

PHOENIX THUNDERBIRD CLUB

Arizona Chapter #66

* NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER *



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The Newsletter, published 5 times a year, contains Pioneer news and luncheon reservation information.

A subscription for the hard-copy Phoenix Thunderbird Club Newsletter is only **\$10.** for a two-year subscription. This \$10. helps defray the costs of printing the Newsletter, buying envelopes, and postage.

As of January 2019, all members are on the same two-year subscription time frame. **Each member's paid subscription during this campaign will cover the two years of January 2019 through December 2020.**

You may choose to send your \$10. check in November or in December 2018. Mail your check to Secretary/Treasurer Edna Keller, 1408 N. 37th Ave., Phoenix 85009. Include your name, mailing address, telephone number.

If you choose to send more than \$10 the additional money will be considered a donation to the Newsletter fund.

If you want to receive the Newsletter by **email**, send your name, mailing address, telephone number, and current email address in an email to eem4tbird@outlook.com.

Don't miss out on reading the Newsletter!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT

Soon 2018 will be drawing to a close. Thank you for your wonderful dedication to serving others and making 2018 such a Pioneering success. Pioneers have been stepping up to help for over 107 years and will continue to do so. Scientists have linked charitable acts and behavior with the release of endorphins in the brain. This release produces a positive feeling known as the "helper's high". Volunteering is healthful and rewarding! Remember to report your volunteer time to Tom Nelson. It's always great to see all Pioneers and their guests! **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!** Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2019!

Caron Personke and Ellen E. Miller

VETERANS NEWS By Carole Spiess

At the Phoenix VA hospital, they are receiving 200 to 300 new veteran patients each month. At the last committee meeting, the Associate Director told us about a 289,000 square foot Out Patient Center that is in the planning stages. The location is being finalized but it will be within approximately 5 miles of the current hospital. Also in the planning stages is a new In-Patient Mental Health Center. Another new parking garage is also being planned. Big plans ahead for the veterans.

Also ahead for the veterans is the annual Christmas Gift Shop. Last year I told everyone about the American Legion Auxiliary Gift Shop. All of the posts raise money all year long by doing dinners, cake and cookie sales, etc. and give the money to buy gifts for veterans who have families they want to give gifts to but are unable to shop due to being in the hospital or not having the money to purchase anything. If veterans are unable to leave their beds to go shop, they can make a list and a Santa Helper will pick up their wrapped gifts for them. This has been going on for years.

Here's where Pioneers come in strong. One year, I told the Pioneers about the Gift Shop at one of the earlier luncheons and two of you later showed up at our truck and filled the back seat full of bows, wrapping paper, tags, and boxes. The following Monday I took those down to the hospital and called the chairman Joyce Livingston to come and see what I had for her. She was almost in tears when she saw the stacks of these items! She was so surprised. Pioneers continued to bring more wrapping items.

At the end of the Gift Shop days, she gave her report and the Pioneers became Heroes in their eyes. They were able to take the money they had set aside for wrapping supplies and go out and buy more gifts instead. I would love for us to do this again this year and all it takes is a trip to Dollar Tree, one of everyone's fun places to shop. I am asking everyone to bring at least one package of wrapping paper or bows or tags to the November luncheon...bring as many as you can afford! We can accept new paper that has been opened (a partially used roll) but no used paper.

PLEASE HELP MAKE A VETERAN HAPPY THIS CHRISTMAS!

NOVEMBER 14 LUNCHEON
BRING HOLIDAY GIFT WRAP SUPPLIES FOR VETERANS GIFT SHOP

The challenge is on - Let's do a repeat! We can again provide all the gift wrap supplies needed for the Veterans Gift Shop. Please bring holiday gift wrap paper, stick-on bows, gift bags, tissue paper, and tags to the November Luncheon. Ribbon is not used as tying the ribbon slows down the wrapping process. If you are unable to attend the November luncheon, you may contact any board member regarding delivery or to send a money donation. Contact Carole Spiess for information.



THANK YOU PIONEER VETERANS

By Presidential proclamation, the Vietnam 50th Anniversary Commemoration extends from Memorial Day 2012 through Veterans' Day 2025. Anyone who was on active duty in the U. S. Armed Forces between 01 November 1955 and 15 May 1975, serving in-country, in-theater, or was stationed elsewhere during those 20 years, is considered a Vietnam Veteran.

Commemorative partners – local, state, and national organizations, businesses, corporations, and government agencies will host events to thank and honor Vietnam Veterans and their families.

A heartfelt appreciation and warm thanks are extended to all Pioneers who served our country throughout its entire history.

THINKING OF ALL VETERANS * VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11

Thank you Pioneers for your continued support of Saint Mary's Food Bank!

Welcome Pearl Biedrzycki as our new St. Mary's Food Bank representative

THANK YOU PIONEERS for your generous donations to the
Back-To-School Supplies Drive !

Over 650 spiral notebooks and over 200 school items – that’s how many were delivered by Pioneers to Acacia School after the Back-to-School Supplies Drive of September / October luncheons! Thank you Phoenix Thunderbird Pioneers for all your gracious donations!

See a photo of some of the supplies donated

<https://aztelecompioneers.org/thunderbird-club/photos/>

IN MEMORIAM

We send prayers for strength and comfort to the loved ones of those who have passed away.

HENRY HOM 04-20-50 / 08-05-18

"He worked at CenturyLink for 41 years retiring in 2016."

RONALD H. "RON" JONES 08-31-37 / 08-28-18

"He worked for Bell Telephone Co. and worked there for 35 years."

DEBS H. METZONG 11-07-1919 / 08-27-2018

"He retired in 1981 from USWest"

JOSEPH P. (JOE) ROSENFELD 08-17-53/09-17-18

"...he worked 43 years with the original Mountain Bell Telephone Company and retired with CenturyLink in the winter of 2016."

ROBERT LEE COKER 09-10-18

"Robert made a career working for Mountain Bell Telephone Company."

HARRY W. KENNEDY 02-18-31/09-28-18

"He spent nearly 30 years with the Bell Telephone companies and remained an active member - of the Telephone Pioneers organization after retirement."

SARAH RAE STALEY 09-17-18

"Raised in Phoenix, for decades Sarah climbed telephone poles and installed phones, retiring to Wilhoit, AZ."

MAYWOOD DORCEY MORGAN 12-17-25/09-14-18

GUY THOMAS "TOM" LINHARES 07-22-33/09-22-18

"Tom worked and retired after 29 years with Mountain Bell."

WILLIAM "BILL" E. WILSON 04-19-31/10-07-18

"He was very active in the Telephone Pioneers Association."

Don't Forget - Bring donation items to luncheons to these folks:

Hug-A-Bear supplies: Helen Trobough
Ronald McDonald House aluminum pull-tabs / Treasures4Teachers: Dorothy McShee
Canceled stamps for Veterans: Edna Keller
Veterans' Hospital (small personal items, magazines, etc.): Carole Spiess
Food Bank monetary donations: Pearl Biedrzycki
Report volunteer hours to: Tom Nelson
Box Tops for Education: Pam Nelson

CHAPTER #66 PIONEER WEBSITE

<http://aztelecompioneers.org>

Chapter 66 website – access Board Member information, news about Phoenix Thunderbird Club and Southern Arizona Club, as well as general Chapter information. Phoenix Thunderbird Newsletter may be accessed directly on this site by entering <http://aztelecompioneers.org/thunderbird-club/>



Make a direct donation! Monetary donations may be made directly to Phoenix Thunderbird Club by mailing a check, made out to Phoenix Thunderbird Club, to Edna Keller, Secretary/Treasurer, 1408 N. 37th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85009.

Be sure to note your donation is specifically for, and is to be kept in, Phoenix Thunderbird Club coffers. Keep in mind, your donations are tax-deductible within the legal parameters and a tax-deduction form will be provided to you if requested.

• **LUNCHEON WINNERS:**

- SEPTEMBER :** Cash drawings (Each winner receives \$20.):
Marilyn Meade -and- Helen Trobough
- \$5.00 drawings (Each winner receives \$5.00):
Sally Brandon -and- Mike Olson
- Free lunch: Ellen E. Miller
- OCTOBER :** Cash drawings (Each winner receives \$25.):
Helen Trobough -and- Lois Burr
- \$5.00 drawings (Each winner receives \$5.00):
Carole Spiess -and- Caron Personke
- Free lunch: Edna Keller

PHOENIX THUNDERBIRD CLUB - OFFICERS / COMMITTEE CHAIRS October 2018

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	Dorothy McShee	(602) 276-7076	mapatt02@ymail.com

Pioneer National Headquarters (Greenwood Village, CO) 1-800-872-5995

Retirement / Benefits: **1-800-729-7526**

Address changes must be made in writing – Send to:

Retiree Service Center
PO Box 24989
Jacksonville, FL 32241

Include information: Full Name, First 5 digits of your SSN, Old address/Telephone number, New address/telephone number, Signature.

****** LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS ******

LUNCHEON: WEDNESDAY, **DECEMBER 12, 2018** *Social hour 11:00 AM *Lunch 12:00 Noon **PLEASE NOTE THE DATE IS NOT THE USUALLY SCHEDULED DAY**

LOCATION: *Old Spaghetti Factory*. 1418 N. Central Ave., Phoenix 85004

MENU: Soup or salad, Choice of several sauces served over spaghetti chosen at the time we are seated. Bread and butter. Coffee, Iced Tea, soda. Desert: Ice cream or spumoni.

DEADLINE to make reservations FRIDAY, December 07, 2018

MEMBER / LIFE MEMBER NAME: _____

PARTNER / GUEST NAME(S): _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS: _____ Each reservation is \$15.00

Please make checks payable to: Phoenix Thunderbird Club

Mail to: Lottie Novak, 19043 N. 33rd Way, Phoenix, AZ 85050 or call (602) 569-9470

Cancellations must be made no later than 48 hours prior to the luncheon to be eligible for a refund.

Please send reservations check for DECEMBER luncheon at the beginning of DECEMBER.

“Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night”



****** LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS ******

LUNCHEON: WEDNESDAY, **NOVEMBER 14, 2018** *Social hour 11:00 AM *Lunch 12:00 Noon **PLEASE NOTE THE DATE IS NOT THE USUALLY SCHEDULED DAY**

LOCATION: *The Beatitudes*. 1610 W. Glendale Ave., Phoenix 85021

MENU: Expect a tasty, flavorful entrée with pleasing-to-your-taste sides and dessert

DEADLINE to make reservations FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 09, 2018

MEMBER / LIFE MEMBER NAME: _____

PARTNER / GUEST NAME(S): _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS: _____ Each reservation is \$15.00

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Cancellations must be made no later than 48 hours prior to the luncheon to be eligible for a refund.

Please send reservations check for NOVEMBER luncheon at the beginning of NOVEMBER.

BRING GIFT WRAPPING SUPPLIES FOR VETERANS GIFT SHOP

WISHING EVERYONE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON !

Thinking warmly of each of you and wishing you and yours
an extra measure of comfort, peace, and joy.



BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2019 !

Please remember to keep pull-top tabs for Ronald McDonald House separate from items you donate for Treasures4Teachers. Although Dorothy McShee collects items for both of these organizations, they are delivered to two separate locations and need to be sorted prior to bringing them to Dorothy. *Thank you!!*

Mickman's Wreaths

Order one of the beautiful holiday wreaths, door sprays, or table decoration made with fresh Minnesota Balsam Fir, pine boughs, and cedar cuttings. You can even order a LIVE tree complete with decorations! Each item you order gives **\$8** to the AZ Chapter 66 Pioneers. Order for yourself! Order for friends and family and have it delivered directly to them! Information on website <http://aztelecompioneers.org> Other fundraising projects are also listed. The sample wreath sent to the club was won in a drawing by Dorothy McShee.

