



Pioneer Connection

September 2021

30th Annual ITPA Assembly

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



ITPA Officers

Gregg Klatsky
President

Daniel Barnhardt
1st Vice President

Jo Myers
Secretary/Treasurer

Becky Hollis
Assistant Secretary

James White
Assistant Treasurer

Hannah Lancaster
Immediate Past President

Regional Vice Presidents

Region 1
Bill Barber

Region 2
Darlene Roll

Region 3
Leon Yard

Region 4
Nancy Schnitzer

National Office

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. Your annual twelve month reporting period may be calendar year, your fiscal year or your election of officer year.

Enclosed with this letter are three (3) documents:

1. Chapter/Club Annual Reporting Form
2. Chapter/Club AZ List

RVP Checklist

These forms are to be completed and received (postmarked) by the RVP **no later than September 26th** to be eligible for dues reimbursements. Late submissions, incomplete forms, or failure to provide all of the requested documents may result in forfeiture of your club's dues refund.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT YOU MUST INCLUDE COPIES OF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING FOR A DUES REFUND :

- MEETING MINUTES FROM ANNUAL MEETING
- CURRENT LIST OF OFFICERS INCLUDING ITPA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER (this can be found on you're A-Z membership list)
- SERVICE PROJECT AND DESCRIPTION (AT LEAST ONE IS REQUIRED PER YEAR)

CORRECTED/UPDATED AZ LIST (see note below)

NOTE: Due to the spreadsheet layout of the AZ lists and the size of some club's rosters you are not required to print your club's AZ list to include with your Annual Report Forms. However, all AZ lists MUST still be updated, with changes clearly indicated. You may return your UPDATED AZ list directly to the National Office via email for processing. Please be sure to indicate this on your RVP Checklist form to avoid any delays in processing your forms. The membership database will be updated according to the information you provided on the updated/corrected AZ List. Please ensure it is *accurate and legible*.

Dues reimbursements will be processed after all of the completed Chapter/Club Annual Reporting forms and updated/corrected AZ Lists have been returned to the National Office. Refund checks are typically mailed to the club treasurer during the month of October. It is **extremely** important that accurate address information be provided for your club officers. Completion of the annual report is required in order to be eligible to participate in the National Awards Program.

National Office continued

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Alissa Moss at the National Office either by e-mail, itpa@telecom-pioneers.net, at the address and telephone number listed below or your RVP indicated on the enclosed RVP Checklist. Annual report forms can be found on our website at <https://tinyurl.com/4hdta4sh>.

The ITPA Board of Directors and Club/Chapter Delegates voted on June 21, 2021 to adopt the following changes to the ITPA Bylaws. For a copy of the approved ITPA Bylaws visit our website.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 2. Composition. The Board shall consist of the President, one or more Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, three immediate Past-Presidents, four Region Vice Presidents, one or more Directors- at-Large (but not to exceed four) . **(Removed six, replaced with four)**

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COMMITTEES

Section 1. There shall be the following standing committees:

(b) Nominating Committee. The nominating committee shall consist of the three most recent Past Presidents who are willing to serve on the committee. The most recent Past President shall chair the committee. This Past President shall appoint the members of the Nominating Committee at least 90 days prior to the convening of the annual meeting. This Committee shall be responsible for recommending a list of candidates for the elective positions on the Board to be voted on at the Association's annual meeting of Delegates. This Committee may respond to inquiries about possible nominees for the Hall of Fame Honors Committee, the Hall of Fame Honors Court, the directors and officers of the Independent Telecommunications Historical Foundation and the directors of the Independent Telecommunications Pioneer Association Foundation, Inc. (Charitable Foundation).

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EMERGENCY CONDITIONS

These Bylaws are to remain in effect until such time there are amendments made and passed by the Association OR there are circumstances beyond the control of the Association such as a natural disaster, pandemic, etc. If such occurs, the sitting President shall call a meeting of the Board to determine what course of action to take under these circumstances.

ITPA 100 Years Anniversary Tokens

The 100th Celebration Committee still have Commemorative Tokens. These tokens are heavy and the photos do not do them justice.

Contact the National Office today, to order yours.

The 100th Celebration Committee

Darlene Roll, Alissa Moss, Jo Myers, Ronnie Cashwell, and Morrie Sachsenmaier

Commemorative Token - \$15.00 Each Donation

Actual Size – 2"x1.4"

Front



Back



ITPA Token - \$12.00 Each Donation

Actual Size – 2"

Front



Back



Charitable

ITPA National Charitable Foundation

Submitted by Darlene Roll-ITPA Charitable Foundation President

Last month, we focused on the Alzheimer's Association, one of our ITPA National Charitable Foundation activities. Their "Walks to Remember" are in September and October. Are you walking? We'd like to see photos or articles.

This month, I'd like to ask for your support for Troop and Veteran projects. Since Veterans Day is observed in November, I felt like it was an appropriate time to start talking about these activities.

Perhaps some of your clubs already support these types of projects. If you do, would you please send a short paragraph and/or a photo of a troops or veterans' type of project you do?

Nationally, we support Alzheimer's Disease Research and Troop/Veteran projects. One Troop/Veteran project that we've supported in the Hinesville/Fort Stewart area is "Warrior Walk", where in December, wreaths are laid for those who have given their lives for our freedom. In some places, this activity is part of the "Wreaths Across America" events in mid-December.

Won't you share your photos and stories with us?

Please send information to Alissa at the National Office (Email: itpa@telecom-pioneers.net). We'll feature these Alzheimer's and Troop/Veterans projects in an upcoming newsletter or magazine.

Thank you for all you do to help others see a brighter future!

Nearea Annual Banquet Announcement

Nearea Telecom Pioneer Club 50th Annual Banquet

October 2, 2021

1pm-3:30pm

The Inne of the Abingtons

239 Kennedy Creek Rd. North Abington Township, PA 18414

Cost is \$25.00 per person. Reservations and money must be in by September 15th. Check, made payable to NEAREA, should be forwarded to Tanya Christ at 147 Christ Lane, Factoryville, PA 18419.

Social time will start at 1pm. Buffet Dinner will start at 1:30pm.

There will be a "blind auction". Each person attending is asked to bring a wrapped gift of at least \$3.00 value for the blind auction. There will also be a "Chinese auction". Door prizes and give-away items will be available.

Should you have questions, please contact Tanya Christ at 570-945-5874.

Recipe Exchange

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Submitted by Alissa Moss, ITPA Executive Director

Alissa, our Executive Director for the ITPA National Office and Museum, shared this recipe. Alissa is also a member of the CenturyLink Pioneer Club in Georgia. She says this is a regular summer dessert in her area but this could be a dessert anytime! Hope you all like it!

Blueberry Yum Yum

2 sticks butter

2 cups flour

1 cup pecans, chopped

1 can blueberry pie filling

1 8oz cream cheese

1 box confectioner's sugar (10X)

1 tub Cool Whip (large)

Melt butter in 10 x 12 pan. Pour melted butter into the flour and pecans. Mix well. Press out in pan and bake for 20 minutes on 325 degrees, let cool.

With mixer on medium, beat softened cream cheese and confectioner's sugar. Stir in Cool Whip.

Add mixture to top of crust, add pie filling to top.

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“The purpose of life is not to be happy, but to matter– to be productive, to be useful, to have it make some difference that you have lived at all.” – **Leo Rosten**