

Fall 2020 —Newsletter

Legacy West

The 2020 luncheons have been cancelled. We have setup a drop-off event to collect items we typically collect at our luncheons. Please see the President's letter on the next page for more details.

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 rippalmer@aol.com. We have added a simple tutorial that might help to fill out and email your completed form!

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

Gina Nussman—Aug 2020

Floyd Pearsall—Aug 2020

Dennis Ricci-July 2020

Richard Hiller-July 2020

Bob Hankinson—July 2020

Jim Morgan—June 2020

Don Charles Howard—June 2020

Julie Anaya—June 2020

Bart Ahern—June 2020

Please visit our <u>In Memory Page</u>

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

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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/ southern-az-club/







LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Fellow Pioneers!

Well, here we are, made it to fall, and still in the throes of Covid. I hope you all are well, staying safe, and coping. My family and I have not had any episodes of Covid infection, and for that we are thankful. My heart goes out to those who have lost loved ones, please know we all are praying for your comfort.

As I am sure you guessed, there will not be a luncheon in September, and the board decided to cancel the luncheons for the rest of 2020. As the year progresses, we will re-evaluate for 2021. I am hopeful that we can have a picnic next April, but we will keep you posted. If you have been collecting things that we normally would accept at a luncheon, don't forget the drive by drop off next week, September 9^{th} , at Reid Park. We will be sitting under the solar collectors right off 22^{nd} street, turn in directly across from the McDonalds, then an immediate left. There is a map in the email we sent out Saturday. Visit our Website or our Facebook Page for complete details (including the map!)

Since we won't have any luncheons for meeting and greeting each other, our club will not have the benefit of the fundraising that those events generate. If you would like to support our club, the best way to do that is to buy a ticket, or tickets, from Priscilla Lujan for the Jim Click Raffle. **ALL** of the money we collect goes directly to our club. Mr. Click covers all the expense of the prizes, printing and administering the raffle, all to benefit local charities. You can mail a check to Priscilla; she will fill out your ticket and mail you the stubs. If you have any questions or need help, call her at (520) 298-5400, or palujan@Q.com.

Take a look through the newsletter at all the things that SACC Pioneers have continued to do and are still planning for the rest of the year. Our Pioneers have been stepping up to fill the needs even in these strange times. If you need help or are hoping to offer your service, in whatever capacity, please contact me or a board member. We can't all be in direct contact with our community, but there are a number of ways to help remotely, through phone

Thanks for supporting your local Pioneer projects. Patti Pace, President, So AZ Combined Club

calls, and coordinating our project efforts.



A sincere thank you to all our members and volunteers.

Your support helps keep the spirit of Pioneers alive and helps us to support the community we call home.





SACC PROJECTS

School Supply Delivery – 2020 School Year



On July 28th, 2020 we delivered 90 kits to 3 schools. Jan Pitts and Patti Pace safely packed supplies into ziplock bags and headed to Drachman, Pueblo Gardens and Nash elementary so they can be handed out to students in need. The plan is to check back after schools have been open

for a bit, in case they have additional urgent needs.

A special thank you to Joella Smith. She took on the solo job of purchasing and delivering school supplies to C.E. Rose Elementary School, August 2020!



Masks for Seniors

Many of our members have been masks for a local nursing home. One day, in August, 6 members got together and produced and delivered 100 masks. Several other Pioneers had washed and cut them out so all they had to do was sew all day.



SACC Scholarship Winner—2020

Deborah Lesneski - Deborah is finishing her first year at American Intercontinental University studying finance. Deborah has a 3.83 grade point average. Her volunteerism includes being a Girl Scout for over 10 years selling cookies, visiting the elderly, collecting clothing donations, and learning how to care for and properly dispose of the American flag. She is also the Voluntary treasurer for her Community Well, west of Tucson for approximately 30 families and over 100 acres of land. She works with all of the families to coordinate needed changes for their property including an upgrade to a well on their property. She also assists two elderly couples next to her property with grocery shopping, driving to doctor appointments, walking their dogs, minor house repairs, setting up their medicine and making sure their bills are paid. She has been working as a Respiratory Therapist in her community. She is taking courses in Finance to continue to move forward in her life and hopefully become Chief Financial Officer in her Respiratory organization.

Lap Robes

A huge thank you to a trio of sisters who have really been using their time in productive and inventive ways. Nancy, Barbara & Cate!

Nancy Kennon in California has been working overtime to crochet lap robes for SACC. She has been a mainstay creator for us for many years; however, during this turbulent time, Nancy has cranked out 100+ beautiful blankets like these you see modeled by her sister Cate.

Cate Simpson & Barbara Palmer have also reached out to their neighbors on the NextDoor app and have collected items for many of our projects including Hug-a-Bears, T4TT, pill bottles for the American Legion and their most impressive sourcing has been collecting over 22lbs of yarn to help keep their sister Nancy in full supply. Thank you ladies for all your hard work!









SACC UPCOMING PROJECTS / VOLUNTEERING

SACC Pioneers Halloween 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 Oct 1st and Oct 31st, 2020, we will be collecting soft good and textiles.
- Anna Patton will collect and store the items until our submission date. If you have a donation, please contact her at (520) 444-1874 & she will arrange for drop off or have someone come and pick them up.
- This is a wonderful way to clear your hoard and help out our local community partners!

















Readers For Life



This year we received a grant to support our Readers For Life program, and things will have to be adjusted somewhat to keep books going to children, encouraging them

to read and be Readers For Life. Usually, Rocky the Raccoon would be in attendance at the schools when the books are given out.

We are hoping to be able to resume in school events in 2021 so some activities are still being planned. If you are interested in placing stickers on books, or other parts of this project, please contact Mike Rhodes at (520) 229-0367 or Patti Pace at (520) 241-6849.

Save the Bees and our Planet

We will be connecting with both local schools and several community organizations to distribute seed packets aimed at education about saving the bees and our plant.

The packets include wildflowers that attract both honey bees and native bees to their colorful blooms. Annual wildflowers are fast-growing and nectar-rich, playing an important role in supporting pollinators everywhere.

If you are interested in helping on this project, please contact Anna Patton at (520) 444-1874 or email her at:

annaaylaamber@aol.com.

Christmas Stockings

It is time to start collecting items to fill the Christmas Stockings for Mobile Meals. Last year was a very big success and we want to try fill another 100 this year. We will start handing out the empty stockings on Wed, September 9th at our upcoming collection event which will be



held off 22nd Street just west of the Zoo in the Reid Park parking lot under the solar panels.

HOLIDAY STOCKING LIST

Shampoo	Pens/Pencils	Manicure Set
Conditioner	Mouthwash	Tweezers
Lotions	Small Flashlight	Disposable Razors
Socks	Batteries	Gloves
Hand Sanitizer	Eyeglass Cases	Stationary / Note Cards
Kleenex - Small Pkg	Sun Block	Magnifying Glass
Toothpaste	Deodorant	Sugar Free Gum
Toothbrush	Playing Cards	Lightweight Blanket
Hand Soap	Emery Boards	Masks

If you cannot make it or need to make arrangements to receive a few stockings, please contact Mo Ryan at: (520) 870-0777 or email marleneseverson@msn.com.

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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! Please contact Anna Patton at (520) 444-1874 or email her at AZ66media@gmail.com to arrange for drop off or pick-up of your totes. She will be washing them and donating them to Emerge! Our local domestic violence center. They will be used by both their clients and their children during an unimaginable time of need.

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: kavread



Hope Women's Center of Coolidge, AZ

Hope Women's Center, Coolidge, AZ. Our chapter did a project in January providing health items for homeless women. Here is a list of items that they would like to have donated. Our 2020 grant from Telecom Pioneers will purchase some and we plan to donate them to the center in October or November. If you want to shop for additional items, they will be much appreciated by the clients

DONATION ITEMS NEEDED

Toothbrush **Toothpaste** Deodorant Socks Shampoo Wipes Feminine hygiene products

If you would like additional information on this project, please contact Barbara Palmer at (520) 403-4668 or via email at:













Military

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SACC FUNDRAISING EVENTS



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!





Contact Priscilla Lujan at: (520) 298-5400 or palujan@g.com.



