



Looking Back and Looking Ahead ...

Looking back over 2022 it was an improvement over 2021 which had all projects cancelled due to COVID--19.

Our face-to-face volunteer projects, which resumed, were the Shriner Circus and Veterans' Stand Down. We continued to sponsor the Twin Valley Behavioral Healthcare Hospital parties with no face-to-face participation. Special Olympics tent town did not run, but we hope it will resume this year.

Luncheons at MCL resumed in January with no restrictions on the number of attendees. We had a good turnout and encourage more people to attend in 2023. Donations collected at the luncheons supported the Gahanna food pantry. A total of 700+ food items were donated in 2022.

Our treasury had a very good 2022 since we were given the remaining funds from the Indianapolis Club that decided not to resume meeting. Between that transfer of funds and our grant projects funded by headquarters, we actually had a higher balance at the end of the year, \$36,893. A VERY GOOD YEAR.

With the increase in available funds, we are looking for new projects to sponsor. If you have any suggestions please submit them for consideration. For example, if you want to knit or sew items to donate to others, we could buy the material. Any projects helping others would be considered.

May everyone have a healthy and happy 2023

Jerry Dunbar, President/treasurer, John D Burlie Club

Our Mission ... Pioneers is a network of volunteers who effect immediate, tangible change in local communities in partnership with their sponsors.

Our Vision ... to be recognized as a world-class leader in volunteerism. To be respected and valued by our members, strategic partners, global community and our industry. We are committed to the diversity and growth of our members and strategic partners in improving the quality of life in our community.

Schedule

Ohio School of the Blind to the Shriner Circus, 3/24/23
Special Olympics at OSU
Twin Valley Summer fest
Twin Valley Coney Island nightclub
Stand Down
Twin Valley holiday party

(With the changing environment of COVID, we do not have firm dates for other events yet, but will let you know with our monthly email reminder for the luncheons)

Ohio School for the Blind will be going to the Shriner Circus on **March 24, 2023!** We will need a volunteer to escort every child taken to the circus. Please volunteer if you can spend the "work day" with the school children. We will meet at their school and ride to the circus with them on a school bus. The circus will be held at the Ohio State Fairgrounds. We will be sitting in bleachers, so be prepared to climb the stairs to get to our seats (there will be hand rails).



From our Pioneers Leadership:

2022 was a very difficult year for Pioneering. We did not have a single face-to-face corporate board meeting and we used Zoom meetings for our board meetings and committee meetings.

All the board members belong to two focus committees to organize Pioneers to the best volunteering group possible. I am on the Finance Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee.

At the moment, we are the largest volunteer group in US/Canada with over 450,000 members and over 500,000 volunteer hours. I'm starting my sixth year on the Board of Directors, but will probably need to leave the board at the end of 2023. Our unit (New Outlook) has two board members, with the second member being Deb Foley from the New England Area.

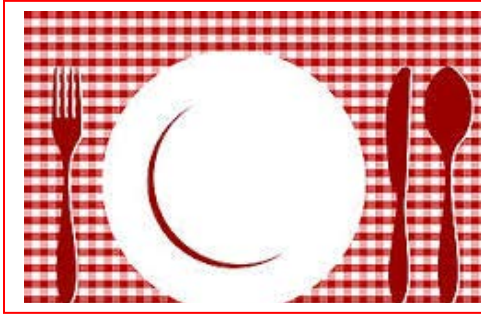
As mentioned in Jerry's notes on the previous page, we were awarded enough grant money to cover most of our costs of our volunteer projects for one more year without a significant reduction in our available funds.

The New Outlook Pioneers (was affiliated with the Western Electric branch of the Bell System) has been restructured from seven chapters to three chapters to better manage our projects, meetings, and people. We hope to introduce new projects that can be done individually to encourage interested members to continue volunteering with the Pioneers.

Pioneering continues to evolve. As information becomes available, I will be sharing it through emails and our New Outlook web page at <http://newoutlookpioneers.net/>. If you are not receiving reminders for luncheons, volunteer activities, etc., and have email, send your email address to eahousley@gmail.com and I'll be glad to add you to our mailing list.

Elaine Housley, Director, New Outlook Pioneers

2023 Pioneer Luncheons



**Luncheons second Thursdays
January through December**

**Location: MCL Restaurant Cafeteria
5240 E. Main Street, Whitehall, OH 43213
Opens at 11: Gather at 11:30
Announcements & Luncheon 12 Noon**

January 12	February 9	March 9	April 13	May 11	June 8
July 13	August 10	September 14	October 12	November 9	December 14

We have a private room beginning at 11:30 a.m. Go through the cafeteria line and select your food.

If you don't want a full meal you may order just a drink and/or dessert, salad, etc.

Liver & onion lovers, please note ... we understand liver & onions are a Thursday treat!

*No sign-up required

*MCL restaurant is continuing to give us a private dining room, which is now configured for our group where we can meet with distancing in place. So ... let's try to get together on Thursday, **February 9, 2023**. We are currently planning to have a luncheon every month on the second Thursday at MCL, so put the dates on your calendar.*

BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD/PAPER PRODUCTS TO OUR LUNCHEONS!

They will be taken to the nearby food banks after each luncheon. Thank you!



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Did you know?

One of the requirements for the Pioneers to remain a 501c3 organization is that a minimum of 65% of our funding is used on projects associated with volunteer projects.

We very closely monitor our expenditures to ensure that our money goes to charitable organizations where our members volunteer. Please share your volunteer hours so we do not lose our status.

If you have not received information on the 2023 Pioneer discount card recently, your mailing address is not included in the Pioneers database. You can get a card by enrolling as a life member (if you retired from Western Electric, AT&T, Lucent Technologies, or Alcatel as a full time employee) as a New Outlook Pioneer, John D Burlie Club, Chapter 160 (New Outlook East).

Contact information to enroll or change your information:

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*“... open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy,
and to the poor in the land.”*

The Helping Hands Medical Equipment Ministry reached out to over 4500 families in 2022!

Over 3200 pieces of equipment were picked up at Peace

Truck crews made over 210 runs in our HH Truck

All this is possible because of people like you who donated used equipment, whispered up prayers and gave financially! And of course the helping hands of our 35 volunteers!

Our thanks to the Pioneers for the annual grant ... yours and other financial gifts go to purchase hospital bed mattresses, shower chairs, transfer benches, wheelchair leg rests and replacement arms, commodes, and a number of other small items. A large percentage of those receiving equipment can't afford what they need or don't have funds to pay their share even when they have insurance. Equipment is loaned out on as long as needed basis at no charge and is delivered when needed.

What a neat idea Pioneer Jim Henson had when he started gathering and providing equipment for Western Electric employees!

Thank you!

Contact Peace UMC Helping Hands Medical Equipment Ministry
if you have a need, to donate or to volunteer! 614-837-4568
or online: hhmedicalequipment.org