

Southern AZ Combined Club



Fall 2024 —Newsletter

Legacy West

LUNCHEONS—2024!

**September 11*

**October 9*

**Nov 13 (holiday extravaganza)*

Keep an eye on your e-mail 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!

2024 Southern AZ Combined Club Officers:

President:	Mo Ryan	(520) 870-0777 marleneseverson@msn.com
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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

SACC Extends our deepest condolences to the family and friends of those who have passed away

Jim Panke (1942 — 08/2024)

Harry "Lenny" Green (- 06/2024)

Linda Acosta (1937—04/2024)

Jo Fuston (1952—01/2024)

Alejandro Grajeda (1947—07/2024)

Please visit the [In Memory Page](#)

"A picture is worth a thousand words,

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:

bjstahlbush@comcast.net

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

Please keep an eye out on our Website, Facebook and email notifications for upcoming announcements and events.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:

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OUR
VETERANS**

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome SACC Pioneers to Fall 2024!

Hope everyone is doing well & had a wonderful Summer. Our fall newsletter is full of great information about our club! Check out what's been going on so far this year!

We have our volunteer opportunities: Hug-A-Bears * Emerge! * Lap Robes * Pop Tabs * Flag Donation * Medication Bottles * and more

Ongoing and upcoming fundraisers: Monthly Luncheons * Holiday Extravaganza * 2024 Pioneer Sweepstakes

Winter, Spring & Summer 2024 Projects Completed: Stocking Delivery * Emerge! * School Supplies * Hug-A-Bears * and more

*I look forward to seeing everyone soon at **Guadalajara Original Grill** for our September luncheon. We have many projects and fellowship opportunities on the horizon.*

You can keep up to date with everything going on by visiting our upcoming events webpage.

Welcome back!

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

Click here to reserve your seat for our luncheons!



2024 SACC Scholarship Winner

This year the Southern Arizona Combined Club (S.A.C.C.) awarded one \$1000 scholarship. We had 25 applications this year and there were so many deserving students. Thanks to a team of 3 Pioneers (all with current and former teaching education experience), we were able to award our scholarship to one very deserving applicant.

Congratulations to **Karla Wilkens**. Karla will be a senior at Northern Arizona University finishing her Bachelors degree in Social Work. While volunteering at Flagstaff Family Food Center, Karla understood the need for visitors to feel respected and to receive trust and compassion from her as a representative. Her long term goals include opening her own practice and providing free to low-cost mental health services for low-income and vulnerable children and teens. Karla understands it is imperative to spread empathy



SACC PROJECTS



2024 – School Supply Drive with donations to Marshall Elementary School and Pueblo Gardens K-8 School

School's back in session for Pima County and again this year our team of volunteers have pulled off an epic donation. Anna & Ayla Patton headed up the project again this year along with their faithful team of shoppers and dedicated volunteers. Nancy & David Byars volunteered to deliver a truck load of school supplies to two very appreciative public schools. We delivered our donations to [Marshall Elementary](#) and [Pueblo Gardens K-8](#). Both schools are in the Tucson Unified School District and are classified as Title 1. These schools and their team of dedicated educators were very appreciative of our efforts in supporting educators and their students in our local schools



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 2024, 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 PROJECTS CON'T



Life Enrichment

Lap Robes—2024!

Lap Robe season is almost here and our SACC Pioneer Volunteers have been fast at work creating these beautiful works of art. We have over 175 ready to go in preparation for the holiday distribution we do in conjunction with Mobile Meals and our Mentorship program. These beautiful usable art pieces go to home bound and nursing home residents. They are a wonderful way to say “we’re thinking of you”.

In addition to crocheted blankets, we also create fleece ones that are easy for the beginner to make. Are you interested in becoming a Lap Robe elf by either donating your skills or helping in delivery, or even with supplies? Please feel free to contact our project lead, Larry Mingo at (520) 954-1367 or chat him up at one of our luncheons.



Education

2024 – TUSD Duffy Clothing Bank Donation

In early June of this year, SACC we had the pleasure of donating several items to the Tucson Unified School District Duffy Clothing Bank. This included items for all school age children such as pants, shorts, sports clothing, shoes, etc. This wonderful resource is able to offer the following FREE items to all Tucson Unified students thanks to generous donations from the community:

- Available to all enrolled TUSD Students
- Students receive 5 tops, 3 bottoms & 1 pair of shoes
- Siblings of students receive 3 tops, 2 bottoms & 1 pair of shoes
- No referrals or income requirements



The Duffy Clothing Bank is always in need of: New/Gently Used Clothing * Shoes * School Supplies * NEW Hygiene * Socks * Undies



SACC PROJECTS CON'T



Emerge! July Summer Donation – 2024

Thanks to the many donations via our members and the 2024 Pioneer Don MacKenzie Charitable Funds Grant, we were able to drop off another large donation to the [Emerge Center Against Domestic Abuse](#) including luggage, duffle bags, toys, tote bags, new clothing, purses, shoes, personal hygiene items, diapers and school supplies just to name a few! A huge thank you to our dedicated volunteers Patti & Larry Pace for delivering these items and our project leader Anna Patton, their dedication helps make this project a huge success!



Hug-A-Bears New Location – 2024

Our Hug-A-Bears volunteer team moved over to their new location at Sunwest Federal Credit Union in June of this year and they couldn't be happier! All these smiling faces are enjoying both the facility and the people who stop by. This summer Ken and Rosie visited and worked on Hug-A-Bears and Rosie picked it right up! If you are interested in joining in all the fun, they meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 10-2pm. The meeting room is located inside Sunwest FCU at 7901 E Speedway Blvd in Tucson. Hope to see you soon!



SACC PROJECTS CON'T



Life Enrichment

2024 Annual Beeping Easter Egg Hunt with AZ School for the Deaf and Blind

SACC Pioneer volunteers gathered at Reid Park to assemble Easter baskets for the kids. We also did something new this year in cooperation with women and children at St Demetrios Church. Everyone enjoyed packaging and creating the baskets for AZDBS.



On March 28th we all met at the Arizona Deaf and Blind at 9:00am. Louise Rebholz dressed in her bunny outfit and all the children wanted their picture taken with the Easter Rabbit. We did the classes individually and it takes longer but it's so much more enjoyable. We had a total of 19 volunteers and two Merit Financial representatives came to assist us and take the volunteers to lunch afterwards.



SACC UPCOMING PROJECTS / VOLUNTEERING

We Need Your Yarn & Fleece!

To much yarn and fleece cluttering the nooks and crannies of your home? Tired of thinking “some day” I’ll make (insert project here), but that day left years ago?

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

We would be happy to dispatch one of our many elves to come pick up your donation. Feel free to contact Larry Mingo at (520) 954-1367

Pioneers Answering the Call!



Your SACC Pioneers are in search of new board members. For more info, please contact our Club President, Mo Ryan at (520) 870-0777 or via email at marlenesteverson@msn.com

SUPPORTING PACC

We will now be donating any empty prescription medication bottles to PACC for use with their animal fostering, adoption care. Cathy Greer will be our new point of contact. Thank you again to everyone and keep up the good work!



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 her at (520) 323-0254 for more details.



SACC UPCOMING PROJECTS / VOLUNTEERING CON'T

TOTES, LUGGAGE & NEW CLOTHING ITEMS

Your unwanted totes and luggage 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 items. She will be collecting new and gently used totes, luggage, new clothes with tags, and feminine hygiene products 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.



As you may or may not know there is a new USS Arizona currently being built. It will be a Virginia-class nuclear attack submarine slated to enter service in late 2025.

Veteran service organizations across the state of Arizona have a new project in that they are collecting the brass grommets from retired American flags that will eventually be melted down and recast as the new ship's bell for the USS Arizona (SSN-803).



To donate a flag, contact
Cathy Greer: (520) 780-9071
E-Mail: cgreer2434@aol.com

Our Impact Areas



Education



Life Enrichment



Health & Human
Services



Environment



Military

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](#)

SACC FUNDRAISING EVENTS

YOU COULD WIN



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One of three great prizes:
**NEW 2024
JEEP WRANGLER RUBICON
4xe PLUG-IN HYBRID,**
two round-trip, first-class airline tickets to
anywhere in the world OR \$5,000 cash!

(Restrictions apply to airline tickets: Please see
Millions for Tucson Raffle Rules)

2024 JEEP WRANGLER RUBICON 4xe PLUG-IN HYBRID MILLIONS FOR TUCSON RAFFLE RULES

- The Jim Click Automotive Team is presenting a NEW 2024 Jeep Wrangler Rubicon 4xe PLUG-IN HYBRID (or most current model year, based on availability) and two other prizes to the entire community. All 501(c)(3) organizations in the Southern Arizona region are invited to participate in the raffle of this donated vehicle in 2024.
- Charitable organizations may request and sell raffle tickets to community supporters, donors, and anyone else who wants to win a NEW 2024 Jeep Wrangler Rubicon 4xe PLUG-IN HYBRID! Purchase of tickets is NOT limited to Arizona residents and businesses.
- Proceeds from the sales of tickets will be retained by each selling non-profit organization in the community.
- A maximum of 120,000 tickets will be distributed for fundraising purposes. Tickets will be sold at \$25 each or 5 for \$100.
- All organizations taking part in this community fundraiser will be responsible for accurately reporting the number of tickets sold and total funds raised to the Millions for Tucson Raffle management team.
- Entry deadline: All raffle ticket entries must be received by December 6, 2024 at Raffle Headquarters. The raffle ticket drawing will be held on December 12, 2024 at a location to be announced.
- The Millions for Tucson Raffle is a community-wide fundraising campaign to benefit the charitable 501(c)(3) organizations whose base of operations is located in Southern Arizona. Organizations must provide a copy of a "letter of determination" from the IRS as confirmation of their 501(c)(3) status to the raffle management organization for verification of raffle participation eligibility.
- Persons must be 21 years of age or older to purchase or win. The winner will be responsible for dealer doc fee, all taxes, registration, and travel to claim the vehicle.
- Employees of the Jim Click Raffle Management Team, their spouses and family members, are not eligible to participate.
- Winners consent to be photographed and for their name and likeness to be used by the Jim Click Automotive Team and/or the representing public relations agency (Russell Public Communications) for publicity and advertising purposes.
- Color and options on the NEW 2024 Jeep Wrangler Rubicon 4xe PLUG-IN HYBRID are subject to Jim Click Automotive Team's discretion.
- Winner of the grand prize has the cash option of 75% of the MSRP of that grand prize.
- Second prize award of two round-trip, first-class airline tickets to anywhere in the world subject to conditions; winner must provide flight details 90 days in advance with flexibility. Winner pays all taxes, fees and surcharges. Other conditions may apply. Airline tickets subject to maximum \$10,000 per ticket.
- Winner of each prize must claim prize within 90 days of drawing.
- Ticket stubs must be returned to the charity from which it was purchased as soon as possible to be eligible for the drawing.
- The raffle is being sponsored by Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson, an Arizona non-profit corporation.



100% of the ticket sales goes directly to SACC Pioneers. Tickets are available for sale at any of our luncheons or by contacting Priscilla Lujan directly at (520) 298-5400 or email at palujan46@aol.com



2024 PIONEER ★ SWEEPSTAKES ★

SEPTEMBER 1-30, 2024

Follow the link to our RallyUp 2024 Pioneers Sweepstakes!
You can click, scan the QR code, or text "2024sweeps"
to 33100 to view and play the 2024 Sweepstakes!
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2024 Sweepstakes: Your [PioneerVolunteer](#) organization is kept alive through your participation. Support your Pioneer headquarters by joining in the fun and potential prizes that are available in the 2024 Pioneers Sweepstakes.



*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.
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