

Southern AZ Combined Club



Legacy West

Summer 2026 —Newsletter

LUNCHEONS RETURN FALL 2026!

Sept 9 — Hungry Fox

Oct 14 — TBA

Nov 9—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, 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!

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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**

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

Pamela Triggs (1944—05/26/2026)

Jim Hartigan (1938 - 04/30/2026)

Tom McFadyen (1946—04/26/2026)

Glenn Gilmore (1939—04/19/2026)

Dody Kosky (1931—02/21/2026)

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:

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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/>



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome SACC Pioneers to Summer 2026!

Hope everyone is doing well & is looking forward to So Arizona's beautiful Summer weather. Our Summer 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, Jim Click & more

*2026 Completed projects: *Beeping Egg Hunt * Hug-A-Bears * Luncheon Collection * DKA Men's Closet * Treasures 4 Teachers of Tucson 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 **School Supply Drive! And TMC Health Collection.** You can keep up to date with everything going on by visiting our [upcoming events](#) webpage.*



Mo Ryan

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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



Life Enrichment

2026 Annual Beeping Easter Egg Hunt for the AZ School for the Deaf and Blind School

On Monday March 30, 2026 our wonderful volunteers assembled 143 Easter baskets. On Thursday April 2nd we held our annual Beeping Easter Egg Hunt at the the Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind (ASDB). The weather was wonderful for Southern Arizona, and we all had a wonderful time watching the children find there eggs, visit with the Easter Bunny and receive an Easter basket. Our Pioneers volunteers included Patti Pace, Mo Ryan, Sherry Daughtry, Louise Rebholz (as the Easter Bunny), Jan Pitts, Karen Schumacher, Nancy Byars, Priscilla Lujan and project organizer Kay Rose.



SACC PROJECTS CON'T



2026 – TUSD Duffy Clothing Bank Donation

June 2026, SACC we had the pleasure of donating several items to the TUSD 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. The Duffy Clothing Bank is always in need of: New/Gently Used Clothing * Shoes * School Supplies * NEW Hygiene * Socks * Undies

Thank you to Anna, Ayla and Ayva (3 generations of Pioneers) for hauling all the boxes and bags into the facility!



Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse – 2026 Summer Delivery



On June 11, 2026, 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 2026 Pioneer Don MacKenzie Charitable Funds, we were able to drop off our largest donation to date to the Emerge Center Against Domestic Abuse. This donation included 33 pieces of luggage, tote bags, 100+ new clothing items, purses, shoes, personal hygiene items, toys, diapers, school supplies and so much more! A big thank you to Patti, Jan and Anna for hauling in two truckloads of items!



SACC PROJECTS CON'T

2026 Hug-A-Bears – Summer Deliveries



Health & Human
Services

SACC Hug-A-Bears Summer Deliveries: Teddy bears are synonymous with childhood. For many kids, they are soft, cuddly friends to play and sleep with – or simply shower with hugs and kisses. But to other children who have suffered a traumatic event or injury, a teddy bear can be a lifeline of emotional support. **Over the last 30 years, the “Hug-A-Bear” program has been an important cornerstone of the Pioneers volunteer network.**

Our club dedicates resources to crafting teddy bears for children who are facing some sort of trauma, such as a medical emergency, domestic violence, house fire or hospitalization. After the Hug-A-Bears are sewn and stuffed to strict standards, Pioneers then distribute the bears. Our bears made it into the hands of the kids who need them through our local partnerships with hospitals, fire departments, the sheriff’s department, ambulances, victims services, police departments, and so many more. Each delivery is a minimum of 100 bears for children in our community who are facing difficult situations each and every day.

Finally, these fluffy bears are welcomed into the arms of young children to help provide calm and comfort during an emotional storm. Over the years, many emergency responders have shared how, by simply snuggling with the bears, scared kids are better able to communicate with them in critical situations. In many cases, the bears remain a source of emotional support long after the traumatic event has passed.

Here are some of this summers “bear” sightings.



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Health & Human
Services

YWCA – Your Sister’s Closet – Summer 2026

June 17, 2026: 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 these items. Thank you to Kathy Bauer for delivering these items on behalf of the Pioneers.



Health & Human
Services

OPCS – Old Pueblo Community Services – January 2026

Thanks to the generosity of our members at the January 2026 luncheon, SACC Pioneers was able to donate over 50 jackets and sweaters to OPCS. OPCS’s mission is to end homelessness. They do this by providing housing first with supportive services, and by fostering community empathy for people who are experiencing homelessness. Thank you to everyone who donated.



Health & Human
Services

Pima County – Period Poverty Awareness Month – May 2026



At the May 2026 Southern AZ Luncheon, items were collected to benefit Pima County Public Library in partnership with the Pima County Health Department Hygiene Drive.

Our club gathered several bags and boxes full of mensural, incontinence and general hygiene supplies. Our volunteer Anna Patton and her granddaughter delivered them to the Nanini Public Library where the grateful staff was excited to receive them. We filled up their empty table. Thank you to everyone who was able to donate items for this amazing community project!

SACC PROJECTS CON'T



Southern Arizona Animal Food Bank (SAAFB) – March 2026

At the March 2026 Southern AZ luncheon, items were collected to benefit the [Southern Arizona Animal Food Bank \(SAAFB\)](#). They are a non-profit that helps people continue to take good care of their pets, including supplying supplemental food and other items as necessary. Recently, the SAAFB was burglarized, and all of their

stock of food was stolen. Our club members gathered the pictured items plus more and delivered them to SAAFB. Thank you to everyone who donated. They were so appreciative of our donation. Thanks to your generosity, more pets in need will receive healthy food and other goodies.



Youth On Their Own – April 2026

April 2026 SACC luncheon, items were collected to benefit [Youth On Their Own \(YOTO\)](#) Mini Mall. YOTO supports high school graduation and continued success of youth experiencing homelessness in Pima County. They strive to eliminate barriers to education and empower housing insecure youth in our community to stay in school. YOTO has supported over 20,000 local youth in their journeys toward high school graduation! Our club members gathered the pictured items plus more and delivered them to YOTO. Thank you to everyone who donated. They were so appreciative of our donation. Thanks to your generosity, more students will access to food and other essential items.



SACC PROJECTS CON'T



Life Enrichment

2026 Lab Robes – Aspen Care

SACC is starting 2026 off to a great start. We recently did a donation of lab robes to Aspen Care for members of our senior community. These are all handmade by our Pioneers. If you would like to donate yarn or your time to this community project, please reach out to Larry Mingo at (520) 954-1367



Health & Human Services

DKA – Men's Community Clothing Closet – Spring 2026

2026: 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 your SACC donations, we were able to provide jeans, sport coats, shoes, dress shirts, polos and more.



Health & Human Services

AVIVA Children's Services – Feb 2026

February 2026 was National Dental Healthcare Month. SACC is proud to have participated by gathering new toothbrushes and toothpaste for AVIVA Children's Services. We were able to collect over 50 of each item thanks to the generosity of our members at the February luncheon.

Thank you to Patti Pace & Anna Patton for gathering and delivering these essential items.



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!



Environment

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.



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



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SACC UPCOMING PROJECTS / VOLUNTEERING CON'T



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

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.

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.



SACC UPCOMING PROJECTS / VOLUNTEERING



Environment

Medicine Bottles

SACC are collecting medicine bottles as a way to help our environment.

The City of Tucson's Orange Bin or Hard to Recycle Plastics Program, in partnership with Hefty ReNew orange bag program and [ByFusion](#), is a voluntary program that gives participating residents a way to collect plastics that are not accepted as loose items in the curbside blue recycle bin. This variety of plastics is diverted from the landfill to be converted into valued resources. SACC is collecting **empty** medicine bottles and depositing them in these orange bins. If you have any medicine bottles you would like to recycle, please bring them to a SACC luncheon or event and we will get them recycled for you.



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)



Education

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



September Special Item Collection Drive: Help us help others this fall! SACC will be collecting items for the TMC Health Foundation. Please join us in the Pioneers Spirit of giving by bringing an item to the September 9th Luncheon to help TMC and our community.

Their wish list includes: Deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, face wash, dish soap, laundry detergent, trash bags, feminine hygiene products, wipes (body), and toilet paper.

Thank you for your generosity and passion towards these monthly projects!



SACC Fundraising

WIN ONE OF THREE GREAT PRIZES!

TICKET PRICE
\$25 EACH OR 5 FOR \$100
Raffle benefiting Tucson charities with 100% of funds raised staying here.

GRAND PRIZE
 NEW 2026 Nissan Frontier Pro-4X Roush® Edition

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 2026 Nissan Frontier Pro-4X Roush® Edition 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 10, 2026. Entries must be received by December 4, 2026 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

*Restrictions apply. Please see Millions for Tucson Raffle Rules | millionsfortucson.org | Raffle Management Headquarters: 2733 N. Campbell Ave., Suite 103, Tucson, AZ

YOU COULD WIN

One of three great prizes:
NEW 2026 Nissan Frontier Pro-4X Roush® Edition,
 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 2026 NISSAN FRONTIER PRO-4X ROUSH® EDITION, MILLIONS FOR TUCSON RAFFLE RULES

- The Jim Click Automotive Team is presenting a NEW 2026 Nissan Frontier Pro-4X Roush® Edition (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 2026.
- Charitable organizations may request and sell raffle tickets to community supporters, donors, and anyone else who wants to win a NEW 2026 Nissan Frontier Pro-4X Roush® Edition! 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 4, 2026 at Raffle Headquarters. The raffle ticket drawing will be held on December 10, 2026 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 2026 Nissan Frontier Pro-4X Roush® Edition 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.

JIM CLICK HOLMES TUTTLE

The 2026 Jim Click Millions for Tucson Raffle is here! This year Jim Click is donating a 2026 Nissan Frontier Pro-4X Roush® Edition as the Grand Prize in this year's raffle! Second prize is two round-trip, first-class airline tickets to anywhere in the world (some restrictions apply) and third prize is \$5,000 in cash! Tickets can be purchased only from the SACC Pioneers at \$25 each or 5 for \$100. 100% of the collected funds stays with the SACC Pioneers to help fund all our projects. To purchase tickets, contact our fundraising chairperson, Priscilla Lujan at (520) 298- 5400, email at palujan46@aol.com or visit us at our luncheons.



*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*

