

CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Fellow Pioneers:

Effective mid-September, 2013, I took over the duties from our President of the past six years, Marilyn Stevens. First let me thank Marilyn for the very fine job she performed as our President. I know you have all come to know and love Marilyn for her commitment and support in embracing all of the aspects of Pioneering: "Fellowship, Loyalty, and Service". We will all miss her in the role she so faithfully performed for us all. Marilyn made the job look easy but it is actually very challenging.

For those of you who don't know me, I have been a Pioneer since 1984 although I participated in Pioneering long before that. My children, as well as my grandchildren today, have taken part in our community service efforts. I've always felt that it is so important to give back our communities and to help those less fortunate. We have all learned many lessons over the years. I've been lucky to have a Pioneer "Partner", John, who loyally supports my time and efforts to participate in Pioneering.

I retired from Verizon in 2003 and have been your Chapter Secretary since 2004. In documenting the minutes from our Chapter Board Meetings over these past ten years, I am aware of the many, many community service and fund raising projects that our clubs faithfully and compassionately perform year after year. In reading our Tele-All, I know you too are aware of their efforts and applaud them for their time and creativity.

With the help and support of the Fort Pitt Chapter Board Members and Pioneer volunteers, I hope to carry on the Pioneer tradition of fellowship, loyalty, and service to our members and our community.

Sincerely,

Gerry McLaughlin
Chapter President

Blessing Bags

Blessing bags were originally conceived for the homeless, but can serve many other purposes, such as Shut-ins, or Shelters for women or men, like Catholic Charities or St. Joseph House of Hospitality.

Aside from the Pioneers this is also a good project for Girl Scouts or local Senior Centers to get involved in.

Have you ever come across a homeless person and felt uncomfortable, not sure what they need or what you could do for them? We could all use a little T.L.C. (tender loving care) sometimes, especially those a little short of life's necessities. Here is a simple idea, Blessing Bags.

We are collecting new trial size toiletries, soap, shampoo, conditioner, combs, brushes, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, Kleenex, chapstick, Q-tips, protein bars, hats, gloves, scarves, and socks. This is a wonderful idea for those who are unable to otherwise get the items needed for personal care and safety. These items are packed in 1 gallon zip lock bags and handed out to those who need them.

I personally have delivered 15 Blessing Bags to our local church (Saint Maria Goretti) for low income seniors in our High Rise Apartments.

My current goal is to prepare 59 bags for Saint Joseph House of Hospitality. Please! Help me to keep this project going. Send supplies or a few dollars to buy them with to:

Donna Gallagher * 412-441-1842, 1613 Morningside Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA. 15206

- **From Pittsburgh Mercy Operation Safety Net:** Thank you for your contribution of socks and toiletry kits for OSN. Your support will help Dr. Jim Withers and his staff to continue to provide free medical care to Pittsburgh's homeless through street teams and a mobile van service.
- **From Jubilee Association:** We are most grateful to you and the wonderful people of Verizon Pioneers for your continued support of our ministries and for this recent generous donation of bags of hat and mitten sets and toiletry kits.
- **From the Jon Houy Celebration of Life Golf Outing:** We had a wonderful day as many people gathered to remember Jon and his unfailing love of life. The outing provided over \$20,000 for support of children's cancer research and athletic and recreational services activities for those with disabilities. Thank you for the gift cards—they made wonderful prizes. We appreciate your continued support!
- **From St. Bernadette Ladies of Charity:** Thank you for your generous donation for our food bank for our parish needy. It truly will make a difference.
- **From Shaffer Elementary School:** on behalf of the entire Shaffer Elementary School educational community, thank you again for providing the extremely generous child-oriented educational merchandise for our student incentive program, Shaffer Bucks. Our closely knit learning community has benefited from your charitable donation to our school for the entire school year.
- **From Southwestern Veterans Center:** A big thank you to the "Pioneers" for many new purchases for our facility, specifically the activities department. Six new boom box radio's were purchased for our residents' dining rooms to be used as music therapy during meal time and also the new slider bingo cards. These purchases will improve our activities programs and will put many smiles on the faces of our Veterans. Thank you to the Pioneers!
- **From McMasters United Methodist Church in Turtle Creek:** Thank you so much for your continued support in regards to our Community Free Lunch. We greatly appreciate all of your help and will keep you in our prayers.
- **From the Knights of Columbus in New Stanton:** I would like to extend my gratitude for your very generous donation to our 6th Annual 3D Archery event to benefit the local Wounded Warrior program.
- **From the Academy in Turtle Creek:** The faculty of the Woodland Hill Academy would again like to thank the Pioneers for the donation of school supplies and book bags which be used to support our student incentive program n our school store. Our younger students really look forward to the days when they are permitted to go to the store to shop.
- **From Community Human Services:** Thank you for the hundreds o hygiene kits that you have created for us and donated over the past year. We are presently distributing the kits on our twice-a-week rounds of Operation Save A Life in the North Side and Southside area and through our donation area called Larry's Closet.
- **From St. Bernard of Clairvaux Conference Society:** Thank you and your organization for your donation. Donations like yours make our work possible.

DuBois Club

The "Bell Girls" continue to meet on last Wednesday of each month. Claire (Perk) Bernardo became a Life Member when she retired in 1995 and took steps to ensure the DuBois telephone families would remain in touch by planning regular meetings on a continuing basis. For the past 18 years regular meetings have been held, attendance varying according to availability and weather and members enjoy the opportunity to socialize and make plans.

Past activities included December bell ringing with 20 participants, volunteering at the Food Pantry and lottery ticket sales. Their successful "Cookie Walk" generated sales amounting \$1,515.00 which enabled them to provide requested services to those in need. Some volunteers prepared Blessing Bags for distribution and others have collected used greeting cards to be forwarded for use by other agencies.

Spring will be coming soon and the "Bells Girls" look forward to new opportunities to serve their fellow Pioneers, families and communities.

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Wildwood Lodge

Post 92 VFW

Lower Burrell, PA

1601 Wildlife Lodge Road

GAMES & PRIZES

GREAT FOOD & DRINK

FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday , July 8, 2014

\$13.00 Per Person

Festivities begin at 11:00 AM ~ Come early, stay late!

NO PHONE RESEVERVATIONS DO NOT SEND CHECKS TO THE PIONEER OFFICE

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS is July 1

Make Checks Payable to: TP-Fort Pitt Chapter and mail to:

Lynne Price
169 St. Rose Drive
Verona, PA 15147



Name(s): _____

Phone #:

Enclosed Check For# _____ people @ \$13.00 each = _____

Please bring a can of food or any non-perishable food item

WE ARE ALSO COLLECTING WHITE CREW SOCKS FOR THE VETS FOR THE SHARING AND CARING BOAT RIDE

Also, used eye glasses, pop tabs, Campbell's UPC's, toiletries, dog and cat food and coupons for dog and cat food items, old towels & blankets for the animal shelter.

For added fun, bring along a grab bag gift for “Now You Have It...” SEE YOU THERE !!

Financial Update — 2014

As I begin the term as President of Fort Pitt Chapter, I thought it would be helpful to share some financial information with all of our Tele-All readers and Pioneer members. Fort Pitt Chapter is facing a challenging year as we attempt to fund and support all of our historical community service projects.

Prior to 2013, we received a grant from Verizon that was shared with other Chapters. You may recall, that beginning in 2013, Verizon ceased to financially support Pioneers. Our grant allocation was based on the number of volunteer hours that were recorded for the projects we performed as well as the number of actual members. Currently we have approximately 250 dues paying active members out of over 4,000 registered Pioneers. Since the beginning of 2013, Fort Pitt Chapter has relied solely on our fundraising efforts: sales of quarterly lottery tickets, selling Kennywood tickets, and other miscellaneous sales (Koeze nuts, “enjoy books”, etc.).

Many of the other Chapters are having the same financial problems. Later in this issue of the Tele-All you will see a page devoted to Group level fundraising programs that will directly help Fort Pitt Chapter. The products are carefully chosen and tested to assure our members of the best products for sale at a fair price. The more you support these initiatives, the greater the royalty income to Fort Pitt Chapter.

If you are capable you can also help by making a tax deductible donation payable directly to Fort Pitt Chapter. A small check from over 4,000 members will help tremendously to implement Fort Pitt Projects. Here are some, but not all, of the projects we are attempting to fund this year:

Dictionary & Thesaurus Project
Little Sisters of the Poor
Western PA School for the Blind
Community Shelter Service
East End Community Center
Veterans and Military Projects
Pittsburgh Homeless Agencies
Western PA School for the Deaf
Animal Rescue League
Project Star

Project Linus
DuBois Food Bank
Salvation Army
Warren State Hospital Bingo
Center for Victims
Operation Santa
Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl-A-Thon
Penn State Conservation Camp
Clelian Heights School for Exceptional Children
Westmoreland County Junior Conservation School

Kane Hospital Bingo
SPCA McKean County
Erie City Mission
Blessings in a Backpack
Union Mission of Latrobe

Our goal is to demonstrate our commitment to community service opportunities for children, adults, senior and veterans in areas of education, health and human services, and life enrichment projects. In addition to Western Pennsylvania, we volunteer from Erie and Bradford in the north, to Washington, PA in the south and to Punxsutawney and DuBois in the east. You have been reading about these projects in the Tele-All for years as the Clubs faithfully perform them. Please help us to continue to help these organizations.

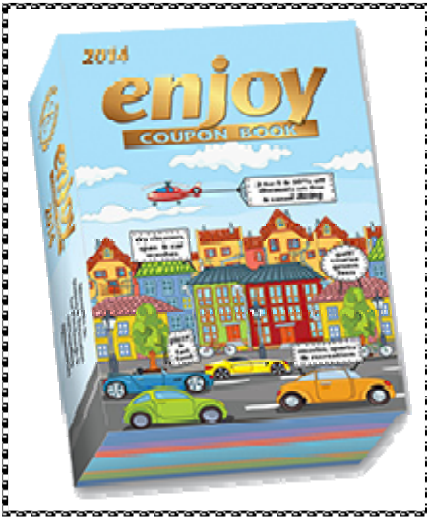
Thank You!

Gerry McLaughlin, President

Donation \$ _____
Check Payable to : TP-Fort Pitt Chapter
Do you need a receipt? _____

Mail to:
Pioneer Office— Fort Pitt Chapter
15 E. Montgomery Ave, 1st Floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

2015 enjoy Coupon Book



Order your enjoy Coupon Book today from the Pioneer Office-----Only \$30 for hundreds of dollars of discounts in the Pittsburgh area.

Fill out the form below and return to the Pioneer Office with your check.

BOOKS MUST BE PICKED UP AS THERE IS NO INTRA-COMPANY MAIL.

No Phone Orders

2015 enjoy Coupon Book Order Form - \$30.00

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone (____) _____ - _____ Checks Payable to TP - Fort Pitt Chapter

Send To: enjoy Book
Pioneer Office
15 E. Montgomery Ave, 1st Floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Total # of Books _____

Total Payment \$ _____

**Any questions call 412-237-3206
Or leave a message on 412-237-3208**

?? CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR REMOVE FROM Tele-ALL MAILING LIST??

_____ Change of Address

_____ Remove from Mailing List

Print name: _____

Address: _____

Send to: Pioneer Office
15 E. Montgomery Ave, 1st Floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

\$\$ FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FORT PITT CHAPTER \$\$

At the Group level and as an attempt to help all of our Chapters raise money for their organizations, New Vision Pioneers Resource Development Team has researched and recommended the following three Companies for purchase of their products. Every purchase you make generates a 'royalty' that is directly returned to our Chapter (the ordering codes are unique to each Chapter). These promotions are typically seasonal and great products and values. Thanks for looking and give them a try!



RADA Manufacturing Company is located in Waverly, Iowa and has been manufacturing cutlery since 1948 and has earned the reputation of being remarkable.

Their products are 100% American Made, and are used in millions of homes every day. Now Pioneers, their friends and families have an opportunity to purchase this remarkable product and at the same time support Pioneers projects.

Please take a moment to look at the on-line catalog and make a purchase which is Made in the U.S.A. and has a lifetime Guarantee. On-line ordering instructions:

1. Go to the website: www.helpourfundraiser.org
2. Enter the following: Internet Ordering Number: 504282/Password: pioneer (small letters)
3. Click On BROWSE
4. Place your order.

FLOWER POWER *Pioneers Spring Giving*

The Flower Power Fundraising organization needs your help! For every purchase made on their site, Flower Power will give 50% back to New Vision Pioneers Fort Pitt Chapter. Flowers, plants, and bulbs for your spring planting! The easiest way to get their website is through our website and will assure Fort Pitt receives the credit for your sale. Go to: www.newvision-fortpittpioneers.org

Click on Fundraising

Then click on Flower Power—here you will find their phone number (1-888-833-1486) or a link at the bottom of their article to view and order their products.

This promotion ends April 25, 2014.



In Memoriam

Michael J. Assini	Latrobe	Francis C .Hursen	Pittsburgh
James H. Cole	Canonsburg	Harry K. Jackson	North Versailles
Marjorie K. Dagger	Elizabeth	Harry P. Jackson Jr.	Irwin
Thomas J. Drake	Beaver Falls	Elliot S. James	Glenshaw
Marjorie L. Ducray	McDonald	Katherine Java	Pittsburgh
Donald L. Fabian	Gibsonia	Anthony E. Kulwicki Jr	New Brighton
Myrtle P. Gault	Colorado	Paul C. Lazor	Texas
Harold L. Gee	Pittsburgh	William D. Logan	Palmyra
Harold E. Good	McKeesport	Richard R. Lowden	Glenshaw
James E. Hanson	Marienville	Betty L. Lyle	Warren
Richard T. Haywiser	Pittsburgh	Raymond W. Pflug	New Brighton
Joseph C. Sommer	Pittsburgh		

Flower Petal



The new Vision Pioneers Fort Pitt Chapter #13 have partnered with flowerpetal.com to provide you a state-of-the-art shopping experience and unparalleled service for purchasing flowers and gifts online.

How does it work? Flowerpetal.com Las Vegas– based e-commerce provider servicing the flower and gift industry, handles order processing, fulfillment and customer service, all backed by their 100% Satisfaction Guarantee. Flowers are reasonably priced, available for any occasion and are filled by local florists! View their products and place your order at: www.pioneers13.flowerpetal.com

In addition to their website, you can also order by calling toll free: 1-800-444-0531 (24 hours a day/7 days a week), or by FAX at 1-800-530-6059.

Many of our members have used this Flower Petal for ordering flowers and have been very pleased. Give them a try for your next flower delivery!

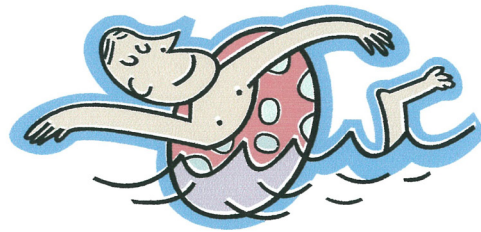
Idlewild Park & Soak Zone

The Pioneer Office will be selling the Idlewild Fun Day Passes,
good for the Park & Soak Zone !

FunDay Passes ~ tickets are valid any operating day during regular 2014
operating season. No surcharge for use on weekends.

Our Price: \$25.99

Sandcastle



Sandcastle White Water Pass ~ tickets are valid any operating day during
regular 2014 operating season.

Our Price: \$22.00

Send a stamped self-addressed envelope with your order.

Please include your phone number!

Tickets will be available approximately mid-May and on sale until
September or until our supply lasts. *These tickets must be purchased in
advance – NOT available at gate.*

Any questions, call: 412-237-3206 or 412-237-3208

Make your check payable to:

TP-Fort Pitt Chapter

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____:

Idlewild Tickets _____ @ **\$25.99 each**

SandCastle Tickets _____ @ \$22.00 each

Mail request to:

TP – Fort Pitt Chapter

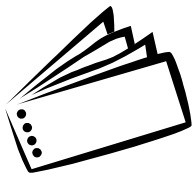
c/o Idlewild or SandCastle Tickets

15 E. Montgomery Avenue (1 flr)

Pittsburgh, PA 15212

TOTAL \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____



FUNDRAISER WINNERS

JANUARY 2014



NOON LOTTERY DRAWING

1	Casey Madera	\$ 500.00
2	Linda McDonald	50.00
3	Marjorie Hole	50.00
4	Kathy Thompson	100.00
5	Fr. Chuck Baptiste	100.00
6	Joann Morgan	50.00
7	Tom Villella	50.00
8	Sandy Romanelli	50.00
9	Gladys Ostronic	50.00
10	Rudy Gerber	50.00
11	David Coffman	100.00
12	Connie Bryner	100.00
13	Rebecca Farabaugh	50.00
14	Bonnie Hayes	50.00
15	Helen Piett	50.00
16	Jeffrey Haney	50.00
17	Mrs. Miram Clymer	50.00
18	Mrs. Elaine Ribar	100.00
19	Norma Thomas	100.00
20	Sandy Romanelli	150.00
21	Gary Sidun	50.00
22	Caitlyn Fike	50.00
23	Anna Marie Mullen	50.00
24	Mrs. Kay Harrington	50.00
25	Josephine Valenti	100.00
26	Jeff Geiger	100.00
27	Cathy Coldren	50.00
28	Cheryl Rockwell	50.00
29	Norma Sheldone	50.00
30	Karen Burkovich	50.00
31	Diane Kolczynski	50.00

EVENING LOTTERY DRAWING

1	Mrs. Ann Nieser	\$ 500.00
2	Janice Anthony	50.00
3	Helen Waugaman	50.00
4	Caitlin Fike	100.00
5	Kathy Lorello	100.00
6	Theresa Stampak	50.00
7	Gina Solomond	50.00
8	Paulette Fisher	50.00
9	Betty Gallo	50.00
10	Patty Reimer	50.00
11	Jackie Hill	100.00
12	Pat Lint	100.00
13	Sally Spegar	50.00
14	Jay Morgan	50.00
15	Richard Wisniewski	50.00
16	Millie Susnjar	50.00
17	Richard Wisniewski	50.00
18	Ann Patrick	100.00
19	Lorraine Allen	100.00
20	Meagan Ingley	150.00
21	Harold Little	50.00
22	Kathy Slepsky	50.00
23	Mary Ann Sadler	50.00
24	Delores Strube	50.00
25	Terry Piganelli	100.00
26	Anthony M. Ciallella	100.00
27	Lorraine Allen	50.00
28	John Kolczynski	50.00
29	Dorothy Janeda	50.00
30	Bob Pegg	50.00
31	John West	50.00

New Vision

pioneers
a volunteer network



Have you noticed our new logo? Our Chapter leadership has come together to develop a mutual vision which addresses the needs of our national and local organization and our communities. It is important for our members, potential members and the public to identify our 19 nationwide Chapters as a single cohesive volunteer group representing the communities in which we work and live in association with the Telecom Pioneers organization.

Although we have developed a new name and our websites will change, we have not wavered from our true purpose. We will continue to serve those in need, provide fellowship to our members and those in the community and continue to be loyal to our values and commitment to making our world a better place in which to work, play and live.

MISSION: Pioneers in a network of volunteers who effect immediate, tangible change in local communities.

VISION: We are the recognized world-class leader in volunteerism. We continue to be respected and valued by our members, our strategic partners, the global community and our industry. To continue to be committed to the diversity and personal growth of our members, the success of our strategic partners and to continue to improve the quality of life in our communities.

Please be sure to visit our new website:

www.newvision-fortpittpioneers.org

kidsHELP.....at the Animal Rescue League



Visits to the Animal Rescue League by Aidan & Julia Conway and Austin Kocsis have been sporadic over the winter months because of the weather. Hopefully by the time the Tele-All is published, we will be back on schedule with our monthly visits to deliver pet food to the dogs and cats there. The Pioneer donations allow pets, who may be abandoned at the shelter, stay in their homes with their owners.

Cancelled Stamp Collections



We are once again able to save cancelled stamps on behalf of the American Philatelic Society.

They require the stamp to be cut away from the envelope with a 1/4 inch of paper around the edge of the stamp (see the sample to the left.)

APS will also accept all sorts of philatelic collectible material, such as First Day Covers, Albums and boxes of stamps in glassine envelopes.

The American Philatelic Society (www.stamps.org) is the largest, non-profit organization for stamp collectors, educators, postal historians and the general public by providing a wide variety of programs and services.

Stop pitching those envelopes and start clipping the stamps to save for this very useful organization. All of your donations will be counted towards volunteer hours for Fort Pitt Chapter. You clipped donations can be mailed to:

Linda Schirano
411 Center Road
Monroeville, PA 15146

Thank you for your donations and helping with our volunteer hours!

Help us to save money on the Tele-All distribution...



As you probably know, postage rates just increased again at the Post Office!

That means it costs more to send out the Tele-All to you. Now we can offer you a copy of the Tele-All at your email address instead of the paper copy in the U.S. Mail!

If you provide your email to the address below, it will cut down the printing expense and the mailing expense of our newsletter. So drop me an email with your email address and we will convert your next Tele-All to a soft copy in your email. We promise not to share your email address with anyone else! You can also view this issue of Tele-All online at:

www.newvision-fortpittpioneers.org

Every little bit helps—thanks for your part!

Gerry McLaughlin

send email to: info@newvision-fortpittpioneers.org

GATEWAY LIFE MEMBER CLUB PIONEER KOEZE NUT SALE

Orders will be here for Thanksgiving. There will only be one order so they MUST be in by Monday, November 7, 2014.

ITEMS	PRICE	#	TOTAL
Large 30oz decanter jar mixed nuts	\$28.00		
Large 30oz. Decanter jar mixed nuts With Macadamias	\$29.00		
Large 30oz. Decanter jar Cashews	\$29.00		
Medium 20oz. Decanter mixed nuts	\$20.50		
Medium 20oz. Decanter jar mixed nuts With Macadamias	\$22.00		
Medium 20oz. Decanter jar Cashews	\$22.00		
14oz. Gift Tin mixed nuts	\$16.00		
14oz. Gift Tin mixed nuts with Macadamias	\$16.50		
14oz. Gift Tin Cashews	\$16.50		
Pecan Puddles 8oz. Box/milk	\$14.00		
Cream-nut Peanut Butter Clusters 8oz box	\$14.00		

TOTAL ORDER

Orders must be picked up since there is no intra-company mail.

Make Checks Payable to: TP-Fort Pitt Chapter & return check to:

Nancy Riley

Pioneer Office

15 E Montgomery St 1st Fl.

Pittsburgh, PA 15212

NAME

CO. ADDRESS

HOME ADDRESS

HOME PHONE

KENNYWOOD PARK TICKETS ARE BACK!!



*The Pioneer Office will be selling Kennywood Park tickets
again this summer!*

REGULAR TICKETS: \$23.00 (for adults & children over 2)
SENIOR TICKETS: \$21.00 (for adults 55+)

ALL DAY RIDE



Send a stamped self-addressed envelope with your order.

Tickets will be available approximately mid-May and on sale until September or
our supply lasts. * ONLY 250 TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THIS PRICE *

Any questions, call: 412-237-3206 or 412-237-3208

Make your check payable to:

TP-Fort Pitt Chapter

Regular tickets _____ @ \$23.00 each

Senior tickets _____ @ \$21.00 each

Mail request to:

TP - Fort Pitt Chapter

c/o Kennywood Tickets

15 E. Montgomery Avenue (1 flr)

Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Name: _____

Phone # _____

Address _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Valentine's Day Project—6th Annual “Hugs From Nan”

at the InterCommunity Cancer Center in Monroeville



Gerry DeMeo at InterCommunity



Contents of the Gift Bags

Once again, we participated in a Valentine's Day Project at the Inter Community Cancer Center in Monroeville by honoring 50 patients undergoing radiation treatment with an over-stuffed gift bag. This year we partnered with Allegheny Valley Bank, and REMAX Select Realty to sponsor the bags. Gerry McLaughlin's daughter Lauren Klein, organized the event, shopped for the products and prepared the beautiful bags in honor of her Grandmother, Gerry DeMeo, who won her battle with breast cancer almost seven years ago.

Eat N' Park provided a discount to purchase heart shaped cookies for the bag, and Costco and Sam's Club provided us with \$25 gift cards to use for the items in the bags. The bag included Valentine merchandise of socks, mugs, note pads, ornaments, bath gel, scrubbie, valentine magnet, pens, lip balm, mints, stuffed animal, protein bars, and a heart shaped box of chocolates. The patients were very grateful for the extra attention they received during their doctor visits on Valentine's Day!

Support for our Retired and Hospitalized Armed Services Men and Women



Our retired service members are provided assistance through Southwestern Veterans center which is a residential care facility for over 200 patients. The men and women there are treated with an occasional bingo where we sponsor the prizes, and provide refreshments for the residents. We also support their monthly birthday celebrations.

Sharing & Caring sponsors a bingo in Southwestern Center monthly on the forth Tuesday of every month at 2:00 pm. Please come along to help serve if you are free, you will have a wonderful time interacting with the men and women there and come away with a smile on your face!

Stephen Foster Club

On November 19, 2013, we had our last Craft Night at the Children's Institute in Squirrel Hill. It seems for us to volunteer we need an FBI clearance and another clearance that would cost us about a \$100.00 each for one night. The visits to the institute go back to the 80's when Sis Arendas handled the pumpkin decorating for the children. Wonderful memories from there especially when we saw ads on TV showing those children we helped who were unable to walk or talk and their recovery year by year.

My sister, Liz, a Sister of Charity nun for 5 minutes, needed help for a family in the Jeannette area in 1980; this started our 1st Christmas family in the Wilksburg office. I'll never forget that visit, my sister and I sat in the kitchen crying with the mother who was talking about the loss of a son and Louie Azzolini dressed as a clown had her other children in the living room giggling with joy. Then with the Pioneers help we were able to do a few extra children or a 2nd family when no other organization picked them up. Especially, since Barb Cassidy and Mary Ann Rettmeyer are such good Christmas shoppers, we have been able to buy gifts for extra families each year. This year, unfortunately, I was elected to go out due to Barb being laid up with 2 broken legs (she has since recovered) and buy for the family with many phone calls to Barb asking for help in what they meant, i.e. hair items?. Let me tell you, those ladies are wonderful and brave doing this for at least 20 years. I came home and took a 3 hour nap. Our Christmas family project will continue with donations from the Wilksburg lunch brunch and our New Vision budget and others who heard it about in the Tele-All and from other Pioneers. Thank You from the bottom of my heart for helping me do this for so long.

I wish we had new Pioneers joining us instead of a declining membership and older members who no longer are able to go to the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank and pack 3 pallets of food amazing men and women.

However, as old as we may be, we can still help to pack the homeless and soldiers boxes and supply items for both projects. We are rewarded with wonderful letters of thanks from out service men and women.

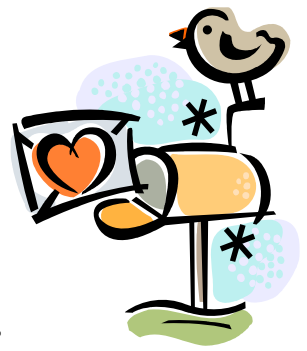
Linda Lafferty sent me an article from the Post Gazette that was only in the East living section. She gives full credit to the Pioneers for starting her Blessings project in Johnston School, Wilksburg.

Hopefully, in these trying times of dwindling budgets, may we still be able to continue to help those in need, even if it is just a little.



Mary Palfy
President

Used Greeting Cards



Don't you just hate to throw away those beautiful cards that you receive for your birthday and holidays? Well, we have found an outlet for used greeting cards!

St. Jude's Ranch for Children is able to recycle your used greeting cards into new cards. Their 'recycled' cards are sold to support their programs and services for abused, abandoned, neglected, and homeless children, young adults and families.

The program is beneficial to everyone - customers receive fun, "green" holiday or other occasion cards they can feel good sending to their loved ones, and the children at St. Jude's Ranch will receive payment for their work and learn basic job skills and the importance of recycling.

NOTE: They currently have increased need for both Birthday and Thank You Cards.

Just a few rules:

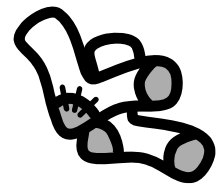
- All types of greeting cards, including Christmas cards are accepted.
- They cannot accept cards from Hallmark, American Greeting or Disney.
- Cards 5"x 7" or smaller preferred.
- Only the card front can be used (please check to make sure the backside of the front of the card is clear of any writing, etc.)

Send card front to: Linda Schirano
411 Center Road
Monroeville, PA 15146

Thanks for your participation!



SOCK DRIVE



ANNUAL HOSPITALIZED VETERANS

SHARING & CARING BOAT RIDE

We need NEW white crew socks for our Veterans boat ride. Please collect them at your parties, outings, luncheons and shopping sprees.

Lynne Price is coordinating the collection and she can be contacted at 412-795-3767 to coordinate a pick up or drop off. Thanks for your participation!

Deadline for the Sock Drive is August 22, 2014.

EVERGREEN CLUB

Many changes within our Pioneer organization this year, including our new brand name, have led us into some uncharted territory as we face the future. However, in the spirit that had stood us in good stead for the past 100 years we will continue on with what we have always done best—provide friendship, loyalty and service to our members and our community.

Future events include luncheon locations and dates as follows:

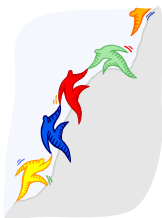
The Spring luncheon	April 3	Giannilli's II
Summer Luncheon	June 18	Lakeview
Fall Luncheon	October 2	Lamplighter
Christmas Luncheon	December 2	Lakeview

If you are interested in attending any of these luncheons please contact me at least two weeks prior to the luncheon at 724-836-1024—Nancy.

Allow me to discuss our 2013 accomplishments. We sent five students to Western Conservation Camp at Keystone State Park, sponsored one student to Penn State Conservation School, helped with the purchase of Ipads for students with special needs at Clelian Heights, donated to Union Mission, which is the only men's homeless shelter in Westmoreland County, helped purchase new sofa's for the Blackburn Shelter for Abused Women & Children. We also donated to three food pantries, at one of the food pantries we have nine members who volunteer once monthly, we donated money to Operation Santa Claus where the Salvation Armies from three counties unite to supply groceries to their various locations plus twelve Evergreen Club members helped pack 1,500 bags of groceries in five hours. Also in December ten members rang bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign raising \$426. We didn't forget the animals; donating money, blankets and coupons to the animal shelter. We also hosted 4 luncheons sharing fellowship, playing bingo, having a Chinese Auction and 50/50 raffle, while accepting donations for the food bank and the animal shelter.

Many of our members volunteer at various locations. We also have Maxine Kelley who handles the lottery tickets which she spends countless hours working on the distribution of tickets and monies to winners. We're sorry about the closing of the Verizon Seton Hill location. The Evergreen Club is blessed in having so many members who volunteer and interact with each other.

—Nancy Metzger, Evergreen Club President.



Homeless Shelter Report

Every month we prepare and distribute 150 toiletry kits to the three homeless agencies in Pittsburgh: Operation Save a Life, Operation Safety Net & Jubilee Kitchen. We are down to only preparing about 50 kits a month for each of the organizations due to the lack of intra-company mail declining donations. When the severe weather emergency shelter opened in December, we were able to provide 500 breakfast bags and coffee products to the shelter in addition to scarves and gloves knitted by Nancy Stonis. Many thanks to the volunteers who faithfully help pack these kits at the Verizon garage in Monroeville and also the friends and family dedicated to collecting the toiletries for donation. This program would not



Join the Pioneers for a fun-filled day
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Chapter Pioneer Picnic

Saturday, June 28, 2014

Pavilion # 19 ~ 11:00 AM to Closing

Bring the kids, the grand-kids and your picnic basket and enjoy a memorable
day at "America's Finest Traditional Amusement Park"

All day ride tickets are \$23.00 for adults & children (age 2 & under free)

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DEADLINE ~ ALL reservations must be in by Thursday, June 19

Send a stamped self-addressed envelope with your check and your order.

Make your check payable to:

TP-Fort Pitt Chapter

Regular tickets _____ @ \$23.00 each

Senior tickets _____ @ \$21.00 each

Name: _____

Phone # _____

Mail reservations to:

TP - Fort Pitt Chapter

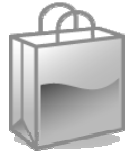
c/o Kennywood Picnic

15 E. Montgomery Avenue (1 flr)

Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Address _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____



SHARING AND CARING BAG PACKING AUGUST 28TH 2014

The bag packing date for Sharing & Caring will be Thursday, August 28th.

It will be at the following location.

Anyone wanting to help pack can contact Lynne Price at 412-795-3767
Or aflp052@verizon.net

Thad Stevens VFD 225
2797 Robinson Blvd
Penn Hills
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

ANNUAL BOAT RIDE

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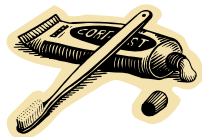
SEPTEMBER 2-5TH 2014

The annual Sharing & Caring Boat Ride will be held Labor Day week from Tuesday thru Friday, September 2nd through 5th, on the Gateway Clipper Fleet at Station Square Dock.

Anyone who is interested in helping with bag distribution please contact me at 412-795-3767 or
aflp052@verizon.net

I will be contacting volunteers for both events as we get closer to the dates. There will also be the annual Sock Drive. Please see separate flyer for details. Please remember that this will be your only mailing information, so please make note of the dates and contact information.

Lynne Price



Toiletry Collections



As you travel, please collect the sample size soap, shampoo, lotion and any complimentary items provided by the hotels. The Verizon Garage in Monroeville has generously provided space for our packing operation.

These items are used to pack hygiene kits for the homeless folks and sent to Operation Save-A-Life, Operation Safety Net and Jubilee Kitchen in Pittsburgh.

These kits are crucial—the agencies we serve continue to ask for them all year round and we typically prepare and distribute 150 kits a month.

Other items that are always needed a complete the kits are washcloths, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, combs and quart size zip lock bags.

Many Thanks to those of you faithfully provide these toiletries!!

PLEASE NOTE: Verizon is no longer processing intra-company mail. You can mail the toiletries in the U.S. Mail to the office: Pioneers, ATTN: Gerry McLaughlin, 508 Old Frankstown Rd., Monroeville, PA 15146, or if you are local, please call me and we can coordinate a pick up. My number is 412-823-7777.

Thank you all very much!



Box Top\$ and Campbell's Labels for EDUCATION



The front panel products labels for Campbell's products are NO LONGER ELIGIBLE. They are only requiring that you cut the "Labels for Education" UPC from the label. The UPC's are on most Campbell's products including soups, Goldfish crackers, Market Day, Swanson products, and lids from V8, V8 Splash, and Prego. These are used to purchase "special needs" equipment at various schools.

You can send the UPS's & Box Top\$ in the US Mail to:

Gerry McLaughlin
216 Ohio Street
Monroeville, PA 15146

or

Gerry McLaughlin
ATTN: Pioneers
508 Old Frankstown Road
Monroeville, PA 15146

**MANY THANKS TO THOSE OF YOU WHO ALREADY SEND THE
UPC'S AND BOX TOP\$!**

LOTTERY TICKETS

Our lottery ticket program, which has been a major source of income for us for a number of years, has enjoyed a very successful run. It has enabled us in large part to provide funding for some of our many community service projects. Throughout those years Maxine Kelley, one of its originators, has served long and faithfully and currently is responsible for total coordination of the project. It is, therefore, appropriate to recognize the time and effort she has dedicated to this superior fund raiser and to provide her with some relief. To that end we are now seeking volunteers willing to step up and assume this very worthwhile project. Maxine will continue to administer lottery ticket sales for July of this year which will provide time for us to plan and arrange for quarterly sales in October and the following year. Interested parties can either contact Gerry McLaughlin at 412-823-7777 or the Pioneer Office at 412-237-3208. Maxine can resign from this important assignment with a great deal of pride in what she has accomplished and the standards she has set and we salute her efforts with a real sense of gratitude.

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