

2024 Newsletter

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Happy New Year Legacy West Pioneers! As we begin the new year, it's a good time to look back and celebrate our successes. The following pages contain articles about some of the very successful projects our Pioneers clubs did in 2023. Please sit down with a cup of coffee, tea, or hot cocoa and read about these wonderful projects and see the smiling faces in the accompanying pictures. It's good to know that even after 112 years, Pioneers are still out there making a real difference in our communities. Well done!

Did you notice the map on this page added some states? That's because we've added a new Chapter to our group. It is the New Outlook West Chapter. Their members worked for Western Electric and subsequent companies and have been without a sponsor company for quite a few years. We certainly have that in common! They are in states west of the Mississippi and officially merged into our Legacy West Group on 1/1/2024. We'd like to extend a warm welcome to the New Outlook West Chapter members!

Now it's time to look forward and continue our work in 2024. There are many ways to get involved with Pioneers. Whether you want to donate your time and skills or financial support to projects, socialize with old and new friends at luncheons, or simply spread the word about our mission, there's a way for everyone to get involved and make a difference. It all starts with a phone call or email to the Chapter President in your area. You can also reach out to the Legacy West Directors. You'll find contact information at the bottom of each page of this newsletter.

Cheers to a happy and prosperous 2024!

Patti Pace and Marian Wilcox
Your Legacy West Pioneers Directors

The following 22 states have been condensed into seven chapters.

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Chapter 8

Colorado/Nebraska

NEBRASKA

COLORADO

In 2023 the Auraria chapter hosted and supported the following MacKenzie Grant initiatives:

The Legacy West Annual Christmas Stocking Project

Hosted by the Auraria Pioneers



Our 2023 theme is “Fill Our Lives With Joy”

This event has been held yearly for over 30 years and our councils are proud and honored that we have another opportunity to host this activity and partner with the Family Tree House of Hope and The GOALS project.

Auraria had the privilege of delivering stockings to the Family Tree House of Hope and The GOALS facility. The tenacity and effort displayed from the Auraria team made Christmas day a little brighter for many families at these two facilities.

Residential Facility for Women with Children Experiencing Homelessness:

The Family Tree House of Hope is dedicated to providing safe shelter and supportive services for women with children experiencing homelessness.

These families find a safe place to stay while they begin to get back on their feet.

The GOALS program is a Two-Generation (2Gen) housing program for families experiencing homelessness from Aurora and Arapahoe County. GOALS provides families a private room while they develop long-term goals for stability self-reliance. Families are provided a safe space for four to nine months, and one-year of follow-up support.

The Auraria Pioneers team provided sleeping bags to the youth at Urban Peak.

Annually Auraria works with the staff at Urban Peak to identify current needs and provide supplies and transportation (bus passes) to the youth to support their journey to attaining self-sufficiency.

Urban Peak ignites the potential in youth to exit homelessness and create self-determined, fulfilled lives. The vision of Urban Peak is that all Colorado youth have safe housing, supportive relationships, and the opportunity for self-sufficiency and success.

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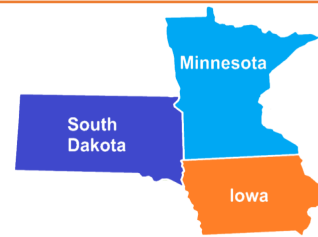
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Chapter 18

Minnesota/ S. Dakota/ Iowa



Dubuque Pioneers Presented the Dubuque Salvation Army with \$500 worth of 1 lb frozen chicken and beef from Cremer's Meats. Nick Lucy and Dave Cahalan delivered the meat as part of the community service and the Pioneer Holiday Luncheon on



December 20, 2023.

Sandy and Denny Bruns passed out Treats to the Veterans in Marshalltown, IA on November 10 for Veteran's Day. The treats were passed out both in the cafeteria and out to the outlying bldgs. They had a variety of individually wrapped cookies, crackers (cheese & peanut butter), pop corn, Slim Jim Beef Sticks, Chips, Breakfast Bars and Granola Bars. The treats were enjoyed by around 400 Vets.



Sharon Schmidt with the VFW Post 1782 along with Pat Jeukens, Jan Swenson, Jean Guenther and some Veterans Home Staff served Root Beer Floats and wafer cookies as part of our 2023 Project of Putting Smiles on Veterans around MN, IA & SD. We served over 150 root beer floats to those Veterans that could come down as well as sending trays of a dozen cups of floats & wafer cookies with a Staff member up to the Veterans on floors that could not come down.



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Chapter 30

Washington/ Oregon / Idaho/ Montanna



The Seattle Council and friends had fun volunteering at Food Lifeline on Saturday! We sorted potatoes this time from huge bags to 40 pound boxes. we processed 11,360 pounds on our shift.



Way to go!!
All will go to food banks for those in need.



Delivery of some very generous Green River Valley Combined Club members to Kent Hope. They received trash bags, Kleenex, zip top bags and cereal bowls. Thank you Sandi Westman for the delivery.



An enthusiastic group of Legacy West Pioneers came together on Saturday 10/7 to sort and label 1,810 children's books for our Readers For Life project. The books will be donated to public school children in Tumwater, Gig Harbor, Kent, Burien, and Yakima. Our goal is to make reading fun for children who are struggling, and make them "Readers For Life". Thank-you to our volunteers from Green River Valley Combined Club, Puget Sound Life Member Club, and Seattle Council.



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Chapter 66

Arizona/ New Mexico



2023 Stocking Delivery to [Mobile Meals of Southern Arizona](#) We've had a long-term relationship with Mobile Meals of Southern Arizona and their clients. Often, these stockings are the only gift they receive at Christmas time. We cut and sewed all the stockings, and then the volunteers filled them with goodies. We bagged them with handcrafted blankets by more volunteers. This year, we gave out 125 stockings and blankets this morning, and we went to their new location at 3355 W. 6th Ave. This is a project that we love to do and enjoy every year.



This 1925 model T was recently donated by the Tin Lizzies of Albuquerque Club to the Model T Ford Club of America Museum (MTFCA) in Richmond, IN. The Museum was looking for volunteers to help identify the vintage lineman equipment and Marilyn Duncan the Historian for the Tin Lizzies reached out to Barbara Palmer to see if she could recommend any volunteers. The cooperation between the different entities paid off and with the help of several volunteers Larry Pugsley, Larry Robbins and Ralph Moore every item was identified. [Click here](#) for the full article from the Tin Lizzies.



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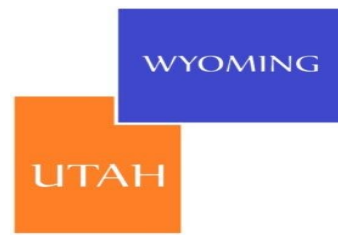
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Chapter 67

Utah/ Wyoming



We had a fairly good year with our groups all working hard.

- ◇ The chapter collected and distributed over 200 sets of golf clubs balls and bags (and more to deliver this summer) for the schools all over Utah to be able to learn the game but couldn't afford the equipment. All summer we put together sets and delivered them.
- ◇ We also worked with the foodbanks here with a group of young kids teaching them about volunteering and giving back. One of the mothers arranges for us the dates and times and its a blast for the kids aged 6 to 14 and grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends. Groups are very specific so we don't have more than 20 at a time so we're all safe and the public can't come in while were there. It's such a wonderful project we all look forward to doing. We do this once, sometimes twice a month.
- ◇ A special volunteer teaches "T" golf and takes seniors golfing when they're able to get out.
- ◇ He also helps with a group that takes veterans fishing during the summer when the weather is good.
- ◇ One of our group of volunteers, headed by Claudeed, has put in over 22,000 (twenty-two-thousand hours in 2023) making quilts for our Wyoming groups as well as Utah groups.
- ◇ We collect pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House,
- ◇ used eye glasses for the Drs Without Borders through the Lyons Club,
- ◇ And items for our animal shelters in the community (the rolls left after you use up your hand towels and toilet paper) and toys for the kittens and little pups.

FRED WEISE MEMORIAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT
Sponsored by Legacy West Pioneers
Open to all Pioneers, their friends and families

Date: March 8-9, 2024
Where: Friday, Southgate Golf Course and Saturday, St. George Golf Course
Times: 8:00AM Shotgun start each day
Winner's awards following end of golf Saturday afternoon on the 9th

ROOMS: PLEASE MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS

Any questions contact Dale - 801-966-0188
Meeting Address: Dale Lehots, 4815 West 1100 South, West Valley City, UT 84129
Checks should be made to: Pioneers

Entry Deadline: February 23, 2024

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Email Address: _____

Pairings desired	Name	HDCP #	Golfer's email address
1			
2			
3			
4			

Golf Fees:
\$125.00 EACH (Includes 2 days of golf with cart)
Total Amount Enclosed: _____

HDCP MUST be based on 1) UGA, 2) TEE-TO ASSOC, or 3) Previous year actual posted score from PWM Tournament. Director reserves the right to adjust any and all HDCP as deemed appropriate. Indicate next to each name source of the HDCP, U, L, or P.
FEES: Must be received before pairings are assigned.

All proceeds raised benefit Junior Achievement
Send in application and payment by February 23, 2024

The Chapter holds a golf tournament every year in March to benefit Junior Achievement of Utah. Our golf team is usually about 48 to 50 people. Everyone is welcome to play friends, family, active employees or retirees from AT&T and all the bell companies. This year the tournament will take place on February 23.



The annual beeping Easter egg hunt will be held on March 16th this year at the Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Salt Lake City.

Beautiful day for family and friends.

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Chapter 118 North Dakota



From left to right: Carol Thompson, Connie Erickson, Joie Muhle, Samm Dregseth, Sandy Gravelle, Sharon James and Mary Hildre.

The Fargo club had a number of get-togethers in the summer of 2023. The Fargo Moorhead Community Theatre group put on a production of "The Hello Girls" and we were able to get a reduced ticket rate when we explained that we were former Telephone Company employees.

As a fund raiser, we ran a brat stand made available by a local grocery store on two weekends.

We held our annual picnic on July 26th. Despite the 100 degree weather, a number of members came out for the event, enjoying burgers and the fixings while visiting with each other.

A pie social was held in November. Forty five people attended and 80 plus pounds of non-perishable food was donated to the local food pantry.

We ended the year participating in the annual Christmas on the Prairie event at Bonanzaville, where our Telephone Museum is located. Members played Santa's elves and answered phone calls from children assuring them their Christmas lists would get to Santa



Back row: Diane Roehrich, Pam Olson, Samm Dregseth

Front row: Karen Hanson and Sandy Gravelle

July may seem like an odd time to be making fleece

blankets, but children need the support and comfort a new blanket can bring all thru the year. With that in mind, we helped the local Project Linus group by spending an afternoon making blankets. Shown here are some of our 'blanketeers' and the 12 blankets that were finished and donated to Project Linus. We plan to do this again in 2024.



From left to right: Kathy and Bill Amundson, Jim and Sharon Delling

In the foreground is some of the 100+ pounds of food donated to the local food pantry.

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Chapter 161

Kansas / Missouri / Nebraska



The Charm Shop

The CHARM shop fulfills the community's need for no cost

therapeutic devices for children with physical disabilities through its woodworking shop. CHARM is an acronym for "Children Helped and Rehabilitation Motivated." The CHARM Shop was established in 1983.

The CHARM Shop has produced and distributed over 36,000 therapeutic devices to 25 agencies. Throughout its thirty-six years, the New Outlook Southwest council has continued to consult with local therapists and agencies to determine both ongoing and changing needs with regard to therapeutic devices. Pioneer CHARM Shop offers a catalog of over one hundred standard therapeutic devices. The devices are available to all state and local therapists as well as individuals at no cost. The cost of materials is provided by a variety of project sponsors solicited by the Pioneers.

The CHARM shop is currently furnished operational space (including a 3500 sq ft shop and free utilities) to fabricate our products. We in turn help with the building maintenance and personnel needs of our benefactors, Seasons Memory Care (an Alzheimer's facility) and One Community Hospice in Kansas City Missouri. In providing this help we impact the lives of the patients under the care of these businesses.



A large donation was made to The Women's Center with additional funding for the project from the TelecomPioneers Mackenzie Grant



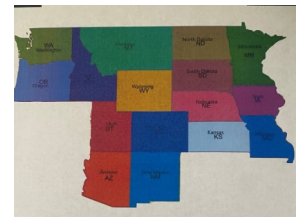
Hooks and Needles

The Hooks & Needles group has made many items for those in need in the Omaha community. Everything the ladies make is donated to different organizations in the metro that then distributes the items to the needy. The women continue to make all these things at home and meet once a month to turn in what they have made.



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Now that you have perused all these great projects happening in our group, I hope something caught your interest. Whether for yourself, to involve younger family members or neighbors and friends who would love these projects, Pioneers love to gather volunteers and get things done!

Our group has grown, and our worth is still vital. Over the years, Pioneers continue to make a difference in their local communities. For 2023, the Legacy West Pioneers contributed over 150,000 hours!

Do you remember getting an email for the 2023 Pioneer Sweepstakes last summer? Pioneers plans to repeat that, it was fun and lots of prizes were donated. If you are like me, you may have old telephone or Pioneer paraphernalia or memorabilia that you have been saving (hoarding?) for years. Maybe your family would like to inherit it, but maybe not! If you are downsizing and would like to support the Pioneer mission, please consider donating some of those items to our annual sweepstakes. Contact Patti Pace directly to discuss what, how, why, and when to put those items to good use. Our members are the backbone of the organization, let's show our strength!

Happy Pioneering!

Patti Pace and Marian Willcox

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