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Pioneer Press A New Look For A New Pioneering Era

TelecomPioneers will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2011. That's 100 years of making our communities better and stronger...100 years of taking action to improve the quality of life for others.

The Pioneer Spirit is alive and

well. We are determined, eager and ready to tackle the challenges of the decades ahead with renewed vigor and – quite possibly – an exciting, new look.

Feedback from our Membership Survey confirmed that we are proud of our longstanding tradition of excellent service. But survey responses also revealed that our brand – our “face” – in the community lacked energy and appeal. And because we're committed to the future of our organization, research has already begun to

determine how best to refresh our look.

The AT&T Foundation has stepped forward to provide funding to explore the Pioneer brand and identify our best options to carry us into our next century of service.

We're excited about this opportunity and the positive impact a new look and renewed focus will have for the TelecomPioneers' far-reaching future. Stay tuned: Your September newsletter could contain an exciting sneak preview!

Letter from the Vice President

Dear New Outlook Pioneer,

Since the last edition of Pioneer Press, many questions have been asked regarding the New Outlook membership trial. I believe it will be “space well spent” to clarify.

Increased membership, especially younger membership, is vital to the very survival of our New Outlook Pioneer chapters, councils and clubs.

In 2005, the Board of Directors approved a three-year trial for New Outlook Pioneers to increase local membership by recruiting outside the traditional “employees and retirees” criteria. That means every New Outlook Pioneer mem-

ber can sign up their spouse, or significant other, previously called “Partners”, their children, grandchildren, siblings, friends, neighbors, and anyone interested in pioneering with you at projects and /or social functions.

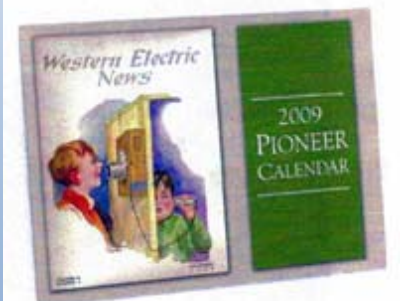
These new members will be full “Regular Members” and will be eligible to vote, hold office and pay dues...only \$15 per year. There is also a “Family Membership” category including parents and children under 18, for only \$25 per year.

I encourage each member to sign up one or two new members, or family, this year, and

strengthen the future of this organization you believe in.

**Yours in Pioneering,
Dan Katze - RVP**

COMING SOON:
The 2009 TelecomPioneers Calendar





The Presidents Message

With our third newsletter this year, I find that I don't have

enough space to say "thank you" enough times for all our volunteers. In this issue I wish to give credit to the following committee members, and ask if you wish to volunteer any of your "retired time" or working "free time", it will always be appreciated.

The Heartland Pioneers are blessed with the following committees and their chairpersons. Please contact them at our next luncheon (Hug A Bears, Project Connect, Hooks and Needles and Electronic Maps. They will have a display on site for your viewing and questions. Other committee members can be contacted by phone or email.

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Judy is taking a sabbatical from this September luncheon. Doug Thoms and Gordy Viner have offered to assist and give Judy and her staff a rest, so she can sit back and enjoy a great meal with the

retirees. Judy will have charge of the December luncheon.

One job, I wish we didn't have to do is the position that Gene Bielenberg does. While our membership rolls have remained the same, some of our members are leaving. Gene does an outstanding job of doing bereavements on behalf of the Pioneers. He contacts the family, sending a sympathy card, and a donation from the Pioneers to a charity if so desired on behalf of the Pioneers. Please let us know if any of our members have passed away by contacting Gene or myself.

We are always in need of additional funding, since our MAJOR sources have vanished. At our next luncheon, Steve Dawkins and others have volunteered to "pass around a collection receiver" asking for your financial support to keep these projects going into the future.

Doug Thoms will be our MC for the day. I may not have to say a word! Be sure to send in your reservations. This will be one exciting and delicious event for 2008 you shouldn't miss, and also a good time to visit and mingle with your friends. Remember to smile for the camera that is always attached to Steve!

Our next luncheon will have a few surprises... MORE old photographs, pre-labeled name tags, LIVE entertainment, a fund raising raffle of a Hooks and Needles project, Pioneer pins for sale, the Executive Director of Nebraska Prevent Blindness will give a short speech – watch out for the cataracts!. And a summer's treat... "Cherry Pie A La Mode" (hope no one is lactose intolerant). And something else...a SURPRISE for all!

Official Election Ballot For 2009 Officers

ELECTION BALLOT NEW FRONTIER CHAPTER AND HEARTLAND COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2009 (All are one year terms)

(Vote for 1)

New Frontier Chapter President – Paul Perez ()

Write in _____ ()

Vice President – Joe Bonaiuto ()

Write in _____ ()

Heartland Council Life member Representative (Vote for 2)

Judy Coffey ()

Jerry Golmanavich ()

Write in _____ ()

Regular Board Members (Vote for 2)

Deb Grady ()

Joyce Jensen ()

Write in _____ ()

Life Member Board Members (Vote for 3)

Doug Thoms ()

Steve Miller ()

Bob Gaddie ()

Write in _____ ()

Board members At Large (Vote for 2)

Marcy Dawkins ()

Steve Dawkins ()

Write in _____ ()

**** For those of you that aren't aware the Heartland Board elects the President and Sr. Vice President from the current board for each year, the Past President remains on the Board (Joe Bonaiuto). ** Please return before September 16, 2008 Heartland Pioneers, P.O. Box 541233, Omaha, NE 68154**

*Attention Heartland Pioneers
Life Member Luncheon
September 16, 2008*



Westside Community Conference Center

3534 South 108th St.
Omaha, NE 68144

Doors Open	10:30 am
Program	11:00 am
Lunch	11:30 am

Menu

Swiss Steak

or

Stuffed Chicken Breast

or

Baked Talapia (fish)

Chef Choice Potatoes
Scalloped Corn
House Salad
Fresh Rolls and Butter
Coffee & Ice Tea
Cherry Pie A La Mode

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SEND CHECKS TO:

**HEARTLAND PIONEERS
C/O DOUG THOMS
P.O. Box 541233
OMAHA, NE 68154**

Reservations must be received by September 11, 2008

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO HEARTLAND PIONEERS

PLEASE RESERVE _____ SEATS AT THE FALL LIFE MEMBER LUNCHEON

Steak____ @ \$12.50 each Chicken____ @ \$12.50 each Talapia(fish)____ @ \$12.50 each

NAME _____ TELEPHONE NO. _____

GUEST(S) _____

Would you share your email address with us if you have one?

Email _____

SORRY, NO PAYMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR

LIFE MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE - DOUG THOMS 493-8046 or

PRESIDENT - STEVE MILLER 778-5784

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In Memoriam of those in the second quarter 2008

**Jerry L. Proctor
Harry "Pete" Peterman
Erwin Joseph Rueschhoff
Edith Kay Hess
Joseph Francis Sinkule
Charles Eugene "Chic" Lange
Ruth A. Lutz
Lorraine A. Borman
Rodney L. Wentworth**

The full obituaries are listed on our website at www.heartlandpioneers.com

We receive no official notice and we could miss some and if we do we apologize.

Last Frame



Project Connect

In the spirit of continuing with our successful Project Connect development, we have plans for the upcoming fall season when school is back in session.

To follow our venture at the Nebraska Association of Teachers of Science (NATS) conference held at Camp Calvin Crest near Fremont, we're hoping to supplement our recruiting by making another appearance on October 10th as well as presenting to the teachers in a session. Last year we signed up 31 organizations.

In addition we are scheduled to travel to Des Moines two weeks later to roll out the program to Iowa Science Teachers at their conference. To encourage participation we will be offering several Fly Fusions as prizes in our next contest.

We understand that these are very desirable among school children since what they are supposed to be able to do is take virtually anything written with the special pen and pad and save it into a computer.

Our plan is to end the contest just before Christmas so the prizes can be awarded in time for the holiday season. Another distinct advantage to awarding these as prizes is that they are "mailable" so that if a winner is at a somewhat remote location we should be able to post it for a reasonable cost.

My understanding is that much of the TelecomPioneering universe is watching what we're doing with Project Connect. In fact, it is quite possible that our fellow Pioneers at Qwest may be joining us for part of the above plan.

If you know of a school or organization that caters to children in grades 4 through 7 that may be interested in Project Connect please have their Internet Technology coordinator contact Jerry Golmanavich at telecompioneer@cox.net so that more detailed information can be provided.

If you want to learn a little more please visit www.telecompioneers.org and follow the links towards "Projects" and then Project Connect. Project Connect is a series of 7 games that help teach telecommunications through playing computer games. This access is provided **FREE OF CHARGE!**

The Pioneer Triangle

The Pioneer triangle was designed by Henry Pope. Then in the 1940's the words Fellowship, Loyalty and Service became attached to the three sides. In 1959 the triangle was registered with the United States Patent Office as a membership mark.

Its three sides are intended to symbolize the three principal objectives of the Telephone Pioneers: **Fellowship, Loyalty and Service.** **Fellowship** comes first and is the foundation upon which loyalty and service rest. **Loyalty**, represented by the left side, marks the relationship of our members to each other, no less than to the industry they serve. **Service**, signified by the right side of the emblem, is an outgrowth of both fellowship and loyalty and has become an integral part of the Pioneer program as well as the motto of our business.