Thank You for Supporting Our 2015 Projects & Fundraisers...

We Are Counting On YOU Again for 2016!

Dear Pioneers,

Just to start off the New Year, I would like to thank all our members and others that have donated money to our Life Member Club in 2015. Without donations such as yours, we would not be able to do all the good that we currently do. In 2015, even with a negative growth in monetary donations, we were able to do a lot of good for those around our area.

Last year we purchased our 38th Pilot Dog - a record for one organization I would presume. We also donated almost $6,000 in cash to very needy charities (you have or can read about the donations in the newsletters). We have added a new project of helping SVOSH (see page 3) with their vision of helping every vision impaired person on the planet. Just looking at the monetary amounts does not tell our entire story of “giving”… We also give our time. As the South East Council, we have supported Special Olympics in both the summer games and by preparing hundreds of lunches for the annual swim meet for the handicapped. We have provided tools for learning to Columbus and surrounding area teachers. We've had a teacher appreciation day and a Christmas party for handicapped residents. We have worked diligently at the Ronald McDonald House. We continue to donate to the Mid Ohio Food Bank, Joseph's Coat and also the needy in Vinton County through St. Francis Community Center. I could continue on naming what your generosity (time and money) supports. It is not unnoticed. It is appreciated.

Thank you,
- Keith Eaton, Treasurer SE Council - Telecom Pioneers

Donations

____ Ronald McDonald House
____ Mid Ohio Food Bank
____ Newsletter
____ Pilot Dogs
Other: _______________________

Make Checks payable to “Telecom Pioneers”
Mail to: Keith Eaton
5548 Hazelwood Road, Columbus, OH 43229
## Pioneering & Community Service

### Hats, Gloves & Scarves
Submitted by Bev Oldham and Ruth Butcher

Wow! These numbers are astonishing. Over 1200 dolls, hats, scarves, gloves, matchbook cars and other items were collected at the November and December luncheons. The Columbus Pioneers donated the items to two of their favorite organizations that help those in dire need: Joseph’s Coat (a Lutheran service organization that helps the needy) and the St. Francis Center in McArthur Ohio (a community center for Vinton County and surrounding areas). As you know, we dedicate the December luncheon for collection of these items. THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATED. A special thank you goes to Sharon Crowley and her sister, Sheila Fitz, who again this year went over and above. Together they turned in 186 sets of hats, gloves and homemade scarves (548 pieces). They also turned in 65 cars. THEY TURNED IN 1552 HOURS. How can we thank everyone enough?

### Eyeglasses
Submitted by Pat Eyer and Charlie Jacob

Do you ever wonder about fate? Here’s a story that will reinforce your idea of fate. In this case, the fate involves helping others... Charlie Jacob broke his eyeglasses and needed new ones; he asked his wife, Ann, if First Community Church (FCC) had a collection for used eyeglasses. As it turned out, they did. However, it was a low-key project and netted only a few pair of glasses per year. And, as all church inquiries go, Charlie and Ann became the organizers of the project. To date, they have collected nearly 1000 eyeglasses and cases. In 2015, the Columbus Pioneer retirees donated 136 pair and the actives donated 96 for a total of 232.

Charlie investigated and found that OSU (go Bucks) had the only optometry program in Ohio. Involved in that program is Dr. Braden Kail, OD. Dr. Kail, from Waynesburg, OH, began giving back to his profession through his involvement with the Lions Club. The Lions Club began donating used eyeglasses to SVOSH at OSU. (SVOSH is OSU’s student chapter of Volunteer Optometric Services of Humanity (VOSH). Their mission is to bring vision to every person on the planet.)

The Lions Club gave Charlie collection boxes, and the collections at FCC began. Now, Charlie has the Columbus area Pioneers, which includes Zanesville, donating. He hasn’t stopped there. He has expanded donations to include the Back Bay Mission of Biloxi, MS. Back Bay Mission is a community ministry of the United Church of Christ “meeting the urgent needs of those suffering from poverty and its effects while building pathways to social justice.”

The cases donated with the eyeglasses are not shipped with the glasses. The Columbus Pioneers are looking for a use for these cases. Do you have a service organization who can put these cases to good use? For example, if you have a Boy Scout troop, they can make first aid kits. They can hold fishing tackle, etc. If you have a use for them, contact Pat Eyer (see page 8 for contact information).

So, when you dig out that old pair of eyeglasses and give them to any board member, or take them to the luncheon, you may be helping someone in the US, or as SVOSH has committed… anyone on the planet. Thank you Charlie and Ann for all you do.

## St Francis Community Center

Submitted by Pat Eyer and Patti Scharf

In September, the St Francis Community Center in Vinton County sent an alert to their parish, schools, etc. that the center was having a hard time getting the food needed to serve the community. The Columbus Life Members recognize there is a dire need in the Vinton County area. A donation of $3700 was made from the Columbus Life Members. We were able to do this because the attendees at the November luncheon passed the hat and $640 was collected and added to the moneys allotted from the general fund. The general fund moneys included a $2000 “award” from the Ohio Chapter. THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN A FUNDRAISER TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE for rural Vinton County.

### Mid Ohio Food Bank

(Taken from: “NewsFeed, December 2015, “A Salad Changes Everything - South Side Roots Brings a New Way to Serve a Community”)

South Side Roots Cafe and Market opened its doors on September 25th. South Side Roots is owned and operated by Mid Ohio Food Bank and includes a pay-what-you-can cafe, an affordable fresh foods market, a weekly community meal, and a Kids Cafe meal program for students at South Side Learning & Development Center and the Boys and Girls Club of Columbus.

One Tuesday evening, at the weekly community meal, a group of teens walked in. After going through the line, they asked politely if they could go through again for seconds. MOFB CEO, Matt Habash, told them they could do so. Matt says, “After they went through the line again, I went over to chat. I noticed that many of the young boys had piled their plates full of salad and not the main course.” Curiously, Matt asked the teens about their choices. One young man spoke up, “I've never had salad before.”

“It’s these experiences that let us know that change is already happening in the neighborhood,” Matt reflects and adds, “These moments confirm how meaningful fresh food can be.”

(Community Service continued on page 3...)

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**Joseph’s Coat**
Submitted by Pat Eyer and Patti Scharf

Patti Scharf, Past President of the Columbus Life Member Club (now the South East Council), is pictured center presenting hats, scarfs, gloves and a check for $1000 to Joseph’s Coat - an organization that helps the needy in Central Ohio. (Also pictured are Pat Lutz and Joann Barrett from Joseph’s Coat)

**Good Information to Know**
...PLEASE READ!

400+ CALLS A MONTH… THAT’S HOW WE STAY IN TOUCH!

WE NEED A GOOD TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR YOU - It’s getting more difficult to “Keep in Touch” (KIT calls). As you know, the Columbus Life Members call everyone in THEIR database on the retiree’s (or their spouse/significant other) birthday and again six months later. However, we do not have good telephone numbers for 10% of our database. AT&T has lost 70% of their residence landline subscribers, and the Pioneers are feeling the effect of that. AT&T does not give address or telephone number changes to the Pioneers. PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL YOUR ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER CHANGES TO:

PAT EYER, 740-990-9528, patriciaeyer@icloud.com
EVELYN RAWLS, 614-444-3072, ejrawls@sbcglobal.net

The following receive the newsletter, and we do not have a good telephone number for them: Wanda L Baker, Robert E Bear, Gloria Bish, Carl Bobo, Robert Brauer, Catherine Brown, Ralph Burley, William A Chapman, Mary Clark, Nancy Jo Davy, Ruby Dehner, Judy Dixon, Pamela Dotson, Mary Doty, Betty Drenning, Gary Dunbar, Bill Dunn, Joan & Thomas Fowler, Rita Fox, Cindy Funk, John Gatwood, Virginia Gillian, Roy Hebling, Nina Hicks, Ellen Higgenbotham, Elizabeth Hope, Erma James, Jerrold Joseph, Carol Kane, James Klinger, Kay Lowry, Carole Maguire, Alberta Mallory, Betty L Marion, Richard Marsh, Danny Martin, George McCabe, Bonnie McCarty, Michelle McCloud, Patrick McCoy, David & Gail McDaniel, Clara Miller, Kathleen Miller, Robert M Miller, Carolyn Napier, Peggy Nestor, Kenneth Nourse, Ruth Parkinson, Henry Peter, George F Ream, Blanche Sheaf, Linda Siegel, Loretta Smiley, Patricia Tarpley, Frances Taylor, William Taylor, Arlene Toler, Martha Varney, Leroy Walker, Myrtle Walker, Minerva Walter, Mary Welce, Mildred Wesney, Jack Williams, and Dolly Winbush.

**Sympathy Cards** - 500 sympathy cards were purchased to send to retirees and their families as needed. Barb Holman also sends Get Well and Thinking of You cards, too.

JOIN AASBCR

**From Carole Lovell at AASBCR:** Join AASBCR by calling 312-962-2770. You will receive help with any AT&T HR issue, an electronic newsletter with valuable information, and you will be helping preserve our benefits.

AASBCR is supporting AT&T, Ameritech, SBC and Bell System retirees. YOU will receive AASBCR bulletins electronically that give you explanations and advance notice on issues that affect retirees. There is a secure website where you will have your own personal User-ID and Password. The dues are minimal: only $25 a year. Please call now and join. Or send a message to info@aasbcr.org.

NRLN (National Retiree Legislative Network): The NRLN is fighting hard to maintain our benefits. For information from the NRLN, contact President Bill Kadereit at contact@nrln.org. Log onto NRLN.org to read more about this organization. Lobbying by their grassroots advocates regarding healthcare costs alone have affected:

- Safe and Affordable Drugs from Canada Act (HR 2228)
- Personal Drug Importation Fairness Act (HR 2623)
- Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act (HR 3061)
- Medicare Prescription Drug Savings and choice Act (HR 3261 & 1884)

You can see how your members of Congress are doing on these bills by going to the NRLN web page for your state:

Indiana: http://www.congressweb.com/nrln/legislators?stateld=IN

Thelma and Jack Greene, pictured above at one of the many luncheons, are loyal supporters of Pioneering. Thanks to both for attending the luncheons and the volunteer work they do. (Photo by Mary Johnson Robb)
**Fundraising - The Beautiful Baby Quilt**

And the Winner Is: Mary Dolan (pictured left)

Thank You Pat Weidinger (pictured right) for

A Lot of Hard Work

And a Generous Heart...

(photos by Mary Johnson Robb)

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**Donations**

Thanks to all who have donated;

Donations since the last newsletter...

**Newsletter & Pilot Dogs** - Mary Bishop, Bill Brown, Bill & Rose Burk, Robert Crist, Pat & Pete Eyer, Gloria Farris, Janet Hobbs, Clarence Hoodlett, Betty Jones, E. F. Lahue, Gloria Lotz, Elva G. Martens, Linda McCreary, Dorothy McDaniel, Margaret McKinley, Thomas Miller, Joy Partlow, Janice Powell, Mike & Irene Roese, Patti Scharf, Dwight Shingledecker, Sue Snyder, Suzanne Thirtyacker, Beverly Thompson, Rose Marie Trbovich, Carolyn VanSkoy, Louis Vesco,

**Other** - Dwight Shingledecker.

**In Memory of Louise Lupin** - Betty Seese, Michael Casey.

**Centerpieces** - Roberta Yates has been making centerpieces for the tables at the luncheons. Then, she finds a way to award the centerpiece to a lucky recipient at each table. Thank you, Roberta.

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**Telephone Memorabilia**

**Silent Auction**

at the March 10, 2016 Luncheon

**Donated Items & HELP Needed...**

To fundraise, the Columbus Life Members are sponsoring a silent auction of telephone memorabilia. THE SILENT AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT THE MARCH 10TH LUNCHEON. IF YOU JUST WANT TO CLEAR OUT YOUR TELEPHONE PARAPHERNALIA, ALL THE MONEY EARNED WILL GO INTO THE GENERAL FUND FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS OR EXPENSES FOR THE NEWSLETTER. Or, if you prefer, at the luncheon, you can sell your own items and make a donation from your proceeds to the Columbus Life Member Club.

Please contact Roberta Yates on 740-548-5924 for more information. Roberta notes that, if you are donating your items and 100% of the proceeds go into the general fund, pickup can be arranged. If you are donating a portion of your proceeds, you are responsible to get your items to the luncheon and to oversee the sale of your items.

All buyers are responsible for taking their items home that day.

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**Krogering for Pioneering: $1647**

Does your Kroger receipt reflect the “Telecom Pioneers - Cols LM Club” at the bottom of the receipt? If not, you need this number: 20038.

We have collected $1647.24 from Kroger for the period June, 2014 through November, 2015. WE NEED MORE HOUSEHOLDS PARTICIPATING. THIS IS “FREE” MONEY FOR OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND. PLEASE SIGN UP NOW or RENEW your community service organization. (Kroger requires an annual renewal. The “new year” starts April 1, but you can renew at any time after that.) To sign up for the first time or renew, have your Kroger Plus Card handy and go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com to begin or update the process. Our Pioneer organization number is 20038. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Monica Kile on 614-252-5262, send an email (mkile@aol.com), or send a text to 614-208-4318. Or, call Pat Eyer on 740-990-9528, send an email to patriciaeyer@icloud.com, THANKS!
2016 Ohio Chapter & South East Council...

2016 President & VP
South East Council

Quentin Jung, pictured left, will continue as President of the SE Council. Charlie Jacob, pictured right, is the new SE Council VP. This is the second year for Quentin to serve as President of the blended club. Charlie is new to Pioneering but not to community service.

2016 Members-At-Large (MAL)
Ohio Chapter and South East Council

Linda McCreary, pictured left, will represent the SE Council Life Members at the Ohio Chapter; Evelyn Rawls, pictured right, will represent life members at the Ohio SE Council level. Both have years of experience and contributions to Pioneering. We are in good hands.

Quentin Jung - President
Quentin has participated in Pioneering prior to being elected President of the blended clubs. He has served as the Active’s President prior to the merging of the clubs. The Actives continue with their projects - many of which were started by current life members when they were Actives. At the top of the list are the Special Olympic summer games, the preparation of lunches for the annual Special Olympic swim meet, and the Christmas party at a group home... all projects that are 30 plus years old.

Charlie Jacob - Vice President
If you attend luncheons, you know that Charlie likes to joke a lot. He's involved in the community. He brings a lot to the table at the luncheons and executive board meetings. Charlie says, "I enjoy seeing people I encountered while working. Currently, I'm in a group of retirees who meet monthly for breakfast. It's fun to stay current. For this reason, I always look forward to the newsletter. Awhile back, I decided to attend a Pioneer luncheon. I really enjoyed the fellowship and camaraderie. As Barb Holman reads the fellowship report, it's painfully obvious that many retirees have died. As VP I hope to encourage involvement in the Pioneers. Certainly, I'd like to see more faces at the luncheons. I encourage all of you to fill out the luncheon coupon, mail it to Ludy, and attend a luncheon. Bring a friend. I hope to see all of you in 2016."

Linda McCreary - Ohio Chapter MAL
Linda participates in Pioneering at both the Ohio Chapter and the SE Council levels. She is a major asset to the council with her fundraising efforts. She reminds us that "the past year has seen many works of kindness and charity, and if 2016 is anything like 2015, we will have a very successful year. Thank you for all the donations - especially the emergency requests for funds." Linda is always looking at our successes. She is a positive voice, and rest assured, she will speak well for us at the Chapter level.

Evelyn Rawls - South East Council MAL
Evelyn holds an office at the SE Council level. She has and will be a positive influence at whatever she undertakes. Her work ethic is well known. Anyone who does Pioneer work, or lives on the south side of Columbus, knows Evelyn is successful when she takes up a cause. That's probably why her fellow Columbus executive board members elected her to represent them. Evelyn encourages "any member who has a question or concern regarding any phase of Pioneering to reach out to me or other board members." And, as she always does, she thanks you for doing it! She is always helping whatever cause the retirees undertake, whether it's KIT calls or the spaghetti dinner, and she does it with a smile on her face.
Columbus Life Member Club Volunteer Hours

Mail your hours to: Ruth Butcher, 5991 Grove City Road, Grove City, Ohio 43123
or, email to: rbutcher@columbus.rr.com, or call 614-875-9958

Dear Pioneers, Spouses, and Friends,

The following community service hours were reported for the September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2015 deadlines. Please report your hours by March 31, 2016.

Thank you,
-Ruth Butcher

Amer Red Cross & Food Banks (7 rptd, 283.5 hrs)
John Biehl, Mary Jo Factor, Charlie Jacob, Linda McCreary, Kay Renzetti, Ann Schmidt, Roberta Yates.

Church Projects (15 reported, 1174.5 hours)
June Beard, Margaret Clark, Mary Jo Factor, Jeanne Frankenberg, Jack Greene, Thelma Greene, Charles Jacob, Betty Jones, Dorothy Kaiser, Erma Lucas, Linda McCreary, Bev Oldham, Evelyn Rawls, Barb Tucker, Roberta Yates.

Community Service Projects (21 rptd, 4694.5 hrs)

Helping the Elderly & Disabled (13 rptd, 1911 hrs)

Hospital Duties (4 reported, 532 hours)
Dorothy Jantzen, Gloria Justice, Gene Lauber, Ann Schmidt.

Life Member Birthday & KIT Calls (12 rptd, 224 hrs)
Mary Jo Adams, Peggy Egbert, Pat Eyer, Jeanne Frankenberg, Dorothy Kaiser, Sue Martin, Daryl McKay, Bev Oldham, Connie Oliver, Evelyn Rawls, Barb Tucker, Roberta Yates.

Life Member Exec Board Meeting (16 rptd, 72 hrs)
Ruth Butcher, Donna Carrel, Keith Eaton, Pat Eyer, Jeanne Frankenberg, Ludy Hitchcock, Barb Holman, Charlie Jacob, Jean MacNealy, Linda McCreary, Marla Myers, Bev Oldham, Evelyn Rawls, Mary Johnson Robb, Patti Scharf, Roberta Yates.

Life Member Luncheons (238 reported, 952 hrs)
September 17, 2015 - 72 attended
November 12, 2015 - 73 attended
December 10, 2015 - 93 attended

Meals on Wheels (2 reported, 92 hours)
Michelle Bish, Mary Jo Factor.

Newsletter (2 reported, 114 hours)
Pat Eyer, Pete Eyer.

Pioneer General Activities (18 reported, 507 hrs)
Ruth Butcher, Margaret Clark, Keith Eaton, Pat Eyer, Pete Eyer, Jeanne Frankenberg, Ludy Hitchcock, Jane Hughes, Charlie Jacob,

Dawna Kelly, Erma Lucas, Linda McCreary, Bev Oldham, Evelyn Rawls, John Scharf, Patti Scharf, Mike Tillis, Roberta Yates.

Ronald McDonald House (13 reported, 230 hours)
Bill Brown, Glenda Cooper, Janice Carter-Dabney, Jeannine Izolt, Barb, Kilbarger, Jake Kilbarger, Shawn Kilbarger, Linda McCreary, Marla Myers, John Scharf, Patti Scharf, Sue Schreiber, Dick Sheets.

School Projects (3 reported, 82 hours)
Pete Eyer, Linda McCreary, Barb Tucker.

Special Recognition - Jack Watkins
Retired Traffic Engineering Manager
Submitted by Jeanne Frankenberg
We have recently learned that Life Care Alliance recognized Jack Watkins for his dedication to the community's most vulnerable members. Their write-up mentions he is a dedicated Meals-on-Wheels volunteer delivering four days a week covering three different routes. He was an American Red Cross volunteer for ten years. And, he has helped fire victims and families affected by national disasters.

Welcome KIT Volunteers
Peggy Egbert, Connie Oliver, Sue Martin
Submitted by Evelyn Rawls
The Columbus Life Members are committed to keeping in touch with their fellow retirees. (We call it KIT calls.)
We would like to extend a big welcome to the three new volunteers - Peggy Egbert, Connie Oliver, and Sue Martin - who are helping with the calls. WELCOME ABOARD!

The KIT volunteers travel downtown to call all the Columbus and Zanesville retirees and spouses that we have in our database. They call on your birthday and again in six months. (If you are not getting a call, make sure we have a correct telephone number for you! If you are interested in volunteering, call Evelyn Rawls on 614-444-3072.)

Thank You, Mike Tillis
Mike - Braille Machine Repair
Mike Tillis has repaired 825 braille machines as of December 26, 2015 (all that he had on hand).
Thank you, Mike, for your service in the name of Pioneering.
Fellowship Reports
Submitted by Barb Holman

We print information regarding retired Pioneers and relatives as soon as the information is reported to us. If we missed it, do not hesitate to call Barb Holman on 740-816-1110 regardless of the date of the death or illness. The information listed is any person or event reported as of December 31, 2015. Ages, if known, are in parenthesis. ® means spouses.

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Yvonne “Tooti” Rose
Dwight Shingledecker
Judy Ward

Death of Relatives
Kathryn Simkins (91) 12/2/15
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Janet Snively (91) 12/19/14
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Victor Young 12/4/15
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Anniversaries
Robert & Jackie Aurand, April 11, 2015
Jim & Liz Stelzer, 65 yrs, Oct, 14, 2015
Jack&Thelma Greene, 40 yrs, Nov 22, 2015
Bill & Judy Groves, 55 yrs, Jan 14, 2016

Thank You
“Reporters”
The following people (other than the executive board) sent emails, made phone calls, or sent information for the newsletter and email broadcasts. Thank you:
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Memorials
We always recognize our members who pass away. The Columbus Life Member Club sends a memorial donation to Pilot Dogs in the retiree’s name for all retirees who are in our database. Our members are our most valuable asset. Pilot Dogs cumulates these and credits them towards the purchase of our next scholarship. Directing all our memorials this way saves significant administrative costs that the club incurs from the National Pioneers.
# Telecom Pioneers - South East Council - Actives & Life Members

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614-223-8910

To volunteer, call Evelyn Rawls on 614-444-3072 or email ejrawls@sbcglobal.net

## AASBCR: 312-962-2770

Carole Lovell - Membership

http://aasbcr.org

## AON Healthcare Network:

800-928-8027

## AT&T Numbers:

- Benefits/Life Insu 877-722-0020
- Retiree Sales/Svc 877-377-9010
- Retiree Discount 888-251-0645
- Wireless Cust Care 800-331-0500 or 611 from wireless phone

## Blue Cross/Shield-IL

800-621-7336

## Care Plus (UHC)

877-261-3340

## CWA Local 4320

614-236-8065

## Dental (Cigna)

888-722-5505

## Fidelity Service Center

800-416-2363, netbenefits.fidelity.com

## Long Term Care (John Hancock)

800-732-3220

## Mental/Chemical Health

800-554-6701

## Pensions/Savings

800-736-7779

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800-378-8851

## Savings (Fidelity)

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## United Health Care

866-705-9767

## Vision (Eye Med)

800-638-4288

## Your Health Matters (Extra Help)

866-276-8444
Notes from Retirees, Bake Sale…

Thank You for Donations and the Hard Work from The Ronald McDonald House

Good Morning Pat,

Mildred Copeland’s obituary was in the paper on December 9th; however, it did not mention that she retired from OBT. She worked with me in Data. I think she had 25-30 years of service. Mildred’s story is unique in that her husband of 68 years died 68 days before her and they had been married 68 years. Mildred had a lot of friends and was well thought of. I think her friends and our newsletter readers would enjoy reading about her…

- Evelyn Rawls

Dear Keith,

Thanks for taking care of the donations. Enjoy the holidays.

- Bev Thompson

Pilot Dogs

The Columbus Life Member Club sends $15 to Pilot Dogs for each retiree in our database who passes away. Pilot Dogs acknowledges every donation by notifying the family and also sending a thank you to the Pioneers.

Pictured left to right is Margaret Clark, Linda Eaton, and Jane Hughes with their best smiles in anticipation of another successful fundraiser. - Photo by Mary Johnson Robb

Pioneer Bake Sale

THANKS to all who helped raise money for our community service projects. At the November luncheon, $319 was raised for the general fund. Many, many dropped their baked goods at the table without leaving their name. WE THANK YOU. If we missed your name, PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL PAT EYER (see page 8). Thank you to Margaret Clark and Jane Hughes for organizing the sale. Also, thanks to those we know donated: Ruth Butcher, Margaret Clark, Linda Eaton, Gloria Farris, Jane Hughes, Mary Johnson, Dorothy Kaiser, Linda McCready, Evelyn Rawls, Marilyn Riley, Patti Scharf. THANKS TO ALL WHO BOUGHT!

2016 Dates - Mark Your Calendar…

2016 SE Council Life Member Executive Board Meetings: February 11, April 14, August 11, October 13.

Spaghetti Dinner - This year’s event is scheduled for April 24, 2016. Mark your calendars now. (Submitted by Linda McCready)

Friends of the 40’s & 50’s Luncheon - The date for this year’s event is October 19, 2016. Thank you “Friends” for the generous donation to the newsletter. (Submitted by Erma Lucas)
AT&T Inc. has completed its acquisition of DIRECTV. The newly combined company — the largest pay TV provider in the United States and the world — will offer millions of people more choices for video entertainment on any screen from almost anywhere, any time.

Current customers of AT&T and DIRECTV do not need to do anything as a result of the merger. They’ll continue to receive their same services, channel lineups and customer care.

Customer account information, online access and billing arrangements remain the same.

The integration of AT&T and DIRECTV will occur over the coming months. In the coming weeks, AT&T will launch new integrated TV, mobile and high-speed Internet offers that give customers greater value and convenience.

With the completion of its DIRECTV acquisition, AT&T will continue to deploy its all-fiber GigaPower Internet access service — the company’s highest-speed Internet service, which allows you to download a TV show in as little as three seconds. When the expansion is complete, AT&T’s all-fiber broadband footprint will reach more than 14 million customer locations.

“Combining DIRECTV with AT&T is all about giving customers more choices for great video entertainment integrated with mobile and high-speed Internet service,” said Randall Stephenson, AT&T chairman and CEO. “We’ll now be able to meet consumers’ future entertainment preferences, whether they want traditional TV service with premier programming, their favorite content on a mobile device, or video streamed over the Internet to any screen.”

“This transaction allows us to significantly expand our high-speed Internet service to reach millions more households, which is a perfect complement to our coast-to-coast TV and mobile coverage,” Stephenson said. “We’re now a fundamentally different company, with a diversified set of capabilities and businesses that set us apart from the competition.”

I also wanted to share more information about a new program that we launched earlier this year, Digital You. Please see below for more information:

Get Your Internet Game On – Safely!

AT&T launches Digital You to teach you ways to help protect yourself online

Do you know someone who claims they’re “too old” to get online? Or who has had their email — or social media — account compromised? Anyone who has been bullied online? Someone who has posted something they later regretted?

If so, you are not alone!

That is why AT&T, with the help of Common Sense Media, AARP, the OASIS Institute and other national community organizations, is launching Digital You.

This new program is designed to help educate and empower people to learn more about how to have a safe and secure online experience.

Digital You includes features like:

- A new AT&T website (digitalyou.att.com) offering research-based materials about how to use devices safely and effectively for parents, youth, seniors, people with disabilities and others, with key information in Spanish.

- Community events, training and discussions led by AT&T employees and community organizations across the country

- Digital Compass, a free, interactive game, developed by Common Sense Media to help teach pre-teens how to make smart decisions online.

Digital You can help you take advantage of what the Internet has to offer — while also teaching you ways to help protect yourself from identity theft, online harassment and scams. So get your Internet-game on!

Check out Digital You at: www.digitalyou.att.com

Did you know…

21% of Internet users have had an email or social networking account compromised or taken over by someone else without permission (1).

33% of disconnected adults say that they stay offline because accessing the Web is too difficult or frustrating; they are physically unable; or they are worried about other issues such as spam, spyware hackers (2).

43% of teens (13-17 years old) say they have posted something online that they later regretted (3)

40% of teens (13-17 years old) have been bullied online — 25% report it has happened more than once (4).

**MARCH 10, 2016**

Retiree Luncheon  
Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road  
Social Hour 11AM, Lunch at Noon  

Payment must be received by  
MARCH 8, 2016  
Mail to: Ludy Hitchcock  
80 Salinger Drive  
Lithopolis, Ohio 43136  

$15 per person  
Make checks payable to: Telecom Pioneers  

Names & lunch orders:  
(Please “X” lunch desired)  

Name _______________ Cannelloni __ Fish __  
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Please provide a name & telephone number to be called if there is a question:  

Name: _____________________________  
Telephone: __________________________  

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE LUNCHEONS!

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THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE LUNCHEONS!

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**2016 Villa Milano Luncheons & Themes**  
Make Your Reservation Early!  

March 10 - Silent Auction & Buy Your Spaghetti Dinner Ticket  
May 12 - Mid Ohio Food Bank  
June 16 - Ronald McDonald House  
September 8 - Pilot Dogs  
November 10 - Bake Sale  
December 8 - Christmas Projects

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**Luncheon Cancellation Policy:**

You may cancel up to two days PRIOR and use your payment to cover the next luncheon. Call Ludy on 614-833-1905 to cancel, or email her at jhitchco@sbcglobal.net.  

If your reservation is not cancelled, the cost you paid is forfeited. Plan on purchasing your 50/50 ticket.  

Check the newsletter to see what project is “designated” for the luncheon you are coming to... if you'd like, bring a donation for that project.
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