



Independent
Telecommunications
Pioneer
Association

Special Points of
Interest:

- Fall Meeting 2023
- Current Projects
- Past Projects
- Kickstart Kindness
- John Knox Johnston
Award

Catch that

Pioneering Spirit!

*2023 Projects – In Your Local
Area and Statewide*

Alzheimer's Walk – 2023.
The Walk to end Alzheimer's.
In your own area!

Salvation Army – Please
consider donating in your local
area. There is a great need for
non-perishable food items.

Troop/Veteran Support – Help
a local military group or
donate to a V.A. Center in
your area.

*Thank you for your support of
chapter and club projects!*

Summer Update – Pioneer Activities

ITPA Buckeye State Chapter

July 2023

Fall Meeting 2023 – Sugarcreek, Ohio – October 20-21

Buckeye State Chapter Pioneers, family, and friends are invited to gather at the Dutch Host Inn in Sugarcreek, Ohio the evening of October 20th (6:00 p.m.) through Saturday evening, October 21st, for the annual meeting and dinner.

Friday evening (Oct. 20th) – 6:00 p.m. & after – Meet & Greet in the Dutch Host Inn conference room. Buckeye Chapter members will bring items for an evening meal (sandwiches, vegetables, fruit, dessert, snacks, and drinks).

Saturday morning (Oct. 21st) – 10:00 a.m. – Chapter Business Meeting (open to all) in the Dutch Host Inn conference room. *Free time after meeting until dinner.*

Saturday evening (Oct. 21st) – 6:00 p.m. – Gather for the buffet dinner at the Dutch Valley Restaurant less than 1 mile from the Dutch Host Inn, then back to the hotel conference room for presentations, fellowship, and fun.

Hotel reservations – Please make your own reservations. Please see the enclosed flyer for details. (Room rates vary by day of the week and room type.) Reservations due no later than September 1, 2023.

A registration form is enclosed with this newsletter. Registration is due to Darlene Roll by October 6, 2023. The cost of Saturday evening's meal is \$25.00 per person. All other meals are on your own.

Fall Projects

Fall meeting attendees are encouraged to participate in our "Kickstart Kindness" activity at our Fall Gathering. This year, Buckeye Chapter Pioneers are collecting non-perishable food items, school supplies, and personal care items along with financial donations that will be given to Salvation Army locations in several Ohio areas. If you are attending the fall meeting, please bring items along.

If you are unable to attend but would like to participate, as always, we collect "Pennies for Pioneers" (also known as any financial donations). *Please make checks payable to Buckeye State Chapter ITPA, with "Pennies for Pioneers" on the memo line.* Send checks to Darlene Roll, 1385 Township Road 216, Bellefontaine, OH 43311-9644.

Projects Win Awards!

Congratulations to Buckeye Chapter and Mid-Ohio Club for winning awards in the ITPA annual awards program. The chapter and club chose to donate funds to charitable organizations instead of receiving a plaque. Awards received were:

Mid-Ohio Club (1 award) – Supporting food needs through the Salvation Army in the Richland County area. The award check and ITPA matching donation were sent to the Salvation Army.

Buckeye Chapter (3 awards) – Alzheimer’s projects in Ohio and 2 awards for support of Salvation Army activities in Ohio. The award checks and ITPA matching donations were sent to the Alzheimer’s Association and to Salvation Army centers in Ohio.

*Volunteers Leading
Through Community Service!*

Alzheimer’s Walk at Fall Meeting??

Would you like to walk around the Dutch Host Inn parking lot in support of “Walk for Alzheimer’s” on Friday evening or Saturday morning at the Fall Get-Together? Bring your walking shoes!

Kickstart Kindness Contest

See the worksheet enclosed. As each idea is completed, enter the date on the form. Forms are to be sent to ITPA President, JoAnn Esposito, no later than March 1, 2024. All forms will be put into a bin and winners will be chosen at the 32nd Annual Assembly. You do not need to be present to win.

Prizes will be awarded based on the number of forms submitted.

Charlotte Baker, Mid-Ohio Club Member, Presented John Knox Johnston Award

Charlotte was presented with this award at the July 15, 2023, Buckeye State Chapter meeting. The John Knox Johnston Award is the highest honor the Independent Telecommunications Pioneer Association can bestow to one person in a region. The recipient must be or have been a Pioneer member who consistently, over a period of years, made significant contributions to his or her community through Pioneer activities and its goals. The award recognizes Charlotte’s long-time commitment to Pioneering. She is a Mid-Ohio Pioneer Club member, serves on the Buckeye State Chapter board and has participated in many local, state, and national projects throughout her years as a Pioneer. *Watch for an article about Charlotte in the next National Magazine in September!*

In Our Thoughts

Our thoughts and prayers are with Pioneer families who have lost a loved one during this past year or are dealing with health issues.

Deceased (with company reference based on information available):

- Jack Frysinger – Celina, Ohio (GTE)
- Peggy Hatcher – Bethesda, Ohio (GTE)
- John Urban – Norwalk, Ohio (GTE)

A New Membership Category!

“Friends of Pioneers” is a new membership category that was approved last year. Do you have family members or friends who would like to be a member of ITPA and enjoy participating in club, chapter, and national activities? Please check out the ITPA website ‘nationalitpa.com’ for an application. The fee is the same as regular Pioneer members – currently \$30.00. *Ohio has 3 new members in the “Friends of Pioneers” category so far this year.*

“Dues/Mailing Fee”

Each year, we ask Buckeye State Chapter Pioneers to make a \$5.00 donation for Dues/Mailing Fees. The purpose of this fee is to help cover some of the costs associated with the operations of Buckeye State Chapter. Please send your payment to Chapter Treasurer, Darlene Roll (checks payable to Buckeye State Chapter ITPA), 1385 Township Road 216, Bellefontaine, OH 43311-9644.