

Southern AZ Combined Club

Winter 2025 —Newsletter



Legacy West

LUNCHEONS—2025!

**January 8—Guadalajara Original Grill*

**February 12 *March 12*

**April 9 *May 14*

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
Senior VP:	Jan Pitts	(520) 403-1299 sassiejan@gmail.com
Treasurer:	Cathy Greer	(520) 780-9071 cgreer2434@aol.com
Secretary:	Louise Rebholz	(520) 297-9151 louiserebholz@msn.com

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*

William "Bill" Heilig (- 12/19/2024)

Robert "Bob" Brobeck (1934 – 12/15/2024)

Scott Mckeown (– 10/2024)

Please visit the [In Memory Page](#)

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

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

dodkos@msn.com

You can call her at: (520) 490-1163



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/>



Find us on:
facebook®

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome SACC Pioneers to Winter 2025!

Hope everyone is doing well & had a wonderful Holiday Season. Our winter newsletter is full of great information about our club! Check out what's been going on 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, Jim Click Millions for Tucson

*All 2024 Projects Completed: Stocking Delivery * Emerge! * Readers 4 Life * Hug-A-Bears * Student Mentoring * Pediatric Quilt Donation * and more*

*I look forward to seeing everyone soon at **Guadalajara Original Grill** for our January 8th luncheon. We have a beautiful raffle prize available this month to go along with our 50/50!*

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 and Happy New Year!

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

[Click here for information about our luncheons!](#)



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 PROJECTS



2024 – Amphitheater Middle School Mentoring Project

On December 2nd, students from the Amphitheater Middle School Mighty Mentor program got together again this year to wrap blankets for the Tucson Medical Center Children's Ward. They wrap the lap robes and blankets to make sure the color and design can be seen so each recipient can choose a color they like. The kids in this mentoring group are a wonderful group of students and future leaders.



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

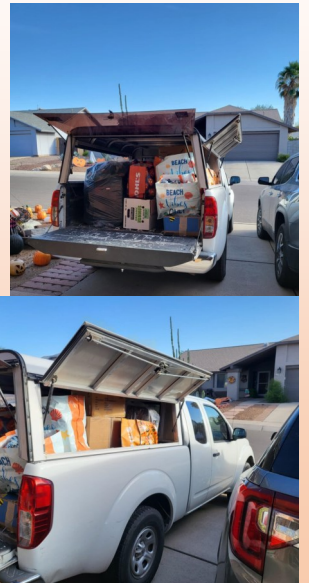


Emerge! October Fall Donation – 2024

Thanks to the many donations via our members, SACC Club funds, the 2024 Pioneer Don MacKenzie Charitable Funds Grant, and our community Partner Treasures 4 Teachers of Tucson, we were able to drop off another large donation to the Emerge Center Against Domestic Abuse. This donation included luggage, toys, tote bags, new clothing, purses, shoes, personal hygiene items, toddler pull-ups, diapers and school supplies just to name a few!

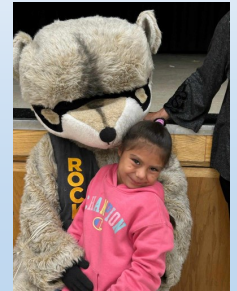


A special thank you to our dedicated volunteers Patti Pace, Anna Patton, Pam Wolfe, David Spear and Amber Patton for purchasing, cleaning, packing and delivering these items. Their dedication helps make this project a huge success!



2024 – Readers 4 Life – Prince Elementary and Amphi Middle School

On November 26, Rocky and SACC visited Amphi Middle School for our annual Readers 4 Life event. We were visited by 80 Kindergarten students from Prince Elementary and 37 8th grade reading mentors from Amphi Middle School. The Kindergarten students were able to pick out 2 books each, and the 8th graders 3 books each. After meeting Rocky the Raccoon and picking out their books, the reading mentors would read books to each of the students to help encourage them and to pass along the joy of reading.



SACC PROJECTS CON'T



TMC Pediatric Quilt Donation – 2024



Many of our members will fondly remember Joe Smothers and all the volunteering he did with the SACC Pioneers. As with many Pioneers, this is a family tradition. We are pleased to welcome Joe's son Patrick into the Pioneer family and appreciate all he has done to help carry on his father's memory in the form of volunteering.

Patrick is an ICU Nurse at Tucson Medical Center in Tucson and there was a request for blankets for their pediatric unit. SACC Pioneers heard that call and we were more than happy to help! We had received a large donation of handmade lap quilts and knew this was the place they belonged. Thank you to everyone involved in getting these gorgeous quilts into the hands of the kids who need them and a big thank you to Patrick Smothers for his help and continued involvement with Pioneers.



2024 Hug-A-Bears Wrap Up

As the year winds down, SACC wants to give a huge shout out to all of our volunteers for the Hug-A-Bears project. This year, we handed out a total of 2400 bears. Our bears made it into the hands of the kids who need them through our partnerships with hospitals, fire departments, the sheriff's department, ambulances, victims services, police departments, and so many more.

If anyone is interested in helping with this amazing project, please contact Sherry Daughtry at (520) 247-2061. All skill levels are welcome!



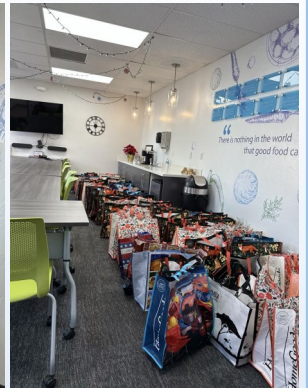
SACC PROJECTS CON'T



Life Enrichment

2024 Stocking Delivery to Mobile Meals of Southern Arizona

December 16, 2024 SACC Pioneers delivered 159 stockings to Mobile Meals of Southern Arizona for their home bound clients. Each bag was filled with a Christmas stocking full of goodies and a new lap robe. A wonderful time was had by all. We cannot wait to do this project again next year!



A big thank you to all our volunteers and a special shout out to Mo & Ed Ryan, Sherry Daughtry, Larry Mingo, Nancy Byars, and Patti Pace for delivering all these wonderful gifts!



SACC UPCOMING PROJECTS / VOLUNTEERING

We Need Your Yarn & Fleece!

Too 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!



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).



Military

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



Southern AZ Combined Club



Winter 2025 — Page 8

Legacy West

SACC UPCOMING PROJECTS / VOLUNTEERING CON'T



The Beeping Egg Hunt

The annual **Beeping Easter Egg Hunt** is a wonderful Pioneers volunteer opportunity! Every year we facilitate a beeping egg hunt at the AZ School for the Deaf and Blind in Tucson, AZ. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact Sherry Daughtry at (520) 296-2304.



2025 SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The new school year is right around the corner! 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 July 26, 2025!

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@aol.com.

[Click Here to Visit Our Amazon Wish List](#)

Totes, Luggage & New Clothing Items

Your unwanted totes & luggage are needed!

Our local domestic violence shelter is in need of your unused totes & luggage. When their clients arrive (many with young children), the most common way to arrive is with all their items in a plastic garbage bag. We can help change that by donating our gently used luggage and totes. Emerge is also in need of many critical items. [Check out their needs list here.](#)

Please contact Anna Patton at (520) 444-1874 or email az66media@gmail.com to arrange for drop-off or pick-up of any items.



Health & Human Services



PIONEER IMPACT AREAS



Education



Health & Human Services



Life Enrichment



Environment



Military

SACC UPCOMING PROJECTS / VOLUNTEERING CON'T

What do you throw away? T4TT needs your help!

- 35 millimeter film containers
- Art Supplies (new and used)
- Baby Food Jars
- Baskets
- Bottle Caps (all kinds and sizes)
- Calendars - Pictures 2023 or newer
- Coffee Cans (metal) with lids
- Copy Paper (white & color)
- Corks
- Colored Pencils
- Craft kits and misc. crafting items
- Dry Erase Markers & Boards
- Egg Cartons (cardboard)
- Fabric & Feathers
- Golf Tees & Pencils
- Jewelry & Beads
- Keys & key chains
- Magnets
- Metal lids from OJ cans
- Office Supplies (file trays, staplers, post it notes)
- Old Flash drives
- Paper towel & Toilet Paper tubes
- Pencil grips
- Pringles Cans with lids
- Promotional Items(stress balls, key-chains, etc)
- School Supplies (pencils, pencil cases, markers, paint, glue, crayons, tape)
- Sharpeners (electric & manual)
- Small tools
- Small furniture (chairs, file cabinets, bulletin boards, bookshelves)
- Tissues & Empty Tissue Boxes
- Toothpicks
- Washers & Nuts
- Velcro & Zip ties
- Ziploc snack bags (new)



T4TT is a Pioneer Community Partner

Treasures 4 Teachers of Tucson
6800 N. Camino Martin #124
Tucson, Arizona 85741
(520) 425-3956
store@t4teachers.org

Legacy West
pioneers
a volunteer network

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.



*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*

