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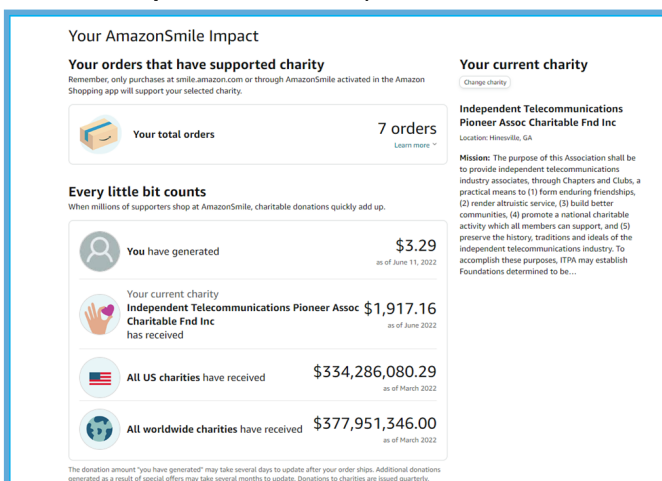
Did you know that globally, AmazonSmile has donated more than **\$377 million** to support charitable organizations since its launch in 2013?

Of that amount, **\$1,917.16** has been donated to the *Independent Telecommunications Pioneer Assoc Charitable Fnd Inc.* That may sound like a lot, but we've been on the AmazonSmile list as an eligible charity since 2015, which suggests Amazon shoppers have been slow to select us as their charity. Please help us change that by participating in our **ITPA AmazonSmile One/Two Challenge!!!!**

Keep reading to find out how easily you can master this challenge!

Hopefully, the screen shot below looks familiar to you. If it does, you've already mastered the "One" in our **One/Two Challenge!**

This screen shot is the summary that one of our members reviewed after her recent Amazon shopping excursion. A long time Amazon shopper, this member only recently set up her AmazonSmile account and selected *Independent Telecommunications Pioneer Assoc Charitable Fnd Inc* as her charity of choice. Now, our Charitable Foundation receives a donation from Amazon every time she purchases a qualifying item. And so many Amazon products qualify for this donation program! **(Update: At the time of printing, the donation amount generated by this member's shopping had more than doubled from \$3.29 to \$7.82. Imagine the collective impact we can make!)**



Participating in our **AmazonSmile One/Two Challenge** is easy, and doesn't cost anything!

One—if you haven't already selected us in your own AmazonSmile settings, please do that before the next time you shop with Amazon. Even if you're not an Amazon online shopper, you can still take this next step!

Two—talk to a family member or friend who shops online with Amazon. Tell them about ITPA and the types of things our clubs and chapters are regularly trying to do in our communities and across the nation. Ask them to commit to selecting our Association on your behalf. And then, ask someone else to do the same. And just like that you've doubled your impact again!

When you, your family and your friends select "**Independent Telecommunications Pioneer Assoc Charitable Fnd Inc.**" as your charity of choice, Amazon will immediately begin donating 0.5% of all your eligible Amazon purchases to our charitable foundation. All you have to do is shop. The donation from Amazon will be made at no extra cost to you. And the settings on your account will allow you to review and see how much in total has been donated and how much of that amount you have generated.

AmazonSmile is available to Amazon shoppers at smile.amazon.com on their web browser. It can easily be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones.

Even if you don't shop online often, the pennies add up. Every penny donated to our Charitable Foundation by Amazon helps our organization continue fulfilling its mission of community service.

So...are you ready to master our **One/Two Challenge**? Keep on reading for step-by-step instructions. Whether you shop using an app on your cell phone, or whether you log in through your computer's browser, these instructions will help you get set up.

Ready....

Set.....

Go!!!!!!!



ITPA One/Two AmazonSmile Challenge

If you shop using your computer:

Step 1:

Go to:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/47-4122549>

Step 2:

Choose our charity : Independent Telecommunications Pioneer Assoc Charitable Fnd Inc. that option looks like this:



Step 3:

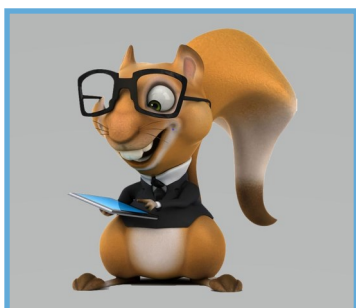
Complete your normal shopping and AMAZONSMILE will handle the donation part.

Step 4:

ALWAYS log in to smile.amazon.com in the future.

Step 5:

You shop, Amazon donates!



If you shop using the Amazon App on your cell phone:

iPhones:

Step 1: Download our update to the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app on your phone.

Step 2: Click on the 3 bars on the bottom right corner.

Step 3: Click on Settings (has an American Flag beside it)

Step 4: Scroll down to AmazonSmile and Click.

Step 5: Turn the device option to ON.

Step 6: You shop, Amazon donates!

That's all there is to it!!!

Androids:

Step 1: Download our update to the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app on your phone.

Step 2: Sign up at smile.amazon.com and find *Independent Telecommunications Pioneer Assoc Charitable Fnd Inc.*

Step 3: Open the app and find 'Settings' in the main menu.

Step 4: Tap on 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone.

Step 5: Turn the device option to ON.

Step 6: You shop, Amazon donates!

STEP 7: If you're thinking, "όλα αυτά είναι ελληνικά για μένα» which is Greek for "This is all Greek to me," ask your grandkids to set this up for you! And while you're at it, ask them to set it up on their phones and their parents' phones!

IMPORTANT NOTE:

AmazonSmile in the app is not available for iPads and other tablet devices. To shop AmazonSmile on your tablet, type smile.amazon.com into the browser.

Where in the World is Rocky Now???

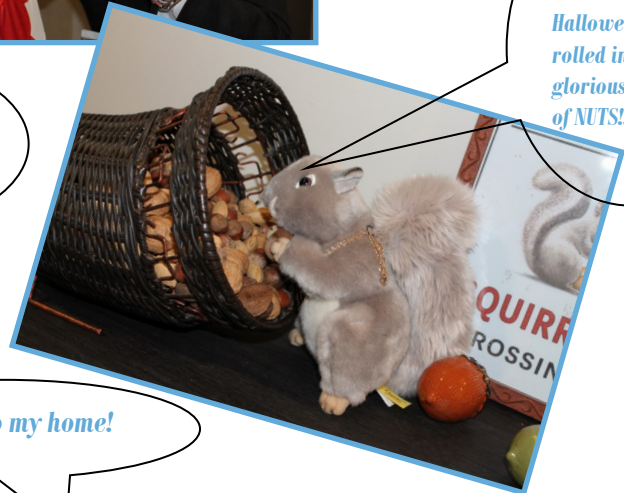


After many unsuccessful attempts, Gregg was finally able to free Rocky from the Pioneer Punch.

The mascot dug just a little too deeply hoping there were nuts rather than cash to be found!

It's like Christmas and Easter and Halloween all rolled into one glorious basket of NUTS!!!

Hey little fella...that's an awful big nut for an iddy biddy squirrel.



Welcome to my home!



Made it through Customs! England here I come!



For my debut karaoke performance...



I love you!



Munich, Germany sure is something to see. But I've GOT to stop for a little snack I brought





Pioneer Word Search Challenge

Be one of the first three Pioneers to text a picture of your completed word search challenge and win a prize!

All words are related to the ITPA, the pioneering spirit or telephony. Words might be right to left, left to right, horizontal, vertical, or diagonal.

Rules: Members only are eligible. **ITPA board members and officers are not eligible to win** (*but you can still play*).

After you've circled or hi-lited all of the words in the challenge, e-mail a photo of your completed puzzle to itpa@telecom-pioneers.net.

The first **three** members to reply with all words having been identified will receive a mystery prize!

We'll let you know by e-mail when the prizes have been claimed.

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HALL OF FAME
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National ITPA Office News



ITPA Pioneers from the National Office participated in the annual community Peanut Butter & Jelly drive to support the Manna House, a local food bank. Manna House provides meals for at risk children, disabled veterans, low-income families, senior citizens, under and individuals, homeless, and families of active duty service members.

More than 70% of the children in Liberty County schools are eligible for free or reduced lunch under low income guidelines. When schools are closed for summer and the school meal program is not available, Manna House and its community partners step in to help by collecting peanut butter and jelly for a summer lunch program.

Our volunteers were stationed at a local Walmart and asked shoppers to purchase and donate jars of peanut butter and jelly.



Above: Ginny Robles and Addison Moss greet shoppers with a smile and a PB&J request!

With tremendous community support, our store sold out of PB&J in just three hours, and we collected 283 jars!!!



Above: Volunteers Addison Moss, Alissa Moss, Kassie Davis and Ro Krueger

Left: Alissa Moss, Kassie Davis and Ro Krueger



Above: Bruno Robles and Alissa Moss load PB&J after a morning of outstanding community support.

National Office and Museum Volunteers Receive Rare Honor

By Alissa Moss, ITPA Executive Director

Normally, civilians are not allowed on the Fort Stewart Army Base. On June 21st, a rare exception to that rule was allowed when I and several dedicated volunteers were invited to join General Ramirez, the Garrison Commander, as soldiers hung big yellow bows on the gates at Fort Stewart. We were also invited to tour the new U.S. Army Museum. We consider this an honor and a privilege, and we are grateful to General Ramirez and (these soldiers for allowing us to participate.

At its broadest meaning, the display of yellow ribbons signifies home front support for American military personnel if not the war effort in general.



On a personal level, the yellow bows signify the hope that a loved one participating in a distant conflict or posted abroad will return home safely. The sunflower blows

hung at the gates of Ft. Stewart have the additional significance since the sunflower is the national flower of Ukraine.



See also <https://home.army.mil/stewart/index.php/about/news/community-paints-installation-yellow>



President's Ponderings

Greeting Pioneers,

I hope everyone is doing great and enjoying the summer heat. I'm still reflecting on our April National Assembly in Washington, DC and am amazed at how all the Pioneers rallied and supported me to make it one of the most memorable Pioneer events ever for me. At the National Office we are continuing our weekly meetings that were began during the COVID shutdown. We're working on current fundraising ideas, creating a working budget for ITPA, and many other items that need to be updated or changed.

Memorial Day and the July 4th holidays have passed, leaving us with the dog days of summer to be followed by the cooling fall air. During my annual Appalachian Trail hike recently, I passed a unique trail shelter in Dutchess County, NY that the Appalachian Trail Guide describes as: "Built in 1988, with assistance from the White Plains Council of the Telephone Pioneers of America." I'm honored to be a part of that continuing Pioneer tradition. I feel blessed to be physically able to take this trip each year and witness untamed and unspoiled nature.

As Clubs and Chapters plan for their fall banquets, I plan on attending the Tar Heel Chapter Banquet/Hall of Fame Luncheon on 19-21 in Southern Pines. I also plan to attend the ITPA Buckeye State Chapter Fall Get-Together in Sugarcreek, Ohio on October 21st – 22nd. It will be great see everyone again and cannot wait to bring home some of that tasty Amish cheese. If you have an event later this year, please let the ITPA National Office know about it. We will post it in our bi-monthly magazine to get the word out to everyone. We are committed to you and if you need our assistance, just drop us an email or call Alissa Moss at the national office.

Has anyone seen "Rocky" my squirrel mascot? Last I heard he had become a world traveler and he was off to somewhere in England. Then I got message from a friend that he was seen in Munich, Germany and she sent a photo of him living it up in the city center Glockenspiel in Munich. If you see "Rocky", let him know to write home more often and keep sending me pictures.

Regards,
Daniel

National Project Awards

National Awards Program project winners have the option of receiving a plaque commemorating their achievement or they may select a charitable organization to which the ITPA sends a donation on behalf of the winning club/chapter. This year the Charitable Foundation matched the ITPA donations, and a total of \$1,220 was or will be donated by the ITPA to the following organizations:

- St. Theresa Food Bank (Otto Wettstein Jr. Pioneer Club)
- Salvation Army, Wooster (Buckeye Chapter)
- Wreaths Across America (Carotel Club)
- Pathways Community Center (Palmetto Chapter)
- Operation Gratitude (Carotel Club)
- North Star Chapter Charity Fund
- Dayton Medical Center (Mid Ohio Club)
- York County Disabilities Foundation (on behalf of Comporium Club)
- NAMI Piedmont Tri-County Comporium Club)

Never underestimate the power of a small group of committed people to change the world. In fact, it is the only thing that ever has. Margaret Mead

An individual can make a difference, but a team can make a miracle! Doug Pederson

Chapter and Club Corner

Region 2 News

National Capitol Chapter (Washington, D.C. area)

In-person monthly luncheons continued with guest speakers from government and industry. The chapter's annual dinner was held on June 9th.

CC Communications (Fallon, Churchill County, NV)

The club is participating in getting school supplies for children going back to school and is planning to participate in the Wishing Tree Program during the Christmas holiday for underprivileged children of Churchill County.

Buckeye State Chapter (Ohio)

The quarterly meeting will be held on July 16th in Ashland, Ohio.

A fall get-together is being planned at Sugarcreek in eastern Ohio on October 21-23. Flyer will be available soon.

Mid-Ohio Club (Mansfield, Ohio area)

The club is supporting the Salvation Army with non-perishable food items.

Region 2 Chapters and Clubs continue to "Catch the Pioneering Spirit"!



Chapter and Club Corner Cont'd

Region 3 News

Tarheel Chapter

The Tarheel Chapter's annual assembly will be held on August 19-21 at the Hampton Inn & Suites located at 200 Columbus Drive in Aberdeen, NC. The agenda includes the annual business meeting, entertainment, activities with games and prizes, a 50/50 raffle, an auction, and a food and toiletry drive to help replenish a local food bank's pantry. A block of hotel room is being held at \$134 per night plus tax. Registration for the assembly is \$65 per person.

Carotel Club

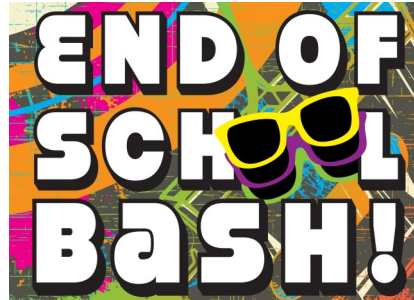
After a two year hiatus due to COVID-19 restrictions, we look forward to resuming our annual Carotel Convention on Oct. 21-22, 2023 at the Inn at Pine Knoll Shores. A block of rooms have been reserved for a nightly price (double occupancy) of \$99 plus taxes. Please call the hotel directly and ask for the Carotel convention rate. Convention registration is \$75 per couple and includes entertainment, evening meals and two breakfast vouchers. Entry fee for the optional golf tournament will be provided when registration forms are mailed.

Palmetto Chapter

The Palmetto Chapter is collecting used prescription and over-the-counter pill bottles. Recycling and donating these bottles provide medical personnel in developing countries and in Ukraine with more sanitary means of dispensing medicines to patients. The collection dates are May 1st through November 1st. Small and large pill bottles with and without child-resistant caps are needed. All donated bottles must have lids, and labels should be removed, leaving no glue or residue. Bottles and caps washed in hot soapy water, rinsed and dried thoroughly, should be stored in ziplock bags marked "Clean Bottles." Local drop-off locations are: Comporium's HQ employee entrance, Tech Park Café and at Central Carolinas Animal Hosp., 2360 Celanese Rd, Rock Hill, SC. If you're not local to Rock Hill you can still participate by contacting our national office for information on where to mail your donated bottles.



Comporium Pioneer Club



The Comporium Pioneers held an End of School Year Bash for the York Intermediate Boys & Girls Club. Club President Arhea White planned and spearheaded the event as her President's Project, and 11 Comporium Pioneers took the afternoon off to help.



A snack of hot dogs with an array of condiments were served with chips, cookies and Capri Suns.



Afterward, the Kona Ice truck made an appearance to cool everyone down with frozen treats.

The kids played games and won prizes. They enjoyed the day so much that as their parents arrived to pick them up, they asked to stay longer!



Goodie bags full of treats were given to each as they left for the day and they also played "Pioneer Punch," the game board that was featured at Assembly, to win additional prizes.

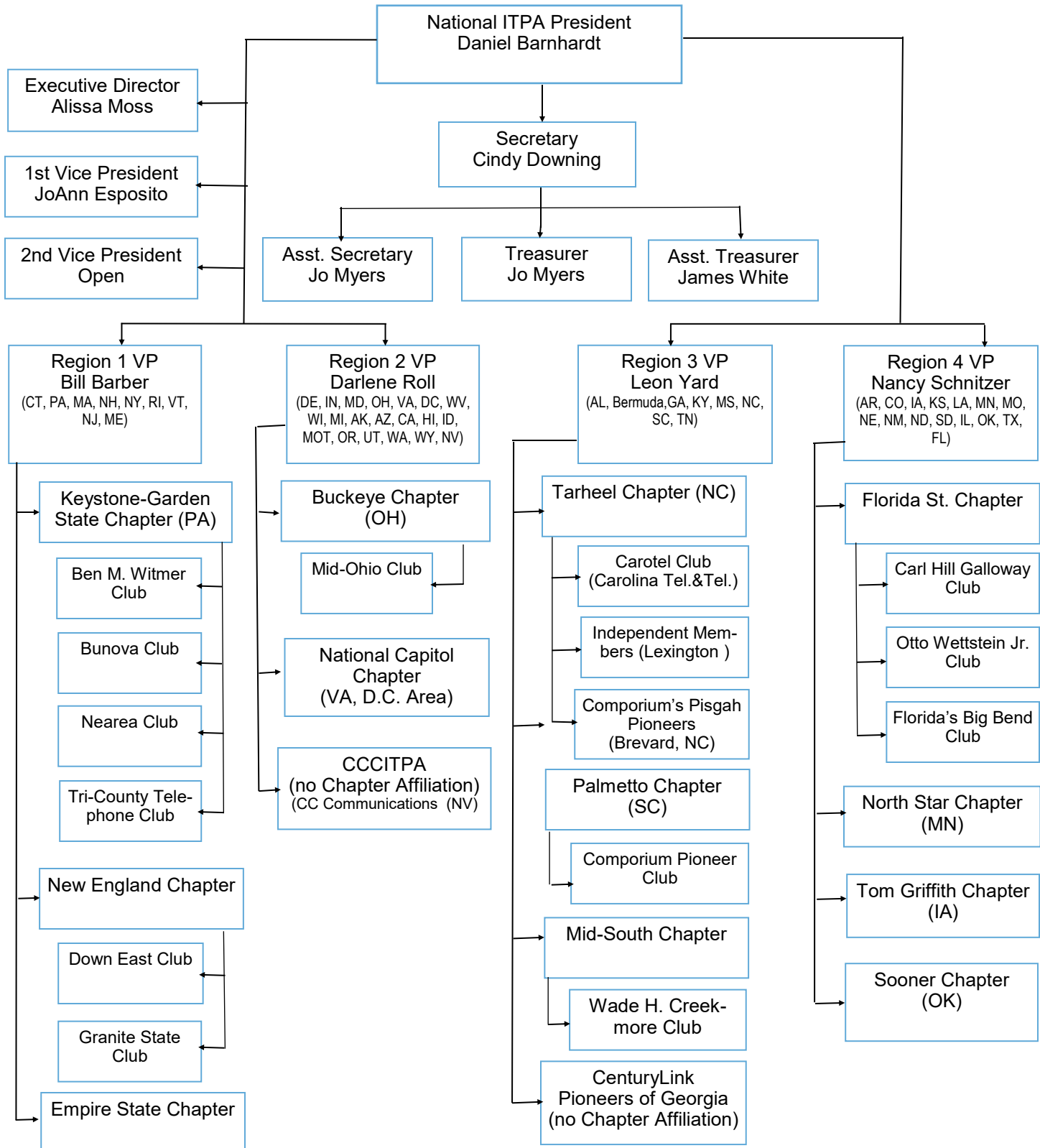


Plenty of leftovers were packed up and given to the teachers for their evening meal. Great fun was had by all who participated in the event!



ITPA Chapters and Clubs

Do you know how our members, clubs, and chapters all fit into the ITPA? It can all be a bit confusing, especially since so many of our members wear so many hats! Here's how we all fit together:



Historical Foundation News



Pictured above: Yellow Bow Lady Melinda Schneider of the Hinesville Military Affairs Committee

Earlier this year, Historical Foundation and National Office volunteers helped Mrs. Melinda Schneider (fondly known as the "Yellow Bow Lady") make about 1,000 bows for the Hinesville, Liberty County and Fort Stewart areas, after nearly 4,000 soldiers were deployed from Fort Stewart. For many soldiers, this was their first deployment.

Mrs. Schneider has been coordinating volunteer efforts to make yellow bows for more than 20 years for display throughout Liberty County, in the Fort Stewart, and Hunter Army Airfield communities to show support for deployed soldiers. The ITPA National Office and Telephone Museum is proud to serve as the hub where Pioneers and other community volunteers gather to make yellow bows in honor of deployed military personnel.

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The sunflower is national flower of Ukraine and has become a symbol of peace and solidarity for war-torn Ukraine since the Russian invasion began. Large bows representing sunflowers were made for each gate at the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. Smaller bows were made to place throughout Liberty County communities and the City of Hinesville, GA.



Six members of the Hinesville Fire Department volunteered for this community project, after which they toured our ITPA Telephone Museum.



ITPA Executive Director Alissa Moss and museum volunteers Bruno and Ginny Robles later helped with the delivery of 50 additional bows for display throughout Bryan, Liberty and Long Counties, all of which are occupied in part by the Fort Stewart Army post.





Historical Foundation (Cont'd)

We learned in early June that our ITPA Telephone Museum was a finalist in the 2022 "Best of Liberty" Coastal Courier reader's choice program. We didn't win, but we're excited to have been selected. Thanks to all our Pioneer members and friends who voted. NEXT YEAR!

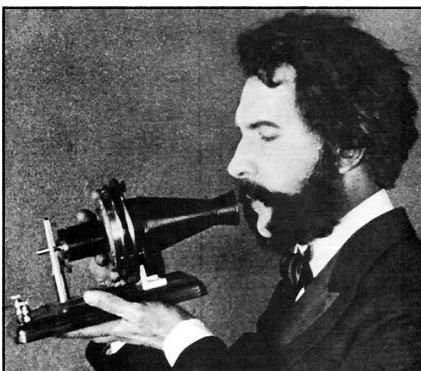


Did you know....

That Italian innovator Antonio Meucci is credited with inventing the first basic phone in 1849, and Frenchman Charles Bourseul devised a phone in 1854, but.....

Alexander Graham Bell won the first U.S. patent for the device in 1876. Bell's namesake, the Bell System, was a system of companies initially run by Bell Telephone Company and later by AT&T.

"Ma Bell" dominated the telecom industry in North America for 100 years from its creation in 1877 until its antitrust break-up in 1983.



Charitable Foundation News

By Darlene Roll
Charitable Foundation President

Dear Pioneers,

Since summer officially kicked-off in June, it is a time for being outside, enjoying time with family and friends. Many walkers are out and about and that reminds me that it will soon be time for Alzheimer's Walks throughout the United States. June was Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month.

If you are able, won't you consider walking in an event near you? It is an easy way to support one of the ITPA Charitable Foundation's national projects.

You can find an Alzheimer's Walk near you by searching the Internet for "Alzheimer's Walk" and then enter your city, state and/or zip code.

I live in Ohio, where walks are beginning on the weekend of September 10th and going through October 16th. Will you join me by participating in one of your area events as "ITPA Pioneers, Family and Friends"? Together we can help raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's Research!

I'm looking forward to hearing how many steps you have taken to help find a cure for Alzheimer's!

Happy Walking!
Darlene R



Sleeping Habits and Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Association reported this year that more than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's. An article by Jennifer Tenkelenberg, based on an interview with Dr. Ashley Mason, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and core faculty at the UCSF Osher Center of Integrative Medicine, stated getting enough sleep is one of the top 10 things we can do for brain health.

Tenkelenberg's article included the following statement from Dr. Maria Carillo, PhD, Alzheimer's Association chief science officer: "Research has shown us that not getting enough sleep because of insomnia or sleep apnea may result in problems with memory and thinking and increase the risk for Alzheimer's-related brain changes." Dr. Mason agreed with that assessment, stating, "There are so many benefits to sleep. It's a 24 hour a day problem, not just a nighttime problem. When you don't sleep your metabolism suffers, your risk for diabetes goes up, things are more difficult than they should be, we exercise less, people and situations can upset us more easily, and our emotional and cognitive bandwidths are smaller. Sleep will affect absolutely everything in your life, there is no getting away from it."

Dr. Mason also cited the benefits of a normal wake-up time. "Even if you slept poorly the night before, if your normal wake up time is at 8 a.m., then you should wake up at that time. Odds are the next night you'll probably sleep better because you didn't oversleep."

[UCSF researcher shares two key changes for a better night's sleep – Alzheimer's and Dementia Blog – Alzheimer's Association of Northern California and Northern Nevada \(alzheimersblog.org\)](https://alzheimersblog.org)

Charitable Foundation, Inc
Roster of Board Members
Effective April 22, 2022

Darlene Roll, President
James White, Vice President
Jo Myers, Treasurer
Nancy Schnitzer, Secretary
Ronnie Cashwell, Director
Darlene Norville Terry, Director
Janice Jeffrey, Director

Telephone Hall of Fame

The Telephone Hall of Fame was founded in 1965 to recognize individuals for outstanding accomplishments in the telecom.

Individuals inducted into the Telephone Hall of Fame have personally impacted and made significant contributions to their work places, the telecom industry and to their communities.

Telephone Hall of Fame inductees have made positive and substantial contributions to the development, growth, and public perception of the telephone industry on a national scale over a period of many years. Nominees eligible for this honor must have reached the age of 70, be retired from the industry for at least three years, or be deceased.

Mr. D. Wayne Peterson is the most recent Telephone Hall of Fame inductee (2021). He joins the following esteemed individuals on the Hall of Fame Honor Roll, listed in order based on year of induction:

1965	Arthur F. Adams
1965	Edwin M. Blakeslee
1965	Edward C. Blomeyer
1965	John P. Boylan
1965	Theodore Gary
1965	Herman E. Hageman
1965	Gustav Hirsch
1965	Milo G. Kellogg
1965	F. B. MacKinnon
1965	Frank R. McBerty
1965	Houck McHenry
1965	Alfred Stromberg
1965	Almon S. Strowger
1965	Frank H. Woods
1965	Mayme Workman
1965	John H. Wright
1966	John H. Agee
1966	Frank F. Bohn
1966	Burgie L. Fisher
1966	Charles F. Mason
1966	James M. Thomas
1967	Clyson I. Brown
1967	Raymond H. Burfiend
1967	Joseph Harris
1967	John K. Johnston
1967	Harry P. Mahoney
1967	John R. Porter
1968	William G. Brorein

1968	Max McGraw
1969	J. Ballard Atherton
1969	Henry A. Barnhart
1969	Wallace I. Cook
1969	Peter M. Ferguson
1969	Alden L. Hart
1969	Charles H. North
1970	Harold V. Bozell
1970	Charles S. Cadwell
1970	Luther W. Hill
1971	Ralph C. Reno
1972	Clyde S. Bailey
1972	Ralph F. Lucier
1973	William C. Henry
1973	Carl A. Scupin
1974	Hiram D. Fargo
1975	Donald C. Power
1976	John A. Balch
1976	Carl D. Brorein
1976	Chester H. Loveland
1976	Talbot G. Martin
1977	John E. Ostline
1977	George B. Quatman
1977	Otto Wettstein, Jr.
1980	Frank S. Barnes, Sr.
1980	John G. Reynolds
1980	Leslie H. Warner
1981	Ray Blain
1981	John Brown Cook
1981	Wesley H. Loomis, III
1981	Francis X. Welch
1982	Hugh A. Barnhart
1982	Loren M. Berry
1983	Leonard D. Densmore
1983	H. Milton Stewart, Sr.
1983	R. Parker Sullivan
1984	Josey K. Galloway
1984	Douglas S. Guild
1985	H. Dail Holderness
1985	C. Paul Stocker
1986	Hugh R. Wilbourn, Jr.
1987	Harold G. Payne
1988	James J. Clerkin, Jr.
1989	William F. Corman
1990	Richard A. Lumpkin
1991	Weldon W. Case
1991	Robert M. Pirnie, Jr.
1992	Paul H. Henson
1993	Warren B. French, Jr.
1993	John F. O'Connell
1993	Sigurd L. Odegard
1994	Raymond M. Alden
1994	Phillip J. Lucier
1995	Robert W. Bunke
1995	Wilson B. Garnett
1996	Frank S. Barnes, Jr.
1996	James E. Geist
1997	Robert S. McClelland

1997	Frank D. Reese
1998	Carl F. Bailey
1999	John M. Barnes
1999	Alexander G. Bell
2000	Jack C. Keen
2001	Donald L. Hirt
2001	Roland G. Nehring
2013	Ray H. Smith
2014	Clarke M. Williams
2015	Glenn E. Bryant
2016	Edwin L. Barnes
2016	Robert E. Stoffels
2017	Joe T. Ford
2018	Dean Swanson
2019	James E. McCartney
2020	Eleanor G. Haskin

Mr. Peterson's formal induction ceremony was delayed by the cancellation of our 2021 national spring assembly and was rescheduled to take place during our April 2022 assembly. Personal circumstances prevented Mr. Peterson's attendance at the spring assembly, and a luncheon in his honor is tentatively planned during the Tarheel Chapter's August meeting. To learn more about Mr. Peterson's telecom background and contributions, and about our Telephone Hall of Fame, visit:

www.nationalitpa.com/telephone-hall-of-fame



It's our honor to recognize Mr. Peterson and all of the esteemed telecom pioneers who preceded him in the ITPA Telephone Hall of Fame.

A Tribute In Memory of Guy Johnson



The ITPA mourns the passing of James Johnston, Jr., known fondly as "Guy," who passed away on May 21, 2022. James (Guy) Johnston, Jr. of Rock Hill, SC was born on September 23, 1940 in Charlotte, NC. He was the only child of Annie Mann Johnston and James Guy Johnston, Sr. and was the widower of Lynda Price Johnston.

After Guy's graduation from Georgia Military Academy in 1958, he enlisted and served as an Airman First Class in the U.S. Air Force. He later graduated from the University of North Carolina Charlotte with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Guy became a "telephone Guy" in 1972 when he began working at what was then Rock Hill Telephone Company as a Computer Operations Manager. He accepted a role with Associated Data Services (ADS) when that company was founded on January 1, 1974. Guy wore many hats during his tenure at ADS, as Operations Manager, Sales Manager and Access Specialist. He retired from Comporium Communications after 33 years in the telecommunications industry.

Guy was a member of several telco industry associations and was an active Pioneer. He was President of the Catawba Pioneer Club, President of the Palmetto (SC) Chapter, Region 4 Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President. He served as national ITPA president from 2000 to 2001, during which time he was instrumental in the move of our National ITPA Office and Museum from Washington, D.C. to Hinesville, GA.

After consistently demonstrating pioneering excellence and making significant contributions to his community through Pioneer activities, Guy was awarded the Pioneering Excellence Award, which is the highest honor the ITPA bestows to an individual.

Guy served as Chairman of the Bylaws Committee for many years and continued to serve on the committee after relinquishing that position. Guy He was a longtime member of the Historical Foundation, and served until his death. Guy was heavily involved with his community. He was elected to two terms on the York County Council where he chaired the Justice and Public Safety Committee. Under his supervision, the county adopted a county-wide E-911 system.

A devoted member of Friendship United Methodist Church in Rock Hill, SC, Guy was a Certified Lay Speaker and had served in several key leadership roles through the years. It was in this church that he loved where family and friends celebrated his life during a memorial service on May 25th, officiated by Pastor Karen Starr.

That a number of Pioneers traveled to attend Guy's memorial service was a testament to the fact that he loved and was loved by the Pioneers he served with. He always had a kind word and a smile for everyone. Guy was fully engaged and supportive no matter what project he was helping with. He was a great person and Pioneer.

We recognize and remember Guy as one of a kind; a role model for us all.



Guy last visited the ITPA Telephone Museum in Sept. 2019.

Pictured right, Guy visited the Glenn and Trudi Bryant Memorial located at the ITPA Telephone Museum.

Remembering Mr. Curt



On June 17, 2022, our beloved "Mr. Curt" Lancaster went home to be with Jesus. Mr. Curt was the loving husband of Hannah Askins Lancaster. Most of us know the couple as Mr. Curt and Mrs. Hannah.

Mr. Curt was born on January 28, 1936 in Cherokee Springs, SC. He was the last surviving member of his immediate family. Mr. Curt is mourned by his loving spouse, Mrs. Hannah, their daughter Paige Lancaster Venczel, son Curtis "Curty" Lancaster, ten grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by daughter Phyllis Lancaster Henderson. Past employees of Chesnee Telephone Company served as honorary escorts at Mr. Curt's memorial service.

Mr. Curt owned Chesnee Telephone Company for more than 50 years before passing the leadership torch, and he was an active ITPA member for many decades. He served with both the Tar Heel and Palmetto Chapters of the ITPA and with the South Carolina Telephone Broadband Association. Mr. Curt was inducted into the South Carolina Telephone and Broadband Association Hall of Fame in 2016.

Mr. Curt served on the Spartanburg County District 2 School Board for 22 years and he served on the Liberty-Chesnee-Fingerville Water Board for 11 years. He was a member of both the Chesnee Masonic Lodge 294 and the Chesnee American Legion Post 148. Mr. Curt, along with Mrs. Hannah was a member of Chesnee United Methodist Church.

Pioneers remembering Mr. Curt recall his honor and privilege to have served in the U. S. Army. He served in the Berlin conflict in 1961 and was stationed at the Berlin Wall. Mr. Curt was a member of the Berlin U.S. Military Veterans Association and he was proud to have been a defender of his country.



Pioneers who gathered to mourn Mr. Curt fondly reminisced his "Driving Mrs. Daisy" role, more aptly described as "Driving Mrs. Hannah." Mr. Curt was deeply devoted to his wife. The photo above aptly depicts their love of life and their love for one another.

Mr. Curt's patronage, leadership, devotion and friendship will be remembered and sorely missed.

Pictured right: Curt and Hannah with daughter Paige and son-in-law Jim at one of many Pioneer events they supported over the years.

Lumen sells CenturyLink ILEC Assets in \$7.5 billion deal

Independent Local Exchange Carriers through which most of our clubs and chapters were founded have contributed to many changes in the telecommunications landscape. From the old step-by-step switches invented in 1888 to today's VoIP (voice over internet protocol) platform, telecommunications has been rapidly changing in recent years.

Most of us well recall the 1984 break-up of the Bell System (divestiture) into seven Baby Bell companies. Ironically, by 2018 most of the Bells were together again as a single company called AT&T. One of the Baby Bells, U.S. West, was bought by Qwest in 2000 and then by CenturyLink in 2011. CenturyLink itself came about in 2009 after CenturyTel acquired Embarq was a spin-off ILEC resulting from Sprint's acquisition of Nextel. When Embarq was established in 2006, it was the largest independent local exchange carrier in the U.S. Our club's namesake, Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company, was by then one of Embarq's ILECs, having been acquired by United Telecommunications which eventually became Sprint. CenturyLink currently provides local telephone service in 36 states (plus a small territory in CA).

In September 2020 CenturyLink changed its name to Lumen Technologies, Inc. although the CenturyLink brand continues to be the customer-facing brand for traditional copper-based services [including Plain Old Telephone Service (POTS) that most of our club members worked with]. The Lumen brand focuses on next-generation connectivity solutions for large business customers.

In 2021, Lumen announced an agreement to sell its CenturyLink-branded assets across 20 states to Apollo Global Management. Apollo's new telecom division will operate as Brightspeed. CenturyLink in Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia are among those to be acquired by Apollo. The transaction is expected to close on Oct. 1, 2022, subject to the required regulatory approvals.



The Recipe Exchange

Darlene Roll provided this recipe from "Buckeye Favorites," a cookbook published by the Pioneers about 35 years ago. Charlotte Baker, Mid-Ohio club member submitted the recipe. It's easy, unusual, and oh-so-tasty!

Barbequed Water Chestnuts



Ingredients:

- 2 Cans of whole water chestnuts
- 1 lb. bacon
- 1 large bottle BBQ Sauce (K.C. Masterpiece is recommended)
- 1/2 cup vinegar
- 1 cup catsup
- 1/2 cup brown sugar (or to taste)

Preparation:

Cut bacon strips into 1/3 strips and wrap around water chestnuts. Secure with toothpick. Bake on a cookie sheet at 350°F until bacon is crisp (about 30 minutes). Put baked water chestnuts into a crockpot.

Combine BBQ sauce, vinegar, catsup and brown sugar and mix well. Pour mixture over the water chestnuts. Heat on high until mixture is hot, turn to low and serve while hot.

CROCK POT TIPS AND TRICKS

PREHEAT YOUR SLOW COOKER! A slow cooker is just like a small oven. Turn it on for 20 minutes before you begin piling your food in for the best outcome.



KEEP THE LID CLOSED! Every peek you take adds 15-20 minutes of cooking time to the overall cooking process.

DON'T ADD COLD MEAT. Room temperature meat is more relaxed and flexible, and the natural juices are more evenly distributed. Either brown meat before adding to your slow cooker or add room temperature meat.

DON'T OVERCROWD YOUR COOKER. For best results fill your slow cooker to somewhere between 1/2 and 2/3 full. Rather than crowd a small cooker, use a larger one to avoid overfilling.



LAYER CORRECTLY. For even cooking, cut food into uniform size pieces and layer your foods in a particular order. Place firm root vegetables such as carrots and potatoes at the bottom and pile meat on top.



ADD DAIRY LAST. Milk, sour cream and yogurt shouldn't go into the slow cooker with all the other ingredients. Those tend to break down in the slow cooker and should be stirred in during the last 15 minutes of cooking.

USE LESS WINE! Because the slow cooker is sealed, the alcohol won't evaporate as it does in a skillet or pot. A little goes a long way in a crock pot.

TRIM THE FAT. To avoid oily, greasy sauces and gravies, trim the excess fat from meat before placing in the slow cooker.



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