

# PHOENIX THUNDERBIRD CLUB

Arizona Chapter #66

\* NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER \*



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The Newsletter, published 5 times a year, contains Phoenix Thunderbird Club Pioneer news.

A subscription for the hard-copy Phoenix Thunderbird Club Newsletter, to be mailed to your door, is only **\$10.** for the 2023 subscription year (January / December 2023). This \$10. helps defray the costs of printing the Newsletter, buying envelopes, and postage. You may choose to send your \$10. check in **November or December 2022.**

**\* MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Phoenix Thunderbird Club \***

- Mail your check to **Laura Warren**, Club President. 6359 W. Villa Rita Drive, Glendale, AZ 85308

**If you choose to send more than \$10** the additional money will be accepted as a donation to Phoenix Thunderbird Club.

If you want to receive the Newsletter **only by email**, send your name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address in an email to [eem4tbird@outlook.com](mailto:eem4tbird@outlook.com).



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*Please include this information slip in the envelope with your check so we are able to verify that our Newsletter records are current. Thank you!*

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## VETERANS CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP

For many years, Phoenix Thunderbird Club has assisted the American Legion Auxiliary as they hold a Veterans Christmas Gift Shop providing, free-of-charge, gifts for veterans to select for their families. The veterans are either hospitalized or otherwise unable to shop for Christmas presents. Mark **DECEMBER 6, 7, AND 8, 2022**, on your calendar to come be a "Santa's helper" at the fun Gift Shop. Thanks to Pioneers none of the money collected by the ALA throughout the year had to be spent on wrapping items. (Bring some wrapping paper, bows, tape to any luncheon if you wish). Because of lingering Covid concerns, the location of the Gift Shop will once again be at American Legion Post 1 instead of at the VA Hospital. For more information on volunteering at this rewarding event, contact Carole Spiess or Ellen E. Miller.

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## HUG – A – BEARS

Hug-A-Bears group is going strong. Wanda Cothran has recently made over 500 bears to be stuffed and Karen Tillson has stuffed over 300 bears. Contact Caron Personke for information [cp4tbird@gmail.com](mailto:cp4tbird@gmail.com)

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**THINKING OF ALL VETERANS \* THANK YOU !!**

**\* VETERANS DAY AND EVERYDAY\***

**VETERANS DAY OBSERVED NOVEMBER 11**

**THANK YOU VETERANS**



## REVIEW OF OFFICIAL PROJECT LIST

A Phoenix Thunderbird Club Official Project List was prepared many years ago for reporting volunteer hours to AZ/NM Chapter 66 and HQ. The Projects listed below are some that we are unsure if anyone is still actively volunteering with these. Please read the list and IF you are participating in any way with any of these activities, please call President, Laura Warren 602-574-0437 or email [lmwaz@msn.com](mailto:lmwaz@msn.com) to provide an update. THANK YOU!

Animal Shelter	Do you volunteer at an Animal Shelter? Foster pets? Adoption Events? Therapy Horses?
City Boards/Committee	Do you serve on a Board or Committee in your city? Rec Center? Senior Center? Little League umpire?
Civitan Service Club	Do you work with Civitan Organization, the volunteer organization with an emphasis on helping people with developmental disabilities? There appears to be one Civitan Club in Phoenix. <i>For many years, a Pioneer couple in Lake Havasu worked closely with the Civitan Club there. That club closed so volunteering there was no longer available.</i>
New Horizons	New Horizons, a non-profit transportation system, began with a handful of volunteers in the Prescott area wanting to help with transportation needs, primarily in rural areas, of disabled residents.
Environmental	Are you in a group that picks up trash on streets or highways? Recycling group? Volunteering to help protect the environment in any way?
Master Gardeners	Master Gardeners are certified volunteers that work with local residents to answer questions about gardening, landscaping, plant identification, and plant problems. Maricopa County, in conjunction with University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, sponsors Master Gardeners. Are you a Master Gardener?
Nursing Homes	Do you volunteer at a Skilled Nursing Center (Nursing Home)? Calling bingo? Playing card games? Entertaining with song dance, magic - any specialty? Visit with the residents? Take your Therapy Dog to visit?



**WISHING EVERYONE A WONDERFUL  
HOLIDAY SEASON!**

Thinking warmly of each of you and wishing you  
and yours an extra measure of comfort, peace, and joy.  
BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND HEALTHY **2023 !!**



**Mickman's Wreaths \* Chapter Fundraiser**

**Do some holiday shopping and help Chapter 66 in one easy step!**

**2022 Preordering is open. Delivery begins November 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**\$8.00 per product ordered is sent to Chapter 66 – Items may be shipped to  
different addresses on one order – with free shipping per order.**

- Order online: [GiftItForward.com](https://GiftItForward.com)
- Enter Code when ordering: **LEGACYAZ002**

Feel free to contact Legacy West representative Patti Pace 520-261-6849 for any assistance.

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- Read about Pioneer Chapter 66 and Club activities online at the Chapter website  
<https://aztelecompioneers.org>
  - Read about Pioneers HQ Legacy West <https://pioneersvolunteer.org>



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**HELP THE MANY CHARITIES THAT WORK  
TO COMBAT HOLIDAY HUNGER**

*CHARITIES ENLIST EXTRA VOLUNTEERS TO HELP AT HOLIDAY SEASON*

Check with **neighborhood organizations** and **churches** or **locations** of  
organizations such as the Salvation Army to assist with serving Holiday Meals.  
One example is the Salvation Army location in Surprise, 17420 N. Avenue of the  
Arts, which is requesting volunteers on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas.  
Call Salvation Army 623-977-1084 to volunteer.



## HELLO ? HOW ARE YOU ?

Discussions have been held by the Board of creating a “Care Calling” project in 2023. Police departments and various organizations have “We Care” programs which arrange “callers and callees”. The idea is to stay in touch with members of our Pioneer family. Just a quick telephone call visit, probably once a month, to check-in with any member wishing to have a “Telephone Pal”. A list would be compiled and divided among callers – and the calls would begin! Please contact Club President Laura Warren if you are interested in being on either end of the telephone call. The feedback will then be analyzed by Board members to determine if the project would be viable. Contact Club President Laura Warren to give her your thoughts on a “Care Project”. **Laura Warren 602-574-0437** or email **lmwaz@msn.com** or talk with any Board member at the luncheons.

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## Tax deductible donation



At this time of year, we are all considering the filing of 2022 Tax Return. Here’s an easy deductible charitable donation: Phoenix Thunderbird Club

Yes - Any contribution received by December 31, is eligible for a 2022 tax deduction. Please remember Pioneers organization is a 501 (c)(3) which is a charity designation.

**NOTE:** FBI unveiled more than 90,000 elderly Americans were scammed out of \$1.7 billion in the US just last year. Don’t let the scammers get your money ... donate to PTC!



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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



## TREASURES 4 TEACHERS

Our longtime, dedicated T4T volunteer, Dorothy McShee, has moved out of state. Anyone interested in volunteering at Treasures 4 Teachers on behalf of Phoenix Thunderbird Club, as a Board member, please contact Laura Warren. **Treasures 4 Teachers** is located at 3025 S. 48th St., Ste. 101, in Tempe. Pioneer volunteer Cindy Krey, who is the current contact for our T4T project, can give you info.  
Cindy gjcin1956@gmail.com 480-753-0805

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## Read to Ride Project

.....**B**icycles, helmets, and bike locks will be purchased with the Grant money awarded for the Read-to-Ride Project at Acacia School. As this is a year for the school's application for another A+ in their string of 3 A+s, Acacia made a special request that a few bicycles be displayed in the library earlier than usual so the A+ judges could see the bikes and understand the Pioneers' and the school's cooperative emphasis on reading. Four (4) 20" Kent-DREAD bicycles were purchased to display in the Acacia Library, as a representation of the Read to Ride Project implemented by Phoenix Thunderbird



## School Supplies

.....**E**ducation Chairs Barbara and Richard Hernandez visited Acacia Elementary School for discussions as to what school supplies the school still needed, after the Clubs initial donation of 720 spiral notebooks. Acacia administrators provided a list of some needed items and the remaining Grant money was used to purchase the following items:

- Three (3) cases of copy paper,
- Eight (8) packs of 6-each dry erase markers, and
- Sixty (60) more spiral notebooks were purchased.

## IN MEMORIAM

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

**STEPHEN JOSEPH BLEYER** 72 years of age. 09-24-21 He was employed with Mountain Bell/US West/Quest for 33 years

*If you are aware of any deaths or illnesses among our Pioneer family, please notify any Board Member. Thank you.*

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## ***VOLUNTEER AT SCHOOL HEARING AND VISION SCREENING***

The Sensory Screening Program supports hearing and vision screening for children in the State of AZ. The state mandates require that a program for hearing and vision screening be held for children in an effort to identify any impairments. Hearing and vision screenings are generally initiated at the beginning of the school year and are held in compliance with AZ State Law and Department of Health Guidelines.

Vision and hearing impairments may get in the way of a child's ability to learn and may go unnoticed. It's important to be pro-active. Without a screening test, a problem may not be found until a child develops educational or even medical problems. With screenings, a child's previously unrecognized problems may be identified.

The screenings are done with State approved screening equipment with current calibration, by Certified Hearing Screeners. VOLUNTEERS are needed to help keep the process moving. **Contact a nearby school or your school district office to find out when and how you can help!**

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### ***Cash Drawing Winners at Luncheons:***

***September: Lottie Novak \$25. Laura Warren \$25.***

Both winners donated their winnings back to Phoenix Thunderbird Club. Thank you for the \$50. donation to our Club coffers.

***October: Pearl Biedrzycki \$20.***

**\$ The Cash Drawing not only offers a chance for lucky diners to help pay for their lunch but it is also an easy way to contribute. Money collected helps support the Club charitable activities.**

**\*\*\*\* LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS \*\*\*\***

**LUNCHEON:** WEDNESDAY, **DECEMBER 14, 2022** \*Seating 11:30 AM \*Lunch 12:00 Noon

**PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE IS NOT THE USUALLY SCHEDULED LUNCHEON DAY**

**PLEASE NOTE THE PRICE CHANGE FOR THIS LUNCHEON**

**LOCATION:** **GEORGE YANG'S CHINESE CUISINE** 6048 N. 16<sup>th</sup> St. Phoenix

**DEADLINE to make reservations** FRIDAY DECEMBER 09, 2022

**MEMBER / LIFE MEMBER NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GUEST NAME(S):** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS:** \_\_\_\_\_ Each reservation is \* **\$21.00** \*

*Please make checks payable to:* Phoenix Thunderbird Club

- ✓ Mail to: Barbara Hernandez, 6101 W. Desert Cove Ave. Glendale, AZ 85304  
or call Laura Warren (602) 862-0411 with questions about reservations
- ✓ Cancellations must be made no later than **48 hours prior to the luncheon** to be eligible for a refund.



**\*\*\*\* LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS \*\*\*\***

**LUNCHEON:** WEDNESDAY, **NOVEMBER 16, 2022** \*Seating 11:30 AM \*Lunch 12:00 Noon

**LOCATION:** **MANDARAN SUPER BUFFET** 1501 W. Bethany Home Rd. Phoenix

**DEADLINE to make reservations** FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2022

**MEMBER / LIFE MEMBER NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GUEST NAME(S):** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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