

PHOENIX THUNDERBIRD CLUB

Arizona Chapter #66

* MARCH / APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER *



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT

Board Members of Chapter 66 and all 3 clubs (Phoenix Thunderbird, Southern Arizona, and New Mexico) gathered on January 25th for an annual *Face to Face Meeting* to plan for the year ahead. Following the business meeting, we filled 50 reusable nylon bags to be given to women and children at the Hope Women's Center in Coolidge, AZ. An assembly line was created and each member put an item (toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, socks, deodorant, and baby wipes) in the bag as it was passed around the room. Joylyn Logan, a director at Hope Women's Center and guest speaker, presented an enlightening overview of the center's purpose and accomplishments, and took the filled bags to the Center to be distributed as needed. Ms. Logan thanked the Pioneers and commented what a great organization we are!

Ellen E. Miller and Caron Personke

"CARON'S CHALLENGE" Newsletters will feature "Caron's Challenge" Sign up to participate! Contact a school near you to find out how you can help on "Read Across America" March 2, 2020! We know of at least one member who has already signed up to read a book to a 2nd grade class in Phoenix. You can select the book, you can request a time slot, and you can encourage children to read by reading to them for 20 to 30 minutes. There are other activities for you to do - contact a school - let school children know you are interested and want to help in their success.

LUNCHEON WINNERS JANUARY : Cash drawings: Suzanne Anderson, Jerry

Spiess, Carole Spiess, Laura Warren, and Barbara Hernandez **Free lunch:** Lottie Novak

LUNCHEON WINNERS FEBRUARY : Cash drawings: Sara Gilligan (Garnett and Ian MacInnes' daughter), Laura Warren, Ruth Buck, and Caron Personke

Free lunch: Harry Lehrfeld

Pioneers Mission Statement: Pioneers is a network of volunteers who effect immediate, tangible change in local communities.

It is quite certain that we have Pioneers, family, and friends who volunteer but do not report their time. Even helping out with small tasks can make a real difference to the lives of people, animals, and organizations in need. No matter where you are volunteering - at a library or a senior center, an animal shelter or rescue organization, places of worship such as churches or synagogues, community theaters or museums, school programs – you are improving the community and neighborhood! *Please report your volunteer hours to Tom Nelson*



2019 TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS 13,500

PIONEERS	10,923
PARTNERS	1,405
FRIENDS OF PIONEERING	1,172

100 HOURS = 8 ½ HOURS A MONTH

Volunteering 100 – 300 Hours: JERRY SPIESS, LOTTIE NOVAK, TOM NELSON, VICKIE DAHLE, PATTY DeBUSK, GLORIA GJELTEMA – Family, MARY MAHAR – Prescott & Prescott Valley, LYNDIA MATAKOVICH-Friend of Pioneering-Prescott, LAURA PEIKERT – Family, NANCY THOMAS – Friend of Pioneering – Prescott. JOE HERSEY, who passed away in October, 2019

Volunteering 300 – 500 Hours: AUDREY GREGORY, MARLENE BEASLEY – Prescott, KAREN TILLSON – Friend of Pioneering

Volunteering 500 – 700 Hours: VELMA MOORE, JOSEPH O'HAGAN, ELLEN MILLER

Volunteering 700 – 1000 Hours: DOROTHY McSHEE, RUTH BUCK, DIANE GREENOUGH - Dewey, CHRIS & DON BERGEN – Lake Havasu City

Volunteering 1000 + Hours: CAROLE SPIESS, CARON PERSONKE, WANDA COTHRAN – Partner

Thank you Pioneers for all you do !!



***BE A TSA “DETECTION DOG DECOY”!
- A UNIQUE VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE -***

Every time you fly, you encounter a member of Transportation Security Administration (**TSA**) who scans you and your bags, purses. Perhaps you’ve also seen dogs working to help keep the traveling public safe – Detection Dogs. Just like we were told to practice piano, the handlers practice with their dogs. Volunteers are needed to be “decoys” so the dogs can seek and find. You are the one to be found!

Your role is to carry a concealed training aid through a zone where a team is conducting training activity. A TSA representative will conceal the training aid and provide you with specific walking/movement instructions prior to the test. The dog and handler are sent to hunt. When the dog finds you, the dog is rewarded - you’re not taken down by the dog or the Agent! Volunteer for training dates through 2020, morning or afternoon shifts. Contact Brian, TSA Canine Support Coordinator, to volunteer, at his email. Email: **PHXTSAK9@tsa.dhs.gov**



CHARLES L. FRY

05-31-1927 / 01-20-2020

So perhaps we didn’t know Mr. Fry personally, but it is good to know his namesake grocery store chain “**Fry’s**” has a Community Rewards program that helps Pioneers. *Easy money!*

All you have to do is shop and we benefit. Very easy to enroll in the Fry’s Community Reward Program. Our code is SH877. Go to the website:

<https://www.frysfood.com/topic/community/#/new-community-rewards-program>

If you have any questions or problems, contact Caron Personke or Ellen E. Miller

PIONEER WEBSITE – easy access to Pioneer information

<https://aztelecompioneers.org>

Which U.S. President once worked as a fashion model? (Gerald R. Ford)

IN MEMORIAM

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

RICHARD DEAN “Tex” BARNETT 07-22-28/12-21-19

He graduated from New Mexico State University with his bachelor's in electrical engineering. He retired from AT&T as a Senior Engineer.

CLEMENTINE “Brownie” BOLLMAN 06-02-23/12-20-19

“She was employed and retired from AT&T after 23 years.”

HARRY WILLIAM HENSELL 02-20-33/12-29-19

“In January 1958 he was one of the first eight employees to be hired at the Western Electric facility in Phoenix, retiring in 1983 after 25 years.”

LLOYD W. HULBERT 06-06-24/01-05-2020

“After the Navy, Lloyd work 40 years for Mountain Bell in Arizona.”

ANN GREATHOUSE 08-06-32/01-22-2020

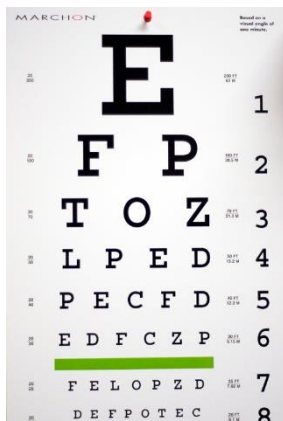
“Ann worked at the Arizona Employment Agency and Mountain Bell Telephone Company before starting her family.”

MYRNA DEE KINNEY 07-02-37/02-02-20

“After working for Northwestern Bell for many years, Myrna and Jerry followed her budding career to Colorado Springs, Colorado where she worked for Mountain Bell.” “Nearing retirement, Myrna took one last job opportunity and relocation, working for Qwest in Mesa, Arizona.”

MARCELENE “MARCIE” RICHISON 04-10-28 / 02-16-20

FRANK OSUNA, JR. 69 years of age/ 02-13-20 “Frank retired from AT&T”



Don't forget you can buy Vision Insurance

Don't forget that as a Pioneer you can enroll in America's #1 individual vision plan. The vision coverage is comparable to what many people get through work, but because you're a Pioneer, you have access to buy it on your own. With a VSP® Individual Vision Plan, you'll get a comprehensive eye exam from a trusted VSP network doctor, a generous frame allowance, lens enhancements like progressives, and more. Call 1-844-641-6718 or go to <https://www.vspdirect.com/pioneers/welcome>

VETERANS NEWS Carole Spiess (602) 242-1026

VA Secretary Robert Wilkie gave a "State of the VA" address on February 5th in Washington, D.C. He noted that there was a record-high **59.9 million** Veteran hospital visits in fiscal year 2019. That's **1.7 million** more appointments than ever before.

We've seen a big increase in Veterans seeking care here in the Valley. A wide-range of education opportunities and job opportunities, not to mention the weather, bring more and more Veterans here. Fifty percent of Veterans are moving to the West and South. In 2015, the latest year for statistics, of the nearly 21 million Veterans across the United States, 522,188 live in Arizona. That's 5 years ago and the Veteran population is still growing! The hospital can use your help!

Find out how you can volunteer to help our Veterans. My number at the hospital is 602-222-6419 and I am the one who usually answers, Monday and Tuesday.

***NO* TO CAN COLLECTING – *YES* TO PULL-TAB COLLECTING**

Many thanks to Dorothy McShee who, for many years, collected aluminum cans for recycling, which she cashed in for our continued donations to Ronald McDonald House. Dorothy is retiring from her position as "Can Collector".

Anyone wishing to take up can collecting project, please contact Ellen or Caron.

Taking aluminum tabs to Acacia Elementary School is ongoing. Tabs go to Caron Personke. The students learn about community service and recycling by cashing in the tabs and donating the money to Ronald McDonald House.

- **Discontinue bringing cans for recycling to our luncheons.**
- **Continue to bring pull-tabs to Caron Personke.**

National Library Week ★ April 19-25

Libraries, whether a public library, a school library, or a specialty library, help to promote reading and thereby help create a strong community. What do you like to read? Take some time to volunteer to read to children at a library or school, or listen to a child read. It is beneficial to the children and their success in the future.

Did you know – If you are unable to get to a library, the library will come to you?! Libraries have programs where you can receive and return books – postage free – of any topic. Enjoy reading and help instill that joy in children.

**** LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS ****

LUNCHEON: WEDNESDAY, **APRIL 15, 2020**

***Social time 11:30 AM** *Lunch 12:00 Noon **Please note 11:30 AM Social Time start time**

LOCATION: **TOP SHELF MEXICAN FOOD** 3301 W. Greenway Rd. Phoenix

MENU: Selection of general Mexican food *i.e.* tostada, enchilada, taco, etc on Luncheon Menu (items A. thru O.) *Coffee, Iced Tea, Sodas included with lunch.*

DEADLINE to make reservations FRIDAY, April 10, 2020

MEMBER / LIFE MEMBER NAME: _____

PARTNER / GUEST NAME(S): _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS: _____ Each reservation is **\$20.00**

*Please make checks payable to: **Phoenix Thunderbird Club***

Mail Reservation form and Check to: Barbara Hernandez 6101 W. Desert Cove Ave.
Glendale, AZ 85304 **Telephone Reservations** may be made by calling: **Laura Warren**
(602) 574-0437 or **Barbara Hernandez** (623) 326-0281

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

Please send reservations check for APRIL luncheon at the beginning of APRIL.



**** LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS ****

LUNCHEON: WEDNESDAY, **MARCH 18, 2020**

***Social time 11:30 AM** *Lunch 12:00 Noon **Please note 11:30 AM Social Time start time**

LOCATION: **GEORGE YANG'S CHINESE CUISINE** 6048 N. 16TH Street Phoenix

MENU: Family style: Citrus Chicken, Beef Broccoli, Shrimp Honey Glazed Walnuts, Vegetable Chow Mien. Steamed white rice. *Hot Tea, Iced Tea, Soda included with lunch.*

DEADLINE to make reservations FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2020

MEMBER / LIFE MEMBER NAME: _____

PARTNER / GUEST NAME(S): _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS: _____ Each reservation is **\$20.00**

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Please send reservations check for MARCH luncheon at the beginning of MARCH.

**ARIZONA CHAPTER #66
LEGACY WEST PIONEERS
SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

(Revised November 2019)

Purpose: To encourage qualified students residing within the state of Arizona to seek higher education beyond the secondary school level, and to provide financial assistance through the award of a scholarship not to exceed \$1000 in Arizona each year. The 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 or community 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, attach a copy of letter of acceptance.
 4. Completion of this application.
 5. Attach a copy of your latest school transcripts.
 6. Interview with scholarship committee, if requested.
 7. 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.
 8. At least one current letter of recommendation by a Legacy West Pioneer.
- APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 15, 2020, 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. YOU MAY SUBMIT ELECTRONICALLY, USE PDF OR JPG FORMAT ONLY.
 - MAKE YOUR APPLICATION AS PROFESSIONAL AS POSSIBLE.
 - ALL CHECKS WILL BE ISSUED AND MAILED TO THE COLLEGE OF CHOICE AFTER WINNER IS NOTIFIED AND SUBMITS A COPY OF TUITION BILL INCLUDING STUDENT ID NUMBER.

Submit to Louise Rebholz, louiserebholz@msn.com, 520 297 9151, 3220 W Ina, #10206, Tucson, Az, 85741

<https://aztelecompioneers.org/2020-scholarships/>



**Arizona Chapter 66
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

(Revised November 2019)

Name: _____

Last

First

Middle

Home Address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Telephone Number/Cell (text): _____

Email _____

School/College/University currently attending: _____

Date to graduate _____

Transcripts/Documentation of GPA: _____

College or school to attend: _____ Accepted? _____

Date school will start: _____ Course of study _____

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 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 if under 18
(Use additional pages as needed)

Date

<https://aztelecompioneers.org/2020-scholarships/>