

Southern AZ Combined Club



Winter 2026 —Newsletter

Legacy West

LUNCHEONS—2026!

**Jan 14—Hungry Fox*

Feb 11 — Hungry Fox

March 11 — Hungry Fox

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,

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

Beatty Beard (- 01/01/2026)

Lotti Novak (- 12/22/2025)

Richard "Dick" Kewley (1943—10/13/2025)

Thomas "Chico" Fraijo (1948—09/04/2025)

Steve Gallego (1948—09/04/2025)

Ronald Haaskma (1943—08/18/2025)

Patricia DeBusk (- 08/09/2025)

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

Carol Escobedo: 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/>



Find us on:
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NOTICE: If you have any address, email or phone number updates, please contact **Barbara Palmer** at zippalmer@aol.com or (520) 403-4668

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome SACC Pioneers to Winter 2026!

Hope everyone is doing well & is looking forward to So Arizona's beautiful Winter weather. 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 * Readers 4 Life * School Supplies * Veterans projects.

Ongoing and upcoming fundraisers: 50/50, Raffle Prizes, Luck of the Irish & more

2025 Completed projects: *Beeping Egg Hunt *Emerge! * Hug-A-Bears * School Supplies * Stocking Delivery * Readers 4 Life * My Sisters Closet and so much More.

*Click on the [impact areas](#) for all the details. Our total reported volunteer hours for 2025 was approximately 9000! Thank you to everyone for your dedication to the Pioneers Mission to **effect immediate, tangible change in our local community.***

*We have many projects and fellowship opportunities on the horizon, including our upcoming **Beeping Easter Egg Hunt!** You can keep up to date with everything going on by visiting our [upcoming events](#) webpage.*



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

*PS: I look forward to seeing everyone soon at **Hungry Fox** for our Jan 14th luncheon. We have a fun raffle prize available this month to go along with our 50/50!*

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](#)

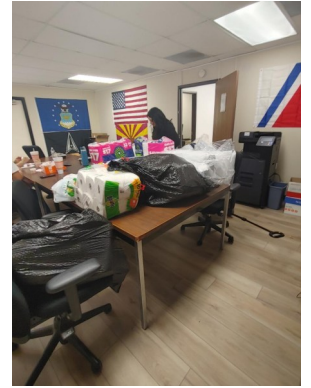
SACC PROJECTS



Military

Esperanza En Escalante – 2025

On Monday September 15th, Mariann Moore and Cathy Greer went shopping for items off Esperanza En Escalante's (EEE) wish list, which we delivered right after. EEE provides housing, social services, programs and transportation to assist a Veteran's transition into everyday life. With the funds from the Southern Arizona Combined Club and additional contributions from Mary and John Seagle, Mo and Ed Ryan, Jan Pitts and Ann Ray, we were able to purchase:



laundry detergent, cleaning products of sponges, bathroom cleaner, toilet cleaner, 12 brooms and dust pans, men and women's razors, bath soap, toilet tissue, and more than 50 rolls of paper towels collected at luncheon, and new queen size pillows! They were very excited and happy with the donation.



Life Enrichment

2025 Mobile Meals Stocking Project

December 2025 SACC Pioneers delivered 154 hand sewn 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. Thank you to all the volunteers who made, stuffed and delivered the stockings. We cannot wait to do this project again next year!



SACC PROJECTS CON'T



2025 – Readers 4 Life Prince Elementary & Amphitheater Middle School

On Dec 5th, Pioneers and Rocky the Reader for Life raccoon visited Amphi Middle school. 28 Eighth graders and 65 kindergartners from Prince Elementary gathered to say hello to Rocky and choose books to keep. The eighth graders paired up with the kinders to help them choose books and read to them. The kids all got to pick two books each to start their own libraries at home. Pioneers have been a Literacy Partner with Scholastic for over two decades. Scholastic is the most frequent provider for Tucson area schools when they have book fairs, and the teachers are all pleased that book assortments are donated by the Pioneers. Rocky is a very popular raccoon with the kids, and gets many hand shakes and hugs. Rocky loves it!



SACC PROJECTS CON'T



Environment

2025 – Life Scout Community Service Project

In September 2025, SACC was pleased to partner with a local Scout (formerly the Boy Scouts) to help him earn his community service badge. Sawyer and his family have assisted SACC in the past with donations of goods and services for many of our projects and SACC was thrilled when approached to participate. We were able to provide water, food and snacks to help fuel the scouts and their family members who worked to make a safe and usable walkway for pedestrians. Check out these great pictures taken of all the work these scouts and their team accomplished in just a few days. Thank you to all the local Pioneers who also contributed to this project.



SACC PROJECTS CON'T



Health & Human
Services

Emerge! Center for Domestic Abuse— 2025 Fall & Holiday Deliveries

October is Domestic Violence awareness month. On October 06, 2025 SACC Pioneers delivered a large donation of critical items 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 new luggage, tote bags, new clothing, purses, shoes, personal hygiene items, toddler pull-ups, flip flops, diapers, school supplies and so much more!

On November 17, 2025 SACC Pioneers delivered our final items for the year to Emerge! including 14 pieces of luggage and items for their holiday event. A BIG thank you to Anna Patton & Patti Pace for delivering these items. Their dedication helps make this project a huge success!

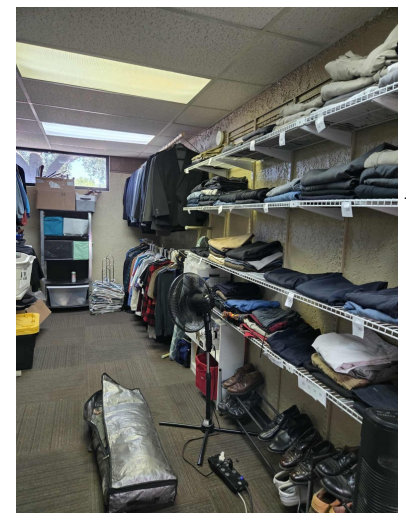


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DKA – Men's Community Clothing Closet – Fall 2025

October 2025: SACC Pioneers was able to donate 2 boxes full of men's clothing to help [DKA Men's Community Clothing Closet](#). DKA assists any male or male-identifying person 18 years of age or older living in Pima County or adjacent areas to get free clothing and to help them dress for success. Their stock is entirely dependent on community donations.

Thanks to SACC donations, we were able to provide jeans, sport coats, shoes, dress shirts, polos and more.



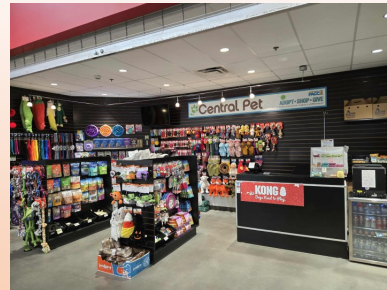
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SACC PROJECTS CON'T



PACC – 2025

In September 2025, a donation was made to Pima Animal Control Center (PACC) in Tucson, AZ consisting of a variety of items from their wish list. This was done in memory of the late Larry O. Hendricks via the SACC, Chapter 66 & the Legacy West Pioneers Group. Mr. Hendricks loved animals and left an estate gift to the Legacy West Pioneers, to be distributed to numerous animal welfare organizations in the various communities they serve. PACC was one of many to benefit from his generous donation.



Hearts that Purr – 2025

On July 31, 2025 we made a surprise visit to Hearts that Purr Feline Guardians in Tucson, AZ to deliver a variety of gifts for the kitties from their #Chewy wish list. This was done in memory of the late Larry O. Hendricks via the SACC, Chapter 66 & the Legacy West Pioneers Group. Mr. Hendricks loved animals and left an estate gift to the Legacy West Pioneers, to be distributed to numerous animal welfare organizations in the various communities they serve. Hearts that Purr was one of many to benefit from his generous donation.



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!



2026 Chapter 66—Open Soon!

Legacy West Chapter 66 is proud to announce there will be a total of 27 \$1000 scholarships available for the 2026-2027 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.), the New Mexico Combined Club (N.M.C.C.) and the Madalyn Rollins Bequest.

Read all the details on the [Chapter 66 Website!](#)

Hug-A-Bears

Time & Location

JOIN US



2026 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. 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 to arrange for drop-off or pick-up of any items.



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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



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 Fundraising

The 2026 Jim Click Millions for Tucson Raffle Tickets is coming soon!

SACC will be selling tickets again this year! **ALL** of the money (100%) collected for these Click raffle tickets stays with your SACC Pioneers to support our local community. When you buy your tickets, you are supporting our efforts to help the local community through our ongoing projects. Tickets will be available at upcoming lunches & events.



*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*

