

Southern AZ Combined Club



Winter 2021 —Newsletter

Legacy West

*The 2021 luncheons have been cancelled for now.
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](#)

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 zippalmer@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

Karl Fredrick Gaither Jr. (Jan 2021)

Walter "Rusty" Long (Jan 2021)

George Walter "Walt" Stead (Dec 2020)

Marge Olcott (Oct 2020)

Concepcion "Connie" Gallardo (Sept 2020)

Lawrence E Nickelson (Sept 2020)

Ron and Allyne Woolery (May 2020 & June 2020)

Please visit our In Memory Page

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/](https://aztelecompioneers.org/southern-az-club/)



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Fellow Pioneers!

It is 2021 and I want to bring you up to date on how our past year concluded, and what we have planned for this year.

We were able to complete all of our grants and keep up with our regular club ongoing projects. Even with Covid, our volunteers made the adjustments necessary to still carry on the work and do it safely. Our Easter egg hunt for the Deaf and Blind School delivered 125 filled baskets to be given out to the elementary age kids at the school. Our Readers for Life events purchased books, sacked them up individually with a book mark and a personal note from Rocky the Reader for Life Raccoon, and the schools gave them out to 2nd and 3rd graders in their drive by student/teacher meet up events. The Hope Women's Center received a box of women's underwear, their most needed item, along with some additional women's feminine products. We had a wildly successful Stocking Event this year, over 86 delivered to Mobile Meals had a hand made lap robe with each filled stocking. Over 250 lap robes were given out this year. School supplies were purchased and collected and given to 3 elementary schools. Our two soft goods drives raised money for the club as well as a fantastic showing of support selling Jim Click tickets! The For the Bees project got 1000 seed packets out into the community to be planted to encourage wildflowers for our local bees. Items were collected and given to homeless Vets.

Our volunteers are still creating and distributing Hug a Bears; we are not working in person but doing all the work at home and meeting in parking lots when needed to exchange supplies. Our Drive by Drop off events went so well this year, we will be doing more of them in 2021. This is an opportunity to bring your soft goods, things for Treasures 4 Teachers, school supplies, and donations to our partner projects like Emerge, Gospel Rescue Mission, and others. Also, there is a desperate need for luggage for clients of the Emerge Domestic Violence center at this time. Do you have any pieces in good shape that you could donate? Many times, these people leave with few belongings and have them in a trash bag. Decent luggage allows them dignity during relocation.

So, watch your email or our web site for upcoming events and ways you can help. No luncheons are scheduled yet, but we'll let you know as soon as they are resumed.

Stay safe, stay healthy, I so look forward to meeting up with you again soon!

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 Pioneers alive and helps us to
support the community we call home.*

SACC PROJECTS

Hug-A-Bears

Even through tough times, we still deliver Hug-A-Bears to Rural Metro Fire – Pima County. This is Paul Chau receiving the bears each month.



Ivey Stamper, who has been sewing hug a bears for us. Dropping off sewn bears, picking up 100 more to sew. Ivey retired in 1980, and is still volunteering! Thank you, Ivey!

From our board member Jan Pitts: "You can tell what I have been doing the last couple months. Some going to Rural Metro. Each bag has 25 Hug-A-Bears."



Thank you to everyone who keeps the HAB train moving!

Drive-By Drop-Offs

We had successful drive-by drop-offs for the SACC Pioneers. Working on military support, Hug-A-Bears, Treasures 4 Teachers of Tucson, school supplies, Jim Click raffle tickets, pop tops for Ronald McDonald house, Christmas stockings, and of course our soft goods drive fundraising for the club! Keep an eye out for future drive-by drop-off events!



Helping our Community



A BIG thank you to our members Sherry Daughtry and Mo Ryan for their continued work in our local community.



They have been working on a project in partnership with their local church to deliver lap robes, food, masks, etc to students & families in need to the John B. Wright Elementary School.

Readers For Life

Mike and Mary Rhodes delivered 180 books to Manzo Elementary School on Thursday. The principal, Steven La Turco came out to their car to pick them up and to thank them. The books will be given to kids before Christmas break.



Patti Pace delivered 180 books today to from SACC to Drachman Montessori Magnet school. Their librarian, Josie, will get them out to all the 2nd and 3rd graders!



SACC PROJECTS

Holiday FUNDrive

A big thank you to everyone who donated items for our Holiday FUNDrive. We were able to successfully collect enough items to sell to SAVERS and earn \$197 for our club. Before turning over the items, we do take the time to try and find anything that can be used in other projects. We were able to find several new with tags clothing items to donate to Emerge! Domestic Violence shelter, lap robes for our seniors project and some new long johns that will be donated to a local men's homeless shelter. A special thank you to our young volunteers (Amber Patton, Doug Currier, Melissa Reich, Julian Maldonado and Ayla Patton) as well as our tried and true veterans (Patti Pace, Priscilla Lujan, David Spear and Anna Patton). Their help (and more importantly their muscles, were a huge plus with this project).



Totes for Good Donation to Emerge!

This month's donation to the Emerge! Domestic Violence Shelter – 51 tote bags, 30 pieces of new clothes, 4 purses, 2 large packages of feminine products.

Emerge is in dire need right now. If anyone would like to donate any totes, luggage or new with tags clothing, please contact Anna Patton at (520) 444-1874.



End Of the Year Lap Robe Delivery

This year, we gave out 250 lap robes with 5 left towards our 2021. We donated to 7 facilities, including:

Sabino Rehab – 70
Mobile Meals – 86
Groves Assisted Living – 23
Woodlands Palm Memory Care – 37
Frances Adult Care – 20
Ohana Senior Care – 4
All Comforts of Home – 10



A special thank you to John & Mary Seagle for heading up this special project.

Touching the lives of so many in our community is both the goal and drive of the Pioneer spirit.

Stockings for Mobile Meals of Southern Arizona

We had another successful Christmas Stocking delivery, we delivered 86 stockings to Mobile Meals this morning, they were so excited to get them for their clients. We want to thank everyone who donated all goodies for our stockings. We're glad they will have a Christmas surprise. Thank you to Patti Pace, Kathy Kisro, Larry Mingo, & Ed Ryan for getting all stockings delivered and a special thank you to Mo Ryan for being the lead on this project. Your dedication is inspiring. We hope you all have Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



SACC UPCOMING PROJECTS / VOLUNTEERING

SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

As a part of our military outreach, we have been partnering with the American Legion here in town by collecting empty bills bottles. We will be continuing this effort, but would like to expand this by encouraging our members to donate any items that could be used to help homeless veterans get back on their feet. Items like small household appliances and décor would be greatly appreciated.



There will also be a fundraiser on February 21st at the Texas Roadhouse on the Eastside by Park Place Mall. Just mention American Legion post 36 to ensure a portion of your final bill is calculated as part of their fund raising efforts.

Our Military Chair, Tom Bivens, has a great selection of hats and flags for sale. Hats are \$11, and two sizes of American flags are available for \$18 and \$25. He can also take old worn out flags and have them properly disposed of. If you need a new one and want to retire your old flag with respect, feel free to contact Tom Bivens at (575) 802-3135



SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Going forward, we have opted to buy school supplies and donate them directly to the schools instead of filling individual backpacks. Listed are some of the school supplies that we are in need of. If you would like to pick up a few items, you can bring them to our next drive-by drop-off.

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| • Hi-lighters | Journals |
| • Kleenex packets | Dry erase markers |
| • Lined paper – wide ruled | Pencil pouches |
| • Hand sanitizer | Spiral notebooks |
| • Rulers | 3-ring binders |
| • Staplers | |

For additional details, please contact Jan Pitts by phone (520) 403-1299 or email at sassiejan@gmail.com



Hope Women's Center of Coolidge, AZ

Hope Women's Center, Coolidge, AZ. Our chapter did a project in January 2020, & continued in to 2021, providing health items for homeless women. Here is a list of items that they would like to have donated. If you want to shop for additional items, they will be much appreciated by the clients.

Please contact Barbara Palmer at (520) 403-4668 or via email at: zippalmer@aol.com for more information

DONATION ITEMS NEEDED

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|---------------------------|------------|
| Toothbrush | Toothpaste |
| Deodorant | Socks |
| Shampoo | Wipes |
| Feminine hygiene products | |

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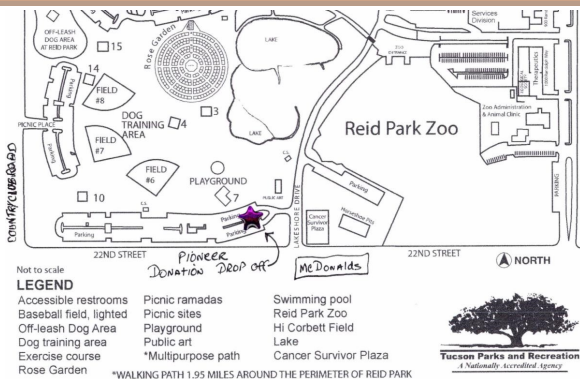


TOTES, TOTES & MORE TOTES

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.

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.



SACC Sprint 2021 FUNDrive

- The FUNDrive is a way for our club to collect & donate items that our club will get paid for by the pound.
- Between Feb 7th and April 7th, 2021, 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 So AZ community partners!



What we accept
All items must be in good, clean, and sellable condition.



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

2021 DRIVE-BY DROP-OFFS: FEBRUARY & MARCH

Thanks in part to our board of directors and project chairs, our drive-by drop-offs in 2020 were a great success. We want to keep that momentum going we have scheduled 2 events for this spring. Wed Feb 24th and Wed March 24th. This is an opportunity to bring any items for our ongoing projects and give them to the project chair.

From 9 to 1030, you can drive by Reid Park, off of 22nd street, just west of the Zoo. We'll be set up under the solar panels (for shade, of course!) and you can bring a lawn chair and mask and sit a spell or just do a drive by drop off. If you can't come by, but have some items to donate, please contact Patti Pace at (520) 241-6849 and she will arrange a non-contact pick-up with one of our volunteers.

←————Map of Drop-Off Location



Education



Life Enrichment



Health & Human Services



Environment



Military

SACC FUNDRAISING EVENTS



Our club will again be participating in the Jim Click Millions for Tucson Raffle. Mr. Click will let us know on Feb 19th what vehicle will be featured 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 2020, 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 may be small, but the funds collected will be used for helping those in need. Thanks to you, this is big win for our community. Needs are greater than ever at this time. Contact Priscilla Lujan at (520) 298-5400, or palujan@q.com for more details. If you leave a message I will return your call. Tickets will become available this spring.

2021 Chapter 66 Scholarships are available now



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