



I hope you're enjoying the warm weather. It will be cold soon enough.

We had a nice turn out for our July luncheon at the DAC with entertainment by the incredibly talented K3 Sisters Band. And we really appreciate the donated shoes for Soles4Souls and the travel size toiletries, along with the cash donations towards our gifts for veterans in November. Maybe you can join us for our next meeting at the Circle Grill September 10 and the DAC again on December 10. See more information on page 5, Upcoming Luncheons.

It was nice to have Suzanne Fletcher, Pioneer Chair of the AT&T Membership and Technology Committee, with us at the luncheon. She reminded us how Pioneers have always and continue to make an important difference in our communities. As you know we have always tried to maintain reports on the volunteer hours contributed by our members. The numbers really show the huge impact we make in our communities. But we need an update on our reports so I would like to ask your help again – if you are doing any type of volunteer work in your community; i.e., see examples on Page 2, I would really appreciate your sending me a one-time report describing the activity, along with approximately how many hours you do this per month or quarter or year. I just need it once, but you can send updates anytime if you want to. This includes our out-of-town-members also. (judymccallum@verizon.net) If you are already reporting your hours to me, thank you and keep up the good work.

FYI, Loretta is trying to get more information posted on our website so check it out now and then. <http://south-region.attpioneers.org/texaspride/>

**Three General Guidelines of Recycling:** Recycle all bottles, cans, and paper; keep items relatively clean and don't mix plastic bags in with the rest of your recycled items.

**Do Recycle:** Rigid Plastics/Bottles (Any plastic bottles or containers found in your kitchen.) Paper and Cardboard: Cereal/snack cardboard boxes; Phonebooks, magazines and mail; office paper, newspaper and cardboard. Metals: Tin, aluminum and steel cans. Glass: Food containers or jars, soft drink or beer bottles and wine or liquor bottles.

**Don't Recycle:** Loose plastic bags: plastic shopping bags or plastic stretch wrap. Polystyrene foam cups or containers: egg cartons, take out containers or drinking cups. Soiled Food Items: food soiled containers or soiled paper products. Other: Broken or sharp glass and fast food packaging.



## Letters to the Editor

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Check out our WEB site at <http://south-region.attpioneers.org/texaspride/>. You will see this newsletter in color. Plus many articles from other Councils in Texas Pride.

Thanks for all the telephone news. And a good job of all the laughable entertainment. Well everything will be costing more since our raise on our SS check, so I'll increase my donation some. Thank you or what you do...*Mary Lou Hall* Thank you to all you do. Good Volunteers!...*Loretta*

Q: Why should 60-plus year old people use valet parking? A: Valets don't forget where they park your car.

Q: As people age, do they sleep more soundly? A: Yes, but usually in the afternoon.

Q: Where should 60-plus year olds look for eye glasses? A: On their foreheads.

SHE KISSED THE HAIRBRUSH BY MISTAKE. SHE THOUGHT IT WAS HER HUSBAND JAKE. Burma Shave

# Just F.Y.I... By:

Judy McCallum-Lee.



NASA announced a plan - to allow private citizens to fly to the International Space Station and stay for up to 30 days – only \$35,000/night. Travel costs are additional, estimated at \$50 million per seat.

“There’s never enough time to do all the nothing you want.” *Cartoonist Bill Waterson*

633 divers in Florida – set a record for the largest underwater cleanup by retrieving at least 1626 pounds of trash, 60 pounds of fishing line, and more during their two hours in the water.

Previously in trouble for labeling its rings as “Tiffany” jewelry – last quarter Costco sold a 10-carat diamond ring for \$400,000.

British Columbia has barred workplaces from forcing women to wear heels - while Japan’s Labor Minister called heels “necessary and appropriate.”

The hirsute – new research shows nearly 40% of men’s beards are tainted with microbes that are hazardous to human health. *Switzerland’s Hirslanden Clinic*

User growth is slowing – however Facebook takes in \$34.90 in ads for each for the current 243 million users in the U.S. and Canada for a total of more than \$200 billion. *Axios.com*

New record holder for largest python – the 17 foot long female was caught in the Florida Everglades, weighed 140 lbs. and contained 73 developing eggs.

“Forever Roll” - Charmin’s new massive roll of toilet paper targeted at Millennial customers – a month’s supply all in one roll. Also available are freestanding or wall mounts and a “subscribe & save” option that includes free shipping in the U.S., and automatically delivers three rolls every three months.

Ever wondered? – It takes \$478,000 in annual income to make it into the top 1% of U.S. earners. *Bloomberg.com*

Generations Defined – Silent Generation, born between 1928 and 1945; Baby Boomers, born between 1946 and 1964; Generation X born, between 1965 and 1980. Millennials, 92 million born between 1981 and 1996 are the biggest generation in history. 62 million are of voting age and 83% sleep with their cell phones on their beds or next to their beds.

“It’s useless to hold a person to anything he says while he’s in love, drunk or running for office.” *Shirley MacLaine*

## **Some examples of volunteer hours to be reported:**

Hours that **meet a need in the community should be reported.** Include administrative, planning, fundraising and travel time to and from.

**EDUCATION:** Mentoring, tutoring, Junior Achievement, adopt a school, etc.

**RECYCLING:** See Three General Guidelines on Page 1.

**OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL:** Beautification: Trash pick up; distribution of seeds, trees, plants etc.; cleanup of property; lecturing or teaching courses etc. Energy Conservation projects.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES:** Needy children services, support deaf, hearing-impaired, visually impaired, learning disabilities, mentally handicapped, Cerebral Palsy, Multiple Sclerosis and all other similar afflictions. Also support Talking Book activities, Beep Baseball, Beep Easter Eggs, other social services, etc.

**HUMANITARIAN AND DISASTER RELIEF:** Support of service organizations, such as Red Cross, Goodwill, Salvation Army, hospitals, etc. Providing aid and services, programs, etc. for the benefit of seniors, AARP programs, etc. Assisting in nursing homes, day care centers, rehab centers, hospitals, veterans’ hospitals, penal institutions, drug addiction centers, missions, etc. Meals on Wheels, Heart Pillows, Hug-a-Bears, Habitat for Humanity, Red Ribbon, CASA, Heart Walks, JDF Walks, American Cancer Society support should also be included.

**LIFE ENRICHMENT:** Volunteering within churches, etc. Working with Arts and Culture, institutions, Scouting, Little League, Chamber of Commerce, Symphony, Opera, etc. Voter Registration booths, driver and other Safety Programs, etc.,

**MILITARY:** Helping with any program benefiting military personal including veterans; i.e. greeting the troops, adopt a troop, Fisher House, Veterans hospitals, VFW, etc.

**Dallas Life Council at DAC for meeting & luncheon  
July 2019**



Neal Ford & Gail King



Jeanne Clark & Tana Conner



Tom Flynn & Suzanne Fletcher



Wayne Niswander & Walt Minchew



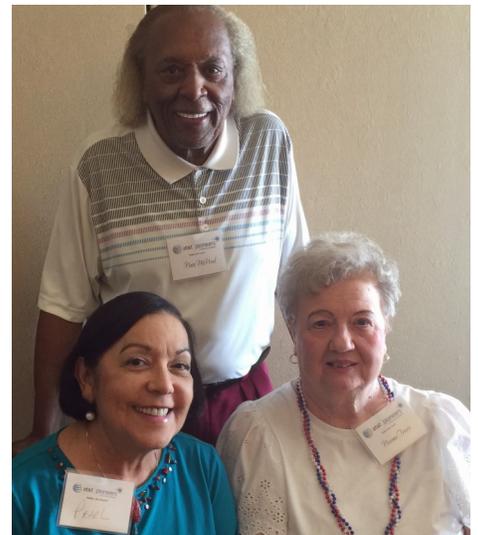
Helen Smith



Norma Travis & Jo Crain



Terri Hodge



Pearl Garza Fracchia, Nate McNeal & Norma Travis



Janice Tonroy, Rojean Cull & Wanda King



Bill Miller

It was mealtime during an airline flight. "Would you like dinner?", the flight attendant asked John, seated in front. "What are my choices?" John asked. "Yes or no," she replied.

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Cynthia Evans, Mary Lou Adcock & Mary Frances Zaby



Chuck & Dawn Hayes



Linda Self & Sharon Daurte



Pat Tarpley



Naomi Garrett



Pam Myers



Charlie Sorrels



Warren Bassham



Annie Wartsbaugh



Tony & Priscilla Pecina



4K Sisters Band & Linda Self & Nate McNeal



Bob Carroll & Judy McCallum

## UPCOMING LUNCHEONS

September 10 Circle Grill\* 11:30 am  
 December 10 Dallas Athletic Club 10 am

Please make reservation for all luncheons by calling Mary Lou Adcock, 214-212-8701 or email her at [mary.lou.adcock@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mary.lou.adcock@sbcglobal.net)

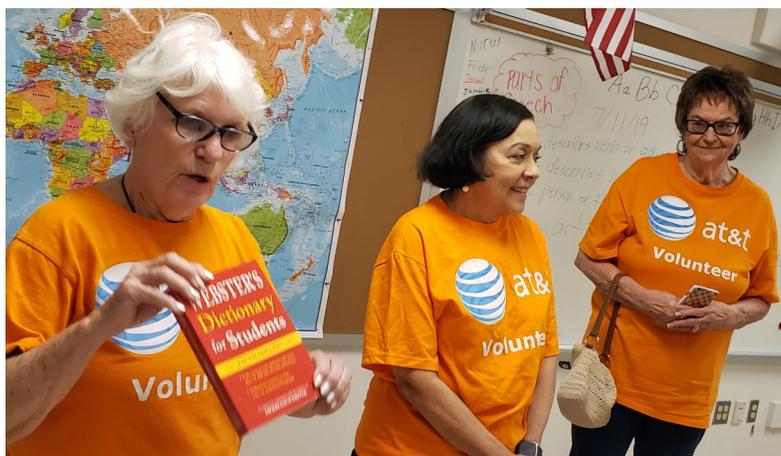
\* Circle Grill, 3701 N. Buckner Blvd. @ I30, Dallas. Order from menu. (We're still accepting ladies sizes 5-8 gently worn shoes for Soles4Souls and small toiletries for stuffing socks for Vets, which we hope to do at the luncheon.)

## Talking Books

Group meets on Wednesday at Pinnacle Park, 4331 Communications Dr., Dallas, 75211 to repair recorders for the blind and severely handicapped. Call Nate McNeal, 972-279-6508 for additional information.



Judy McCallum, Pearl Garza Fracchia, Dalene Buhl, Loretta Cherry & Mary Lou Adcock



## 2018 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Treas.	Loretta Cherry	972-741-6962

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	LuAnn Eakin	469-672-1121
	Pearl Garza Fracchia	214-803-9650
	Nate McNeal	972-279-6508

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR DEATHS

Call **1-800-416-2363** to report address changes or deaths to the Benefit Group.

Call the Pioneer Hotline at **214-464-8425** or Charlie Sorrels at 972-530-1492 to report the death of a Pioneer.

Call **972-741-6962** to report address changes for the **Spotlighter**.

## Important Telephone Numbers

Hotline	214-464-8425
AT&T Connect	1-877-722-0020
Pensions & Savings	1-800-416-2363
Long Term Care	1-800-247-3020
Life Insurance	1-877-722-0020
Care Plus	1-877-261-3340
Retiree Discount Information/Contacts:	
Eligibility:	1-888-251-0645
Wireline Voice & U-verse	1-877-377-9010
Wireless	1-800-331-0500
Benefit	1-877-722-0020
Affinity Partners	Go to <a href="http://www.attpioneers.org">www.attpioneers.org</a> , scroll down & click on Pioneer Affinity Partners

DLC volunteers (Judy McCallum-Lee, Pearl Graza Fracchia, Loretta Cherry and Mary Lou Adcock pictured with Dalene Buhl) provided over 100 dictionaries for Vickery Meadow Summer Reading Program founded by Dalene.



# Just for Grins



Three Aussie blokes were working up on an outback mobile phone tower: Bruce, Coot and Bluey. As they start their descent, Coot slips, falls off the tower and is killed instantly. As the ambulance takes the body away, Bluey says, "Well, someone's gotta go and tell Coot's wife. Bruce says, "OK, I'm pretty good at that sensitive stuff, I'll do it." Two hours later, he comes back carrying a case of beer. Bluey says, "Where'd you get the beer, Bruce?" Coot's wife gave it to me," Bruce replies. "That's unbelievable, you told the Missus her husband was dead and she gave you a case of beer?" "Well, not exactly," Bruce says. When she answered the door, I said to her, 'You must be Coot's widow.'" She said, "You must be mistaken. I'm not a widow." Then I said, "I'll betcha a case of beer you are." Aussies are good at handling the sensitive stuff.

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After 35 years of marriage, a husband and wife came for counseling. When asked what the problem was, the wife went into a tirade listing every problem they had ever had in all the years they had been married. On and on and on: neglect, lack of intimacy, emptiness, loneliness, feeling unloved and unlovable, an entire laundry list of unmet needs she endured. Finally, after allowing this for a sufficient length of time, the therapist got up, walked around the desk and after asking the wife to stand, he embraced and kissed her long and passionately as her husband watched - with a raised eyebrow. The woman shut up and quietly sat down in a daze. The therapist turned to the husband and said, "This is what your wife needs at least 3 times a week. Can you do this?" Well, I can drop her off here on Mondays and Wednesday...but I play golf on Fridays."

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Alan: texted his next door neighbor: Hi Fred, this is Alan next door. I have a confession to make. I've been riddled with guilt these past few months and have been trying to get the courage to tell you to your face, but I am at least now telling you in text as I can't live with myself a moment longer without you knowing. The truth is I have been sharing your wife, day and night when you're not around, in fact, probably more than you. I haven't been getting it at home recently, but that's no excuse, I know. The temptation was just too much. I can no longer live with the guilt and I hope you will accept my sincerest apologies and forgive me. It won't happen again. Please suggest a fee for usage and I'll pay you. Regards, Alan. Fred: feeling insulted and betrayed, grabbed his gun, and shot his neighbor dead. He returned home where he poured himself a stiff drink and sat down on the sofa. He took out his phone where he saw he had a second message from his neighbor. Hi Fred: this is Alan next door again. Sorry about the typo on my last text. I expect you figured it out anyway and noticed that darned Auto-Correct changed 'WiFi' to 'Wife.' Technology, huh?! Regards, Alan.



For over 15 years we have participated in the Parade of Playhouses at NorthPark to help raise money for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) who advocate for and assist abused and neglected children..

Accepting a contribution from Pioneers are CASA Interns, Brigit Joyce and Brianna Lucido.

# FAYE'S FAITH CORNER



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When the great library of Alexandria burned, the story goes, one book was saved. But it was not a valuable book; and so a poor man, who could read a little, bought it for a few coppers.

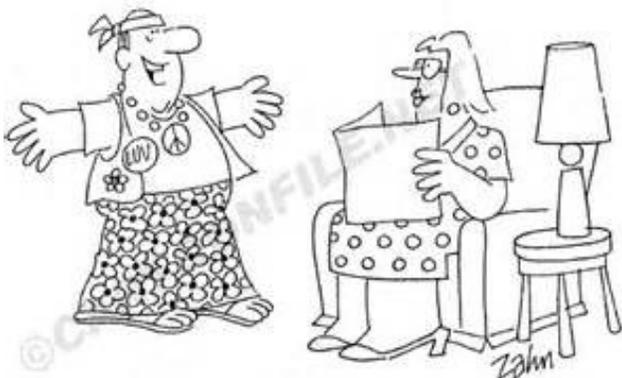
The book wasn't very interesting, but between its pages there was something very interesting indeed. It was a thin strip of vellum on which was written the secret of the "Touchstone"!

The touchstone was a small pebble that could turn any common metal into pure gold. The writing explained that it was lying among thousands and thousands of other pebbles that looked exactly like it. But the secret was this: The real stone would feel warm, while ordinary pebbles are cold. So the man sold his few belongings, bought some simple supplies, camped on the seashore and began testing pebbles.

He knew that if he picked up ordinary pebbles and threw them down again because they were cold, he might pick up the same pebble hundreds of times. So, when he felt one that was cold, he threw it into the sea. He spent a whole day doing this but none of them was the touchstone. Yet he went on and on this way. Pick up a pebble. Cold – throw it into the sea. Pick up another. Throw it into the sea.

The days stretched into weeks and the weeks into months. One day, however, about midafternoon, he picked up a pebble and it was warm. He threw it into the sea before he realized what he had done. He had formed such a strong habit of throwing each pebble into the sea that when the one he wanted came along, he still threw it away.

So it is with opportunity. Unless we are vigilant, we can fail to recognize an opportunity when it is in hand and it's just as easy to throw it away. *Author Unknown*



"Look Ellie . . . my old uniform still fits!"

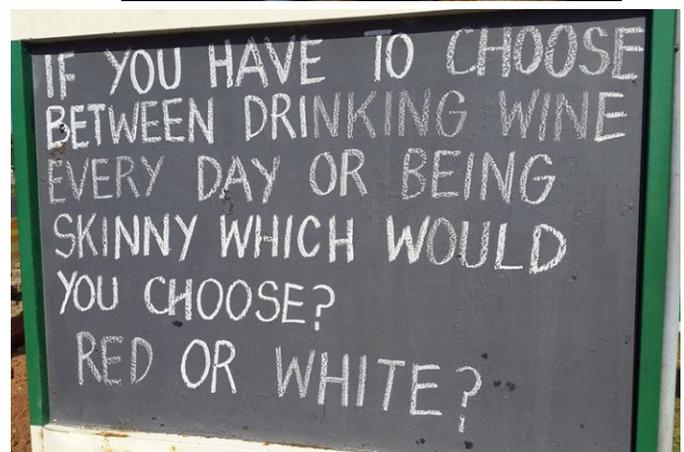
## In Loving Memory

BLAND, KATHLEEN A	February 10, 2019
MOORE, ELIZAB	February 21, 2019
FIELDS JR, ALPHONZO	February 22, 2019
MEYERS, CATHERINE	March 20, 2019
STEWART, EARL E	March 13, 2019
WALKER, DARROW G	March 5, 2019
BOWLING, MARGUERITE	March 19, 2019
WASKOM, EDITH L	March 26, 2019
ELLIOTT, J C	March 19, 2019
ANTHONY, JEANENE BRANNON	May 4, 2019
ODLE, SR., KENNETH, KENNETH'S FATHER	May 4, 2019
ABERNATHY, ADA LOU	May 7, 2019
MOLINA, LILIA	May 12, 2019
LLOYD, MAXON DARE	May 15, 2019
TAYLOR, LANDA CAROL	May 10, 2019
TILLEY, VERGENE (GINA)	June 10, 2019
HARVEY, BEVERLEY	June 12, 2019
BINGHAM, BOBBY RAY	June 23, 2019
GUYNES, BETTY JO	July 30, 2019

## Prayer List

Jo Crain

LuAnn Eakin





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**PLEASE NOTE:** Our next luncheon will be at the Circle Grill, 3701 N. Buckner Blvd. at I30 Dallas, September 10, 11:30 am. Order from the menu.

# WORK RULES

1. **SICKNESS:** No excuses will be acceptable. We will no longer accept your doctor's statement as proof of illness as we believe that if you are able to go to the doctor, you are able to come to work.
2. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR AN OPERATION:** We are no longer allowing this practice. We hired you as you are, and to have anything removed certainly makes you less than we bargained for.
3. **DEATH. YOUR OWN:** This will be accepted as an excuse, but we would like at least two week's notice, as we feel it is your duty to teach someone else your job.
4. **QUANTITY OF WORK:** No matter how much you do, you'll never do enough.
5. **QUALITY OF WORK:** The minimum acceptable level is perfection.
6. **ADVICE FROM THE BOSS:** Eat a live toad the first thing in the morning and nothing worse will happen to you the rest of the day.
7. **THE BOSS IS ALWAYS RIGHT.**
8. **WHEN THE BOSS IS WRONG. REFER TO RULE 7.**