

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Pioneers:

April 2, and as I write this, it's still snowing. Hopefully by the time you receive our Pioneer newsletter, the sun will be shining and the tulips and daffodils will be poking through! Time marches on as we enter the second quarter of 2018 and prepare for our summer projects and plans for the year. A little trimming was done with our budget for the year with the cooperation of the entire board basing our projects on anticipated income from our fund-raising and hopes for donations from members like you.

We have expanded the mailing of this issue to include all of our out of state Pioneer retirees so that we can bring you back in the loop on the projects we do in the Fort Pitt area, hopefully encourage all of our members to consider making a small donation to support our projects and clean-up our membership lists. Later in the issue there is a coupon that you can send in to the Pioneer Office with any address changes or member updates.

Since we only publish the Tele-All twice a year now, our issues are chock full of a variety of projects and the agencies we work with. We are committed to performing projects that are designed to make life better and brighter for folks less fortunate than we are. Take the time to read, and a review of the pages within will convince you of our Mission and Vision, of projects we have completed and plan to complete, and what it takes to perform them.

I always like to acknowledge our Board for all of their efforts on their projects and to be constantly on the lookout for agencies in need and how we can provide assistance to them. Our faithful Office Staff, Marlene & Dorothy are to be commended for keeping the office running, vouchers moving along, our records in order and managing the quarterly lottery calendar. The work of the Board Members and Office Staff results in thousands of volunteer hours of activities throughout the year, and is to be recognized and applauded. Their willingness to donate their time and talent to keep Fort Pitt Chapter alive and well cannot be underestimated.

And to all of you Active Members, Life Members and Partners, without whose generous support we could not continue, we "Thank You" also!

Gerry McLaughlin

*Chapter President, April 2018*



## Easter Egg Hunt at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind

*This year, Pioneers hosted the 39th Year Anniversary of the Easter Egg Hunt at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind in Oakland. It was held on March 26 and as always, it was a big success with over 140 children attending. We had about 20 volunteers assisting the children and filling their Easter baskets along with our own Easter Bunny helping too.*



*The event was well organized with the volunteers and teachers helping the children to go in search of the brightly flashing & rattling eggs. Once located, the children were able to trade in their 'found' eggs for Easter baskets filled with treats, stuffed animals and toys especially selected by our coordinator, Sis Arendas. Sis sends along her 'Thanks' to all of the volunteers and staff who were on hand to help. Everyone is welcome to volunteer for this yearly event!*

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## BIRTHDAY BAGS for Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank



In January, Mary Palfy, Sandy Patton and Pat Szyper presented 10 Birthday bags to the agency, overflowing with items for a complete birthday party including a cake mix, icing, candles, balloons, gift cards, etc. Lisa Scales, their President and CEO said “we are truly grateful for your willingness to take action and make a difference in your community. Your gifts are already aiding those who need it most.”

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## Our Mission 2018

*Pioneers is a network of volunteers who effect immediate, tangible change in local communities.*

## Our Vision 2018

*To be recognized as a world-class leader in volunteerism. To 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.*

### kidsHELP..... AT THE ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE

We are now donating dog and cat food to the Animal Rescue League every other month. The kids helped this past year by delivering the food and visiting with the pets with milk bone treats. These food donations allow pets, who may be abandoned at the shelter, to stay in their homes with their owners. The agency always needs blankets, bath and beach towels for bedding for the cats and dogs. Shown is Julia Conway donating her time.



One of our back to school projects was providing school supplies to Grover Perry Elementary School in Erie, PA. Yvonne Klick, President of our Club, shopped for and delivered the supplies to the teachers there. Center Elementary School in Plum Borough also received basic school supplies for their classrooms. We will also be working the National Council of Jewish Women this summer to pack and distribute back-to-school backpacks with school supplies, shoes and clothing for the fall semester.



# FINANCIAL UPDATE- Spring 2018

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Many thanks to those of you who took the time to read and respond to the articles that were in our past issues of the Tele-All regarding our finances. You already know by now that we are no longer supported by a grant from Verizon to continue volunteer activities. Out of about 3,900 Fort Pitt members, only 141 are active employees paying dues (\$20 a year) of which we receive a portion. Also, as employees retire, and there are no more dues collected, even less is received. Between 2008 and 2018, we lost 489 dues paying members. If we continue to lose, on the average, 50 members a year, within 3 years we won't have any dues coming in, and we are not permitted to solicit new members who are active employees.

From our requests in 2017, we have received only 75 donations for a total of \$3,136. Less than 1% of our members are making a donation directly to Fort Pitt Chapter. Please remember, we are a self-sufficient charitable organization. We can only continue to do these community service projects with your help.

We need your help so that we can continue on with the projects that you read about in our newsletters. You can see the scope of the projects we perform and hopefully appreciate all of the good work that we carry on for the good of our local communities and to carry on the reputation of "Pioneers - Answering the call of those in need."

One way we can reduce expenses is to eliminate one issue of the Tele-All newsletter each year. The newsletter expenses have increased this past year along with postage. Because this is our primary means of communication with our members, this would be a last resort.

***If you would like to continue to read about our projects and receive the Tele-All, please consider making a donation today. Even \$10 goes a long way when many donations are received!***

Our goal is to demonstrate our commitment to community service opportunities for children, adults, seniors and veterans in areas of education, health and human services, and life enrichment projects. 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 Very Much!*

Gerry McLaughlin, *President*

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Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:

Pioneer Office-Fort Pitt Chapter

Check Payable to: **TP-Fort Pitt Chapter**

15 E. Montgomery Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

Do you need a receipt? \_\_\_\_\_

Pittsburgh, PA 15212

# HELP WITH WEBSITE & FACEBOOK

**HELP...** We have lost our Webmaster and have been struggling to keep our website up to date.

FACEBOOK has also been added for Fort Pitt and we are looking for someone who can do the updates.

If you can help, please let me know at:

[info@newvision-fortpittpioneers.org](mailto:info@newvision-fortpittpioneers.org)



Be sure to  
visit our website for  
current news:

[www.newvision-fortpittpioneers.org](http://www.newvision-fortpittpioneers.org)



## SOCK DRIVE

### ANNUAL HOSPITALIZED VETERANS

#### Sharing & Caring BOAT RIDE (September 4 thru 7, 2018)

We need white crew socks for our Veterans boat ride. Please collect them at your parties, outings, luncheons and shopping sprees. One of our major donors notified us earlier this year that they will not be making their usual donation so the need this year is great! 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 24, 2018**

# Bell Memorabilia *for Sale*

Our Evergreen Club President, Hilda Martino passed away in 2016. Just recently her niece, Victoria, offered Fort Pitt these memorabilia items for our Chapter. Our Board has decided to use the donated items as a fund-raiser. Pictured are:



- 2 Collector Plates "Weavers of Speech" from 1983/1984. They are numbered and have a Certificate
- 4 Mechanical Pencils & 1 pen
- Hundreds of Princess Key chains - turquoise, white & beige (with the beaded chain)
- Commemorative Anniversary Collector Books
  - 1 - 50 Year Book
  - 8 - 75 Year Books
  - 2 - 100 Year Books

If you are interested in any of the items, make us an offer and include the postage in your offer. All reasonable offers will be considered. You can send your offer to :

**info@newvision-fortpittpioneers.org or call me at 412-823-7777 to discuss.**

*Thanks for considering helping the Chapter this way!*

## 2018 Fort Pitt Chapter #13 Board Members:

<b>President</b>	Gerry McLaughlin	<b>Past President</b>	Marilyn Stevens
<b>Secretary</b>	Mary Palfy	<b>Treasurer</b>	Marlene Yurochko
<b>MAL-1 year</b>	Donna Gallagher Lynne Price	<b>MAL-2 years</b>	Bonnie Adams Don McIlrath
<b>Sr Representative</b>	Phil Gallagher		
<b>Club Presidents:</b>			
<b>Allegheny</b>	Esther Dietrick	<b>Evergreen</b>	Vacant
<b>Frontier</b>	Kim Easton	<b>Gateway</b>	Marlene Yurochko
<b>Bradford</b>	Carol Felmlee	<b>DuBois</b>	Nancy Williams
<b>Warren</b>	Casey Jones	<b>Meadville</b>	Yvonne Klick
<b>National Trail</b>	Pat O'Brien	<b>Stephen Foster</b>	Mary Palfy



## Yearly "Shower For The Shelter" at Center For Victims - McKeesport



In September, we hosted a Shower For the Shelter at Center For Victims, a domestic violence shelter in McKeesport. This is the ninth year that Fort Pitt members have shopped for necessities for the families that come through the shelter. Items purchased were new towel sets, sheets, blankets, pajamas for women and children, underwear, toiletries, activity books, back to school kits and cleaning supplies.

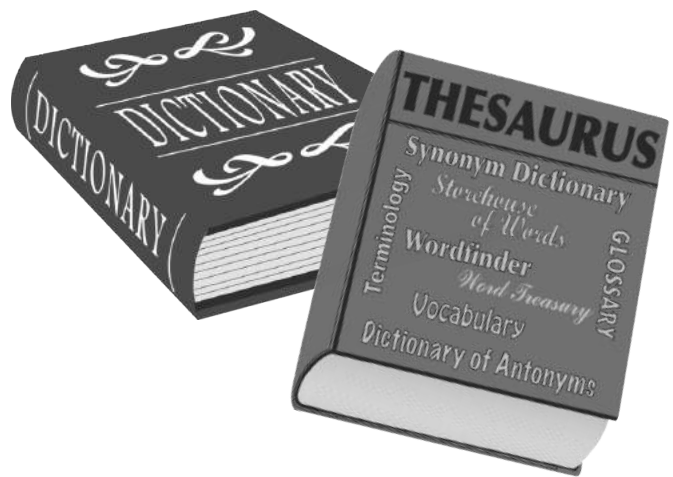
## DuBois Area Ministerium Food Pantry

They were very grateful for the extra help at Christmas explaining that 25% of their client base consists of seniors and another 25% of children. Mr. Kermit Tuning, their Treasurer, also expressed their gratitude for our support enabling them to provide essential needs, especially needed during the holidays.



Pictured is  
**Nancy Williams, DuBois Club President**  
and **Pastor John Miller of the Food Pantry in DuBois.**

## Dictionary & Thesaurus Project



Our goal is to distribute about 40 dozen of these books! Summer is a good time to canvas third and fourth grade teachers to see if they are in need of the books.

If you know of a third grade class that is in need of a dictionary or fourth grade class that can use a thesaurus, please contact **Nancy Riley at 412-884-4711**. If we still have room left in the budget, we can get those books ordered for your school!

***Thanks for putting the word out!***

## NEW Greeting Cards Project

When we pack the duffel bags for the Sharing & Caring Boat Ride, one of the items that we include for the veterans are a couple of 'all-occasion' greeting cards for their personal use. Many organizations are now sending new greeting cards in the mail as a solicitation for their fund raiser and we would like to collect them from those of you who choose not to use those cards. Because of your generosity this past year, we were able to include 9 new greeting cards in the Veterans gift tote for the 2017 Sharing & Caring Boat Ride! Since we have now exhausted our supply, we have started collecting again for the 2018 event. Your donation of unused greeting cards and their envelopes are appreciated! You can send to:

Gerry McLaughlin  
216 Ohio Street  
Monroeville, PA 15146



*...and we will be sure to include them in the Sharing & Caring duffel bags! Thank You!*

## Support for our Retired and Hospitalized Armed Services Men & 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 bingo's where we sponsor the prizes, and provide refreshments for the residents. We also support their monthly birthday celebrations with a giant sheet cake that serves about 80 of the residents. Pictured here are the volunteers from our Holiday Bingo held in December.

Also, Sharing & Caring sponsors a bingo at Southwestern Veterans Center monthly on the fourth 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!



"It's easy to say, 'It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes.

Fred Rogers  
March 20, 1928 - February 27, 2003





# HOMELESS SHELTER REPORT



*We are still packing the toiletry kits for Operation Safety Net, Jubilee Kitchen and Community Human Services and have recently added Family Links who provides programs to youth ages 16-21 who are homeless or aging out of the foster care system. Typically about 200 kits are prepared each month for the agencies.*

*A donation was made to the Light of Life Rescue Mission on the Northside to help with their programs and coffee products and warm winter coats were delivered to Shepherd's Heart in Pittsburgh. Blessing Bags consist of full size toiletry products and socks and gloves and scarfs if available. These too are provided to agencies in need.*

*Nancy Stonis continues to knit hat & glove sets that we distribute to the agencies. This is the 17th year that Nancy has been providing these cozy handmade items for the homeless. Over 3,200 homeless folks have benefited from her handiwork. We all appreciate her time and efforts to help those less fortunate.*

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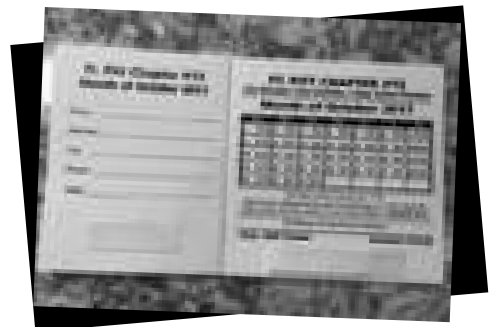
## Quarterly Chapter Lottery Calendar

Each year in January, April, July and October, Fort Pitt conducts our major fund raising event in the form of a lottery calendar. This is our best fund raiser for the Chapter, but it requires much effort to sell 1,000 chances, four times a year. In this issue, as you have seen in past issues, you will see the list of the winners of previous lottery with prizes ranging between \$50 and \$500.

You can help by purchasing a ticket for \$10.00. The July 2018 lottery will be our next ticket. We can also put your name on our mailing list to automatically receive your ticket(s) from Marlene & Dorothy at the Pioneer Office.

Please call Gerry McLaughlin at 412-823-7777 to purchase a ticket or to be put on the mailing list.

All winners are paid within 30 days of the drawing date.



## Quilts of Valor Event

*Fort Pitt was able to help the Quilts of Valor fund raiser in October, by donating a beautiful gift basket for their raffle prepared by Donna Gallagher. The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. Don McIlrath, our Member at Large and a Veteran of the Korean War, was presented with one of their quilts in 2016.*



## Holiday Fellowship

In December, members and friends of Fort Pitt's Gateway Club gathered for a beautiful holiday luncheon at South Hills Country Club in Whitehall. Even though our luncheon crowd is dwindling, South Hills Country Club continues to support our fellowship. The next holiday lunch is December 4 so try to join in the festivities and fellowship!

Call Marlene or  
Dorothy in the Pioneer Office  
by November 21 if interested  
412-237-3206

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
Gateway Christmas Luncheon  
Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at NOON  
South Hills Country Club



## Salvation Army *DuBois*

Shown is Nancy Williams & Lt. Candace Horsman, Officer of the DuBois branch of the Salvation Army. We have been working with and supporting our local Salvation Army for many years now and are proud to continue this effort. Lt. Horsman expressed her gratitude on behalf of the Salvation Army and said that it is through the support of donors like us that they can continue helping those in need in our community.



**We will once again be selling Koeze Nuts  
during the 2018 Holiday Season.**

**If you are interested in ordering,  
please call Marlene at the Pioneer Office for a price sheet.  
412-237-3206 or 412-237-3208**

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## **PJ & TOYS Holiday Project**

Bonnie completed her holiday project with the PJ's and Toys for children with her grand-daughter Eve and 5 of her girlfriends. The young girls actually provided some of their own money and matching funds from family for the Christmas packages. She is continuing with the project this year also along with a summer mentoring camp with the girls. The girls really enjoyed saving and receiving matching funds to shop for the toys and have already begun their project for this year. During the past holiday when they were offered to select a gift for themselves from one of the organizations they worked with, the girls actually declined to accept any type of incentive. For all of their volunteer work in 2017, the girls were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from Fort Pitt Chapter. Please look for their fund-raising ad in this issue for Holiday Gift Tags!





Mary Palfy, our President for Stephen Foster Club, recently presented Barb Tierno-Klemm with a check to support POWER women's agency. POWER's mission is to help women reclaim their lives from the disease of addiction to alcohol and other drugs, and to reduce the incidence of addiction in future generations.



# MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Last October, Donna & Phil Gallagher stepped up to coordinate our Dish It Up Program, "Make a Difference Day". They organized 13 volunteers to help collect 467 food items, winter coats and 7 large bundles of winter clothing for men, women and children. This was all delivered to the Food Pantry in Bloomfield to help 30 families utilizing the services there. In all, about 100 hours of volunteer time were logged!



# PROJECT STAR Holiday Project



*Dianne Madden presented Beth Cross, Assistant to the Executive Director of Project STAR at The Children's Institute, with clothing and toys for a needy family during the Christmas Holiday. Dianne continues the tradition started by Barb Cassidy many years ago personally shopping for the family and wrapping the gifts to make their holiday joyous.*



## Help us to Save Money on the **TELE-ALL DISTRIBUTION**



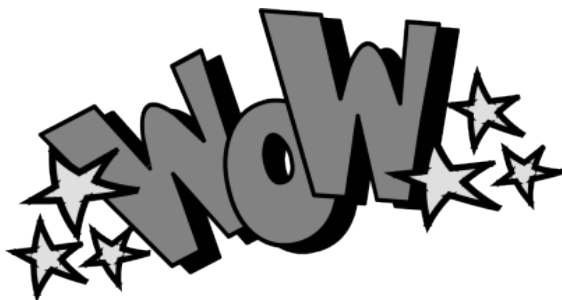
Thanks to those of you who responded to our previous ads in the Tele-All asking to stop your paper issue and receive the Tele-All in your email. There were about 20 members who responded and we thank you for keeping the ball rolling on this money saving effort! We are still looking for more to convert from paper to soft copy, so if you provide your email address to the address below, it will cut down on the printing expense and the mailing expense of our newsletter. We promise not to share your email address with anyone else! You can also view this issue and archived issues of the Tele-All on line at:  
[www.newvision-fortpittpioneers.org](http://www.newvision-fortpittpioneers.org)

*Every little bit helps - thanks for your part!!*

[info@newvision-fortpittpioneers.org](mailto:info@newvision-fortpittpioneers.org)

# 42,760

**That's how many VOLUNTEER HOURS we  
have donated for all of 2017!**



Do you volunteer on a regular basis? Recycle cans or plastic, help maintain gardens, work at a school, hospital, daycare, senior home, etc. If so, we want to hear from you. Please let us know what you do in your volunteer time. We keep track of those hours and the number of people Pioneers touch on a quarterly/annual basis. Just drop me a note and I'll be sure to include your volunteer time in our community service report!

Gerry McLaughlin

216 Ohio Street

Monroeville, PA 15146

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## Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank

*In January, Mary Palfy presented a donation to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. Founded in 1980, the Food Bank has been helping suffering families after the closing of local steel mills. There are over 350,000 people in our region who are food insecure who don't always know where their next meal is coming from, That means one in seven adults and one in five children in our community are food insecure. Today, they proudly serve those in need across 11 counties in southwestern Pennsylvania.*



**Jeremiah's Place**  
Protecting Children. Strengthening Families. Transforming Communities.

Donna & Phil Gallagher, our Member at Large and Senior Representative, have been busy helping an agency that serves children in crisis, Jeremiah's Place. The mission at Jeremiah's Place is to protect children and strengthen families by providing a safe haven of respite, health, renewal, and support for children and families during times of crisis. In the past we have helped them build up their library for the children, provided pajamas, diapers and food, and this year we are on board to stock their pantry with the types of convenience food items they require.

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## Discounts available to Pioneer Members

Pioneer members have many benefits available to them! Maybe you have received an email or a flyer in the mail telling you of the benefits to our members, but here is a reminder of the Companies that offer discounts that our Headquarters have negotiated for us:

For additional information about the benefits the Companies listed above offer to Pioneers, please visit the Member Benefits Center at [www.pioneersvolunteer.org](http://www.pioneersvolunteer.org)

## Kudo's

- from Beth at Project STAR: Thank you so much for your continued support of our holiday family project at the Children's Institute. Special thanks to Dianne Madden for all the hard work of selecting the personal items for the families.
- from Lisa at Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank: YOU make all the difference in the fight to eliminate hunger in our region! Your generosity helps those we serve to get through hard times, and on to better ones.
- from Erica at Saint Anne School: Thank you very much for the generous donation of A Student's Dictionary. There is a wealth of information in these books and I know the students will enjoy using them.
- from Sherry at Center For Victims: You always know just what we need! Thank you for the bedding, clothing and cleaning supplies for our shelter. We wouldn't be able to do this without your help and we are very grateful to have committed community partners like you!
- from Amanda at The Children's Institute, Hope for the Holidays Gift Drive: Thank you so much for thinking of our kiddos this year.
- from Dan at the Humane Animal Rescue: Thank you for your in-kind donation of dog and cat food and treats and also your generous donation to our organization. We truly appreciate your generosity and for thinking of the animals: It is only due to the support of friends like you that we are able to continue to offer these programs, which we believe are vital to our community.
- from Sarah a patient at the Intercommunity Cancer Center:: That Valentine gift made my day at 83 years old! Thank you for your kindness. I really enjoyed the gifts and all the goodies.
- from Kathy at the DuBois Area Honor Guard: Keep up the good work! I was a clown in the Fort Pitt Clown group and remember all the wonderful activities we participated in. Since moving to DuBois, I retired my clown outfit and am now volunteering in the DuBois Area Honor Guard.
- from Dean at Hooked on Books for Kids: We loved the books "The Magic of Color" donation. They are so well made and the colors so vibrant and so perfect for the children we serve. And also your generous donation of a check to support our efforts for literacy, life-long learning and the love of reading.
- from Allisyn at Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lawrence County: Thank you so very much for your sponsorship for our organization. The event was a great success this year, with all money raised that stays right here in Lawrence County to pair children from single parent homes with caring mentors.
- from Kermit at DuBois Area Ministerial Food Pantry: With support such as yours and that of our faithful volunteers, our Pantry has become a very successful ministry. In this day of rising prices and dwindling aid, struggling families in our area are grateful to have a well-supported food pantry available for them, as they might otherwise go without.
- from Monica a patient at the Intercommunity Cancer Center:: Thank you for the lovely Valentine's Day bag of goodies. I received it on my last visit the radiation oncologist so it was extra special. Today was a celebration for me and I want to thank you for celebrating it with me!
- from Carolyn at St. Maria Goretti Parish Food Bank: Thank you so much for completing our Thanksgiving joy by providing 10 fat turkeys for our Food Bank families. Donna and Phil did the "heavy lifting" of actually shopping for the birds and bringing them to our location. Volunteer time and energy are some times even harder to come by than the dollars to purchase the food we offer our neighbors in need. We are most appreciative of your generosity.
- from Candace at DuBois Salvation Army: It is through the support of donors such as yourself that we are able to continue helping those in need in our community. Thank you for coming alongside of us in our efforts.
- from Alice at Hillcrest Pre-School: We are very grateful to you and the Pioneers for the table and chairs for our pre-school students. What a blessing you have been!!!!
- from St. Maria Goretti Parish: Thank you for braving the rain and cold to bring donations to the St. Vincent DePaul Bundle truck. Our friends in need all thank you too!

- from Georgette at Quilts of Valor: Thank you for the donation of the men's & women's gift baskets for our fundraiser auction. We appreciate your support and the baskets were awesome!!
- from Barb at St. Bernadette Church Ladies of Charity: You are a blessing for all that you do through your kindness and generosity. Your monetary as well as your support in the homeless drive is greatly appreciated.
- from Becky at First Christian Church in Washington: Your generous gift helped us to reach out to many families in our community and allows us to continue to serve a free spaghetti dinner to the needy and homeless every month. This is our 15th year.
- from Sharon at North Hills Community Outreach: Thank you for supporting our organization with your donation of 51 pairs of socks. With your help, last year we helped 4,099 local families in crisis, hardship and poverty.
- from Chris at Southwestern Veterans Center: Please extend a thank you to your Board. The Bingo parties and the monthly Birthday Cake is appreciated beyond words. Our Veterans look forward to the cake each month and it has become one of their favorite activities.
- from Trish at Community Human Services: Thank you for all of the donations we received at the clothing drive on Saturday at St. Bernadette's Church in Monroeville. It was a wonderful event and we greatly appreciate all of your preparation and dedication to make it a success. Thank you also for the toiletry kits for the shelter. We are in a great need for them as our shelter will be constantly at capacity.
- from Linda at Blessings in a Backpack: Would you believe that September 2017 marks 6 ½ years we've been providing food on the weekends for the children of Wilkinsburg, and it's all because of your support! I can't tell you how much your love and support has meant to me over these years, Your group started it all!
- from Rev. Mike at Shepherd's Heart Fellowship: On behalf of the congregation and staff of Shepherd's Heart Fellowship, I would like to sincerely thank you for your donations of food, blankets, blessing bags, coats, coffee products, cocoa, tea bags and beverage supplies. Our homeless veterans will be greatly blessed by these generous donation.
- from The Jonathan Houy Memorial Fund: Thank you for the wonderful auction items for our fund raiser. They were a wonderful addition to our prizes and helped us to raise over \$20,000 for the support of children's cancer research and athletic and recreational activities for those with disabilities.
- from the Freedom Forum (Freedom Guide dogs): Your donation helped to form twenty-two new Freedom partnerships this spring. We know that together they will go far and travel safely.
- from Brooke at Community Human Services: We were thrilled to work with your group during the clothing drive and hope that you all found the connection equally as enjoyable!
- from Carolyn at St. Maria Goretti Parish Food Bank: On this "Make a Difference Day" our food pantry gratefully recognizes the difference your organization is making in our neighborhood. We celebrate your organizations generosity as a sign of hope in a world in which care and concern seem to be disappearing and your commitment to serving the community is remarkable.
- from Lois at Plum Food Pantry: We sincerely thank you for your recent donation and appreciate your generous support.
- from Betty a patient at the Intercommunity Cancer Center:: I am in the middle of radiation therapy after having received chemotherapy and surgery for a double mastectomy. On Valentine's Day I was delighted to receive a gift bag in honor of the Hugs From Nan Event at the Cancer Center. I want to thank you very much for the gift and to let you know how much it lifted my spirit.
- from Krista at the Children's Hospital Foundation: Thank you for making a difference in the life of a child! Because you give, Children's is here for every child.



# HOOKED ON BOOKS

Yvonne Klick, our Meadville Club President from Erie, PA, recently presented Dean Baldwin, President of Hooked On Books for Kids with a \$100 check for their literacy program. Dean commented our much they appreciate our support for literacy, life-long learning, and the love of reading among the underprivileged children and youth of Erie County. Their goal is to provide brand new, high quality books to underprivileged children and youth aged birth to 18. Last year they distributed over 36,000 books to children.



## Holiday Gift Tags



Remember when we used to collect the used greeting card fronts for St. Jude's Ranch? Well that project ended last year when we determined that St. Jude's Children's Ranch was no longer performing that project. But....we had tons of assorted card fronts on hand. Bonnie Adams granddaughter, Eve and five of her friends, "The Six-Pack" resourcefully came up with a fund-raising project to help Fort Pitt Chapter by creating Christmas gift tags! They have cut away the pictures from the cards, and on the back of the tag used a "TO" & "FROM" rubber stamp and attached pretty ribbons for tying the tags on your gifts.

They will be bagging 25 of these adorable gift tags and selling for a \$5.00 donation (plus \$1.00 for shipping).

Get your order in now, so the girls can get busy with their volunteer work and have the tags ready for your Holiday packages!

- Place your order with Bonnie at 2580 Grandview Avenue, Pgh, PA 15235
- Make your check payable to: "TP-Fort Pitt Chapter"
- Email any questions to: badams1230@verizon.net or call her at 412-731-1641

*Thank you for your support!*

We are now on Facebook  
and can be found at:

[www.facebook.com/FTPITTPIONEERS](http://www.facebook.com/FTPITTPIONEERS)



# TOILETRY COLLECTIONS

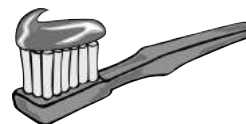
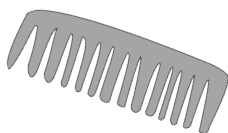
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Many thanks to those of you who took the time to read and respond to the articles that were in our As you travel, please collect the sample size soap, shampoo, lotion and any complimentary items provided by the hotels. These items are used to pack hygiene kits for the homeless folks and sent to Operation Save-A-Life, Operation Safety Net, Family Links and Jubilee Kitchen in Pittsburgh. We are no longer packing at the Verizon Garage in Monroeville and have moved the operation to Linda Schirano's home in Monroeville.

These kits are crucial - the agencies we serve continue to ask for them all year round and we typically prepare and distribute 200 kits a month. Other items that are always needed to complete the kits are washcloths, sample size toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, combs and quart size zip lock bags. We currently have a big inventory of soap.

Full size toiletry products are always needed too for the Blessing Bag project coordinated by Donna Gallagher. These bags are shared with agencies, food banks, nursing homes and veterans.

**You can mail the toiletries in the U.S. Mail to me: Gerry McLaughlin, 216 Ohio Street, 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!**



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## ?? CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR REMOVE FROM TELE-ALL MAILING LIST ??

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

# *Volunteer Opportunities*

We have many ongoing projects that we need your help with! Please review the following list and if you would like to get involved with any of these projects, just call the coordinator for the project. Thanks for any help you can provide!

Animal Welfare	Marilyn Stevens	412-243-8454
Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl-A-Thon	Kim Easton	724-535-3500
Blessing Bags & Jeremiah's Place	Donna Gallagher	412-441-1842
Cancelled Stamps	Linda Schirano	412-373-0974
Homeless Projects/Box Top\$	Gerry McLaughlin	412-823-7777
PJ's & Toys for Patients	Bonnie Adams	412-731-1641
Western PA School for the Deaf /Pop Tabs /Sharing & Caring	Lynne Price	412-795-3767
POWER & Blessings in a Backpack	Mary Palfy	412-833-5453
Sharing & Caring / Penn Hills Service Association	Don McIlrath	412-793-1603
Shepherds Heart Fellowship	Phil Gallagher	412-441-1842
Talking Books	Jack Goerl	412-366-1641
Western PA School for the Blind	Sis Arendas	724-864-1932

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Tell us what you would like to see in the Tele-All! We welcome any suggestions for consideration by our Board.



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# Valentine's Day Project

## 10th Annual Hugs From Nan Inter Community Cancer Center in Monroeville

For the tenth straight year, Fort Pitt Chapter hosted a Valentine's Day Project at the Inter Community Cancer Center in Monroeville by honoring 48 patients undergoing radiation treatment with an over-stuffed gift bag. This year we partnered with Coldwell Bankers Real Estate to sponsor the bags. Gerry McLaughlin's daughter Lauren Klein, an agent with Coldwell Bankers, helped to organize 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 ten years ago. Sam's Club and Costco also provided a gift card and Wells Fargo Mortgage made a cash donation for us to purchase products to include in the bags.



Eat N' Park provided a discount to purchase heart shaped cookies for the bag, which also included Valentine merchandise of socks, mugs, note pads, ornaments, nail file, hand sanitizer, lotion, bath gel, pens, lip balm, mints, stuffed animal, protein bars, and a heart shaped box of chocolates. All of the patients were very grateful for the extra attention they received during their doctor visits and treatments on Valentine's Day! You can view some of their 'thank you' notes on our Kudo's page.



Help us help the schools by cutting Box Top's coupon from the many products that carry them! They are only requiring that you cut the "official coupon" for Box Top\$ (no UPC's).

You can send the Box Top\$ in the US Mail to:  
Gerry McLaughlin 216 Ohio St., Monroeville, PA 15146

**MANY THANKS TO THOSE OF YOU  
ALREADY SENDING THE & BOX TOP\$!**



# In Memoriam

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William R. Adams	Aliquippa	Darryl O. Hull	New Stanton
Anne B. Adlesic	Pittsburgh	Kathleen T. Hummel	Beaver Falls
Patricia K. Aites	Verona	Douglas L. Hunter	Altoona
John J. Argentieri	Pittsburgh	Theodore A. Johnson	Greensburg
Margaret M. Allard	Erie	Winston E. Jordan	Eldred
James M. Arnold	Trafford	Marie M. Jupina	Greensburg
Mary Ashton	McKeesport	Kenneth M. Kelso	Driftwood
William J. Atkinson, Sr.	Gibsonia	Dale K. Kuhn	Pittsburgh
Beatrice Ausel	Shippenville	Judith F. Massari	Greensburg
Edward A. Bauman	Pittsburgh	Jennie E. McCovish	Roscoe
Clair E. Biddle	West Sunbury	George W. McCoy	Pittsburgh
Richard M. Brezina	Greensburg	Mildred L. McWilliams	Turtle Creek
James R. Brown	North Huntingdon	Anna Mae Messaros	McKees Rocks
Mary Bupp	Cranberry Twp.	Elizabeth Metrovich	Aspinwall
Nancy M. Cieply	Pittsburgh	V. E. Mizerski	Carnegie
James J. Clifton	Pittsburgh	Elizabeth L. Mucha	McDonald
Lois Y. Collins	South Carolina	Alice T. Naylor	Irwin
Jack E. Costella	Ohio	Sara Ogurkis	Lower Burrell
Charles W. Crawford, Jr.	Pittsburgh	Anne M. Patrick	Greensburg
John M. Daniels	Sewickley	Charles W. Quel	Pittsburgh
Rose F. Drury	Jeannette	Donald R. Redshaw	Swissvale
Dale S. Dunn	Bethel Park	Charles F. Remaley, Jr.	Verona
Ada E. Fackiner	Jeannette	John F. Ross	Venetia
Robert B. Furlong	Versailles	George W. Schmidt, Jr.	New Castle
Margaret M. Gable	Verona	Thelma M. Sonntag	Washington
Delores Gagliardo	New Castle	Robyn Steenson	Pittsburgh
John M. Gallo	Pittsburgh	Paul R. Sullivan	Pittsburgh
Ruth L. Giesler	Butler	Mary Talento	Pittsburgh
Beverly S. Gilbert	Homestead	Rita L. Tole	Pittsburgh
Joseph A. Giovannitti	Pittsburgh	Elsie M. Tuma	Monaca
Richard L. Glenn	New Wilmington	Anna M. Varinoski	Washington
Margaret Graznak	Greensboro	Lawrence A. Wallace	Pittsburgh
Victor J. Gressick	Cresson	Clifford R. Walters	Connellsville
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Gerald W. Hickman	Washington	Helen H. Wickwire	Pittsburgh
Betty S. Himes	Yuma, AZ	Clarence R. Wiggins	Kittanning
John E. Huff	Altoona	Joseph L. Wirth	Rector
Rosemary Huffman	Newton	Alberta M. Yokimcus	Charleroi

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We strive to keep our membership list up to date, so if you become aware of another Pioneer passing, please notify the office with a copy of the obituary. Thank You

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## CLUB PRESIDENT & COMMITTEE PROJECTS

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**Allegheny Club, Esther Dietrick:** Little Sisters of the Poor, bingos at Kane Hospital, Springdale/Cheswick Food Bank

**Frontier Club, Kim Scranton:** Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl-A-Thon in New Castle, coordinator for yearly Kennywood Ticket donation and lottery license

**Gateway Club, Marlene Yurochko:** Light of Life Mission on the Northside, the Western Pennsylvania Humane Society, Freedom Guide Dogs, Fund Raising Coordinator and Pioneer Office Staff

**Bradford Club, Carol Felmlee:** McKean County SPCA, McKean County Food Bank, Christian Church/Smethport Food Bank

**DuBois Club, Nancy Williams:** DuBois Food Bank and DuBois Salvation Army, Church support services, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and chemo caps

**Meadville Club, Yvonne Klick:** Community Shelter Services, Erie City Mission, Greenhouse Women's Shelter, Crawford County Humane Society, Project Troops (postage), Vietnam Vets Post 52, Salvation Army, St. James Shelter for Men, Hooked On Books, and the Pittsburgh Inn Military Care package project

**National Trail Club, Pat O'Brien:** First Christian Church Food Bank, Calvary Methodist Church Pantry, Canonsburg Meals on Wheels, Christian Outreach Soup Kitchen and Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh

**Stephen Foster Club, Mary Palfy:** Birthday Bags for Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, Project Star holiday project, Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank, Blessings in a Backpack, Power Women's Shelter, Plum Food Bank, Animal Rescue League and Southwestern Veterans Center

**Warren Club, Casey Jones:** Monthly bingo's at Warren State Hospital, Kane Park renovation

**Member At Large, Lynne Price:** Sock drive for the Sharing & Caring Boat Ride, The Annual Golf Outing and Boat Ride for Sharing & Caring, and the yearly auction and golf outing for the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf

**Member At Large, Bonnie Adams:** Summer camp for volunteer coaching, kidsHELP card sorting for Sharing & Caring Veterans, school supplies for NCJW, Christmas project for toys and PJ's for various agencies and women's shelters

**Member At Large & Senior Representatives, Donna & Phil Gallagher:** Preparation of gift baskets for various fundraisers, Shepherds Heart food and clothing donations, Blessing Bags, Bloomfield/Garfield Food Bank, St Maria Goretti Food Bank, and Jeremiah's Place emergency shelter for children

**Member At Large, Don McIlrath:** Sharing & Caring golf Outing and Boat ride and monthly bingo at Southwestern Veterans Center, Penn Hills Service Association, Quilts of Valor Fund Raiser

All Clubs go outside of their budgeted projects to help with shut-ins, donate their time at Church, nursing homes and schools, collect pop-tab, toiletries, glasses, cell phones, greeting cards, socks, Box Tops, supplies for the animal shelters and cut grocery store coupons for the Troopons project!

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# “Thank you” to our Anonymous Donors

*For many years, we have been receiving anonymous donations from members. Sometimes in the mail without a return address and sometimes left on my porch or Linda Schirano's sun porch. We get Box Top\$ for Education, toiletries, new greeting cards, used eye glasses, afghans, coats, pop tabs...you name it! For month's I have been faithfully receiving a case of Dove soap from Amazon on my front porch. I finally figured that one out though; thank you Vivian! And for those of you who collect and deliver to me or Linda, or meet me at various locations (CVS – Claudia ;-), I want to sincerely thank you for your efforts. All of these donations add to our projects and enable us to keep on doing our Community Service Projects! It just goes to show we can't do it without your support!*

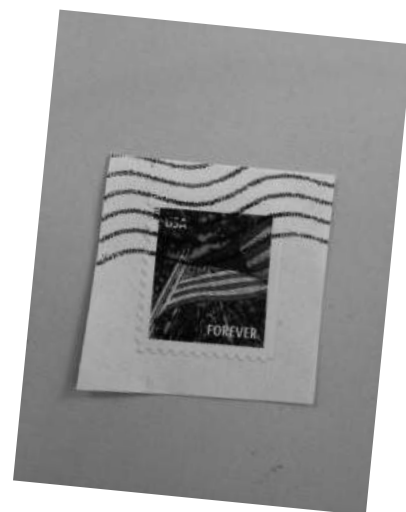


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## CANCELLED STAMP COLLECTIONS

We continue to save cancelled stamps on behalf of the American Philatelic Society.

PLEASE NOTE that they require the stamp to be cut away from the envelope with a 1/4 inch of paper left 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](http://www.stamps.org)) is the largest, non-profit organization for stamp collectors in the world and is right here in Pennsylvania. They serve 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. No need to mail priority mail since we collect and fill boxes before we forward to the agency.

Your 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!***

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



## Internet Fund Raising

At the Group level, and as an attempt to help all of the Chapters raise money for their organizations, New Vision Pioneers Resource Development Team has researched and recommended the following two Companies for purchase of their products. Every purchase you make generates a 'royalty' that is directly returned to our 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 family have an opportunity to purchase this remarkable product and at the same time support Pioneer projects.

Please take a moment to look at the on-line catalog and make a purchase which is "Made in the USA" and has a Lifetime Guarantee. On-line ordering instructions:

1. Go to this website: [www.bit.ly/2yhCnLR](http://www.bit.ly/2yhCnLR)
2. Click on BROWSE and browse the Catalog
3. Place your order

# 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 is a Las Vegas-based e-commerce provider servicing the flower and gift industry. They handle 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!

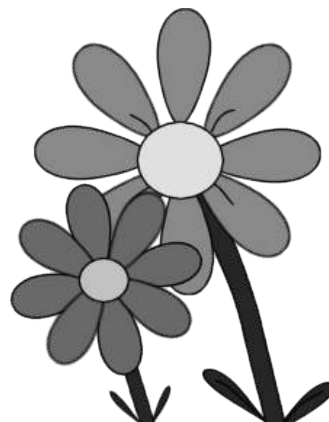
In addition to their website, you can also order by calling toll free:

**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 Flower Petal for ordering flowers and have been very pleased. Give them a try for your next flower delivery!





# Sandcastle



Sandcastle Water Park ~ General Admission Ticket *Ticket is valid any day during regular 2018 operating season*

**Our Price: \$20.00**  
**(\$33.00 at the gate - that's a \$13 savings!)**

# Kennywood

## ALL DAY RIDE

**REGULAR TICKETS: \$ 28.00 (for adults & children over 3)**  
**SENIOR TICKETS: \$ 25.00 (for adults 55+)**  
**(tickets are \$42.00 at the gate!)**

**Send a stamped self-addressed envelope with your order**

Tickets will be available approximately mid-May and on sale until August or until our supply lasts

**\* ONLY 100 Kennywood/50 Sandcastle Tickets available at this price \***

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

Make your check payable to: ***TP-Fort Pitt Chapter***

**Mail request to:**

**Sandcastle:**

# Regular tickets \_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 each

**Kennywood:**

# Regular tickets \_\_\_\_ @ \$28.00 each

# Senior tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 each

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c/o ***Kennywood / Sandcastle Tickets***

15 E. Montgomery Avenue (1 flr)

Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# JANUARY 2018 WINNERS–Chapter Lottery Calendar

AFTERNOON DRAWING			EVENING DRAWING		
1	Robert Schreiber	500.00	1	Joe Beal	500.00
2	Lori Matthews	50.00	2	Floyd Grosz	50.00
3	Marie Branzel	50.00	3	Ron Deutsch	50.00
4	Mary Budinsky	50.00	4	Stella Gasior	50.00
5	Lyn Snyder	50.00	5	Kim Cleaver	50.00
6	Nancy Sabatula	100.00	6	Dutch & Shirley Chelli	100.00
7	Marsha Blair	100.00	7	Dolores Strube	100.00
8	Richard Laslow	50.00	8	Sandy Sell	50.00
9	Adam Felmlee	50.00	9	Betty Walls	50.00
10	Barb Detweiler	50.00	10	Jack Kennel	50.00
11	Laura Zasadni	50.00	11	Nancy Fenton	50.00
12	Leonard Johnson	50.00	12	Patricia Tuchi	50.00
13	Dot Steele	100.00	13	James Oldaker	100.00
14	Fran & Doug Samber	100.00	14	Anna Marie Solomond	100.00
15	James Vlosich	150.00	15	Mary Palfy	150.00
16	Nicholas Kuzy	50.00	16	Anna Marie Solomond	50.00
17	Margaret George	50.00	17	Janice Anthony	50.00
18	Jeanne Rowe	50.00	18	Laura Fellion Zasadni	50.00
19	Stephen Yalch	50.00	19	Nancy Zellman	50.00
20	Michael Melicher	100.00	20	Kathy Little	100.00
21	Maggie Price	100.00	21	Carol Felmlee	100.00
22	Regina Klink	50.00	22	Herbert Brown	50.00
23	Loretta Petriga	50.00	23	Robert Schreiber	50.00
24	Russ Withrow	50.00	24	Gerry McLaughlin	50.00
25	Debbie Davidson	50.00	25	Yvonne Mangan	50.00
26	Kenneth Stickel	50.00	26	Tom Clingerman	50.00
27	Joanna Aurigemma	100.00	27	Scott Detweiler	100.00
28	Roy Matthews	100.00	28	Teri Martenelli	100.00
29	Mary Kawalkin	50.00	29	Ray Kondas	50.00
30	Marlene Santello	50.00	30	Josephine Valenti	50.00
31	Josephine Markulin	50.00	31	Gary Teets	50.00

# OCTOBER 2017 WINNERS–Chapter Lottery Calendar

## AFTERNOON DRAWING

## EVENING DRAWING

1	Taty Karg	100.00	1	Gina Miller	100.00
2	Josephine Markulin	50.00	2	Dan Krupski	50.00
3	James Oldaker	50.00	3	Debbie Hill	50.00
4	Judith Biedzinski	50.00	4	Kim Murphy	50.00
5	Betty Rusko	50.00	5	Michelle Hackel	50.00
6	Yolanda Livorio	50.00	6	Brittany Becker	50.00
7	Betty Hall	100.00	7	Sue Groff	100.00
8	Mary Jane Thomas	100.00	8	Marie West	100.00
9	Marie Branzel	100.00	9	Terry Meyers	100.00
10	Andy Hiatky	50.00	10	Josh Kupchella	50.00
11	Kat Amadio	50.00	11	Jon Amadio	50.00
12	Elaine Ribar	50.00	12	Joanne Oregia	50.00
13	Brenda Wallace	50.00	13	Lynne Price	50.00
14	Kathy Tylka	100.00	14	Marilyn Fleischman	100.00
15	Unsold ticket		15	Adesta Kondas	100.00
16	Joyce Mathias	50.00	16	Lynne Price	50.00
17	Joyce Stephenson	50.00	17	Dolores Yoder	50.00
18	Arlene Vitril	50.00	18	Paul Ondek	50.00
19	Jessica Adams	50.00	19	Pat O'Brien, Jr.	50.00
20	Denise Kamiel	50.00	20	Donna Evans	50.00
21	Peg Cunningham	100.00	21	Chris Ulmer	100.00
22	Roberta Kasinec	100.00	22	Misty Ulderich	100.00
23	Dan Krupski	50.00	23	Romaine McIlrath	50.00
24	Herbert Brown	50.00	24	Marie Morgan	50.00
25	Adesta Kondas	50.00	25	Rebecca Farabaugh	50.00
26	Lynne Crick	50.00	26	Alena Kupchella	50.00
27	Lorraine Sadowski	50.00	27	Kay Coddington	50.00
28	Jacob & Ella Pedley	100.00	28	Denny Howarth	100.00
29	Unsold ticket		29	Judy Butler	100.00
30	Mary Rockwell	50.00	30	Carla Swaney	50.00
31	Sharon Welsch	500.00	31	Joy Fike	500.00

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