



Pioneer Connection

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Keeping everyone connected

We are fortunate to live in a time where our own industry is helping people on a daily basis to combat loneliness, be entertained and actually be able to see each other via Facetime, Zoom Conference, Skype etc. The work that our companies, across the Nation, do, to keep everyone connected is monumental and everyone who has worked in the industry has had a hand in making that possible today. Can you imagine this happening even 25 years ago???? Our industry is more important now than ever because most every business relies on a communications network from Doctor's, Offices, Hospitals, Banks, Schools to retail shops and gas stations. Office people are working from home and field people are still out doing the physical portion of the work that needs to be done to keep our communities, States, Nation and the World connected. Thank you to all who have done your part to build and maintain the network of communications we are privileged to have today.

Ways to help

During this strange time of social distancing and stay home mandates it can be difficult for Pioneers, who are so invested in volunteering and helping those in our communities, to find ways to be useful. This is a time to be creative and think outside the box. Donations to local charities, food bank collections, sewing masks, donating fabric, elastic and buttons and hold blood drives are just a few of the things Pioneers can still do to be of service. Remember to call and keep in contact with one another, especially the retired Pioneers.

Pioneer Magazine

Club and Chapter articles for the Summer issue of the Pioneer Magazine are due by June 1st. Don't let your Club/Chapter go unnoticed! Send in your articles and photos today to:

ITPA@telecom-pioneers.net

100 Years Celebration



Save the Date!

November 6 & 7, 2020

Independent Telecommunications Pioneer Association

100 Years Celebration (1920-2020)

All ITPA members and guests are invited!

At the ITPA National Office & Museum, Hinesville, Georgia

If current conditions allow

Please complete the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PVRVVK6> or by mail or E-mail *by May 31, 2020*, to let us know whether or not you are interested in attending the 100th Anniversary Celebration, if conditions allow. Completing the survey does not commit you to attend the events but it provides us with information to move forward with planning the events.

Events

Friday, November 6th

Tour the ITPA Museum and Bryant Commons

Enjoy the Meet & Greet Reception and 100 Years Recognition

Saturday, November 7th

Reflection on Pioneering Through the Years

(Bring your favorite story about ITPA or Telephony to share)

Tree Planting to Celebrate 100 Years

Picnic on the Grounds

If you have questions, please contact us at:

ITPA	Email: itpa@telecom-pioneers.net
438 W. Oglethorpe Highway	Phone: (912) 408-4872
Hinesville, GA 31313	Toll-Free: (877) 320-4872

100 Years Celebration-Survey

ITPA 100th Anniversary Celebration Survey

Thank you for participating in our survey to let us know if you (ITPA members and guests) are interested in attending the 100th Anniversary Celebration in November in Hinesville, Georgia, if current conditions allow. Completing the survey does not commit you to attend the events but it provides us with information to move forward with planning the events.

I am interested in attending the 100 th Anniversary Celebration	Yes	No
How many would be attending in your group?	# in group	
Would you need to make hotel reservations in Hinesville?	Yes	No
If you need to make hotel reservations, how many rooms?	# of rooms	
Will you be attending the Friday events?	Yes	No
Will you be attending the Saturday events?	Yes	No

Other Comments:

If you are considering attending, may we please have your contact information? This will not be shared.

Name:	
E-mail:	
Telephone:	
Pioneer Chapter or Club Name:	

Thank you for participating in the survey! Please watch for more information in upcoming newsletters.

ITPA – Celebrating 100 Years!

Tarheel Chapter Annual Meeting

When you wish upon a star makes no difference where you are, you are invited to the Tarheel Chapter annual meeting in Aberdeen, NC on August 14 & 15, 2020 at the Hampton Inn & Suites. Our theme this year is Disney so come as your favorite character and join the fun. The registration fee is \$55 per person & the room rates are \$104 plus tax for a regular room or \$124 for a suite. If you are interested please contact Janet Goss at ngoss@lexcominc.net and we will send you more information.



Dues are Due

Dues were due on April 1st, but it isn't too late to get them paid. Help us save on mailing costs by submitting your dues today. Dues not paid will be removed from the membership list on August 1st. The fastest way is online <https://www.nationalitpa.com/pay-dues>

or by mail:

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Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another." – **Erma Bombeck**