

PHOENIX THUNDERBIRD CLUB

Arizona Chapter #66

* MARCH / APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER *



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT



Beware of SCAMS ! Always check the email address shown as the “From” party. Recently, some members have received emails from “Lauren Warren” asking that you buy gift cards to donate to veterans. It states the sender has confidence in you to do this for her and because she is “out of state” she just can’t do it. (1) Phoenix Thunderbird President is Laura not Lauren (2) Laura would not randomly contact you through a poorly worded email asking you to do something for her. (3) As we are all aware, Pioneers cannot donate gift cards! Just a heads up – when you receive an email purportedly from one of the Board Members, please check the sender’s email address. If it looks like alphabet soup, it’s probably not one of our legitimate email addresses! Scammers are always after our money!

Laura Warren and Caron Personke

LUNCHEON WINNERS: CASH DRAWING

JANUARY 2022: Pat Dwyer and Cindy Krey

FEBRUARY 2022: Audrey Gregory and Mary Hensell

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

**APRIL
APRIL 17-23, 2022
APRIL 20, 2022**



VOLUNTEERS ARE APPRECIATED

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

Every once in a while, I hear that someone has been helping a neighbor with grocery shopping or calling the neighbor just to check-in, to ask how they are doing, asking if they need anything. I understand one member is walking a neighbor's dog while the neighbor is recovering from surgery. You do know those are countable volunteer hours, right?!

Volunteer hours are very important to the Pioneers organization. We just know we are under-reporting the time our wonderful members are helping out!

Thousands of volunteers help keep many organizations running, communities safe, and provide countless services by assisting people, animals, and nature. Please keep track of the "good deeds" you do by helping our communities, schools, animals, veterans, each other - anything you do to "answer the call of those in need".

Then, at the end of each month, **PLEASE** REPORT those hours to our Participation Chair, Laura Warren. Just a note is fine: "I volunteered (x-number) of hours."

Email Laura: lmwaz@msn.com or Call Laura: **602-574-0437**



Phoenix Thunderbird Club 2021

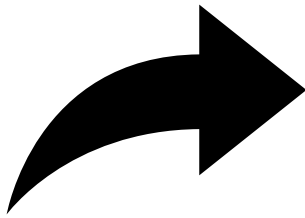
TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS 9,021

Thank you for all you do !!

Please remember:

Report your volunteer hours to Laura Warren

lmwaz@msn.com 602-574-0437



1,500-YEAR-OLD LOOKING FOR HELP

Pueblo Grande Museum and Archaeological Park, located at 4619 E. Washington Street, Phoenix, is a 1,500-year-old archaeological site, left by the Hohokam culture, and museum that is looking for **volunteers** to be "Front Desk Ambassadors".

Front Desk Ambassadors meet visitors from all over the globe! These volunteers assist with all aspects of visitor services at the Museum: reception desk, admission, registration for public programs, visitor statistics. There may be various openings - you might work in Arts administration, Office reception, Management, Administrative support, or Customer support.

The Museum offers a handicap accessible 2/3-mile interpretive trail on a prehistoric village site. Visitors view a platform mound, ballcourt, and irrigation canals. Indoor exhibits feature artifacts from the site and hands-on activities for kids. This National Historic Landmark and Phoenix Point of Pride has been a part of the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department since 1929. Call the Museum for information to set up volunteering (they'll work with your availability) 602-495-0901.

IN MEMORIAM



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

ROBERT "BOB" KABE Age 83 12-26-21

"Bob and Nancy moved to Arizona from Pennsylvania in 1979, to work with his long time employer AT&T, until he retired in 2002".

JUNE DEBUSK 01-27-22

"June worked for the telephone company, (Mountain Bell & U.S. West) in Phoenix and retired with 30 years of service. She was a Telecom Pioneer."

VETERANS NEWS Carole Spiess (602) 242-1026

TWELVE (12) more t-shirts and a bag of twelve socks were donated by a Pioneer at our January luncheon! That brings our **total** number of t-shirts donated for the veterans at CLC to **NINETY-TWO (92)**! Thank you all for your generous response to our T-shirts for Vets drive!

The CLC is the Community Living Center where Veterans may stay for a short time or, in rare instances, for the rest of their life. It is a place where Veterans can receive various areas of care including nursing home level of care, (which includes help with activities of daily living e.g., bathing and getting dressed) and skilled nursing and medical care, restorative care, palliative care, and hospice care.

Most Community Living Centers are on or close to the campus of a VA medical center. Arizona has 3 CLC locations: Phoenix, Prescott, and Tucson. The baseball caps and t-shirt and aroma therapy donations which Phoenix Thunderbird Club has made helps brighten the veterans' day in Phoenix.

Eight minutes, 20 seconds.

That's how long it takes for light to travel from the Sun to Earth. In that same amount of time, you could write a note to mail to a veteran at the CLC just to say "Hello" and let these veterans know you are thinking of them. Mail your greetings to: A CLC Veteran. 650 E. Indian School Road, Phoenix. 85012-1839

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! December 5, 6, and 7, 2022
American Legion Auxiliary VETERANS' GIFT SHOP. More information will be coming. *This is a FUN and REWARDING event that Pioneers have participated in for many years.*



Chapter 66 Scholarships

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

aztelecompioneers.org

REMEMBER DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS:

MONDAY *MARCH 15, 2022 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 Questions? Contact Louise. If applicant does not have access to website, contact Louise.

HUG-A-BEARS Monthly Workshops resume *

Over **1600** Hug-A-Bears were delivered in 2021 to several locations and, so far in 2022, **320** bears have been delivered to Valleywise Medical Center.

The recent Workshop proved how busy the Hug-A -Bear makers are! WANDA COTHRAN brought 237 ready-to-stuff bears to the recent Workshop. KAREN TILLSON brought 110 pre-stuffed bears ready for their final stitching. LOUISE RAY and LINDA MASON brought 51 completed bears. At the close of the Workshop, **180** new bears were ready for delivery!

These bears make their way into children's hands to give them some comfort in stressful times – whether it's a first day of school or a family emergency. Thank you to our dedicated Hug-A-Bears team!

- MARCH 15, 2022 WORKSHOP
- APRIL 19, 2022 WORKSHOP

Contact CARON PERSONKE for information. cp4tbird@gmail.com



WE HAVE A NEW MEMBER BENEFIT, **Lenovo computers**. Pioneers are eligible to save up to 30% off the everyday public price of the entire line of Lenovo products, including laptops, tablets, desktops, accessories, and more. Members also receive free ground shipping on all web orders and can take advantage of monthly limited-time special offers.

For more information, and ordering:

1-800-426-7235 or visit www.lenovo.com/us/en/pioneers.

WANTED: BIB MAKERS

VALLEYLIFE IS CELEBRATING ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

VALLEYLIFE needs adult sized lined bibs for their clients (who are referred to as members) with disabilities. The members represent diverse ethnic backgrounds and range in age from one to more than 86 years old. VALLEYLIFE members' diagnoses range from physical, developmental, and cognitive disabilities to behavioral health diagnoses, age-related conditions, mental illness, and traumatic brain injury.

The bibs are washed daily so a large supply is always needed, and they are always in need of more. To make the bibs, any material, even old towels, is fine. Bib measurements are 30" long and 18" wide. VALLEYLIFE may even be able to get fabric donated to you. Director Ann may even pick up your finished bibs – so no extra traveling is even necessary! Call Ann for more information 602-236-6385.

VALLEYLIFE is a 501(c)3 organization. Since 1947, they have been assisting individuals with disabilities in the greater Phoenix community to live a full and meaningful life. They provide services to individuals with disabilities to enhance their quality of life. VALLEYLIFE offers its members opportunities and assists the Valley with production services including shrink wrapping, order fulfillment, assembly, sorting, kitting, labeling, and packaging, as well as services in the janitorial, customer service, retail, and restaurant industries. VALLEYLIFE is located at 1142 W. Hatcher Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85021. Main Phone Number: 602-371-0806

WHAT'S SOMETHING YOU LIKE TO DO ?
No doubt there's some place that needs what you can offer!

PIONEER WEBSITE – easy access to Pioneer information

<https://aztelecompioneers.org>

There's even a 12th century
Norman replica castle!

The Irish Cultural Center and McClelland Library needs **volunteers** to provide visitors with informative tours of the center and library as well as volunteers to help the public in the library. Duties may include leading tours, providing information regarding the Irish Cultural Center and McClelland Library, answering phones, and performing some light administrative work. Previous experience is not required, they provide all training. And, of course, you don't have to be Irish!

The Irish Cultural Center began in 1999 with their An Gorta Mor (A Great Hunger) Memorial and have since become a more than 5,000 square foot facility, complete with a 12th century Norman replica castle. The Center has a constant stream of events relating to Irish and Celtic culture, for adults and school children. In 2019, the Irish Cultural Center and McClelland Library was host to the International Famine Commemoration and continues to be a symbol of Irish heritage in the Southwest.

The Irish Cultural Center and McClelland Library are open in September through May on Tuesday through Saturday and in June and July on Wednesdays & Thursdays only. Closed the month of August.

Contact to volunteer: 1106 North Central Avenue, Phoenix. 602-258-0109

**** LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS ****

LUNCHEON: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022

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

LOCATION: RED DEVIL Italian Restaurant. 3004 E. Bell Road, Phoenix 85032

MENU: Featuring Lasagna, green salad.

DEADLINE to make reservations FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2022

MEMBER / LIFE MEMBER NAME: _____

SPOUSE / 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 MARCH luncheon at the beginning of MARCH.



**** LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS ****

LUNCHEON: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022

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

LOCATION: TOP SHELF Mexican Restaurant. 3301 W. Greenway Road, Phoenix

MENU: Selection of general Mexican food menu

DEADLINE to make reservations FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2022

MEMBER / LIFE MEMBER NAME: _____

SPOUSE / GUEST NAME(S): _____

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

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