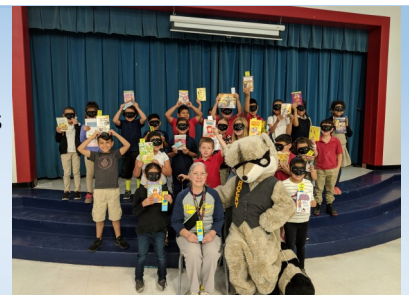
When: April 2020 (date and time to be announced).

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



READERS 4 LIFE

This is a very popular project among our local elementary schools. We visit these schools with the goal of encouraging a child to read by gifting their very own book. Rocky Raccoon is always a big hit. Events are being scheduled for Feb 2020. Contact Mike or Mary Rhodes (520) 229-0367 if you are interested in volunteering .



Education



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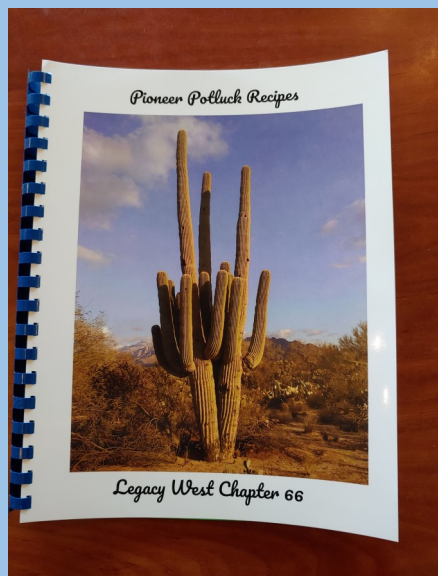
Military

SACC FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Cookbooks Now Available!

Thank you to LegacyWest Chapter 66 for providing these Cookbooks to our club for a fundraiser. These are available for a donation that goes direct to our club for fundraising. The suggested donation is \$10 each.

To purchase or for more information, please contact Priscilla Lujan at (520) 298-5400 or palujan@Q.com



This year, 2020, our club will again be participating in the Jim Click Millions for Tucson Raffle. Mr. Click has told us that this year will feature a Ford Truck as the grand prize. We are going to encourage all our members to support this fund raiser for our club instead of holding an annual cash extravaganza raffle. Postage and printing is just too high, and **ALL** of the money (**100%**) collected for these Click raffle tickets stays in our local club to support our local community projects. In 2019, the Jim Click raffle was our biggest and most successful fundraiser. Please buy your tickets, support your Pioneer community, and feel good knowing your chances to win a truck may be small, but the chances for helping those in need are greater than ever.

See Priscilla Lujan at a luncheon, or contact her at (520) 298-5400, or palujan@q.com.

Tickets will become available this spring.



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