



The May luncheon has been cancelled. We are hoping to get back on track in September. Please keep an eye out on our webpage, Facebook and email notifications for that announcement.

## Membership Become a Pioneer

Pioneers has added a new membership category called Friends and Family. Under this you can sign up anyone that volunteers with us or is interested in joining our service organization. We have people that come to a lot of our functions but didn't have the opportunity to become a member, including kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors. Some high school kids need to have volunteer experience on their scholarship applications to show community involvement. What a good way to keep track of their hours for something like this!

## **Click Here To Download Membership Form 2019**

A Friends and Family member may even want to use our Affinity Partners discounts or serve on a board, and they can do that by paying dues of \$22 a year. Otherwise, there are no dues collected. So, sign someone up today! Get them involved in the work we all love! Print out this form and give to a club or chapter officer, mail or fax to Barb Palmer at (520) 531-0349, or type in your info, save a copy of what you filled out and send it via email to Barb at <a href="mailto:rippalmer@aol.com">rippalmer@aol.com</a>. We have added a simple tutorial that might help to fill out and email your completed form!

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**NOTICE:** If you have any address, email or phone number updates, please contact Jan Pitts at <a href="mailto:sassiejan@gmail.com">sassiejan@gmail.com</a> or (520) 741-8034

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

Cliff Frazen—March 2020
Gordon Cheeseman—March 2020
Don Bowling—March 2020
Jack Sisler—Jan 2020
Herschell Hillman—Dec 2019
James Bateman—Dec 2019
Evelyn Soto—Dec 2019

Please notify our Fellowship Chair Adella Mason of any illness or passing of Pioneers or their family members. She can be reached by email: <a href="mailto:adzik@comcast.net">adzik@comcast.net</a>. You can text or call her at: (520) 237-2763

# **2020 Chapter 66 Scholarship Winners**

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

## Hello Pioneers!

Well, here we are, staying home, social distancing and longing to be able to get together again soon. I hope this newsletter finds you well, and you are not having too much trouble isolating and staying safe. Many of us are in the over 60 category and need to be careful about contact.

Several of our ongoing projects have had to adjust, or temporarily suspend, but I bet many of you have picked up new ways to help in our community. The Kay Reed Blood drives are still happening, there is an urgent need for blood donation, and the Red Cross is taking extraordinary cautions to keep donors and staff safe. Make your appointment online to assure there is time for you and plenty of room.

There have been so many tutorials on making masks for yourself and friends and family, and we have some patterns and ideas on our chapter web site and in this newsletter.

Hug A Bears can't meet currently at the church, so several members are carrying on at home. Recent deliveries to Victim Witness and St. Mary's Hospital were very appreciated.

Treasures 4 Teachers of Tucson is only accepting members by appointment to control the number of shoppers at a time. Soon they will again be ready for your donations of toilet paper rolls and egg cartons, as there are no volunteers currently working in the store to sort and stock those items. Look for donations to be welcomed sometime in May.

Our May luncheon has been cancelled, restaurants are still closed for dining in. Hopefully, September will allow us to meet again, check our web site and look for an email about that before September 1.

Four Scholarship winners were chosen this year, although we won't be able to honor them at a May luncheon. They are Olivia Dow, Deborah Lesneski, Ayla Patton and Amber Patton. These four students are outstanding examples of scholarship and volunteerism. Visit the website to find out more about them.

In fellowship,

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.

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# **SACC PROJECTS**

## **Making Masks for First Responders**



SACC Pioneers Sherry Daughtry and Mo Ryan have been busy sewing masks. Look at the good looking models they had for their work. Here are a few links if you'd like to try sewing some and a link on how to donate them. Thank you Tucson Police Department!

Banner is asking for homemade masks made to be donated.

https://www.bannerhealthfoundation.org/news-information/articles/homemademasks. Simple Patterns ranging from easy to really easy Visit Joann.com make and give masks & covidmaskcrafters.org/we-can-sew-it-face-mask-pattern.

## **Readers 4 Life**

Today at Keeling Elementary we impacted 110 kids. We are looking forward to next school year!

Thanks to Mike and Mary Rhodes, Tina Hermann, Ayla Patton,

Lauryn Lyons, Kat Horing and Patti Pace as Rockv!



## 2020 Spring FUNDrive





We tried a new fundraising project this year that was lots of work but very successful. We spent the first 2 months gathering soft-goods like clothing and linens in an effort to raise \$200. SACC is proud to announce that with your help, we reached this goal! Thank you to all our volunteers and a special thank you to our truckload team: Tom Bivens, Larry & Kathy Bauer, Patti Pace, Anna Patton and David Spear.

## **Easter Basket Assembly**

Tuesday the 17th, 10 volunteers gathered at Reid Park to assemble 125 Easter baskets for the children at the Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind. We practiced social distancing by assembling them outside, and limiting our volunteers to ten people. We were very careful to wash, sanitize and glove up to keep the kiddos safe from us. We bagged the baskets, and the school is going to distribute them

to the kids this

vear.

Thank you to: Mo Ryan Sherry Daughtry Ann Ray Bobbi Taylor, Larry Mingo Kathy Kisro Cathey Sibley Lynette Clewley



Karen Schumacher and Patti Pace for meeting up at the park.





# SACC UPCOMING PROJECTS / VOLUNTEERING

## **2020 TPCF Grants**

Every year, as many loyal Pioneers make contributions through headquarters, money is allocated through our Legacy West Group for community service projects. This year we applied for and received approved monies for several of our ongoing projects and some new ones. When you receive a solicitation letter through the mail from headquarters, or an email asking for support for Pioneering, this is one of the ways your money comes back to your local community for service.

Arizona successfully submitted for 6 grants and was awarded funds for all of these projects:

Beeping Easter Egg Hunt for ASDB: This was money to support our beeping egg hunt. Even thought the hunt had to be cancelled, our Pioneers created the baskets for the kids and delivered them to the school, who took over the responsibility of distributing them to the children. We received some matching funds, and together with club money, baskets for 125 kids were created. Our hope is for a banner Egg Hunt in 2021. For more information, please contact Sherry Daughtry (520) 296-2304 <a href="mailto:sddaugh@cox.net">sddaugh@cox.net</a>.

**School Supply Drive:** Matching funds to purchase school supplies for our adopted schools was awarded, and we will be looking for shoppers to help acquire them throughout the summer. The best time to purchase is during the before school sales, so contact Jan Pitts (520) 403-1299 <a href="mailto:sassiejan@gmail.com">sassiejan@gmail.com</a> to volunteer as a shopper, get your list and funds, and help provide needed supplies to our elementary schools.

Readers For Life: This ongoing project provides books for second and third graders to encourage them to learn to read. By giving them their own book, we hope they choose what interests them and learn to love reading. We will be ordering books in the fall, and will need to sticker and perhaps bag books for these events. Contact Mike Rhodes (520) 229-0367 <a href="marginalray:m

Christmas Stockings: Many of you participate every year in taking a stocking and filling it with some fun and helpful personal items, which we deliver to Mobile Meals. Mobile Meals then takes them and distributes them to clients where they are delivering a meal. This year we received grant money to enable us to fill even more stockings. If you would like to help with this, contact Mo Ryan (520) 870-0777 <a href="marleneseverson@msn.com">marleneseverson@msn.com</a>. She will be handing out stockings in October and November.

Hope Women's Center of Coolidge, AZ: This women's center received hygiene bags from our chapter in January of 2020, and we were so impressed with how they helped homeless and struggling women in that rural area, we plan to make another donation later this year. Personal hygiene items, feminine products, and sox will be purchased and collected to deliver to them this fall. If you would like to contribute your time to this project, contact Barbara Palmer (520) 403-4668 <a href="mailto:zippalmer@aol.com">zippalmer@aol.com</a>. She will put you to work.

Flowers for Bees: This is a new project to encourage bee populations in our community. We will have packets of locally appropriate seeds to distribute, labeled, and ready to share with community partners, schools, libraries, etc. The plan is to get people to plant the seeds late in the year for next year's wildflower show. Please contact Anna Patton (520) 444-1874 <a href="mailto:annaaylaamber@aol.com">annaaylaamber@aol.com</a> for more info or to help.

In addition, two other projects were awarded grant money, New Mexico Combined Club will be putting on several Children's' Christmas parties in the Clovis, NM area and the Phoenix Thunderbird Combined Club is providing Chrome books and bikes for children at the Acacia School.





**Legacy West** 

## SACC UPCOMING PROJECTS / VOLUNTEERING CONT'D

#### **KAY F. REED BLOOD DRIVE**

The Kay Read Blood drives are still happening, there is an urgent need for blood donation, and the Red Cross is taking extraordinary cautions to keep donors/staff safe.

Make your appointment online to assure there is time for you and plenty of room.

Find a location and schedule an appointment, please visit: https://www.redcrossblood.org and enter code kayread . If you have any questions, please contact John & Mary Seagle at (520) 886-7212.

You

## 2020 **Blood Drive**

Kay F. Read 2020 Blood Drive Schedule

2916 E. Broadway Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85712 9:00AM - 2:30PM

> February 16 April 19 June 21 August 16 October 11 December 6

Drink lots of H20, bring your ID and eat well!

For more information or to schedule an appointment please contact Mary Seagle at (520) 886-7212 or call the American Red Cross at 1 (800) 733-2767, or visit redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code: kayread



### **TOTES, TOTES AND MORE TOTES**

Unfortunately, in times of stress & unsureness, domestic violence goes up. We have been partnering with Emerge! here in Tucson and they are still in need of tote bags.



If you would like to schedule to have them picked up by one of our volunteers, please contact Anna Patton at (520) 444-1874

## Hug-A-Bears

Even though we cannot meet at this time, we are still in need of volunteers. Since we may be unable to get some of the supplies from China in the near future, we are looking for anyone with a steady hand who can paint faces on our bears, A steady hand and

a good imagination are all that is needed! We always need volunteers who can sew our bear bodies on their machines.

If you are interested in this project, please contact Sherry Daughtry at 520-296-2304



### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

We will be collecting school supplies again this year. If you would like to start collecting items, we will hand them out to the schools before school starts in the fall.

If you have any questions, please contact: Jan Pitts (520) 403-1299 or Patti Pace (520) 241-6849



SUPPLY LIST

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











Military





# SACC FUNDRAISING EVENTS



This year, 2020, our club will again be participating in the Jim Click Millions for Tucson Raffle.

100% of the Jim Click raffle ticket sales stay in our local club to support our local community projects. In 2019, the Jim Click raffle was our biggest and most successful fundraiser. Let's try to top it in 2020!

Please buy your tickets, support your local SACC Pioneer community, and feel good knowing your chances to win a truck may be small, but the chance to help those in need is greater than ever.

Please contact Priscilla Lujan at (520) 298-5400, or palujan@q.com.



