

Pioneer Connection

January 2022



30th Annual ITPA Assembly



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The Annual Assembly will take place in Greenbelt Maryland, 13 miles from Washington DC.

The totally renovated Crowne Plaza Greenbelt has been chosen as the site for the Assembly and plans are in the works.

Dates: April 22-25, 2022

Room Rates: \$125.00 per night, includes breakfast for 2 per night

*Each additional person beyond double occupancy will be \$15.00

Rates good three days prior and three days after Assembly

- ◆ Free Parking
- ◆ Three blocks from the Metro Station
- ◆ Free shuttle to Metro Station-Greenbelt
- ◆ Metro is available from Union Station for Amtrack and from Reagan National Airport

Three airports serve the greater DC area:

- ◆ Dulles International (IAD)
- ◆ Reagan National (DCA)
- ◆ Marshall Airport (BWI)

Make your reservations using the link below by copying and pasting into your browser

<https://bit.ly/3CSc3XL> or call

reservations 877-666-3243

and use the code MKL

- Regional Vice Presidents**
- Region 1
Bill Barber
- Region 2
Darlene Roll
- Region 3
Leon Yard
- Region 4
Nancy Schnitzer



Assembly Registration

ITPA 30th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY Registration Form

Washington, DC

April 22 - April 25, 2022

Member Name _____ Name of Guest _____

Daytime Phone Number _____ E-Mail _____

Chapter/Club Affiliation _____

First-time Assembly attendee? Yes ____ No ____ (Grant Application available by contacting national office)

Registration fee includes the following meals and activities:

- Friday Meet and Greet dinner
- Saturday Lunch
- Saturday afternoon - (Dinner is on your own)
- Sunday Hall of Fame Luncheon/afternoon Awards ceremony
- Sunday banquet/installation

Saturday afternoon/evening activities (You will not be able to sign up at the Assembly)

- National Archives Museum

The home of the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights.

- Arlington National Cemetery (Trolley Tour) -

Arlington National Cemetery represents the American people for past, present, and future generations by laying to rest those few who have served our nation with dignity and honor, while immersing guests in the cemetery's living history.

- I do not want to take a tour

Registration fee: Payment for registration must accompany this form. Check the appropriate options below. Make check payable to ITPA. *See www.nationalitpa.com for online registration.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ITPA Member | \$130 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guest | \$130 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hall of Fame Lunch Only (Non-Registered) | \$ 30 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Archives Museum | Number of participants _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arlington National Cemetery (Trolley Tour) | Number of participants _____ |

Grand Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Mail registration and payment to: ITPA, 438 W. Oglethorpe Hwy, Hinesville, GA 31313

Registration Cancellation Policy: Cancellations received after March 1, 2022, are non-refundable.

Hotel Accommodations: Crowne Plaza
6400 Ivy Lane
Greenbelt, MD 20770
For Reservations Call- 1-877-666-3243

Hotel Reservations must be made by **Wednesday, March 30, 2022**, to be eligible for the group discount. When making your reservation, mention the code MKL or the group name 2022 ITPA Annual Meeting to qualify for the room rate of \$125 per night.

Awards

It is time again to share with others the pioneering stories of the past year. We hope that each of you are busy collecting data on your community service projects and plan to submit at least one entry for our awards program. Chapters and Clubs who have submitted their Annual Report Forms are eligible for the Awards Program.

Please be sure to read the packet completely and use forms from this packet only, as items and requirements have changed.

The Awards packet can be found at www.nationalitpa.com/club-chapter-resources at the bottom of the General Forms box.

Chapters and Clubs may again elect to receive a certificate and check for the charity of their choice in lieu of a plaque for a winning first, second or third place entry. Checks and certificates along with awards will be presented at the ITPA Annual Spring Assembly.

In the packet you will find the description of the award categories, general information, entry procedures and forms. They should be shared with your members and project chair to stimulate interest and enthusiasm. Be sure to read the entry procedures carefully. Follow the instructions and submit your application(s) on the forms provided or your project will be disqualified. If additional copies of the forms are required, you may copy them. If your project is selected, you may be required to provide additional photographs for our awards display and the presentation ceremonies.

Please be aware of the following deadlines:

February 8th

Chapter/Club Presidents must submit all entries to their respective Region Vice President. Entries postmarked after February 8 th will have points deducted from their entries.

February 22nd

Region Vice Presidents must submit all eligible entries to the National Office. If you need more information or clarification, contact the National Office at 1-877-320-4872 or e-mail at itpa@telecom-pioneers.net. On behalf of ITPA and the Awards Committee, I wish you great success with your award entries.

Ann Beck, Chair, National Awards Committee

ITPA 100 Years Anniversary Tokens



We are so grateful for the support of those that have made donations to our Historical Foundation fundraiser. We only have a few commemorative tokens left, so get them before they are gone!

To place your order you can find the order form on our website at: <https://www.nationalitpa.com/fundraising> or you can email the National Office at itpa@telecom-pioneers.net to request an order form.

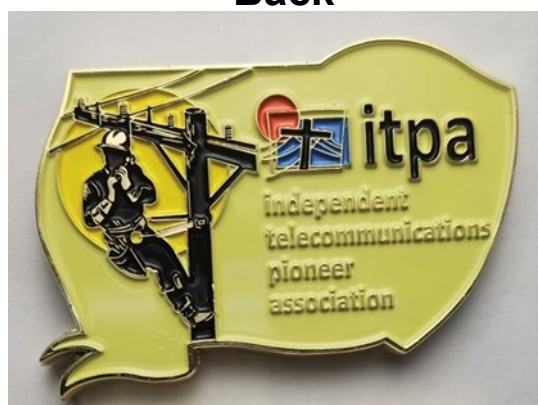
Commemorative Token - \$15.00 Each Donation

Actual Size – 2"x1.4"

Front



Back



ITPA Token - \$12.00 Each Donation

Front



Actual Size – 2"

Back



Membership Dues

The Independent Telecommunications Pioneer Association has been in existence for 100 years due to the dedication of pioneers like you who have deemed this organization worthy of your support. It is through your commitment to serve your communities through good works, and your dedication to preserving the telecommunications history that the ITPA organization weathered many storms over that last century.

The global pandemic has created many challenges for families, businesses, and organizations like ours. Since the pandemic started, we have seen a decrease in membership, charitable contributions, and company support. The ITPA Board recognizes the changes that are affecting our organization, and have reached out to our financial advisors to help lead us in the right direction to ensure that legacy of ITPA survives another century.

The ITPA Board has made the tough decision to increase membership dues from \$25.00 to \$30.00 starting January 1, 2022. We hope that you will continue to support us for many years to come.



Recipe Exchange

The Recipe Exchange

By Darlene Roll

This month's recipe comes from a recipe card that someone gave me years ago. It is a recipe that is easy and turns out so good! I wish I knew who originally gave me the recipe. I'm sure they were an Ohio Pioneer!

Do you have a favorite recipe to share? Please send to itpa@telecom-pioneers.net.

Fruit Cocktail Cake

1 C. flour	1 tsp. vanilla
1 C. granulated sugar	1 large can, fruit cocktail, drained
1 tsp. baking soda	½ C. brown sugar (packed)
1 egg	½ C. chopped walnuts

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Blend flour, granulated sugar and baking soda.

Beat egg and vanilla together; add drained fruit cocktail. Mix into the flour mixture until well-blended.

Pour into a greased and floured 9x9" pan.

Mix walnuts and brown sugar together. Sprinkle on top of the cake mixture.

Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes or until golden brown and firm.



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- 5. You will receive an email from Amazon to confirm**
- 6. Order away and let ITPA reap the rewards**

“Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.” – **William James**