

Southern AZ Combined Club



Winter 2023 —Newsletter

Legacy West

LUNCHEONS—2023!

Jan 18th Luncheon - Guadalajara Original Grill

Feb 15th Luncheon - TBD

March 15th Luncheon—TBD

Keep an eye on your email 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 Join The Pioneers](#)

A Friends and Family member may even want to 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! Sign up online or print & fill out this [form](#) & send it to Barbara Palmer via email to bpalmer@legacywestpioneers.org, via Fax (520) 531-0349, or mail it to her at 241 E Belcourte Place, Oro Valley, AZ 85737. 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

Glenn Theiss (1946 — 01/07/2023)

Richard Becker (1943 — 10/06/2022)

LeVerne Acosta (1937 — 09/21/2022)

(Julia) Ann Archer (— 09/20/2022)

Please visit the [In Memory Page](#)

*"A picture is worth a thousand words,
but the memories are priceless"*

Please notify our Fellowship Chair Bonnie Stahlbush of any illness or passing of Pioneers or their family members. Bonnie can be reached by email at:

bstahlbush@comcast.net

You can text or call her at: (520) 390-4795

2023-2024 Southern AZ Combined Club Officers:

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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/>



2023 Scholarships Are Open.

[Click Here for more info!](#)

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome Pioneers to Winter 2023!

Here I am starting out the New Year with a new position too. I'm Mo Ryan and I just wanted to introduce myself. A little background; I'm married to Ed and both of us are retired from Century Link. I love to travel and go on road trips.



Thank you, Jan Pitts, for a job well done. You're a tough act to follow. I'm fortunate to have almost all my project leaders still continuing in their leadership roles. I hope we can continue to support our community with our many projects. Just think what the shut-ins would look forward to, if we didn't fill stockings and deliver them each Christmas.

I plan to encourage our members to attend more luncheons and get involved. We've sat at home too long. We all feel better when we're able to visit with our old friends and have much needed fellowship. A good laugh is as good as an apple a day any day :). I look forward to seeing you at the next luncheon or project.

Mo Ryan marleneseverson@msn.com
President, So AZ Combined Club

[Click here to see our upcoming events and luncheons!](#)

Thank you!

Well 2022 has come to an end and so is the end of my presidency . I will continue on as Senior VP but your new President will be Mo Ryan. I want to express my appreciation for all the support the board and fellow Pioneers have shown me and hope you will show Mo the same.

We have done many worthwhile projects this year and will continue on in 2023. We will continue to do Hug-A-Bears, Readers for Life, Beeping Easter Egg Hunt, our Christmas Stocking projects, Soft Goods Drive and many more. If anyone has any ideas for new projects you can contact any of our board members. We are also going to start having more luncheons at various restaurants and also at the park. This info will be posted in our newsletters and Constant Contacts, so keep an eye out for dates and times.

I also will continue keeping track of volunteer hours and any updates to email or address changes. You can email me at sassiejan@gmail.com with any updates. I want to thank our members for their continued hard work to keep our club going. Please visit our web site at aztelecompioneers.org for any upcoming events we may have.

Thanks for your continued support!

Jan Pitts sassiejan@gmail.com
Past President & Senior VP, So AZ Combined Club

SACC PROJECTS



Education

Readers 4 Life



Education

In December we were able to purchase books for 8th graders and kindergartners at Prince Elementary and Amphitheater Middle School. We have a mentoring program for the 8th graders and our mentors encouraged the 8th graders to help kindergartners become interested in reading. The kids paired up and read to the kindergartners after they selected a book. Our funds were able to buy 120 8th grade level and 120 kindergarten level, so every child got a book and there were extras for the teachers to give out as incentives. All books were labeled with our organization and our chapter website. All books came with a Rocky the Reader for Life Raccoon bookmark. Here are some pictures of the 8th graders and Kindergartners reading books from the Pioneers. Each student received a book!



Health & Human
Services

Mighty Mentors Lap Robe Delivery



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Students from Amphitheater Middle School Mighty Mentors program decorated lap robes and made cards for the children at Tucson Medical Center and for the residents at



Sabino Canyon Rehabilitation Center! This was an exciting project!



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Emerge! Fall Donation



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On Dec 3rd we were able to deliver another large donation to our community partner & a grateful staff at [Emerge Center for Domestic Abuse](#). We loaded up our volunteer vehicle with an amazing amount of items including purses, clothing, shoes, personal hygiene items, toys, Hug-A-Bears, tote bags & lots of luggage! A BIG thank you to pioneersvolunteer.org for their Grant!



Life Enrichment

Stocking Delivery to Mobile Meals of Southern Arizona



Life Enrichment



On December 14th, SACC made our annual stocking delivery to Mobile Meals of Southern Arizona. We were able to create 140+ stockings and package them with a new handmade lap robe, all made and assembled by our members. We have been doing this project for several years and as a thank you for partnering with them, they gifted us with a beautiful glass paperweight which will be cared for by our project leader, Mo Ryan. This is a favorite project by our members and we look forward to creating the stockings and lap robes for the 2023 holiday delivery!



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SACC UPCOMING PROJECTS / VOLUNTEERING

SACC WINTER LUNCHEON—JANUARY 18TH, 2023 11a-1p

It's Winter in Arizona and it is time for fellowship, food, fun, and the 50/50!

Wednesday, January 18th, 2023. Come join us at 11am at **Guadalajara Original Grill** located at 1220 E Prince Rd, Tucson, AZ 85719, located at the NW corner of Prince and Mountain. **Please RSVP to reserve your seat.**

We will be ordering direct from the lunch menu and each member will be responsible for their own bill and pay the restaurant directly. If you have any questions, please call, text or email Cathy Greer directly at (520) 780-9071 or via email at cgreer2434@aol.com.

Please click on the button for more info and to reserve your spot!



RSVP



WE WANT YOU!



Military

Your SACC Pioneers are in search of a new board member to fill our Military Chair position. We would

love to have a Veteran or Veteran's spouse fill this position. For more info, please contact our Club President, Mo Ryan at (520) 870-0777 or via email at marlenesteverson@msn.com

POP TABS

Collect pull tabs from soda and cat food cans to donate to the Ronald McDonald House.



Feel free to bring these to any event or hand them off to a board member and they will make sure they get to Georgienne Vance for delivery. Please feel free to contact (520) 323-0254 for more details.



Hug-A-Bears—We're Back! New Day



Good news, finally our group is able to meet once a month again. We are meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month at Northminster Presbyterian Church at the corner of Ft. Lowell & Tucson Blvd. Our location is the small building in the back of the church accessible from the back parking lot. Many of us continue to do work from home also. We are always looking for someone who machine sews. The bears are assembled ready to sew. Another at home part is stuffing the bears. If you would like to help us; please contact me. These

bears are in demand from the first responders and other agencies. They used them as a tool to gain the child's trust. Our club has been making these bears for 37 years and they're still very much in demand. (520) 296-2304 or email at sddaugh@cox.net



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2023 SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The new school year is almost here! We will be buying school supplies again this year to donate directly to public schools in the Tucson and surrounding areas. Listed are some of the school supplies that we are in need of. We would like to collect all items by Aug 1st!

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Hi-lighters	Erasers	Kleenex boxes
Rulers	Staplers	3-ring binders
Scissors	Crayons	Sharpies (black)
Dry erase markers	Markers	Lined paper – wide ruled
Hand sanitizer	New Backpacks	Pencils (No.2 & Colored)
Spiral notebooks & composition books (wide ruled)		Copy Paper (White & Colored)



Education

If you would like to drop them off or arrange for a pick-up, please contact Anna Patton by phone (520) 444-1874 or email at annaaylaamber@gmail.com or Ayla Patton (520) 240-6546 or email at ayla.patton34@gmail.com.

SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

As a part of our military outreach, we have been partnering with the American Legion here in town by collecting empty pill bottles. You can bring these to any event or pass them along to any of our board members and they will ensure their delivery to our Military Chair, Tom Bivens. Feel free to contact Tom at (575) 802-3135 for more details.



Military



Life Enrichment

LAP ROBES—WE NEED YARN!

SACC is low on our yarn supply. How about donating those unused balls, skeins, and even partial skeins to us for our Lap Robe project? We are also making lap robes out of fleece, which are cut and tied to together.

We would be happy to dispatch one of our many elves to come pick up your donation. Feel free to contact Barbara Palmer at (520) 403-4668 or email her at bpalmer@legacywestpioneers.org.



Thank you to everyone for your help!

Volunteers Are Always Needed Make a Pledge to Join an Event or Sign-Up a New Member



SACC Pioneers has a long and valued tradition of helping out in our local community. Members and Volunteers are the life blood of any organization and SACC is no different. For 2023, we would like to encourage our membership to volunteer at one of our ongoing projects, or even create a new one. The benefit to our community is a value that cannot be expressed in words alone. If you are unable to help, that's ok, consider signing up a new member to become a Pioneer. We are welcoming anyone and everyone who has a passion for volunteerism. For more information, please feel free to contact any [SACC Board Member](#) or email us at AZ66Media@gmail.com

SACC FUNDRAISING EVENTS



SACC Spring 2023 FUNDrive

- The FUNDrive is a way for our club to collect & donate items that our club will get paid for by the pound.
- Between NOW and April 19th, 2023, 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



OTHER ITEMS Hats, mittens, scarves, ties, socks, purses, wallets, backpacks, bags, CD/DVDs, electrical items, toys & games, kitchen items, knick-knacks

We cannot accept:

Mattresses, baby gear, appliances, large furniture, auto parts, building materials, cleaning products, tires, flammable materials

Coming soon! Millions for Tucson Raffle 2023

COMING SOON! You could win one of 3 prizes during this years Jim Click Millions for Tucson Raffle. Tickets prices have not been accounted yet; however, this is a huge fundraiser for SACC as 100% of the money collected for the sale of these tickets stays with SACC to be used for projects within our community. If you are interested in buying a ticket, please contact Pricilla Lujan at (520) 298-5400 or email her at palujan@Q.com. She will be able to let you know when the tickets arrive!



Affinity Partnership Benefits Hello Loyal Pioneers!

Good news! There are some discounts and special offers recently opened up to all, and using these discounts benefits our Pioneers organization! Below is a link to a list of the companies who support our Pioneering mission by paying royalties to Pioneers when people use their services. Clicking on their link lets them know a Pioneer promoted them. Please save this site and share with all your friends and relatives! This is an easy way to help our organization and help your friends, too. There is no obligation when you click on a company's link, and comparing prices is strongly encouraged! Help keep Pioneering healthy and strong for the next 100 years!

We are at 110 years and counting, so pass this info along. [Click Here](#)

Our Impact Areas



Education



Life Enrichment



Health & Human
Services



Environment



Military



*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.
Use this button to support Chapter 66 Pioneering*

