Letter from the President

With the resumption of lunches in September, we welcome you back to the second half of 2012. Our average attendance at the luncheons during the first five months was between sixty and seventy. As always we encourage and welcome new attendees.

Being part of a charitable (non-profit) organization, we are controlled by the 65/35 rule that says that 65% of our expenditures must be for charitable purposes. Our largest internal expense is the monthly luncheons, which are subsidized by about four dollars per meal. This expense has to be reduced as the club treasury is being depleted. This will give us more leeway for charitable donations. A survey was submitted in June, which recommended either reducing the number of luncheons or increasing the cost. The majority voted for increasing the cost to 13 or 15 dollars. Patty Stover will negotiate the meal cost for 2013 and then a decision will be made.

Proposed changes to the Telephone Pioneer by-laws were made and approved to reflect Colorado’s current non-profit laws. Changes to modify the Pioneer Board of Directors were included. Now we will have to wait to see the results. (See the item on by-laws in another article in this newsletter.)

President Jerry Dunbar

Annual Food Drive

Our October luncheon, to be held on October 10th, will be used for our annual food drive. Please consider bringing nonperishable goods (food, paper products, etc.) to the luncheon. The items gathered will be given to the Lutheran Services Food Bank of Frebis Avenue for distribution.

Our club will also be making a donation to the MidOhio Food Bank around the same time. The club’s board of directors wanted the actual food collected to be used by others in the immediate area. The MidOhio Food Bank has the buying power so that a $1 donation is able to purchase $8 worth of groceries and will receive any monetary donations.

We will continue to have the donation jar available at all luncheons for those who would like to contribute at other times of the year.

Anyone needing medical equipment call Peace United Methodist Church, 614-837-3732.
Changes to Pioneering

Founded in 1911 as the Telephone Pioneers of America, Pioneers has grown to be the largest industry-related volunteer organization in the world. It's a dedicated, diverse network of current and retired telecommunications employees across the US and Canada. The Pioneers network has steadily grown through our grassroots efforts to spread our mission of service — country to country, city to city, neighbor to neighbor. We're recognized as a world class leader in volunteerism. There are over 620,000 current members who volunteer more than 12 million hours of service to their communities.

As the various telecommunications companies have dropped or reduced funding of the organization, the leadership of the organization has evolved to an charitable organization with a corporate 501(c)(3) status where most of the funding is used toward charity rather than fellowship. A recent vote by the voting delegates in June, further clarified the direction of the organization, including changes to the Bylaws to better reflect our current operations and to pave the way for governance of the organization in the future. The primary change which was passed modifies the composition of the Pioneers Board of Directors to reflect a different balance between corporate representatives and the Pioneer field leadership so that the board members would not be influenced by the company where they worked. (With the eventual drop of corporate funding, the Pioneers want the future direction of the organization to be controlled by the members rather than the companies that funded Pioneering in the past.) Other changes reflect the current standards for nonprofit bylaws to make the organization compliant. Locally we had two voting delegates, Jerry Dunbar and Elaine Housley.

Also, the corporate headquarters has been relocated to a smaller, less expensive location with a reduced staff to meet future needs. Charlene Hill, was hired in May as the new Executive Director. She brings an extensive background in nonprofit leadership.

You can find out more about Pioneering at the website: [http://www.telecompaioneers.org](http://www.telecompaioneers.org) at 614-866-8871.

The Future of Pioneers Locally

Because we are part of a charitable organization, the John D. Burlie Club must spend at least 65% of our funds on charitable activities rather than internal expenses, which includes our monthly luncheons. The club has been subsidizing these luncheons, which has been costing about $2500 per year over and above what members pay ($10 per meal). Because of our reduction in assets and to meet the 65% requirement, we need to either increase the amount we are charging to attend the luncheon and/or reduce the number of luncheons held each year. A survey was distributed to the June luncheon attendees, and they were given six options which included raising the price to various amounts (from $12 to $15) and/or decreasing the number of luncheons per year (semi-annually, quarterly or monthly except July and August). The overwhelming majority of attendees voted to **continue to have monthly luncheons except for July/August, but increasing the charge to $13 (which would still require a minimal subsidy), keeping costs to 2012 levels.** The second highest number of votes went to continuing to have ten monthly luncheons per year, but increasing the cost to $15. This option would require no luncheon subsidy and would allow for more money to be used for charitable projects. The new fee of $13 for luncheons will begin at the first luncheon in 2013.

We continue to volunteer in many areas and would like to continue tracking our volunteer hours to identify our ‘value’ to Pioneering. Sheets to identify hours will be available at all the luncheons. Elaine Housley, 337 Glen Meadow Ct; Dublin, OH 43017 will input the hours to the corporate system so if you have any hours to report and will not be available to drop them off at the luncheons, feel free to mail them to her or email them to her at eahousley@columbus.rr.com. All 2012 hours will need to be inputted by mid-January so please get them in throughout the year as they are completed.

If you’d like a tally sheet of current projects you can pick them up at any of the luncheons (or email Elaine Housley). They provide projects, team leaders, and their phone numbers if you’re interested in participating in any of the projects.
Keeping in Touch

The newsletter is a high cost to the club with the current mail costs, so if you’re able to accept an email copy rather than a paper one, please let us know. They are available in an Adobe Acrobat format (.pdf) which can be read by most computers, even older ones. They will also be available at the luncheons for those that don’t have access to email. Please consider picking up the newsletters by email or at the luncheon to help us reduce costs. Let us know if you’ll be using either of these options to help us reduce our mailing costs.

Martha Terry has been acting as our contact person for information on our fellow Western Electric/AT&T/Lucent Technologies/Alcatel friends that are ill or have died. If you’re aware of anyone who should be reported, please contact Martha Terry.

Members Who Have Passed Away

Randall C. Adkins  Randall (Randy) Dunnington  Robert E. Hotze  Alma R. Sayre
Paula Akin  Janice Edwards  Maxine D. Houck  Richard Seifart
Mary Lee (Handley) Arter  John Elasky  Maria Sue Howard  Brent Allen Seymour
Robert Carl Babbitt  John David “Dave” Elerick  Carl E. Johnson  Charley Yuping Shu
Lois (Sunderland) Bailey  Carl Edward Estep  Pamela Gail Kerns  Alice L. Smith
Wayne A. Barrett  James Faison  Elfrieda Kopetz  Chester “Chet” Lee Smith
Iris Stephanie Bates (Weaver)  Kay Ellen Farison  Nathan R. Lawson  Don Carlos Smith
Ralph H. Beilfuss  Delores Fischer  Betty J. Mann-Shaw  Paul (Duke) Snyder
Charles G. Biggig  Edward A. Ford  Arlie B. Martin  Rebecca J. Spada
Robert (Bob) Blacklock, Sr.  Patrick A. Fowler  Hetsel “Mac” McGuire  Emily Springsteen
John Bledsoe  Jill T. Funkhouser  Hilda A. McMillan  Mollie Faye Stanley
Phyllis A. Borghese  Albert D. (Sonny) Gartrell  Susanna Alzner Moldowan  Sala Jo-Ann Taylor
Lee Dean Burke  James W. Griffin Jr.  Stephen G. Miller  Arthur “Art” Tisburzio
Barbara Lucille Cantrell  Thomas Grimstad  John E. Murday  Linda Lee Walker
Virginia Ann Cassady  Carlyn Wayne Griner  Linda Kay Neff  Norma L. Walker
Jimmie Louise (Faunce) Clarkson  Lila Grinston  Peter Allen Netzela  Rilla “Bobbie” Watson
Randall (Randy) Dunnington  James Faison  Helen A. McMillan  Kathy June Webb
Lee Dean Burke  Kay Ellen Farison  Joseph E. Parkinson  Howard “Howdy” Wells
Phyllis A. Borghese  Delores Fischer  Robert “Bobby” Parsons  Michael Todd West
Lee Dean Burke  Edward A. Ford  Joseph E. Parkinson  Dale E. Williams
Nancy Lloyd Corner  Patrick A. Fowler  Robert “Bobby” Parsons  Connie Marie Wilson
Kathy I. Crabtree  Albert D. (Sonny) Gartrell  Juanita Presgraves  Judith A. Wright
William G. Crank  James W. Griffin Jr.  Gary Ramsey  Linda Lee Walker
Virginia “Jenni” Delewese  Thomas Grimstad  Jerry A Reed  Norma L. Walker
James Wade DiGuilio  Carlyn Wayne Griner  Mary I. Regan  Rilla “Bobbie” Watson
George Robert Dixon, Jr.  Lila Grinston  Charles Reynolds  Kathy June Webb
Robert F. Dumont  Rev. Paul A. Hale  Dorothy Ring  Howard “Howdy” Wells

Dinner Time

Below are the luncheon menus. Our dates for the luncheons are Wednesdays: September 12, October 10, November 14, December 7, January 9, February 13, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12.

Mail your reservations or call: Patty Stover, 1416 CREST STREETS, REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO 43068, 614-866-7765.

September 12  Chicken Parmesan or Fish  December 7  Swiss Steak or Fish
   Pasta & Salad  Au gratin Potatoes & Salad
   Rolls & Butter  Rolls & Butter
   Coffee or Tea  Coffee or Tea
   Spumoni Ice Cream  Cream DeMint Ice Cream

October 10  Chopped Steak or Fish  January 9  Pork Loin & Sour Kraut or Fish
   Mashed Potatoes & Salad  Red Skin Potatoes & Salad
   Salad  Salad
   Coffee or Tea  Coffee or Tea
   Boston Cream Pie  Pecan Pie

November 14  Turkey & Dressing or Fish  Yams
   Rolls & Butter  Rolls & Butter
   Coffee or Tea  Coffee or Tea
   Pumpkin Pie  Pumpkin Pie
## REACH OUT & TOUCH WINNERS

| Karl Barley | Helen Fernor | Jan Matthews |
| Patty Cantrell | Lia Funk | Fran Michaels |
| Bob Clifton | Harry Hagemann | Sally O’Dell |
| Shorty Craig | Joan Hagemann | Fred Smith |
| Vi Copeland | Trudy Hale | Patty Stover |
| Joyce Dietz | Bessie Henderson | Martha Terry |
| Sally Dunbar | Jim Kuson | Ed Turlo |