

# Southern AZ Combined Club



## Fall 2025 —Newsletter

Legacy West

### LUNCHEONS—2025!

*\*Sept 10—Hungry Fox  
Oct 8— To Be Announced  
Nov 12—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 [zippalmer@aol.com](mailto:zippalmer@aol.com), 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!

#### **2025 Southern AZ Combined Club Officers:**

President:	Mo Ryan	(520) 870-0777 <a href="mailto:marleneseverson@msn.com">marleneseverson@msn.com</a>
Senior VP:	Jan Pitts	(520) 403-1299 <a href="mailto:sassiejan@gmail.com">sassiejan@gmail.com</a>
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**NOTICE:** If you have any address, email or phone number updates, please contact **Barbara Palmer** at [zippalmer@aol.com](mailto:zippalmer@aol.com) or (520) 403-4668

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

[Mary Mingo \( - 06/04/2025\)](#)

[Adella Mason \(1949—05/24/2025\)](#)

[Linda Durazo \(1953—05/12/2025\)](#)

[Barbie Papousek Romero \(1951—04/19/2025\)](#)

[William "Bill" Kraetz \(1937—03/01/2025\)](#)

*Please visit the [In Memory Page](#)  
"A picture is worth a thousand words,  
but the memories are priceless"*

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

Sharon Brown: [shbrn03@cox.net](mailto:shbrn03@cox.net)

Carol Escobedo: [cesco61934@aol.com](mailto:cesco61934@aol.com)



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/](https://aztelecompioneers.org/southern-az-club/)



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### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Welcome SACC Pioneers to Fall 2025!*

*Hope everyone is doing well & is looking forward to So Arizona's beautiful fall weather. Our fall 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 \* and more*

*Ongoing and upcoming fundraisers: Monthly Luncheons, Jim Click Millions for Tucson*

*2025 Completed projects so far: \*Beeping Egg Hunt \*Emerge! \* Hug-A-Bears \* School Supplies \* and more. Click on the impact areas for all the details.*

*I look forward to seeing everyone soon at **Hungry Fox** for our Sept 10th luncheon. We have a fun raffle prize available this month to go along with our 50/50!*

*We have many projects and fellowship opportunities on the horizon, including our upcoming **Holiday Extravaganza!** You can keep up to date with everything going on by visiting our upcoming events webpage.*

*Mo Ryan  
[marleneseverson@msn.com](mailto: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 114 years and counting, so pass this info along. [Click Here](#)

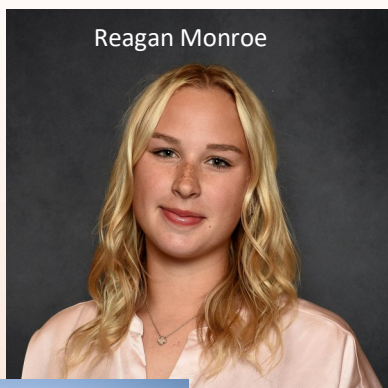
### SACC PROJECTS



### 2025 Chapter 66—AZ/NM Scholarship Winners Announced!

**Legacy West Chapter 66** is proud to announce there were seven \$1000 scholarships awarded for the 2025-2026 school year. This was made possible thanks to our Chapter 66, the Phoenix Thunderbird Combined Club (P.T.C.C.), the Southern Arizona Combined Club (S.A.C.C.), and the New Mexico Combined Club (N.M.C.C.). Congratulations to all our Winners. [Read about their volunteering and future goals here.](#)

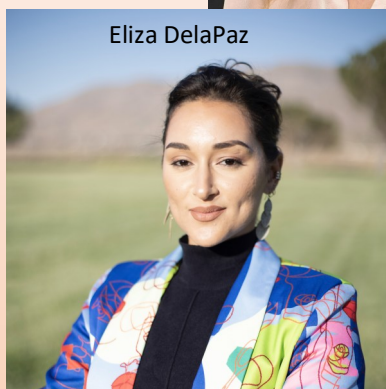
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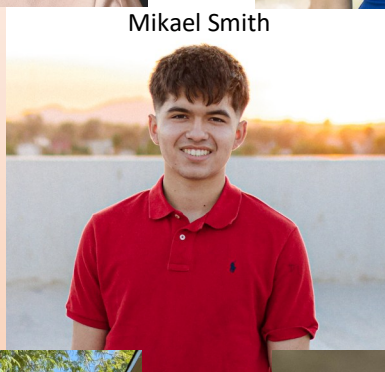
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Eliza DelaPaz



Mikael Smith



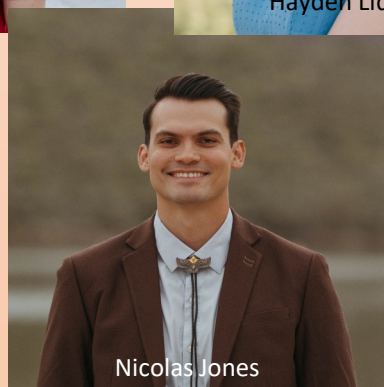
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Lila Dessen



Nicolas Jones





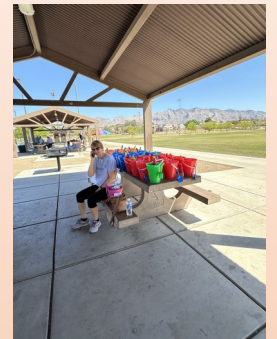
### SACC PROJECTS CON'T



Life Enrichment

#### 2025 Annual Beeping Easter Egg Hunt basket assembly for AZ School for the Deaf and Blind School

**April 2025:** SACC Pioneer volunteers gathered at Rialto Park to assemble Easter baskets for the kids. Again this year, in cooperation with senior at St Demetrios Greek Church, we filled the baskets with grass ahead of the basket assembly. Everyone enjoyed packaging and creating the baskets for AZDB





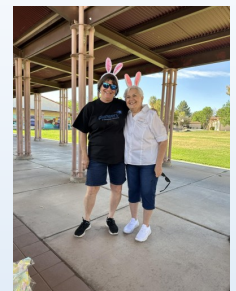
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Life Enrichment

### **2025 Annual Beeping Easter Egg Hunt for the AZ School for the Deaf and Blind School**

April 2025: The SACC Pioneer volunteers had an outstanding time again this year at the annual Beeping Easter Egg hunt benefiting the AZ School for the Deaf and Blind. Louise Rebholz dressed in her bunny outfit and all the children wanted to say hi to the Easter Rabbit. We did the classes individually again this year, it takes longer but it's so much more enjoyable. Enjoy these pictures and to see a short video of the festivities, [click here!](#)





### SACC PROJECTS CON'T



Health & Human  
Services

#### Emerge! 2025 Summer Donations

This summer, SACC Pioneers were able to provide critical items such as luggage, diapers, personal hygiene products and new clothing to help support and provide a path forward.

Thanks to the many donations via our members, SACC Club funds and the 2025 Pioneer Don MacKenzie Charitable Funds, 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, and David Spear for purchasing, cleaning, packing and delivering these items. Their dedication helps make this project a huge success!

If you are interested in helping with this project by donating or delivering items, please contact Anna Patton (520) 444-1874.



Life Enrichment

#### 2025 Mobile Meals Stocking Making Project

The holidays are right around the corner and that means it is time to get ready for our Stocking Project. Each year we fill and donate holiday stockings to Mobile Meals to be delivered to their home bound clients.

Our dedicated elves make 100-150 stockings ahead of the holiday season. If you are interested in the project, please contact Mo Ryan at (520) 870-0777 or email her at: [marleneseverson@msn.com](mailto:marleneseverson@msn.com).





### SACC PROJECTS CON'T



Health & Human  
Services

#### **My Sisters Closet—YWCA 2025 Summer Donations**

May & July, 2025: SACC Pioneers were able to deliver another supply of professional attire to YWCA Southern Arizona to benefit women in our community. These donations come directly from our members and included items such as dress pants, dress tops, skirts and dresses along with some shoes and purses to round out the items.



Education

#### **2025 – School Supply Drive with donations to Marshall Elementary School and Lynn Urquides School**

SACC Pioneers were able to deliver school supplies today to [Marshall Elementary School](#) & [Lynn Urquides Elementary School](#) in the [Tucson Unified School District \(TUSD\)](#) . This was made possible thanks to donations from our club, our members and the Don MacKenzie project fund. Our volunteers were able to gather items like crayons, backpacks, paper, glue and so much more. A special thanks to our delivery elves, Nancy & David Byars and Anna & Ayla Patton.



### 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!**



#### **SEWERS NEEDED FOR HUG-A-BEARS**

We are in need of volunteers to sew together our pre-cut bears. This is an at home task and something even our novice machine sewers can do! If you are interested in helping with this amazing project, please reach out to Sherry Daughtery at (520) 247-2061 or [sddaugh@cox.net](mailto:sddaugh@cox.net)

ps: if you have any supplies you would like to donate, we are happy to take your flannel, cotton, and stuffing to help

## Hug-A-Bears

**New Time & Location**



**JOIN US**

**2025 SCHEDULE:**  
3rd Wed of each month  
from 10a-2pm

**Sunwest Federal Credit Union**  
7901 E Speedway Blvd.  
Tucson, AZ 85710





### SACC UPCOMING PROJECTS / VOLUNTEERING CON'T



SACC Pioneers have been generously donating their clothing items for distribution over the years. We wanted to take a moment to highlight two community partners who are benefiting from your generous donations. YWCA & DKA both have community closets available for those in need. Clients receive free clothing that helps them reestablish a productive and fulfilling life within our community. If you are interested in donating any needed items, please contact Anna Patton at (520) 444-1874 or [az66media@gmail.com](mailto:az66media@gmail.com). You can also bring them to any SACC function.



DKA's Men's Community Clothing Closet assist any male person 18 years of age or older living in Pima County or adjacent areas to get free clothing. DKA tries to provide men with a more professional wardrobe, & are only accepting clothing that is free of stains and tears. They ask for closed-toe shoes only (no flip flops) and no graphic tees. They accept plain t-shirts, polo shirts, button-ups, ties, belts, bags, coats, suits, pants, jeans and shorts that can be worn to work, hats, socks (gently used or new), and underwear (new only please!). DKA stock is entirely dependent on community donations and is free to those in need.



Your Sister's Closet is a YWCA Southern Arizona program that provides professional & business casual clothing to all women, with a focus on those who are unemployed and seeking work or newly employed & in need of appropriate attire, completely free of charge. The team of volunteers is dedicated to helping their clients find clothes that support a feeling of confidence and empowerment in professional spaces. Modern, gently used professional business attire including suits, blazers, slacks, skirts, shoes, jewelry, purses, gently worn bras & new underwear. The items donated in a condition you that would be proud to wear.



**Totes, Luggage,  
hygiene & New  
Clothing Items**

**Your unwanted totes & luggage are needed for Emerge!**

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](mailto:az66media@gmail.com) to arrange for drop-off or pick-up of any items.



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## Legacy West

### 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



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



### WE WANT YOU!

#### 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.



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](mailto:cgreer2434@aol.com)





### SACC Fundraising



# WIN ONE

OF THREE GREAT PRIZES!



**TICKET PRICE**

**\$25 EACH OR 5 FOR \$100**

Raffle benefiting Tucson charities  
100% of funds raised stays here.



**GRAND PRIZE**

NEW 2025 KIA CARNIVAL HYBRID SX PRESTIGE



**2ND PRIZE**

TWO ROUND-TRIP, FIRST CLASS AIRLINE TICKETS TO ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD\*



**3RD PRIZE**

\$5,000 CASH!

The Jim Click Automotive Team is presenting a NEW 2025 Kia Carnival Hybrid SX Prestige to the entire community to be used as the featured prize in our ongoing effort to raise millions of dollars for non-profit organizations in Southern Arizona. With your \$25 contribution you could win this stunning vehicle or one of two other great prizes! The best part is that 100% of your contribution will support Southern Arizona charities that keep all the proceeds from the maximum 120,000 tickets which will be sold. The drawing will be held on December 11, 2025.

Entries must be received by December 5, 2025 at Raffle Headquarters.

For campaign and ticket information, contact the Millions for Tucson Raffle Management Team at 520.342.5210 or at: [jimclickraffle@russellpublic.com](mailto:jimclickraffle@russellpublic.com)

\*Restrictions apply: Please see Millions for Tucson Raffle Rules | [millionsfortucson.org](http://millionsfortucson.org) | Raffle Management Headquarters: 1926 E. Ft. Lowell, Suite 102, Tucson, AZ

## YOU COULD WIN



\*Image for illustration purposes only

One of three great prizes:  
**NEW 2025 KIA CARNIVAL HYBRID SX Prestige,**  
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)

### NEW 2025 KIA CARNIVAL HYBRID SX PRESTIGE MILLIONS FOR TUCSON RAFFLE RULES

- The Jim Click Automotive Team is presenting a NEW 2025 Kia Carnival Hybrid SX Prestige (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 2025.
- Charitable organizations may request and sell raffle tickets to community supporters, donors, and anyone else who wants to win a NEW 2025 Kia Carnival Hybrid SX Prestige! 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 5, 2025 at Raffle Headquarters. The raffle ticket drawing will be held on December 11, 2025 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 2025 Kia Carnival Hybrid SX Prestige 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.



## The 2025 Jim Click Millions for Tucson Raffle Tickets are here!

SACC are selling tickets again this year! Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. ALL of the money (100%) collected for these Click raffle tickets stays with your SACC Pioneers to support our local community. We are encouraging all our Pioneers, volunteers and their friends and family to support this fundraiser. When you buy your tickets, you are supporting our efforts to help the local community through our ongoing projects. Tickets will be available at all upcoming lunches & picnic events. You can also buy directly by contacting our fundraising chairperson, Priscilla Lujan at (520) 298-5400 or [palujan46@aol.com](mailto:palujan46@aol.com)



*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*

