



# Pioneer Connection

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Greetings from Hot, Steamy and Sunny Florida!!! I hope all of you and your families have been safe and well throughout the summer during this COVID-19 pandemic. I know it's been hard to meet or do any volunteer work in your communities with all of the executive orders that have been put in place. But we are in a technical world now. We have virtual ways of being able to get together and doing things. Conference calls can be done via Freeconferencecall.com, a great way to get people together. ZOOM is another. I was a little leery of doing a ZOOM meeting with my family this summer for my birthday, but actually it was a lot of fun! FACE timing is another way of staying updated. Meetings and projects could be done that way or on any other of the virtual platforms available, Go to Meeting, Microsoft Teams, Google Meet, Skype. As you know ITPA turned into their 100<sup>th</sup> year in 2020. Our plans were to celebrate at the annual assembly were cancelled. But that doesn't mean we won't celebrate this milestone in our history. The planning committee hasn't given up on some type of recognition event, and will have updates for you soon.

Until then, keep up the Pioneering Spirit and remember to care and share! And stay well and safe!

Jo Myers ITPA Secretary/Treasurer

## Hall of Fame

The Telephone Hall of Fame was founded in 1965 by a group of Pioneers who envisioned a special way of recognizing individuals in the industry who contribute not only to their company, but to the industry at large; a forum where excellence is rewarded by colleagues, employers and the leaders in telecommunications.

By establishing the Hall of Fame, they accomplished their goals. This entity now exists, and is more vibrant than ever. By meeting the criteria set forth by the Committee, individuals are considered by the Hall of Fame Honors Committee.

The accomplishments of those inducted into the Telephone Hall of Fame truly represent an unmatched insight into the development and growth of telephony. This industry has made a significant contribution to the nation's private and public sectors and the lifestyle of its people, especially in the rural areas. These successes also serve as a standard to which present and future generations can aspire.

Nominations to the Hall of Fame are made from among those persons who 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.

To be eligible, an individual must have reached age 70, be retired from the industry for at least three years, or be deceased.

If you would like to nominate someone to the Hall of Fame, we are accepting applications until September 30th. The nomination form can be found on the ITPA website: [https://www.nationalitpa.com/uploads/useruploads/files/Hall-of-Fame-Nomination\\_4911t02g.pdf](https://www.nationalitpa.com/uploads/useruploads/files/Hall-of-Fame-Nomination_4911t02g.pdf)

## Region 2

### **PIONEERS ALWAYS FIND A WAY TO GIVE TO THEIR COMMUNITY**

I just wanted to reach out to everyone at this difficult time and encourage everyone to participate any way they can in helping others. I know as a pioneer that no one needs to be told to do this because you already are and that is what pioneering is all about.

I would like to share some ideas from our Region 2 area. Our Buckeye State Chapter is collecting socks in our clubs and chapters across the state for the homeless. Darlene Roll mentioned this in a previous article. Socks are the most needed item for the homeless and we are proud to provide these along with other donations to homeless organizations around our state. Some of our members are also doing our Walk To End Alzheimer's. Our proceeds will be combined and the Buckeye State Chapter will be making a contribution to Alzheimer Research.

My husband and I purchased all kinds of school supplies and backpacks and delivered them to a local elementary school. We followed Covid-19 guidelines. We notified the school and dropped the items off on tables set up between the doors. The staff waits a few days before opening everything to see what they have received. We received a very nice thank you letter from the school principal.

Let's hope this pandemic will be behind us soon and we can all get back to seeing all our friends and doing projects together. Until then, please observe social distancing and all the other good advice of our doctors. Stay well everyone!

Sue Lehmkuhle Region 2 VP

## 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 July 31, 2020*, to let us know whether or not you are interested in attending the 100<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>

Tour the ITPA Museum and Bryant Commons

Enjoy the Meet & Greet Reception and 100 Years Recognition

Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

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:**

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## Public Relations

### Pioneer Magazine

We would love to hear all about the great things you are doing in your community! Many of our clubs/chapters are facing challenges serving their communities due to covid-19. We would love to share the creative ways you have been able to continue serving your community in hopes that it will inspire other Pioneers.

Please send us your club and chapter articles (include some pictures too!) for the Pioneer Magazine- Fall Issue no later than October 1st. The magazine goes out around October 15<sup>th</sup> so be on the lookout for another great edition of the Pioneer Magazine!

**We still have a missing mascot, has anyone seen Hootdini?**



## National Office

### Annual Reports

Each year, clubs and chapters are required to file an annual report to the Region Vice-President (RVP) assigned to their region. We are asking for annual reports to be submitted even if you have not been able to complete a project due to Covid-19. If you have not been able to complete a project due to Covid19, please indicate that on the service project page. RVP's will work with each club on a case by case basis to ensure that the best interest of the club/chapter is considered. Once an approved annual report is filed with the National Office, the club/chapter is eligible to receive a dues refund check. Clubs/Chapters will be reimbursed \$6.00 for each member that has paid dues for the current year.

Annual Reports are due to the RVP's by September 26, 2020. Annual reports can be mailed or emailed to the RVP.

#### 2020-2021 ITPA Regional Vice Presidents - States & Contact Information

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New England states - including NJ, PA	North Central/ Western states	Southeast states/ excluding Florida	Midwest states and Florida
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Pennsylvania	Indiana	Bermuda	Colorado
Massachusetts	Maryland	Georgia	Iowa
New Hampshire	Ohio	Kentucky	Kansas
New York	Virginia	Mississippi	Louisiana
Rhode Island	Washington DC	North Carolina	Minnesota
Vermont	West Virginia	South Carolina	Missouri
New Jersey	Wisconsin	Tennessee	Nebraska
	Michigan	Bermuda	New Mexico
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	Arizona		South Dakota
	California		Illinois
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