

PHOENIX THUNDERBIRD CLUB

Arizona Chapter #66

* MARCH / APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER *



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT

This year is the 110th ANNIVERSARY of PIONEERS! Can you name another service organization that has been helping individuals and communities for 110 years?! A Pioneers calendar is printed and distributed every year. This year, Headquarters is asking for old telephone company career photos to use in the 2022 calendar. If you have any photos pre-1990 (preferably from the 30s through the 60s) from your telephone days to contribute, please contact either Laura or Caron. Please do not submit original photos (unless you do not wish to have them back) as they cannot be returned to you. Deadline to submit photos is **April 15, 2021**. A permission to print form signed by any living person in the photo has to be delivered with the photos. Calendars may be ordered online at www.pioneersvolunteer.org.

Laura Warren and Caron Personke

MARCH 3 "Care Givers Appreciation Day"

Many Pioneers are caregivers. This is a day of recognition for you, included with the tens of millions of Americans, who selflessly give unpaid time to care for those who are ill, disabled, or elderly, most often a family member. These care givers silently go about the task of supporting someone in need of assistance. **Thank you** to the Pioneers, Partners, Family and Friends who are caregivers. You are all very much appreciated.

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

We are still in the midst of the pesky COVID-19 pandemic. It is a challenge to stay safely isolated, but we can meet that challenge and stay well. Please practice the **3-Ws** set forth by healthcare scientists: **W**ear your face mask, **W**atch your distance to others, and **W**ash your hands often. Please stay well !

**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH:
NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK:
VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DAY:**

**APRIL
APRIL 18-24, 2021
APRIL 20, 2021**



VOLUNTEERS ARE APPRECIATED

In the U.S., April is **NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH** – a month dedicated to observing the importance of volunteering and honoring the significant contributions volunteers make by generously donating their time and talents to helping in their communities. They make big and small differences in the lives of millions of people all over the world as they improve lives and providing comfort. Thousands of volunteers help keep many organizations running, communities safe, and provide countless services by assisting people, animals, and nature.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DAY is celebrated worldwide. April 2021, has the same challenges as last year with Covid-19 around so celebrations are unfortunately low-key or nonexistent. Although festivities are absent, the appreciation for every Pioneer, family, and friend who volunteers is unlimited. **THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!**

\$\$\$ Brookdale Senior Living Discounts \$\$\$

Brookdale Senior Living offers Pioneers and their families discounts related to assisted living, independent living, memory care, skilled nursing, hospice, continuing care retirement communities and health care services. Senior Living residents enjoy a 7.5% off monthly fees, 10% off service rate for Private Duty Home Care and additional discounts for assisted living respite care. For more information call **844-585-5502** or visit **www.brookdale.com/pioneers** Use the code PIONEERS to redeem this offer.

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



2020 TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS 11,941

PIONEERS	6,821
PARTNERS	1,861
FAMILY	897
FRIENDS OF PIONEERING	1,781
OTHERS	581

100 HOURS = apx. 8 HOURS A MONTH

Volunteering 100 – 250 Hours: LINDA MATAKOVICH-Friend of Pioneering in Prescott, LAURA PEIKERT – Family, CHRIS BERGEN in Lake Havasu City, TOM NELSON.

Volunteering 250 – 500 Hours: NANCY THOMAS – Friend of Pioneering in Prescott, DON BERGEN in Lake Havasu City, PHYLISS KONAPA, DOROTHY McSHEE, RUTH BUCK, CAROLE SPIESS, VELMA MOORE, AUDREY GREGORY, ELLEN MILLER.

Volunteering 500 – 750 Hours: LOUISE RAY, MARLENE BEASLEY in Prescott.

Volunteering 750 – 1000 Hours: GLORIA GJELTEMA – Family.

Volunteering 1000 - 1500: DIANE GREENOUGH in Dewey, KAREN TILLSON – Friend of Pioneering.

Volunteering 1500 +: WANDA COTHRAN – Partner, CARON PERSONKE.

Thank you for all you do !!

Please remember to report all volunteer hours to Laura Warren

PIONEER WEBSITE – easy access to Pioneer information

<https://aztelecompioneers.org>

“If we shouldn’t eat at night, why do they put a light in the fridge?”

IN MEMORIAM



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

FRED DELGADO 02-20-55/12-20-20 "Fred retired from Century Link with over 30 years of dedicated service. Sadly, within a three-week time frame, Fred, Fred's wife and his mother all passed away from COVID-19."

BARBARA J. PISKE 07-07-37/ 01-01-21

"Barbara retired from USWest with at least 30 years of service. She and her husband, Robert, also a retiree, were members of Telephone Pioneers and the Phone Folks campers."

ALBERT CATARINO 01-09-21 78 years of age

"Albert worked for AT&T and Lucent Technologies until his retirement in 1999 when he became a permanent Phoenix resident."

JON WESLEY "WES" PIERCE 05-25-38 /01-01-21

"In Sept.1969, he quit his job in Indianapolis and moved to Phoenix, AZ, where he was employed with Mountain Bell as a Marketing Rep, later working in Security with AT&T."

GEORGE R. DOTEN 01-15-21 73 years of age

"In 1971, George went to work for Mountain Bell, the local telephone company in Phoenix, Az (later becoming Qwest Communications). He retired in 2008 with 37 years as a Central Office Technician. Throughout his career, he was highly recognized for his excellent workmanship. He was honored with "The President's Award" for designing and installing, statewide, an interoffice program for maintenance to help assist Field Technicians. He was also selected for his expertise in Fiber and Video to be a part of a technical team for setting up all broadcast video equipment for the Super Bowl at Sun Devil Stadium in 1996. He was also selected for a team to provide the video transport to all venues at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City."

NANCI (LABBE) TRENARY 01-18-21

RITA A. RINGLE 01-2021

ROSALIE EVA SHOAFSTALL 05-16-27/01-04-21

"Rosalie worked at Northwestern Bell until her retirement when she and her husband moved to Apache Junction."

KARL FREDRICK GAITHER, JR. 08-29-33 / 01-26-21

"Karl took a position with the telephone company, then called Mountain States, beginning his impressive, 35-year career as a Lineman with the Construction Department. In 1967 he was promoted to a management position. Karl became Manager of the Douglas office in 1968, an assignment he truly enjoyed. He also enjoyed Arizona Phone Folks. In the early 70's, Karl become Manager of Network Services in Tucson until his retirement on February 28, 1990"

BOBBY GENE COPPINGER 01-19-34 / 02-01-21

"Bobby worked for over 33 years and retired from Mountain Bell."

VETERANS GET A BIG ASSIST FOR THEIR EYES!

A big thank you to Pioneer **DAVID TEJADA** who generously donated a large collection of eyeglasses for veterans. The charitable donation was a great boon to the veterans' hospital eye clinic, the veterans in CLC, and many in-hospital patients. They all benefited from the **500** pairs of eyeglasses - mostly readers ("cheaters"), **700** brand new eyeglass cases and at least **100** pairs of sunglasses. Items were sanitized by hospital personnel. Many veterans were aided!

VETERANS ARE GRATEFUL FOR GIFT CARDS

A big thank you to an anonymous Pioneer who generously donated **EIGHT (8)** Gift Cards for Veterans. Each Gift Card was for **\$35**, which helped 8 veterans-in-need with purchasing groceries or personal needs.

Because of the COVID-19 lockdown, the services for veterans who are in need and/or homeless have very stringent restrictions and the VA is not accepting any donations that cannot be sanitized. The only items they are able to accept are gift cards to Fry's, Target, Walmart, etc. or (Mastercard®, Visa®) gift cards to help pay utilities, telephone bill, etc.

WRITE A NOTE TO A MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT

Join National Medal of Honor Museum and Janine Strange (woman whose goal was to sing the national anthem at events in all 50 states) in sending a note to a Medal of Honor veteran. One mission of the MOM and its associated education center is to commemorate the Medal of Honor recipients, those who have received the nation's highest medal for valor in combat.

There are 69 living Medal of Honor recipients. March 25, 2021, is a day set aside to honor these veterans, and you may participate! Go online to the gallery on Medal of Honor website **www.MOHMuseum.org/mail-call-2021** to read about the MOH recipients who are living and would enjoy receiving a letter, card, or note from a fellow American. The information includes date and details of the incident that caused the veteran to be awarded the MOH, their birthday, in which war they served, home state, and branch of the service.

Send your note to National Medal of Honor Museum ATTN: (Recipient's Name), 1905 East Randol Mill Road, Arlington, TX 76011. If you don't have access to the website, contact Ellen E. Miller 623-546-9223 for help locating the name of one (or more) of the MOH veterans.

Remember to report all volunteer hours to Laura Warren 602-574-0437



BECOME A “BLANKETEER”

“PROJECT LINUS” Over 8,560,099 blankets delivered since 1999.

You know Linus Van Pelt from the Peanuts® comics, famous for always having his security blanket. “Project Linus” is a volunteer organization, made up of “Blanketeers”, that you can help while you are living the COVID-19 cloistered life. If you knit or crochet - *or don’t do either* - you can make handmade blankets which are distributed to veterans, children of military, children’s hospitals, shelters, schools, and to firehouses.

Fleece blankets can be made by following a relatively simple pattern – and it *does not* entail tying knots. It was discovered that the knots made on the “knotted fringe blankets” would easily become entangled in medical equipment such as IV tubing. The Valley Chapter uses a pattern of only making cuts in the fleece fabric and following a simple template. Fleece blankets are only one single layer of fabric. Dimensions are specified for making a blanket for a child - ages 0 to 18 - or an adult. As the blankets are given throughout the year, no holiday themed fleece fabric should be used. When purchasing fleece, please remember the fleece should be bright colors, fun designs, with children in mind.

After you have completed your blankets, put them in a plastic bag with Phoenix Thunderbird Club information on a sheet of paper tucked inside. There are various drop-off locations throughout the Valley, including quilting shops (such as Arizona Quilt Shop), fabric and sewing shops (such as Mulqueen), and stores such as JoAnn Fabric and Craft. Drop-off locations are listed on the website **www.projectlinus-phxwv.org** For help getting started, please contact Laura Warren or Ellen E. Miller



Chapter 66 Scholarships

Two postsecondary scholarships for **\$1000.** **each** are being offered by Chapter 66. Rules and Application Form are attached and may also be found on website **aztelecompioneers.org**

REMEMBER DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS:

MONDAY *MARCH 15, 2021 6:00 P.M.*

Applications may be submitted online or by post office mail or in person. If mailing by post office, please be sure to allow adequate time for the mail service so your application arrives before the deadline.

Submit to Chapter Scholarship Chair, Louise Rebholz, 3220 W Ina, #10206.
Tucson, AZ 85741 **louiserebholz@msn.com** 520-297-9151

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

(Revised November 2020)

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 if incoming student.
 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, 2021, 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



**Arizona Chapter 66
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

(Revised November 2020)

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