

Pioneer Connection

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30th Annual ITPA Assembly

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend the Annual Assembly in Greenbelt, Maryland on April 22-25, 2022. Greenbelt is a suburb of Washington D.C., located in Prince George's County. Greenbelt is located 13 miles from Washington D.C. Washington D.C., the capital city of the United States is located along the Potomac River on the East Coast, and is home to 17 Smithsonian Museums, galleries, the National zoo and the National Mall. D.C. is an extraordinary city, one with multiple personalities: a working federal city, an international metropolis including 176 foreign embassies, a picturesque tourist destination, and a treasury of the country's most valued

history and artifacts. The best time to visit D.C. is from mid-March to mid-April, when the cherry blossoms are in bloom. During this time, a meandering stretch of the Potomac River appears to grace the city wearing an endless pink and white garland.

The Crown Plaza is ready to take your reservations, so contact them at 1-833-681-4979 and mention code MKL to get the reduced rate of \$125.00 per night (plus 13% taxes). Breakfast for two is included at the in house restaurant Tugwell's Public House. Rates are good for three days prior and three days after assembly.

The Crown Plaza offers free parking and a free shuttle to Metro Station-Greenbelt which is conveniently located within three blocks of the hotel. Metro is available from Union Station for Amtrak and from Reagan National Airport.

Three airports serve the greater D.C. area:

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

Items are needed for our Silent Auction. All attendees are encouraged to bring a basket or item to be auctioned.



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.

☐ ITPA Member \$130

☐ Guest \$130

☐ Hall of Fame Lunch Only (Non-Registered) \$ 30

☐ National Archives Museum Number of participants _____

☐ 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- 1-833-681-4979

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.**

Charitable Foundation

On behalf of the ITPA Charitable Foundation board members, "thank you" to Pioneers who have made donations to the Charitable Foundation. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.

As you may recall, in 2021, the Charitable Foundation made donations to:

- Alzheimer's Association research (\$1000)
- Troop/veteran support
 - Team Savannah for Veterans (\$1000)
 - Survivor Outreach Services at Fort Stewart (\$1000)
- Activities in the Hinesville, Georgia, area where our national office and museum are located
 - \$300 donation for the Veterans Memorial Walk in Bryant Commons Park, on the grounds where our office and museum are located.
 - \$125 donation for wreaths at Warrior Walk at Fort Stewart.
- Matching donations to the ITPA National Awards Program chapter and club awards for community projects.
 - Charitable Foundation matched \$1,005.

The board recently met on a conference call to discuss 2022 donations. The following are planned donations for this year, as of February 23, 2022:

- Alzheimer's Association research (\$1,500)
- Troop/veteran support
 - National Guard 178th Engineering Battalion Family Readiness (\$1500). This is the incoming president's charity of choice.
- Activities in the Hinesville, Georgia area:
 - \$500 is designated for these activities. This normally includes a donation toward wreaths for Warrior Walk at Fort Stewart.
- Matching donations to the ITPA National Awards Program chapter and club awards.
 - Not finalized at this time but will be less than \$700, based on the number of award entries received.

An observation, donations in our communities and even nationally are not always financial in nature. Many take advantage of donating hours to volunteering for organizations or even participating in an event such as a walk. Spring is almost here so you might consider an outdoor event in support of a project in your area. Whatever you choose to do, thank you!

Again, thank you for supporting the ITPA Charitable Foundation.

Darlene Roll, ITPA Charitable Foundation President

Thank You

The Recipe Exchange

By Darlene Roll

Golden Honey Carrot Cookies

This month's recipe comes from Tanya Christ who is the secretary/treasurer from the Nearea Telephone Pioneer Club in Pennsylvania. Tanya originally found this recipe in the May 1981 edition of the Pioneer Magazine. It was a reprint from the Carl Hill Galloway Pioneer Club news bulletin. She adjusted the recipe slightly to suit her family tastes.



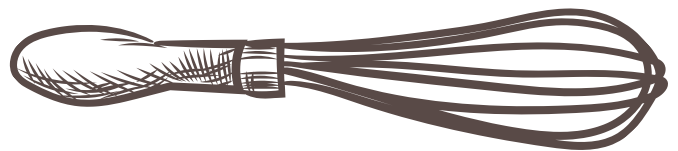
Recipe

1 C. butter flavor crisco
3 C. grated raw carrots
1/2 C. granulated sugar
4 C. all-purpose flour
1/2 C. honey
4 tsp. baking powder
2 eggs
1 tsp. salt
2 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. lemon extract
Optional: 12oz Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips

Directions:

- Beat together shortening, butter, and sugar until light and fluffy.
- Add honey, eggs, and extracts; beat well.
- Stir in carrots.
- Thoroughly mix together flour, baking powder and salt; stir into shortening mixture.
- Add chocolate chips.
- Drop by rounded tablespoonful onto greased baking sheets and bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes.

Yield: about 4 dozen cookies



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

Chapter & Club Corner

Otto Wettstein Jr. Pioneer Club

The Otto Wettstein Jr. Pioneer Club held their 42nd Annual Retiree Christmas Luncheon on December 13th, 2021 in the Chain of Lakes room at the Venetian Center in Leesburg Florida. 100 retirees and their spouses or guests attended. The event was catered by Debbie Davis Catering who has been catering the event for several years. Attendees enjoyed the food and fellowship that the luncheon brings. Many only see their former coworkers and friends at this event. Due to the Covid19 pandemic, the 2020 event had to be cancelled. This was special to several, since they hadn't seen each other in all most 2 years. A buffet lunch of turkey and ham with several sides and dessert were on the lunch menu. Door prizes, gift cards and poinsettia plants, furnished by the club and Kay Williams donated handmade angel ornaments, were also given out. Each year the attendees are asked to bring a canned good item with them to the luncheon, to be donated to a local food bank. Some bring 1 item, others bring a bag full. This is voluntary for them. This year over 500 pounds of food and \$100.00 in cash was collected and donated to the St. Theresa's Food Pantry/Soup Kitchen in Bellview, Florida.

Their team could not believe the amount of food that was collected and donated to them Florida State Chapter ITPA Board members also attended the luncheon and held their annual meeting following the luncheon. Attending that meeting were: President JoAnn Esposito, Secretary Carolyn Kelly, Treasurer Jo Myers, and Directors Nancy Schnitzer and Becky Hollis. Vice President James White and Director Sanja Hartfield were unable to attend. We are already looking forward to year number 43

Submitted by Jo Myers Club Secretary/
Treasurer



Chapter & Club Corner

Otto Wettstein Jr. Pioneer Club Continued



Buckeye State Chapter

The Buckeye State Chapter held their annual meeting on October 30, 2021 in Berlin, Ohio. ITPA National President Gregg Klatsky, and Vice President Daniel Barnhardt attended the event. They presented Sue Lehmkuhle with the John Knox Johnston Regional Award, and Carol Farschman received the Life Member Recognition.



Chapter & Club Corner

Comporium Pioneer Club

The Comporium Pioneers were asked to volunteer at the Haven Men's Shelter Super Bowl fundraiser on Super Bowl night. The football theme décor was enhanced by Official NFL footballs donated by Pioneers. Volunteer Pioneers sold 50/50 tickets (ITPA VP Daniel Barnhardt was the star of the show), served at the Guacamole table, greeted guests, kept tables cleared and cleaned up after the party was over. What a night!!!!



ITPA Telephone Museum

Super Museum Sunday was celebrated in style at the ITPA Telephone Museum in Hinesville Ga. on February 6, 2022. ITPA National Office Executive Director Alissa Moss's daughters got in on the fun. Addie dressed as an Operator from the 1940's and Kassie donned a hard hat, safety vest and hooks to portray a cable splicer.



1 of 1000	Free admission	MAKES IT PA
Super MUSEUM SUNDAY GEORGIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY		
February 6		
History & Architecture Walking Tour	1-3 pm	
100 N. Main St.		
Old Liberty County Jail	1-3 pm	
302 S. Main St.		
ITPA Telephone Museum	1-3 pm	
438 W. Oglethorpe Hwy.		
Historic Dorchester Academy	1-4 pm	
8787 E. Oglethorpe Hwy., Midway		
Midway Museum	1-4 pm	
491 N. Coastal Hwy., Midway		
Geechee Kunda	12-2 pm	
Cultural Arts Center & Museum		
622 Ways Temple Rd., Riceboro		
Fort Morris Historic Site	9-5 pm	
2559 Fort Morris Rd., Midway		



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- 6. Order away and let ITPA reap the rewards**

"The broadest, and maybe the most meaningful definition of volunteering: Doing more than you have to because you want to, in a cause you consider good." – **Ivan Scheier**