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This issue includes some highlights of the major accomplishments that the SaskTel Pioneers have been involved with in your community. **We DO encourage you to share this newsletter with your family.**

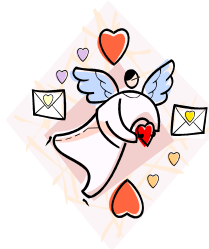
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Pioneer Membership Updates

Please advise us of any of the following changes:

- ⇒ address or name change
- ⇒ marital status change (either way)
- ⇒ spousal information
- ⇒ death (employee, superannuate or spouse)

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 So much to be
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 for*

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Message from our 2020-2021 Chapter #59 President



Dear Members: Regular, Life, Family and Friends

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your Chapter President for the last 2 years, even during a pandemic when we were faced with unprecedented challenges. I learned a great deal, met many new amazing people, and developed a deeper relationship with individuals, organizations and our Sponsor company, SaskTel.

I have always known this Chapter was filled with amazing volunteers, but as Chapter President I was provided the opportunity to work with many of you in a new capacity and from a new point of view. As such, I can truly say that we have one of the strongest, most resilient groups of volunteers in North America!! Your commitment to your communities, your unending energy for the projects you are passionate about, and your innate desire to improve the lives of those around you are all a testament to who you are and who this Chapter is. You are the foundation to this Chapter's success, and the envy of the Chapters across the country.

Even though we couldn't host any face-to-face meetings and our projects needed to be altered, we still donated somewhere in the vicinity of \$100,000 to dozens of organizations which benefited thousands of people. We tracked well over 20,000 Hours while our volunteers worked in community gardens, donated thousands of books, painted maps in school grounds, sewed lap robes, hug-a-bears and heart pillows, worked as race marshals, donated backpacks filled with school supplies for underprivileged children and essential items for the homeless and much much more.

Pioneering is about fellowship and community service, and throughout this pandemic you have all found new and creative ways to thrive. *Thank you* for all your phenomenal accomplishments this year. I have been humbled and honored and inspired to serve with each and every one of you.

Special acknowledgement, also, to our outgoing Past President, Judi Livingstone and 2nd Year Life member, Debby Gorlick. Your dedication to this Chapter and all the work you have done within it has been nothing short of extraordinary. Your guidance and leadership is so very valuable to this Chapter and I hope you stay involved in whatever capacity you are comfortable with. Thank you for your service!

And now, please help me welcome your new Chapter President, Mark Grambo!

New Chapter VP and 1st Year Life Member will be announced at our AGM, which will be held virtually via Zoom, during an abbreviated session on November 18th at 7:00 PM. Stay tuned for more information.

In closing, I thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your Chapter President. My main priorities were to unite our clubs even while we couldn't be together and to flip our challenges into opportunities. With your willingness to serve despite these unprecedented times, I think we did pretty darn good!

Yours in Pioneering

Dione Wall, Chapter President,
Dione Wall

We can't do it without you – you ARE the Pioneers!

No act of kindness,
no matter how small,
is ever wasted.
- Aesop

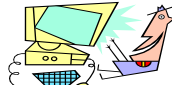


***"Our focus is our Community
and our strength is our Volunteers"***



Pioneer Mission— Pioneers is a network of volunteers who effect immediate, tangible change in local communities.

Pioneer 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 communities



>>>>> *Pioneer Website*

An electronic version of this Provincial Newsletter is on the website.
This newsletter is issued twice a year - April and November.



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Visit the International TelecomPioneer website to learn more about our organization as it provides an overview of benefits unique to Pioneer membership

www.telecompioneers.org

Upcoming Special events



2021 AGM scheduled for November 18th 2021
—Will be a ZOOM meeting again due to Covid 4th wave.

Signing up for the following options will help keep you informed of SaskTel Pioneer activities, achievements, death notices and announcements. Pioneer Newsletter is issued once or twice a year and is mailed to all Life Members that were Pioneers members when they retired. Contact your local Club President or executive to get information on your area.

Email—provide your email address to Darrell Liebrecht—darrell.librecht@sasktel.com



Facebook—sign up to our SaskTel Pioneer Facebook page



In Memoriam . . . (Employees, Superannuates and Spouses)

Sympathy is extended to the following employees, Superannuates and their families.

SaskTel Superannuate Sam Glover of Moose Jaw passed away (unknown date). Sam retired in 1997.

SaskTel Superannuate Ken Woinaroski of Regina passed away 13 May 2019 at age 68. Ken retired in 2006. Survived by spouse Debra.

Bonnie Downes of Regina (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Robert Wayne Downes**) passed away 14 Jul 2019.

Lillian Woods of Regina (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Terry Woods**) passed away 31 Jul 2019.

SaskTel Superannuate Andrew Tschetter of Regina passed away 26 Nov 2019 at age 87. Retired in 1991.

SaskTel Superannuate Marlin Danielson of Spalding passed away 29 Apr 2020 at age 76. Marlin retired in 1994.

SaskTel Superannuate Leo Maurice Desjarlais of North Battleford passed away 3 May 2020 at age 86. Retired in 1986.

SaskTel Superannuate Anthony Waschowicz of Saskatoon passed away 21 Jul 2020 at age 88. Anthony retired in 1992.

SaskTel Superannuate Arnie Clayton of Guadalajara (formerly Regina) passed away 1 Aug 2020 at age 84. Retired in 1991.

SaskTel Superannuate Norm Johnson of Regina passed away 27 Sept 2020 at age 63. Norm retired in 2006. Survived by spouse Cathy.

SaskTel Superannuate Alice Moffatt of Saskatoon passed away 2 Oct 2020 at age 76. Alice retired in 2005. Survived by spouse Ron.

SaskTel Superannuate Bob Hood of Regina passed away 2 Oct 2020 at age 93. Bob retired in 1987.

SaskTel Superannuate Sid Gaudry of Regina passed away 6 Oct 2020 at age 67. Sid retired in 2005. Survived by spouse Caroline.

SaskTel Superannuate Blaine Foster of Regina passed away 9 Oct 2020 at age 62.

SaskTel Superannuate Betty Miller of Regina passed away 17 Oct 2019 at age 86. Betty retired in 1989.

Irene Tetlow of Regina (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Jim Tetlow**) passed away 29 Aug 2020.

Theresa Mcinnes of Regina (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Dennis Mcinnes**) passed away 9 Sept 2020.

Joseph Bloski of Pilot Butte (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Elaine Bloski**) passed away 16 Oct 2020.

Glen Fleming of Weyburn (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Millie Fleming**) passed away 19 Oct 2020.

SaskTel Superannuate Smiley Spencer of Moose Jaw passed away 25 Oct 2020 at age 83. Smiley retired in 1991. Survived by spouse Marie.

SaskTel Superannuate Ellen Reinwald of Saskatoon passed away 6 Nov 2020 at age 90. Ellen retired in 1986.

Carol Bevis of Regina (now Airdrie) (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Bob Bevis**) passed away 8 Nov 2020.

SaskTel Superannuate Marilyn Dupuis of Beinfait passed away 12 Nov 2020 at age 69. Marilyn retired in 2006. Survived by spouse Ernest.

SaskTel Superannuate Marion Brown of Weyburn passed away 19 Nov 2020 at age 81. Marion retired in 1999.

SaskTel Employee Lori Lee Probst of Southey passed away 2 Dec 2020 at age 58. Survived by spouse Dwight.

SaskTel Superannuate Lloyd Rahn of Prince Albert passed away 3 Dec 2020 at age 85. Lloyd retired in 1991. Survived by spouse Darlene.

SaskTel Superannuate Dora Hughes of Yorkton passed away on 8 Dec 2020 at age 102. Dora retired in 1981.

SaskTel Superannuate Jim Anderson of Regina passed away 10 Dec 2020 at age 95. Jim retired in 1983. Survived by spouse Geraldine.

Lothar Bartz of Saskatoon (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Margaret Bartz**) passed away 10 Dec 2020.

Henry Kuruliak of Yorkton (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Evelyn**) passed away 15 Dec 2020.

SaskTel Superannuate Pat Dudley of Regina passed away 20 Dec 2020 at age 61.

SaskTel Superannuate Yvonne Leibel of Regina passed away 28 Dec 2020 at age 71. Yvonne retired in 1999. Survived by spouse Clint.

SaskTel Employee Janice Wood of Regina passed away 2 Jan 2021 at age 58.

SaskTel Superannuate Ken Ingram of Regina passed away 5 Jan 2021 at age 75. Ken retired in 1997. Survived by spouse Joan.

SaskTel Superannuate Merle Rust of Regina passed away on 10 Jan 2021 at age 72. Survived by spouse Wanda.

In Memoriam. . . Continued

Lorine Betker of Saskatoon (**Spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Percy Betker**) passed away 13 Jan 2021.

SaskTel Superannuate Terry Spence of Regina passed away 14 Jan 2021.

SaskTel Superannuate Aubrey Hicks of Regina passed away 15 Jan 2021 at age 72. Aubrey retired in 1998. Survived by spouse Brenda.

Marie Bowyer of Regina (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Bruce Bowyer**) passed away 19 Jan 2021.

Dave Green of Airdrie (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Lenore Green**) passed away 21 Jan 2021.

Joy Sutherland of Regina (now Victoria) **spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Alex Sutherland**, passed away 29 Jan 2021.

SaskTel Superannuate Agnes Stevenson of Prince Albert passed away on 5 Feb 2021 at age 90. Agnes retired in 1986.

Marvin Sproule of Saskatoon (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Joyce Sproule**) passed away 21 Feb 2021.

SaskTel Superannuate Morris MacDonald of Regina passed away 26 Feb 2021 at age 66. Morris retired in 2006.

SaskTel Employee Pauline Craggs of Regina passed away 27 Feb 2021 at age 65.

Elaine Kozak of Regina (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Fred Kozak**) passed away 8 Mar 2021.

Wendy Goodhand of Moose Jaw (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Tom Goodhand**) passed away 18 Mar 2021.

SaskTel Superannuate Jim Fleming of Regina passed away 21 Mar 2021 at age 74. Survived by spouse Liz.

SaskTel Superannuate Phyllis Welsh of Regina passed away 23 Mar 2021 at age 88. Phyllis retired in 1988.

SaskTel Superannuate Murray Williams of Weyburn passed away 26 Mar 2021 at age 77. Murray retired in 1993. Survived by spouse Anne.

SaskTel Superannuate Art Elborne of Regina passed away 27 Mar 2021 at age 82. Art retired in 1993.

SaskTel Employee Anita Gessey of Regina passed away 31 Mar 2021 at age 56. Survived by spouse Doug.

SaskTel Superannuate Howard O'Dell of Saskatoon passed away 31 Mar 2021 at age 72. Survived by spouse Lynett

Bob Watson of Regina (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Karen Hoiland**) passed away 4 Apr 2021.

SaskTel Employee Sharon Lang of Saskatoon passed away 7 Apr 2021 at age 64.

SaskTel Superannuate Gilbert Vermette of Prince Albert passed away 9 Apr 2021.

SaskTel Superannuate Ted Magis of Melfort passed away 19 Apr 2021 at age 76. Ted retired in 2006. Survived by spouse Agi.

Clarence Schwartz of Regina (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Sheila Schwartz**) passed away 22 Apr 2021.

SaskTel Superannuate Gladys Roset of Regina passed away 24 Apr 2021 at age 90. Gladys retired in 1983.

SaskTel Employee Nancy Brentnell of Warman passed away 26 Apr 2021 at age 64.

SaskTel Superannuate Gerry Lawrence of Saskatoon passed away 1 May 2021 at age 70. Gerry retired in 2004. Survived by spouse Betti.

Vi Smith of Regina (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Hal Smith**) passed away 14 May 2020.

SaskTel Superannuate Joyce McHarg of Prince Albert passed away 21 May 2021.

SaskTel Superannuate Gerry Dionne of Weyburn passed away 29 May 2021 at age 77. Gerry retired in 1997. Survived by spouse Annette.

SaskTel Superannuate Ron Frost of Saskatoon passed away 31 May 2021 at age 81. Ron retired in 1993.

SaskTel Superannuate Guy Devenny of Saskatoon (now Winnipeg) passed away 1 Jun 2021 at age 92. Guy retired in 1981. Survived by spouse Leona.

SaskTel Superannuate MaryAnn Kernechuk of Regina passed away 6 Jul 2021 at age 77.

SaskTel Superannuate Gerald Herring of Weyburn passed away 13 Jun 2021 at age 80. Gerald retired in 1993. Survived by spouse Dolores.

SaskTel employee Kory Davis of Regina passed away 19 Jun 2021 at age 49. Survived by spouse Brenda.

SaskTel Superannuate Norm Stepan of Regina passed away 21 Jun 2021 at age 86. Norm retired in 1993. Survived by spouse Rose.

SaskTel Superannuate Verna Telford of Cutknife passed away in July 2021. Verna retired in 1990.

SaskTel Superannuate Theresa Novicki-Chew of Saskatoon passed away 9 Jul 2021 at age 54. Theresa retired in 2006. Survived by spouse Hong.

Herb Muma of Regina (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Anne Muma**) passed away 10 Jul 2021.

In Memoriam. . . Continued

Denise Cooper of Saskatoon (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Bob Cooper**) passed away 14 Jul 2021.

Shirley Whiteside of Saskatoon, (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Ron Whiteside**) passed away 28 Jul 2021.

SaskTel Superannuate Ross Kennedy of Red Deer (formerly Regina) passed away 14 Aug 2021 at age 82. Ross retired in 1989. Survived by spouse Rita.

SaskTel Superannuate Marjorie McMahon of Saskatoon passed away 18 Aug 2021 at age 84. She retired in 1991.

SaskTel Superannuate Darrell Walters of Regina passed away 14 Aug 2021. Survived by spouse Brenda.

SaskTel Superannuate Jean Thomas of Regina passed away on 16 Aug 2021 at age 83. Jean Retired in 1993.

SaskTel Employee Vanda Wilson of Saskatoon passed away 21 Aug 2021 at age 60.

SaskTel Superannuate Bob Solley of Medicine Hat (formerly Regina) passed away 22 Aug 2021 at age 77. Bob retired in 1993. Survived by spouse Marilyn.

SaskTel Superannuate Bill Dunn of Regina passed away 23 Aug 2021 at age 67. Bill retired in 2006. Survived by spouse Joyce.

SaskTel Superannuate Allan Friskie of Regina passed away 27 Aug 2021 at age 84 Allan retired in 1991. Survived by spouse Jeanette.

SaskTel Superannuate Spencer Smith of Regina passed away 3 Sept 2021 at age 96. Spencer retired in 1983. Survived by spouse Marie.

SaskTel Superannuate Ileen MacKenzie of Saskatoon passed away 7 Sept 2021 at age 89. Ileen retired in 1986.

SaskTel Superannuate Norm Tizley of Regina passed away 7 Sept 2021 at age 87. Norm retired in 1991.

SaskTel Superannuate Glenn Kerney of Elbow passed away 12 Sept 2021 at age 70. Glenn retired in 2002. Survived by spouse Elaine.

SaskTel Superannuate Byron Rogers of Regina passed away 19 Sept 2021. Survived by spouse Millie.

SaskTel Superannuate Bill Schnitzler of Moose Jaw passed away 23 Sept 2021 at age 80.

SaskTel Superannuate Rita Logodin of Prince Albert passed away 1 Oct 2021 at age 88.

SaskTel Superannuate Dennis (Bones) Farrell of Saskatoon passed away 4 Oct 2021 at age 84. Bones retired in 1993.

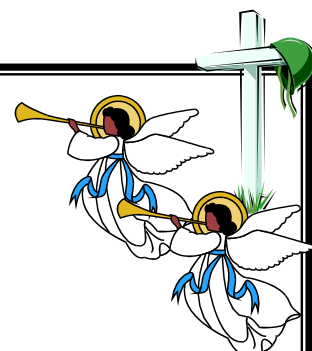
*Lord,
Help me live this day,
Quietly, Easily.*

*To lean upon your great
strength,
Trustfully, Respectfully.*

*To await the unfolding
Of your will,
Patiently, Serenely.*

*To meet others,
Peacefully, Joyously.*

*To face tomorrow,
Confidently, Courageously*



PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED

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We try our best to advise you of the deaths of employees, supeannuates and/or their spouses. We are not always advised of these deaths, especially when they are the spouse of a working or retired person or a member of the Public Employee Pension Plan.

Please keep us advised so we can include this information in this newsletter.
Contact your local Club Executives or Pioneer Office at 306 777-2515



SaskTel's Retirements—2020-2021

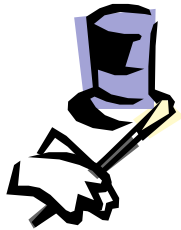
Congratulations and good luck to all of you who have chosen Retirement.
We hope to see you involved in SaskTel Pioneer functions.

Due to Privacy Laws we can only provide a list of employees who have given us permission to release their names:

23-Sep-20	BETH	OUTERBRIDGE	REGINA
25-Sep-20	DEBBIE	MONTBRIAND	REGINA
15-Oct-20	CHERYLYN	HOLWECK	REGINA
31-Oct-20	GAIL	THOMPSON	SASKATOON
6-Nov-20	KEITH	HAFKE	REGINA
27-Nov-20	TERRIE	SHINSKE	REGINA
1-Dec-20	DARLENE	BOISSON	PRINCE ALBERT
3-Dec-20	DOREEN	SULLIVAN	SASKATOON
12-Dec-20	CAROL	ANDREJCIN	MOOSE JAW
15-Dec-20	RONI	ZAKRESKY	N. BATTLEFORD
24-Dec-20	MIKE	HAI	REGINA
29-Dec-20	FLORENCE	MICHON	REGINA
31-Dec-20	KATHERINE	HIRSCHMUELLER	REGINA
31-Dec-20	KEVIN	KLATT	SASKATOON
31-Dec-20	MARK	INOUYE	REGINA
2-Jan-21	COLLEEN	WEST	REGINA
4-Jan-21	LOIS	SAWATZKY	SASKATOON
8-Jan-21	DAVID	STEWART	YORKTON
9-Jan-21	CATHIE	HOVLAND	SASKATOON
13-Jan-21	JEAN	BOULANGER	REGINA
15-Jan-21	SHELLEY	WARRINER	REGINA
5-Feb-21	DONALD	CZASNOJC	PRINCE ALBERT
19-Feb-21	BILL	MILLER	MELFORT
25-Feb-21	DEBBY	BOCZULAK	REGINA
26-Feb-21	JAYANN	WALCHUK	REGINA
5-Mar-21	JANICE	HILL	PRINCE ALBERT
6-Mar-21	DEBORAH	CLARKE	WEYBURN
6-Mar-21	BRUCE	SPRINGER	REGINA
12-Mar-21	RONALD	HOPE	KINDERSLEY
19-Mar-21	TOM	LEMAY	SASKATOON
31-Mar-21	BRENDA	GLASPEY	REGINA
16-Apr-21	DONNA	CAMPBELL	PRINCE ALBERT
16-Apr-21	BEVERLEY	GOLLAN	PRINCE ALBERT
16-Apr-21	JANETTE	NAGLE	PRINCE ALBERT
16-Apr-21	LORI	STEN	PRINCE ALBERT
21-Apr-21	DAN	BECK	SASKATOON
23-Apr-21	DARWIN	BONK	REGINA
23-Apr-21	EUGENE	KOSZMAN	REGINA
23-Apr-21	MARLENE	MACIAG	REGINA
29-Apr-21	JANICE	JOHANNSON	SASKATOON
30-Apr-21	SHEILA	SOLVASON	REGINA
8-May-21	HEATHER	PATRYLUK	REGINA
18-May-21	STEVE	KEAL	REGINA
24-May-21	DIANNE	EHMAN	SASKATOON
28-May-21	SHEILA	BROWN	SASKATOON
28-May-21	CAROL	GEORGE	SASKATOON
31-May-21	MICHAEL	MOORE	REGINA
4-Jun-21	EDIE	LOIRE	REGINA
4-Jun-21	MARK	SWYSTUN	PRINCE ALBERT
11-Jun-21	RICHARD	GRUCHY	NIPAWIN
11-Jun-21	ALVIN	SORON	PRINCE ALBERT
18-Jun-21	GRANT	WILSON	REGINA
25-Jun-21	SHARON	BOGDAN	NORTH BATTLEFORD
30-Jun-21	RICHARD	REDEKOP	SASKATOON
2-Jul-21	SUSAN	GETZLAF	REGINA
2-Jul-21	JOAN	HEAL	REGINA
2-Jul-21	BOB	RYBCHUK	REGINA
5-Jul-21	TRAVIS	SPILAK	REGINA
9-Jul-21	RALPH	JAMES	BUFFALO NARROWS
9-Jul-21	JIM	WALDENBERGER	MOOSE JAW



SaskTel's Retirements—2021 CONTINUED



10-Jul-21	BOB	OVEREND	REGINA
14-Jul-21	JACQUELINE	WEINKAUF	SASKATOON
16-Jul-21	DEBBIE	ESKRA	SASKATOON
16-Jul-21	CHARLENE	KRAMER	REGINA
16-Jul-21	DEBBIE	ZLATARITS	REGINA
19-Jul-21	PATTY	MEIER	REGINA
23-Jul-21	MALCOLM	WINTER	REGINA
26-Jul-21	ANGIE	FIACCO	REGINA
30-Jul-21	DAVID	HATALEY	SASKATOON
30-Jul-21	DEBRA	WEST	REGINA
2-Aug-21	DARLENE	ACHTER	REGINA
3-Aug-21	ROSANNA	THOMPSON	REGINA
3-Aug-21	CLIFFORD	WALTER	REGINA
6-Aug-21	DAVID	YAHNKE	REGINA
7-Aug-21	JEROME	DONAUER	REGINA
11-Aug-21	DARREL	HOLT	REGINA
13-Aug-21	JOHN	NIPPARD	REGINA
20-Aug-21	ALVINA	NEIBRANDT	REGINA
20-Aug-21	BERNEL	BORZUSH	SASKATOON
20-Aug-21	DARLENE	KLASSEN	SASKATOON
21-Aug-21	KEN	KRONE	SASKATOON
22-Aug-21	ANN	LENNON	SASKATOON
22-Aug-21	DRENDA	WALTERS	SASKATOON
24-Aug-21	KATHY	WEISGERBER	REGINA
27-Aug-21	BEVERLY	TODERIAN	REGINA
2-Sep-21	DAN	MEAKIN	SASKATOON
4-Sep-21	RHONDA	JANTZEN	SASKATOON
4-Sep-21	AMBER	CARLSON	REGINA
7-Sep-21	SHARLA	FOLK	REGINA
9-Sep-21	STEVE	SZUTA	REGINA
10-Sep-21	ROB	SCHNEIDER	REGINA
17-Sep-21	KEVIN	ALTWASSER	REGINA
17-Sep-21	NICK	TKACHUK	WATROUS
19-Sep-21	JANICE	WALL	SASKATOON
24-Sep-21	CLIFF	LAPLANTE	REGINA
26-Sep-21	GREG	BERGEN	SASKATOON
1-Oct-21	JOAN	CHAD	REGINA
2-Oct-21	BRIAN	CLEWS	REGINA
2-Oct-21	TERRY	SILVERTHORN	SASKATOON
8-Oct-21	FRAN	PELLETIER	REGINA
8-Oct-21	BEVERLEY	VASSOS	SASKATOON
9-Oct-21	SANDY	NIPPARD	REGINA
15-Oct-21	HEATHER	SHEARER-ROWELL	REGINA
15-Oct-21	MARK	GIBNEY	REGINA
15-Oct-21	LORNA	SINCLAIR	REGINA
22-Oct-21	BILL	EDWARDS	REGINA
29-Oct-21	GREG	STIRR	REGINA
3-Nov-21	INGRID	FOSTER	REGINA
12-Nov-21	KENT	DEBERT	REGINA
20-Nov-21	BLAIR	KESSEL	REGINA
24-Dec-21	JEFF	GETTLE	REGINA
24-Dec-21	DOREEN	ALLEN-REISS	REGINA
31-Dec-21	RICHARD	LEE	REGINA



WHO GOT LUCKY with the 2020—2021 SaskTel Pioneer Payday Lottery

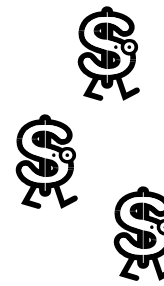
Draws are made every two weeks (on SaskTel payday)
Funds raised from this lottery goes towards the improvement of our
communities throughout Saskatchewan—Raised over \$29,000 in past year

Two Special draws valued at \$2,500

April 29, 2021 Major prize winner of \$2,500 – Anita Derkden, Saskatoon

\$500 Winners every two weeks

March 4, 2021	Rachel Reader, Warman
March 18, 2021	Heather Walsh, Saskatoon
April 1, 2021	Dione Wall, Saskatoon
April 15, 2021	Mike Mann, Regina
April 29, 2021	Cyndie Smith, Saskatoon
May 13, 2021	Sheldon Anderson, Regina
May 27, 2021	Shirley Wolfe, Regina
June 10, 2021	Danielle Jangula, Regina
June 24, 2021	Justin Reineke, Regina
July 8, 2021	Greg Indzeoski, Regina
July 22, 2021	Bev McLeod, Saskatoon
August 5, 2021	Carol Houston, Regina
August 19, 2021	Shauna Pollock, Moose Jaw
September 2, 2021	Jody Chomitzky, Martensville
September 16, 2021	Janessa Herbert, Prince Albert
September 30, 2021	Vivian Johnston, Regina



Congratulations to the 'Winners'



SaskTel Pioneer Payday Lottery

SecurTek employees and Life Members can choose one of the
Following Payday Lottery payment options:

- One cheque, covering the entire \$130 enrolment fee
- or two cheques @ \$60 (post-dated)

If you have any questions please call Darrell Liebrecht at 306 777-2515.
darrell.liebrecht@sasktel.com or go to SaskTelPioneer website under Fundraisers.



**Do you have any of the following items ?
Check with your Club Executive as to where to send them.**

METAL TABS — Contact Darrell Liebrecht 306 777-2515

Please save your metal tabs off of aluminium cans.

The current tab collection program benefits the Childhood Cancer Canada

We are now donating the tabs to 'Silver for Gold'. Silver for Gold was created by EcoGenX Agricultural Recycling with the help of 'Small But Mighty' SK. Silver for Gold collects pop can tabs from across the country to raise funds and awareness for childhood cancer. The Annual Gold Walk, held in September in Saskatoon by Small But Mighty SK, is the mass collection day for all the tabs collected by families, businesses, and individuals. The tabs are then hauled to a JK Metals in Broadview, SK, by EcoGenX and 100% of the money is donated to Childhood Cancer Canada.

STAMPS— Stamp out Leprosy-Contact Darrell Liebrecht 306 777-2515

You can help "Stamp Out" Leprosy by saving all your postage stamps. The SaskTel Pioneers are shipping them to the Leprosy mission in Ontario. Any monies realized from the stamps after they have been sold to collectors will be used to pay for education and medicine etc.

QUILT MATERIAL—Contact Jolene Norleen, 306 949-7607

The SaskTel Pioneers are making lap quilts for Seniors and the Allan Blair Cancer Clinic.

WOOL—Contact Jeannine Nelson, 306 777-1848

If you have any wool taking up space in your closets, we will gladly turn it into lap robes for seniors. The SaskTel choir visits senior establishments each Christmas and leaves them with a selection of lap robes for their residents.

Donations for Local Shelters / Outreach Centers—Contact Gina Angielski, 306 777-3341

SAEN and the SaskTel Pioneers are accepting donations of unused hygiene items (e.g. soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste / brushes, feminine hygiene, etc) to be distributed to local shelters / outreach centres.

USED EYEGLASSES—Contact Darrell Liebrecht 306 777-2515

District locations can drop them off with their pioneer executive

WELCOME NEW RETIREES >>> To Our Life Members Clubs in Saskatchewan

IF YOU WERE A PIONEER MEMBER AT RETIREMENT —YOU WILL BE RECEIVING A YEARLY or BI-YEARLY SASKTEL PIONEER NEWSLETTER THAT LETS YOU KNOW ABOUT DEATH NOTICES, RETIREMENTS AND WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE SASKTEL PIONEER WORLD AROUND THE PROVINCE.

There are another couple options that keeps you in touch with SaskTel Pioneer Members:

- **EMAILS:** Sign up for SaskTel Pioneer emails by registering with Darrell Liebrecht at the Pioneer Office—Darrell.liebrecht@sasktel.com. These notices will let you know of upcoming events in your areas or other messages of interest.
- **FACEBOOK:** SaskTel Pioneers have a face book account that keeps our members informed as to what is happening within your club or district in your community. We started adding published Obit notices. Please sign up.

CLEANING THE TPAC in Regina: The TPAC Board in Regina are looking for people to assist with clean up. Sign-up as a team or as an individual. Time commitment is about 1 to 1.5 hours each week during the month you volunteer. Contact the Office at 306-777-8450 or email tpac.pioneers@sasktel.net if you are interested or have questions.





IF YOU HAVE SOME 'EXTRA TIME' TO SHARE YOUR SKILLS .. IT WOULD CERTAINLY BE APPRECIATED.

SOME PROJECTS THAT SASKTEL PIONEERS ARE INVOLVED IN:
(Check with your local club and see if they are participating in these projects)

- **HUG-A-BEARS**—Donated to emergency vehicles to give to children in crisis situations.
Regina Workshops are held once a month Contact: Mary Wilhelm 306 545-5110
Saskatoon contact Club President or executive
- **HEART PILLOWS**—Donated to open heart surgery patients.
Saskatoon coordinator is Brenda Iwasuk (iwassb@sasktel.net)
Regina coordinator is Andrea Hasz at 306 789-3700
- **TURBANS and TUBES** (Donated to cancer patients) —for Regina contact Jackie Huynink at 306 545-3827
- **QUILTING** (Donated to cancer clinic). For Regina contact Jolene Norleen at 306 949-7607
- **WALKER BAGS** (Donated to various Seniors / Nursing homes and any Pioneer or partner that needs one).
Contact Jolene Norleen at 306 949-7607
- **NEW PROJECT—DEMENTIA FIDGET BLANKETS, APRONS, VESTS, ETC.**
Contact Marlene Romanuck, 306 777-8450—Will be donated to homes with Alzheimer patients.
This Fidget item is for Alzheimer, Autism, Dementia and Severe Brain Trauma Patients, also Restless fingers, Sensory interaction and Hand Therapy. These individuals show anxiety or agitation in their hands. They will fidget, pull at clothes or blankets, wring their hands or rub their hands together. These Fidget blankets are one way to help restore calm.
- **CARD NIGHTS**—Regina (every 3rd Friday 7 p.m.) Contact Brenda Glaspey 306 777-3138 **ON HOLD**
- **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**—Regina —On Hold until further notice —306 777-8450

Pioneer Salvage Sales

>>>>OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISER >>>>

Refurbish and sells used SaskTel computers to the general public. All monies raised go towards Pioneer projects.

Regina—call 306 777-3431
2106 1st Avenue (Back of the TPAC Building)
Saskatoon—Dan Blum 306-931-5564



Thank you to the Pioneer Salvage Sales volunteers who are the unsung heroes in SaskTel Pioneers being able to make all the generous and very much needed donations to our communities.

Computers for Schools



Computers for Schools (CFS) in Regina and Saskatoon are looking for Volunteers to assist in their weekday and Saturday operations. They collect and repair donated computer equipment from government and private sector sources and distribute them free of charge to K-12 schools and libraries in Saskatchewan. The program has donated over 70,000 computers to schools, libraries and nonprofits in Saskatchewan! What an amazing service.

Contacts: Regina call Keith Grill @ 777-3435 and Saskatoon call 931-5625



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SaskTel Pioneers ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IS NOVEMBER 18th, 2021—Zoom conference call



- Donated \$15,000 to Food Banks of Saskatchewan.
- Donated \$5,000 to Saltcoats Playground project
- Donated \$2,000 to each club for a project/donation of their choice
- Donated \$5,000 to Senior Center Without Walls to use for art supplies & postage
- Donated \$2,000 to Sask Young Readers' Choice Willow Awards Sponsorship – to get kids involved in reading by promoting literacy. Our logo goes on their website. This is a provincial program towards 94 different schools. Money used mostly for gala awards and marketing.
- Donated \$10,000 to Telemiracle.
- Donated \$3,000 to Women for Wishes Sponsorship for a snack lunch. They held a Golf tournament At Willows Golf Course on June 3rd - raising money for Make a Wish Foundation. Good promotion on Entry Form, signage, banner at event and logo in program
- Donated \$2000 to Sask AG Bell Association to spend on Care packages for families.
- Donated \$2,500 to SSM Virtual Conference sponsorship
- Donated \$2,000 to Saskatoon Stars Air Ambulance
- Donated \$10,000 to the Lung Association to be used for their printed handbooks, website and social medial channels, newsletter and stickers.
- Donated \$10,000 to Creative Kids Saskatchewan. This will cover the costs, removing financial barriers to kids 4-19 to participate in the arts, theatre, dance, music & other cultural activities. They rely on corporate and individual donations to support these programs
- **Donated \$10,000 to River Ridge Trail Association** – Constructing a new trail system in Corman Park. The trail system is a year round recreational development open to the public free of charge. Development is a championship standard for cycling & cross-country skiing so people from across Canada will be coming to use the system. Twelve sponsors will be involved. Sponsorship gets the SaskTel Pioneers name on trail head that would be seen by people across province and country. Signage will be for a minimum of ten years.
- **Donated \$5,000 to Senior Centre Without Walls (Sponsorship & Volunteer request)** – to assist with their mailings and costs for this program. They have a conference call once a month for any senior's to join. This program provides the opportunity for participants to join in on health and wellness seminars, educational lectures, brain-stimulating activities, listen to live musical entertainment, join in on general conversations, and make new and meaningful friendships – all from the comfort of home! It works just the same as attending a class or a lecture at the centre, but instead it is all done over the telephone. This program started in Moose Jaw but is province wide with participant's age range of 55-94. They are also looking for volunteers to make 15-30 min social visit phone calls to lonely or isolated older persons throughout the winter, to help alleviate the shut in effects of Covid. Contact seniorswithoutwalls2021@gmail.com or <https://www.scwwmoosejaw.com>
- Salvage sales doing really well in Regina

Paracord project

Researching design and material to make bracelets for Wounded Warriors (WW). Once they get a workable prototype they will set up an instructional video and have supplies available to distribute to the volunteers. They will sell the bracelets and use the money for their fundraiser. They want to get rid of rubber bracelets that everyone uses now. This is a partnership for volunteer project - rather than donating money



**A BIG special THANK YOU to all the essential workers during this COVID/
VARIANT epidemic. We would definitely not have done as well as we did without
you. A special THANK YOU to our SaskTel employees who continued to provide
great service to our customers.**

Thanks to EVERYONE for your part to stay safe .

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Volunteer Fire Depts



Teddy Bears Anonymous (TBA) is working together with SaskTel Pioneers to provide Saskatchewan Volunteer Fire Departments with teddy bears for children who are in need of a friend. Teddy Bears Anonymous wishes to Thank Our Partners for supporting this great initiative 'video Global Regina'. We don't have access to hospitals which TBA do. Bears are sterilized, bagged, boxed, and shipped – the only way hospitals will accept. No one in that organization takes a salary, donations cover the cost of purchasing hundreds of thousands of bears. It took total teamwork and a co-operative effort of Saskatchewan's RCMP, Provincial Police Services, SaskTel, SaskTel Pioneers and Capital Ford Lincoln to make this possible. Teddy Bears Anonymous expanded our Teddy Bear program to include: 39 Victim Service Detachments in Saskatchewan. RCMP victim service deal – will accept 2000 bears from our partnership across 40 different detachments in SK.

SaskTel Corporate [Community Challenge held in April/May](#) to feed Saskatchewan families in need. **Partnering with the 36 Food Banks within Saskatchewan.** Thanks to all SaskTel employees who participated. Over \$60,000 was collected which will feed 1,218 families for a week (based on \$50/wk). Employees raised over \$35,900; SaskTel contributed \$25,000 and SaskTel Pioneers donated \$10,000. **Chapter #59 donated \$27,500. Special Mention: Darrell shaved his head and mustache - his challenge was if 400 families were fed he would do that**



Central Butte Child Care Center (SBSCC) - provides reliable, accessible and affordable child care to Central Butte and surrounding area families. They purchased a building and needed funding to help with costs associated to bring the building up to code. Thirty one families have expressed interest in using this licensed facility. **Chapter donated \$5,000 which will give us Silver Status (exterior signage on building, newspaper ad, social media, invite to grand opening, etc.**

CHAPTER media mentions—Thank you from River Ridge Trails for \$10K donation from last year. Pioneers logo has been added to River Ridge trail website and will be social media campaign with our logo, signage ordered for signs on each trail & big sign out front coming soon.

New Advertizing initiated by SaskTel: 'SaskTel Cares' SaskTel is mentioning the Pioneers in their advertising campaign. This is a giant media mention for us. This was an initiative from marketing, including what other things SaskTel does in the community. Mentions such as hug a bears; heart pillows, First Books Canada, Computers for Schools, Christmas projects going on across the province, etc.

Volunteer Hours can be submitted online at
[Http://www.sasktelpioneers.com/form_hours_project.htm](http://www.sasktelpioneers.com/form_hours_project.htm)
 or Email: sasktelpioneers@sasktel.com



Participation/Membership Reports . . .



Our membership is: 1336 regular members and 2620 Life Members for a total of 3256 members

We also have associates and family friends who are not included in above total

As of September 2021 we have raised \$ 161,787.35 from salvage sales. To date we have reach 11,344 volunteer hours by 136 participants

Yorkton Club...

Contact Club President: Jean Bryski
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Co-President— Jean Bryski
Secretary - Sheila Johnson
VP - Social - Adeline Markham/ and Sheila Johnson

Co-President - Bob Hume
Communication—Charlotte Ross-Koteck

Past President—John McMurdo
Treasurer - Wendy Hume

Volunteers can now email Yorkton.pioneers@sasktel.sk.ca to register their hours

- Donation to Telemiracle,
- Donated \$200 to the Yorkton Legion Branch
- Donated \$500 worth of Christmas Gifts to Captain Sam Tim at the Salvation Army.
- Donated \$500 to (SIGN) Society to be split for transitional housing and SIGN pantry
- Donated \$500 to Food Bank
- Donated \$500 to Shelwin House
- Donated \$2,000 to Habitat for Humanity.
- Donated \$1,000 to Saltcoats School Playground
- Donated \$600 to libraries in Saltcoats, Bredenbury and Churchbridge (\$200 each)
- Donated \$1,000 to Salvation Army Food Bank to purchase turkeys for the 2020 Christmas hampers.
- Presented 12 hug a bears to the Ebenezer Volunteer Fire Department.
- Sent SaskTel Salvage a bunch of laptops in April.

MEDIA MENTIONS: Facebook pictures posted on donations to: Habitat for Humanity; Yorkton Legion; Hug a bears to Ebenezer Volunteer Fire Department; Hug a bears to Saltcoats Volunteer Fire Dept; to libraries in Saltcoats, Bredenbury & Churchbridge (Picture is Four Town Journal); Salvation Army Food Bank; SIGN Society; Yorkton Food Bank and from Shelwin House.



Yorkton SaskTel Pioneers (Larry and Adeline Markham) presented a cheque for \$500 to Melinda Davis at (SIGN) Society for the Involvement of Good Neighbours.

SaskTel pioneers Yorkton Club donated \$1000 to Salvation Army Food Bank to purchase turkeys for the Christmas hampers. L-r: Jean Bryski, Captain Tim and Bob Hume



Bob Hume took SaskTel Antique Truck to Bangor and Wadena parades



Yorkton SaskTel Pioneers presented 12 hug a bears to the Ebenezer Volunteer Fire. Department. Jean Bryski presented the bears to Fire Chief Ray Miller.



2021 edition of our park in Yorkton. It is 14 years old and continues to show Beautifully



Chapter 59 donated \$5,000 to Saltcoats School Playground . Pictured left to right, Bob Hume, Brittany Norberg, Tina Nabozniak (from playground committee), Wendy Hume, Norene Hume and Jean Bryski.

Yorkton Club also donated \$1,000 to the Saltcoats School playground.

Yorkton SaskTel pioneers presented a cheque for \$2000 to Habitat for Humanity. Jean Bryski presented cheque to directors Tom Seeley and Sylvia Heneffer outside at the current building



Swift Current Club . . .

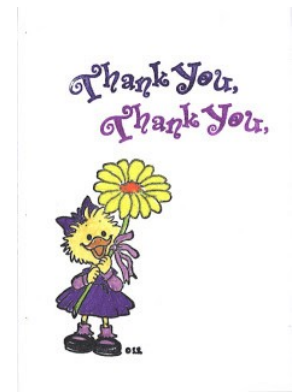
Contact Club President: Fred Wall 306 582-2111
 Email: lindaalfredwall@gmail.com

President—Fred Wall
 Secretary—Rhonda Wollbaum
 Treasurer—Linda Wall

Past President—vacant
 Life Member Rep & TPAC— Fred Wall
 Salvage—Eliaja LaFontaine

Meetings held on the 1st Tuesday of the Month (except July and August)
 Activity Center—1800 Sidney St. W—Phone: 773-6035

- Donated \$200 to the Parkinson's super walk
- Donated \$325 to Southwest Newcomer Centre
- Donated \$2,325 to Salvation Army
- Donated \$500 to Swift Current Comprehensive High School Scholarship
- Donated \$500 to Great Plains College Scholarship
- Donated \$2,000 to Mental Health for Food Program
- Donated \$450 to Swift Current SPCA
- Donated \$500 to Sask Abilities
- Donated \$3,000 for literacy to Chinook Regional library
- Donated to Salvation Army
- Held Blood Donor clinic
- Arnold Wiebe was nominated for volunteer of year MS society in April 2021



Weyburn Club . . .

Contact Club President: Belinda Kradovill 848-3392
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President—Belinda Kradovill
 LM Rep—Paul Wilson

Secretary - Vacant
 Member at Large—Willie Kradovill and Dale Huff

Treasurer - vacant

*****NO REPORT SUBMITTED*****



Life Member Report . . .

1st Year VP —Shirley Wolfe—306 545-2179
 2nd Year VP—Debbie Gorlick—306 227-2829

NB—Hugh Martin
 Melfort—Lynne Floyd
 Weyburn/Estevan—Paul Wilson
 Regina—Del Jones

Saskatoon—Debby Gorlick
 PA—vacant
 SC—Fred Wall

Directwest—Judi Livingstone
 Yorkton—Jean Bryski
 Moose Jaw—Vacant

Email: debbygorlick@sasktel.net
 Email: 232swolfe_gmail.com.



North Battleford . . .

Contact Club President: Dan Nesdoly 441-0118
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President—Dan Nesdoly
 Secretary & Treasurer — Brent Degenstein
 VP Salvage—Sharon Bogdan

Past President – Brent Degenstein
 VP Social - Marion Cashmore
 VP Computer Sales & Salvage—Lloyd Edmunds (445-3985)
 nbpioneers2sasktel.net

VP Membership - Marilyn Eckel
 LM Rep—Hugh Martin

Ladies meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month and the Men meet every Wednesday for coffee.

- Donated 30 computers to many organizations, to go to kids for remote learning, who don't have access to technology



Prairie Council . .

Contact Club President: vacant
Email:

President - vacant

Past President - Sheila Solvason

VP Youth —Sorina Makris

VP Members at Large—John Winter

VP Community Service - Haydee Iglesias (Special) & Sandy Elliott (Routine)

Secretary - Trina Klein

VP Sports - Bev Cyca

SaskTel EnvironCare Liason—Kendra Leboldus

Community Outreach & Collections—Laurel Werner

Treasurer - Andrew McKay

VP Education - Tiffany Eide

Membership—vacant

TPAC Liason Sandy Elliott

Monthly Club Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month, Noon at Head Office

SaskTel Pioneers – Prairie Council Club efforts are focused in 5 major areas: education, environment, health and human services, life enrichment and helping military families.

Thank You



We would like to thank the Salvage Sales team for all they do.

Sales of salvaged items from SaskTel funded the majority of 2020-21 donations.

Due to the extraneous needs of the community during COVID-19, Prairie Council Club distributed higher than average monetary donations to the community.

- Donated \$1,500 to Glen Elm Community School for board game gifts for each child as well as a pizza party in each cohort.
- Donated \$2,000 to Fort Qu'appelle Community Outreach Center for 2020 Christmas Hamper Program
- Donated \$564.41 to Albert Community School for Cozy Nights items drive (120 toothpaste and tooth brushes)
- Donated \$1500 to Judge Bryant School to help them purchase additional school supplies
- Donated \$10,000 to Regina Food Bank
- Donated \$2,500 to Carmichael Outreach
- Donated \$5,000 to Royal Canadian Legion
- Donated \$2,000 for Telemiracle
- Donated \$2,500 to Salvation Army
- Donated \$2,500 to Soul's Harbour
- Donated \$3,000 to Z99 Radiothon (fundraiser for Hospitals of Regina (NICU)
- Donated \$11,252.00 to Cancer Foundation of Saskatchewan (for the purchase of two cancer treatment recliners
- Donated \$687.93 to Community fridge donation
- Donated \$1,000.00 to Say Yes campaign
- Donated \$250 to Sacred Heart Community School (Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration drummer)
- Donated \$308.19 Jun 2021 Sacred Heart Community School year end freezies
- Donated \$4,600.00 to Hospitals of Regina (for one NICU rocker recliner)
- Donated \$9,800.00 to Hospitals of Regina (for one ER stretcher)
- Donated \$5,000.00 to Royal Canadian Legion (For Remembrance Day 2021)



Wish Angels – there were 246 children at Kitchener Community School and Sacred Heart community school who received gifts this year (PK – Gr 3 plus complex needs classes). A special video was created for all the children to view (is posted on the Pioneer website). This year, we had 7 main elves doing all the purchasing and bundling/shipping of presents to the school. A huge thanks goes out to Sandy Elliott as always for organizing this project and getting the shipping and packing rolling as well as Gail James who lent her house for the operation storage and to our volunteer elves.

Typically all the wish angels gifts are donated by employees. While we did receive donations from employees (employees were working from home), \$4000 to \$5000 spent on the program in Dec 2020 came directly out of proceeds from salvage sales. Thank-you again Salvage Sales!!! Gifts and related costs totaled \$7,350 funded by gracious donations of SaskTel employees and Salvage Sales.

Thank-you to all SaskTel Pioneer members and non-members for donating their time and other resources to the 2020-21 activities

Media mentions—On Facebook and Twitter are many articles that have detailed information on our donations to the community. Carmichael Outreach would like to thank the [SaskTel Pioneers](#) for their continued support over the years. We've received so many generous donations from them, and the funding received has played a HUGE role in enabling us to continue to serve the community. THANK YOU for everything you do SaskTel Pioneers!



TPAC—2106 1st Avenue,
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Bridge City Club . . .

Contact Club President: Dorianne Urquhart 306 222-1384
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President—Dorianne Urquhart
 Vice President—vacant
 Vp Publicity—Bonny Stevenson
 VP Community & Enrichment —vacant
 VP Membership/Education—vacant

Past President—Dwayne Iwasiuk
 VP Fellowship— Valerie Lukash
 VP Education - vacant
 VP Environment - Jordan Bean
 Life Member Rep—Debby Gorlick

Secretary - Pamela Shillington
 Treasurer - Tj Keller
 VP Salvage—Dan Blum
 Military—Mark Grambo
 Health & Humanity—Valerie Lukash

Our Club meetings are held every 2nd Thursday at 11:00 a.m.
 Computers for School and Pioneer Salvage Sales is operated from the Sutherland Warehouse in Saskatoon
 210 103rd Street E. Saskatoon 306 931-5564 Email - npac@sasktel.net

- Donated 350 power packs to three schools
- Delivered Baby layettes
- RUH garden project planting flowers
- Donated \$1,000 to **Bridge on 20th**
- Donated \$2,500 to **AIM**
- Donated \$2,000 to **Small but Mighty SK**
- Donated \$5,000 to **Enchanted Forest**
- Donated \$1,000 for personal hygiene items for Egadz & The Lighthouse
- Donated \$2,000 for **Wish Angels**
- Donated \$2,000 to **Friendship Inn**
- Donated \$2,000 to **YWCA**
- Donated \$2,000 to **Interval House**
- Donated \$2,000 to **STARS**
- Donated \$2,000 to **EGADZ**
- Donated \$2,000 to **Lighthouse**
- Donated \$2,000 **Food Bank of Saskatchewan**
- Donated \$500 to **Telemiracle**
- Donated \$4,280 to **Fairhaven School** for 10 iPads and reading material.
- Donated \$3,000 to **Saskatoon Interval House**
- Donated \$5,000 to **EGAD Drop-in Centre.**
- Donated \$3,000 to the **Saskatoon YWCA.**
- Donated \$3,000 to **Saskatoon Friendship Inn.**
- Donated \$2,000 to **Haven Kids House** (formerly Crisis Nursery)
- Donated \$3,000 to **Saskatoon Lighthouse Supported Living Program**
- Donated \$2,000 of gift cards to **Westmount School** to help families with food hampers for Christmas. Another \$1,000 was added from Greg Meister, David Ekstrand and their Director teams, instead of exchanging gifts.
- Donated \$3,000 to **Food Banks Saskatchewan**
- Shout out to Dave at Bridge City –In April 2021 he got an award from City for saving a life. A ball player was having a heart attack & Dave started doing CPR. This was on April 6 Saskatoon



Bridge City Pioneers handed out Christmas Cheer to organizations in need. We realize the need last year was so much greater due to COVID so we decide to be more generous than usual. It is our hope that these donations can make a little difference.



Bridge City Club reports—continued

Hug a Bears— over 500 were made over the year. Some bears were distributed to the RCMP, Ambulance Services, and Firefighter Associations throughout the province. The bears are handed out by First Responders during emergency situations, and are meant to provide a distraction and some comfort to young children who are present at these events (places were RM of Grant ; Yellow Grass; Glaslyn; Southey; Herbert; Lipton; Cupar; Rouleau; RM North Battleford; Eston; Rosthern; RM of Prince Albert; Smeaton and Silton). Bears were also donated to Interval House, Melfort, Creighton, Prince Albert, Outlook, Humboldt and Saskatoon Search and Rescue. Anyone interested in volunteering in the Hug-a-Bear project, please contact Bev McLeod at (306) 290-9748, or Debby Gorlick at (306) 227-2829 Thank You to everyone who is contributing to this fun and worthwhile project!

We have changed our pattern called **'Warren the Charity Bear'**. This pattern is a lot easier, quicker and uses fewer supplies to make. Three or Four volunteers in Saskatoon meeting weekly to do crafts



Silton Fire Department



Carrot River Fire Department



Humboldt Fire Department



Biggar Fire Department

Media mentions—from Abilities In Me (AIM); Bridge on 20th; Lighthouse; Battling Cancer Gold walk; Egadz, Food Banks of Saskatchewan; Friendship Inn; Haven Family Connections; Saskatoon Interval House; The Light House Supported living; Porteous Lodge; Westmount Community School; YWCA and WP Bates School. Shout out on LinkedIn from Yohann Reimer about the AIM program (Ability In Me).

Saskatoon Make a Wish Foundation Thank you Pioneers for Sponsoring at the Golf Tournament to support this wonderful cause. We raised over \$100K to grant wishes for kids in Saskatchewan. This was our first fundraiser since Covid hit and we are so thankful of the outpouring in support from Saskatchewan.

Donated \$4,280 to Fairhaven School for 10 iPads and reading material. Dorianne Urquhart presented Miranda Montanini and Shauna Hilsen of Fairhaven School

Huge Thank you to our Saskatoon Pioneer volunteers for coming out to Langham and Race Marshaling the Mountain Bike race at River Ridge Trails! This trail system was also Platinum sponsored by SaskTel Pioneers! Karen Skwark, Kim Waterhouse, Jillian McPherson, Hardik Vora (missing Jordan Bean).



Bonny Stevenson presented Anne Maclellan Westmount School with \$2,000.00 in gift cards to help families with food hampers for Christmas. Another \$1,000.00 was added from Greg Meister, David Ekstrand and their director teams, instead of exchanging gifts they made this lovely donation.

Directwest . .

Contact Club President: Sharon Finnik 306 777-0317
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President - Sharon Finnik
Sr. VP—vacant
VP Participation - Rosa Brittner
VP Social & Fellowship—Ashley Surkan

Past President—Brittany Bartel
Treasurer - Val Dodman
VP Community Service - Allan Milham
LM Rep—Judy Livingstone

Secretary—Vacant
VP Membership –vacant
VP Marketing—Michelle Roberts
VP Ways & Means—vacant

- Donation to Sanctum Care Group in Saskatoon – help with hospice & respite HIV care and Christmas Dinner.
- Donations to Telemiracle
- Donated \$500 for Christmas meals and purchased PJs and towels
- Provided Christmas angel ornaments to Selo Gardens personal care home
- Purchased PJs for each person in the 10 units of Sophia House
- Sent salvage a bunch of laptops



This small but mighty group of volunteers donated much needed items to numerous community organizations last December

Moose Jaw Club . .

Contact Club President: Kristian Sjoberg
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President - Kristian Sjoberg
Secretary - Todd Carrol
VP Fellowship & Social —Hoy Chey-Hill

Past President - Karena Warren
Environment—Jim Waldenberger
VP—Ryan Dionne

Treasurer —Todd Carrol
VP Community - Michelle Wiley

- Sold 10 or 12 laptops salvaged from CST's. Donated 2 to Care Homes; 3 to Moose Jaw Food Bank and 3 to Moose Jaw Games for using during their fundraisers.
- Donated books to two school districts.
- Donated to Telemiracle
- Donated 145 gifts delivered to local care homes in the city, as part of their annual holiday charity work. Each staff member took home printed cards for their children and grandchildren to decorate, which were then included in the gifts for delivery.
- Donated money to Central Butte Childcare Centre as well as a few other groups as the need has come up.
- Painted two playground maps—3rd one is ready to be started.
- Pioneers doing clean up and building of trail in Wakamow.

Moose Jaw media mentions—Moose Jaw club was nominated for group of the year for the Moose Jaw Business Excellence Awards. Online zoom call for awards. Great to be nominated even if we didn't win. Winner was Moose Jaw Kinsmen Club.



Make-A-Wish Saskatchewan held their 16th Annual Swing and a Wish Golf Tournament. **SaskTel Pioneers Volunteer Network** provided Lunch and Snack.



Deliver gifts to Moose Jaw care homes



A wonderful \$5000 donation to help Central Butte Child Care Centre on their way to their first dedicated facility.

Melfort Club . . .

Contact Club President: **Kathy Fidyk - 306 752-3448**
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Acting President - Kathy Kidyk
 Past President—Doreen Parenteau
 Life Member Rep - Lynne Floyd

VP Education - Kathy Fidyk
 VP Membership- Claude Bourgeois
 Members at Large—Karen Skwark , Russ Floyd and Kelly Bonk

Treasurer—Maureen Wood
 Secretary—Diane Bonk

Kathy Fidyk and Claude Bourgeois are acting co-presidents

Melfort

- Helped with Salvation Army backpacks and Salvation Army Kettles
- Habitat For Humanity home dedication
- Donated \$1,200 to Salvation Army
- Donated \$1,000 to Food Bank
- Donated \$200 to Tisdale & area community for struggling teens
- Donated 13 blankets to Parkland Care Home
- Donated \$1000.00 to Salvation Army
- Literacy donations to Tisdale School & North East Christian Academy
- RAK day – phoned senior members from Pioneer we haven't been in contact with for awhile



Media mentions

Thank you from Habitat for Humanity – the house was dedicated as the 'SaskTel Pioneers house'; Salvation Army for donated water bottles for backpack project; North East Christian Academy and thank you for Computers for schools; Salvation Army for \$1,000 community donation and Salvation Army & thanks for looking after water tower garden



Melfort donated funds to Literacy



Our condolences to the family of Ted Magis who passed away on April 19, 2021. Ted worked for SaskTel in Melfort for 26 years until his retirement. In 2006. He remained involved in the community and President of SaskTel Pioneers (Melfort Club) for many years . We thank him for his service and for being our friend. He was a caring, loving, gentle, and quiet man with one liners that would make you laugh.. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Prince Albert . . .

Contact Club President: **Michael Vancoughnett—930.7200**
 Email: michael.vancoughnett@sasktel.com

President—Michael Vancoughnett
 Treasurer - Janessa Herbert
 Communication—Michelle Zurakowski

Past President - vacant
 Life Member Rep - Jamie Tilford
 VP Fellowship—vacant

Secretary - Mark Johnson
 VP Social—Jordan Weatherbee
 Membership—Maureen Pepper

Club Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month in the PA Conference Room (Basement) at noon.
 Fellowship held on the 3rd Thursday of every month in the basement Pioneer Room.

Donated \$11,000 to the following 11 organizations: Article is on Pioneer Facebook Page:
 Right picture: President PA Club—Michael Vancoughnett

Firebird North; Sistema Music Project; Harley's House; Mont St. Joseph; Our House; PA Métis Women's Association; Pineview Terrace; Prince Albert Safe Shelter for Women; Prince Albert SPCA; The Salvation Army and YWCA Prince Albert.



H.A.D. ALLEN Life Member Club . . . President Del Jones — 306 543-7360
Email: dw.jones@sasktel.net

President—Del Jones
 Secretary - Lynn Meikle-Brown
 Member at large—Alex Yakichuk

Past President - Wayne Rutten
 VP Fellowship—Gloria Lawson
 Salvage —Crawford McKee

Treasurer - Lyle Fluter
 Computers for Schools—Keith Grill
 Community Services/Social —Marilyn Lorence

- Monthly Club Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the TPAC in Regina.
- Birthday Parties are normally held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the TPAC in Regina



- Donated \$4,500 to Salvation Army Kettle campaign
- Donated \$3,000 to MS Musical Christmas Card
- Donated \$2,000 to Diabetes Association
- Donated \$1,000 to Alzheimer's Society
- Donated \$4,000.00 to Regina Cancer Patient Lodge
- Donated \$6,000.00 to Carmichael Outreach
- Donated \$4,000.00 to Leader Post Christmas Cheer Fund
- Donated \$14,000.00 to Food Bank
- Donated \$1,000.00 to Jim Pattison Children's Hospital
- Donated \$2,000 to Souls Harbour Rescue Mission
- Donated \$750 to Telemiracle
- Donated \$2,000 to United Way
- Donated \$5,000 to YWCA Day Care
- Donated \$2,000 to Z99 Radiothon
- Donated \$1,000.00 to Operation Smiles
- Donated \$2,000.00 to North Central Family Center (Chapter money)
- Donated \$2,000 to Kids First (for books)
- Donated \$3,000 to Autism Resource Center (for summer camp)
- Donated \$1,965 towards school supplies to St. Catherine's and George Ferguson Schools
- Donated 13 quilts to Allan Blair Cancer Clinic
- Regina Norleen and friends completed a walk in Regina to support Alzheimer. They raised \$1780 4 K on May 28th
- Marilyn Lorence and Jacquie Perigny sent out over 300 Christmas cards in December 2020 to Retired Pioneers and widows of Pioneers who are 80 and older.
- **Donated \$3,000.00 to Santa Maria Senior Citizen Home** to put towards their new sound system for the residents and an additional \$2,000 towards the purchase of a Broda chair. Broda is a wheelchair company that traditionally offers tilt-in-space positioning chairs with the Comfort Tension Seating® system which prevents skin breakdown through reducing heat and moisture for people in any type of healthcare setting.
- **Donated \$7,500.00 to the Cosmopolitan Learning Centre in Regina** which went towards helping with the purchase of a new wheelchair accessible van, a new TV, as well as educational games and activities for the Centre. Cosmo Learning Centre is a non-profit organization that provides quality day program services to individuals with varying abilities.
- **Donated \$5,000 to the Poppy Fund at the Royal Canadian Legion Regina Branch 001.**



In its ninth year at the United Way, the SaskTel Pioneer Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) clinic ran mostly virtually. Volunteers completed tax returns over the phone from the United Way or from their homes. In April, a drop-off process was introduced to give taxpayers the option to drop off their information and get their taxes done within a few days.

During March and April, over 1,800 tax returns were completed. We did tax returns for over 1,600 individual taxpayers. Twenty-four hundred people benefited including over 800 children and close to 400 seniors. Since the end of April, we have been doing about 100 tax returns per month. In the last 3 years alone, we have completed close to 12,000 tax returns which delivered over **forty-four million dollars in benefits** to the people who need this money the most. Services provided by the clinic have become so well known that there is now demand for our services in all 12 months of the year.

The clinic could not continue to operate without the support of the HAD Allen club, and the Sales and Salvage group. We appreciate their moral, technical, and financial support.

We have close to 40 volunteers associated with the clinic but could always use more help. If you are interested in joining this project either as a tax preparer, or in managing traffic or answering the phone, contact Rick Gaucher at rickgaucher@sasktel.net or (306) 533-0017. Knowing how to prepare tax returns is not a prerequisite.



Harry A.D. Allen Life Member Club—continued



Regina HAD Allen Life Member Club donated \$5,000 to the Poppy Fund at the Royal Canadian Legion Regina Branch 001. Left is Phyllis Pearson (Life Member and long time legion member), Marilyn Lorence and Eric (representative from the Legion).

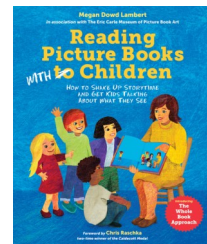


This year's event kept 23 volunteers busy sorting and distributing 22,600 books.

First Book Canada Drive took place August 10 – 13, 2021 at the University of Regina.



Donated Broda Chair and money towards a sound system to Santa Maria Senior Citizen Home



The SaskTel Pioneer's in Regina donated 13 lap quilts to the Alan Blair Cancer Clinic



Marilyn Lorence (Life Member) presented cheque to Bart Dizon. Program Manager at Cosmo Learning Centre.

Helping Each Other Out

SaskTel Employee Thrives in Supported Employment Program

Shea Mueller is part of the Supported Employment Program and has been a great fit for both SaskTel and the SaskTel Pioneers.



You might recognize Shea Mueller as a familiar face if you work at Regina's Head Office location. He has a knack for creative flair and he's using his skill set to help boost morale with the SaskTel Pioneers.

Shea is part of the Supported Employment Program. He was diagnosed with a form of autism spectrum disorder - a lifelong neuro-developmental disorder that affects communication and behavior - called Asperger's Syndrome, and like many others with the diagnosis, he is gifted in creativity.

One of his most recent projects for the Pioneers includes a monthly poem and cartoon contribution which is proving to boost morale and keep the SaskTel Pioneers community connected through social media. "I've pretty much always loved writing poems, drawing and colouring because I'm good at it, so this project has been really fun and enjoyable for me," Shea said.

The Supported Employment Program allows departments to work with Human Resources, Unifor, and external partners to provide an employment opportunity for an individual with a developmental disability in a way that meets the skill set of the individual.

"This program provides business value to the organization and creates meaningful employment opportunities for people with disabilities," said Sharon Davis, Human Resources Manager. "Shea has been with SaskTel for quite a few years and he is a great addition to our workforce."

Just by looking at his office walls, covered in drawings and poems created by himself and others, you can tell how passionate Shea is about putting his talents to use.

Pioneers Manager Darrell Liebrecht said he was quick to recognize Shea's creative abilities and knew this project would be a great fit for him.

Each month for the duration of the project Darrell posts a cartoon and poem that Shea creates to the Pioneers Facebook page.

"We actually posted his poem *Helping People* along with one of his cartoons on Facebook this month, and it sent a really great message about the importance of helping each other," Darrell said. "It was a great show of comradery for the Pioneers and it should stir up some more volunteer interest, which we need right now."

"It's really important that people reach out to help each other all the time, and this was an easy way to share that message. I'm really looking forward to sharing more of what I make with everyone" Shea says..

Helping People

We meet people from all places,
exotic cultures, weathered faces.
We meet people wherever we go
it's the world we live in,
it's the ebb and the flow.
They may be good people
or strangers without hope
living in hardship, needing tools to cope.
The good people stay with us
they provide what we need.
We become family and friends
no matter the colour or creed.
The sad and the broken
walk into the night,
looking for warmth
and seeking the light.
Our friends turn into a hurricane of life.
They love us like family,
a brother or wife.
The world is better when we all do our best to
help those in need, no judgment or jest. So
let's offer some energy, time or a hand
to make all lives better, to make all lives grand





Bears to Hug

The Pioneers' Hug-A-Bear Project Continues to Bring Comfort

Pioneer Jean Bryski (r) of Yorkton presents Hug-A-Bears to the Fire Chief of the Ebenezer Volunteer Fire Department.

Figuratively speaking, the SaskTel Pioneers have held Saskatchewan communities in a caring and well-meaning bear hug for many years. It makes sense then that, conversely, the Hug-A-Bear project is one of the organization's most enduring initiatives!

The Hug-A-Bear project has been around for decades. It provides soft, cuddly bears for children who are in traumatic situations. These bears ride along with police and firefighters across Saskatchewan. The bears have also been spotted in hospitals and nursing homes, providing comfort and a reminder of the Pioneer spirit.

SaskTel Pioneers Mary Wilhelm has been a part of the program for more than 20 years. She is currently the coordinator for Hug-A-Bear work bees in Regina.

"There is a group of 10 of us that gather at the Pioneer Activity Centre to put the bears together," said Mary, who has long been retired from SaskTel but remains a Pioneer. "To make the little bears, it involves a lot of cutting material for the bodies, filling the bodies with stuffing and lots of sewing."

"As we know, we understand how important these bears will be for someone one day. But we manage to have a lot of fun getting together and making the bears."

Mary and her crew do an incredible job, creating about 200 bears every year.

"This is an important program for us, but also for children that are in a tough situation." said Darrell Liebrecht, Pioneer Manager. "I remember handing a Hug-A-Bear to a child at a house fire and seeing the look on the child's face showed me that our efforts are definitely worthwhile. For me, as a volunteer Fire Chief, it meant a lot knowing that our volunteers made that bear."

The Hug-A-Bears program will continue to bring comfort for many years to come.

No act of kindness,
no matter how small,
is ever wasted.
- Aesop



Last year Prairie Council Pioneers donated \$9,982 to Ambulatory Care for the purchase of 2 vital signs monitors. Sara Cursons, Manager of Ambulatory Care in Regina, talks about the vital signs modules that now monitor Capnography (which measures adequacy of ventilation and respiratory rate). Certain invasive procedures that are typically provided in the operating room can now be safely performed in Ambulatory Care with the use of capnography during procedural sedation, resulting in faster recovery times and more cost effective services.

When a patient comes to Ambulatory Care, we are able to make what could be an unpleasant experience a lot more tolerable with the use of procedural sedation and analgesia. The combining of these medications; however, can lead to higher risk and potential life-threatening situations. Prior to receiving the new vital signs modules, we relied on pulse oximetry and nursing assessment. Capnography is a non-invasive way to continuously measure the respiratory rate, adequacy of ventilations, and the concentration of exhaled carbon dioxide in real time. A trained nurse can see the respiratory changes instantly. Pulse oximetry alone would not pick up on these changes right away because the average person has about a 3-5 minute reserve of oxygen in their lungs. With capnography, we are able to provide earlier interventions and decrease the incidence of oxygen desaturation during procedures performed under procedural sedation. It allows us to ensure safer care on our unit and allows patients to have a more enjoyable overall experience.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. These modules have made care safer when performing procedural sedation on our unit.

Kind Regards, Sara Cursons, RN/BN

A Year for Caring

SaskTel Annual Report

Highlights a Year of Caring and Connections

Hair today, gone...for a great cause! Daryl Godfrey exemplified the importance of caring this past year by shaving his head and raising funds for the Food Bank.



As SaskTel tables its 2020/2021 Annual Report, it serves as a time to reflect on the past year. Beyond the numbers and business aspects of such a document, we can also find SaskTel connecting with our customers in other ways. It's something captured nicely in the theme for this year's Annual Report which is 'A Year for Caring'.

Last year was a year like no other with the onset of COVID-19 causing turbulence and a healthy measure of uncertainty into our lives. Through it all, SaskTel was there to support and give back to our customers and to our communities. Beginning in March and continuing to September 2020, SaskTel offered our customers a range of initiatives to help them stay connected.

- Provided temporarily suspended collections activities and late payment fees for customers who were unable to pay their bills due to job loss or other financial hardship. The Crown Utility Payment Deferral Program was then introduced so customers could apply for relief when the time came to resume payments on their accounts.
- provided unlimited wireless data to its customers from 17 Dec 2020 to 11 Jan 2021. Data overage charges were waived for business and consumer customers on SaskTel's postpaid wireless data plans, noSTRINGS Prepaid wireless plan, and SaskTel fusion Internet plans. Customers on unlimited wireless plans were not subject to speed reductions.
- waived data overage charges from 17 Mar to 08 Jun 2020. to assist customers with on-line learning and working remotely during the pandemic.
- provided its maxTV service and maxTV Stream customers with access to additional news and entertainment channels to help keep them informed and their families entertained.

An important part of the SaskTel story is our support for non-profit and charitable organizations. That support continued throughout the pandemic, as these organizations stepped up to assist our most vulnerable and those struggling due to layoffs or other hardships. SaskTel contributed \$2,502,632 to 308 non-profit and charitable organizations, community associations, venues, events, and partnerships in 70 communities throughout the province. Included in that was a \$25,000 donation to the Food Banks of Saskatchewan Crisis Response Fund to help them meet growing demand for their services. Also making contributions to the Food Banks were the Pioneers who raised \$28,500, and SaskTel employees who donated \$675. Additionally, SaskTel's Chief Technology Officer Daryl Godfrey raised \$4,755 in employee donations for shaving his head!

In addition, SaskTel TelCare contributed nearly \$230,000 to 65 locally operated charities and non-profit organizations in 2020, which happened to be the program's 70th year of giving back.

Even though it wasn't possible to accumulate the usual amount of volunteer hours due to gathering size restrictions, the SaskTel Pioneers continued to deliver for our province. Members contributed \$281,313 in financial donations, and programs such Hug-A-Bears and Books for Literacy saw a huge increase in items donated. In response to COVID-19, the Pioneers made masks and distributed more than 3,900 of them across the province.

With an increased demand for on-line communications, the Be Kind Online program was more important than ever in 2020/21. The program was uniquely positioned to remind everyone that kindness matters more than ever. The initiative's focus on the prevention of bullying and cyber bullying took on a wider scope in uncertain times, offering different ways to cope with anxiety and various initiatives and campaigns to promote caring, support, and connections on-line.

These are but a few of many ways SaskTel and its employees made it a Year of Caring for our customers and our communities this past year. While the pandemic is still with us, there's optimism for better days around the corner, and SaskTel will continue to serve the communications needs of the people of our province while giving back to the communities we serve.



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Kind Hearts and Fresh Starts SaskTel Social Causes are a Source of Pride!



In 2021 SaskTel celebrated two social causes.

Phones for Fresh Start is a cellular recycling program that demonstrates being green can benefit far more than just the environment. With cell phones containing components made from many precious metals and rare-earth elements, and the devices being more than 95% recyclable, recycling is a business model that makes dollars and good sense.

Partnering with the Provincial Association of Transition Houses and Services Saskatchewan (PATHS), SaskTel collects unwanted cell phones for recycling and sends them for processing. SaskTel then uses those proceeds to purchase new cell phones and prepaid phone cards for distribution to those fleeing domestic violence through one of 21 participating PATHS Shelters.

To date, SaskTel has recycled well over 122,638 wireless phones (and counting!). All proceeds from the recycling process have been used to donate \$96,000 in prepaid phone cards and nearly 4,000 wireless phones for distribution across 21 PATHS agencies in the province.

SaskTel acknowledges that the products and services we sell may be used to conduct bullying activities. **Be Kind Online brings awareness and education to cyberbullying and cyber safety.** It also serves as a reminder that we all have an obligation to not only monitor our on-line behavior, but to also share in the opportunity to spread positivity.

Be Kind Online also offers a grant program for our youth. Saskatchewan's Ministry of Education has partnered with Be Kind Online to provide grants of up to \$1,000 for youth-led initiatives to address bullying and cyberbullying within our province. The goal is to empower youth to take action in their communities to spread kindness, positivity, and connectedness. The grant provides youth the opportunity to collaborate with others to find solutions to stop bullying and inspire others to do the same.

The Be Kind Online initiative has given 106 grants totaling just over \$95,330 to youth across the province to implement their kindness and anti-bullying initiatives.



SaskTel Cares, a new campaign that gives the company a cohesive approach when it comes to communicating our commitment to our Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in Saskatchewan.

SaskTel Cares represents all SaskTel CSR activities in our province. This includes the work of our SaskTel Pioneers, SaskTel TelCare, our Phones for a Fresh Start and Be Kind Online initiatives, our commitment to building networks across the province as well as our environmental work and numerous sponsorships.

An example of an initiative is the Pioneers' Hug-a-Bears. The initiative involves SaskTel Pioneers making and providing soft, cuddly bears for children who are in traumatic situations. SaskTel has included these types of promotions in our advertising. "SaskTel has supported and continues to support thousands of causes," said Carmen. "They are now part of one big family we call SaskTel Cares."



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Local SaskTel Pioneers deliver holiday gifts to care home residents in Moose Jaw

The local SaskTel Pioneers have purchased 145 gifts to deliver to local care homes in the city, as part of their annual holiday charity work

L-R: SaskTel Pioneers Heather Carle, Reed Nyhagen, Michelle Wiley, Destiny Schaffer and Shaylene Roy.



EASY IDEAS FOR RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS



The Moose Jaw SaskTel Pioneers have made sure that residents in local care homes receive a little bit of holiday cheer this season, with the delivery of donated gifts organized by the staff of SaskTel.

The local branch of the Pioneers has been purchasing and delivering gifts to each care home in Moose Jaw for several years, and they were determined to keep the tradition going last year despite the pandemic.

Michelle Wiley, service representative from the Moose Jaw SaskTel Store, said that the Pioneers were able to purchase and arrange the delivery of 145 gifts this year. Although the Pioneers couldn't deliver the gifts in person due to the pandemic restrictions, they were able to add a personal touch to make sure recipients knew they were special.

Each staff member took home printed cards for their children and grandchildren to decorate, which were then included in the gifts for delivery.

"This will let recipients know we have thought of them and took the time to personalize each present from the heart," said Wiley, in a press release.



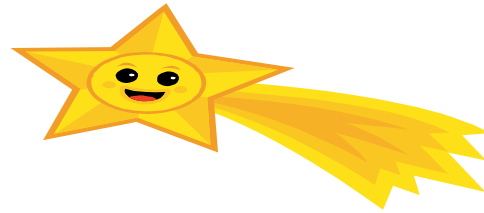
Attention IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Ambulance operators have reported that very often, in the event of traffic accidents, the injured have a mobile phone with them. However, in the event of surgeries, we don't know who to contact among the endless list of numbers in the column.

Ambulance operators have launched the idea that everyone puts in their contact list the person to contact in case of an emergency under a predefined pseudonym.

The internationally known pseudonym ICE (=In Case of Emergency).

It's under this name that the number of the person to contact that can be used by ambulance operators, police, firemen or first responders should be marked. If there are more people to contact you can use ICE1, ICE2, ICE3, etc. Easy to do, costs nothing and can be very useful. If you think this is a good idea, please spread the message so this behavior becomes normal behavior



May 20, 2021

My fellow Pioneers,

After 110 years of Pioneers, we remain a volunteer force in our communities that truly makes a difference by answering the call of those in need. What an honor it is for me to lead this organization during this historical time.

Pioneers began in 1911 with 244 founding members, including Alexander Graham Bell. The intention was to perpetuate the ideals and traditions of the industry and promote the fellowships that were formed. Dues were \$5 for the first year and \$2 for each following year. Membership was limited to employees who served 21 years in the telephone industry.

Today, this impressive legacy of fellowship and honoring the traditions of telephone history continue. We now have over 400,000 members in the US and Canada. There are no service requirements. Dues are \$22 for regular members and membership is free for life members. The number of people we have helped over the past 110 years is immeasurable. Our impact is making our world a better place.

Pioneers is made up of employees and retired or former employees of AT&T, Verizon, the former Century Link, Canadian Bell companies and other telephone companies. For many years our organization was funded by these sponsor companies, as well as from support of our Pioneers through dues and donations. Since 2011, we have endeavored to become financially independent from the sponsor companies.

On this anniversary of 110 years of Pioneering, I reflect on the past ten years and how the Pioneers rose to the challenge of self-supporting the organization. We introduced fund raising campaigns via direct marketing and membership benefit programs that provide income. Today, I am very proud to say that we have successfully supported ourselves financially. The direct marketing campaigns provide you, our volunteers, with the funds you need to do your important work. And a portion of that money is channeled back to headquarters to fund the administrative functions. Without this money, we would no longer exist as a non-profit.

So, when you respond to a letter from us with a donation, please know that your money is working hard to keep the Pioneers legacy strong. A heart-felt thank you for all that you do.

Yours in Pioneering,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Javala Whitlock".



SaskTel TelCare donates more than \$3,000 to Hunger in Moose Jaw



For the past 70 years, SaskTel and their TelCare charitable donation program have been giving back to communities in Saskatchewan.. TelCare is SaskTel’s longest-running community investment program, with the company offering a 50 per cent match to employee donations through a voluntary payroll deduction. In the past 20 years, that’s led to over \$6 million in donations to charities and non-profits of all stripes and sizes.

And 2020 was no exception, with their efforts especially welcome in trying times as communities throughout the province battled the pandemic over the past 10 months. All told, the crown corporation’s employee-driven efforts resulted in a total of \$230,000 being donated to 61 locally operated charities and non-profit organizations in communities throughout the province. That includes one Moose Jaw charity that continues to do all it can to support children’s nutritional needs — Hunger in Moose Jaw.

SaskTel and TelCare members in the Moose Jaw District donated a total of \$3,150 to the local non-profit Hunger in Moose Jaw which focuses on supporting children and their families through educational and nutritional programming that nurtures their potential.

NEW PROJECT—DEMENTIA FIDGET BLANKETS, APRONS, VESTS, ETC.

Contact Marlene Romanuck, 306 777-8450—Will be donated to homes with Alzheimer patients.

This Fidget item is for Alzheimer, Autism, Dementia and Severe Brain Trauma Patients, also Restless fingers, Sensory interaction and Hand Therapy.



Fidget blankets are therapeutic quilts to which different items have been attached or sewn on. These items offer sensory stimulation that has a calming effect on Alzheimer’s and dementia patients. The blankets alleviate boredom in the elderly and provide a means of performing repetitive behaviours that are often comforting and distracting. These individuals show anxiety or agitation in their hands. They will fidget, pull at clothes or blankets, wring their hands or rub their hands together.



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That Warm Giving Feeling Christmas Wish Angels Program

The warm glow of the Christmas Wish Angels program offers an opportunity to spread some good cheer and make someone’s wish come true.

“The pandemic has affected the program because the amount of children attending at both of the partner schools in Regina (Sacred Heart and Kitchener Schools) from Pre-K to Grade 3 is approximately half of what there would be in a normal year,” said Sandy Elliott, Admin Assistant (Finance) who coordinates the program in Regina. “As well, we (Santa and his elves) cannot deliver the gifts to the schools this year.”

Normally, the Pioneers purchased the gifts up front (to alleviate employees needing to be out shopping) and then request donations from employees who wish to participate. Gifts are approximately \$25 for each child. Funds donated by SaskTel Salvage helped us immensely this past year.

Since Santa can’t go to the schools last year, the gifts were shipped to the schools along with a video message from Santa that was played to each class as they received their gifts.”

Sandy welcomes any employee who would like to also volunteer to help with the program. Sandy can be contacted by e-mail (sandy.elliott@sasktel.com) or by phone at 306-777-2100.

In Saskatoon, the program works a bit differently, with a primary focus on seniors and care homes.

“With the pandemic, the need is much greater this year,” said Dione Wall who coordinates the program in Saskatoon. “Seniors are lonelier than ever, and since about half of our staff is working from home, we don’t have as much capacity to purchase the gifts. We had a total of 263 requests for seniors last year.”



Saskatoon employees picked up their angels, shopped for the gift, then wrapped them and forwarded to Dione. The seniors received their gift Christmas morning.

“The seniors who are receiving the gifts are those who are utterly without family and friends, and therefore will otherwise not receive a gift on Christmas morning. This act of kindness is equally special for SaskTel employees.



Passing It On

SaskTel Pioneer Inspires Family to Volunteer

Volunteering at the First Book Canada Drive are (from l) Jolene Norleen, her grandson Mason and Mason's mother Jennifer.



SaskTel Pioneer Jolene Norleen is well-known for her volunteer involvement. She led this year's First Book Canada Drive and has made a big impact on her loved ones by passing on her passion for volunteering.

This year, Jolene's grandson Mason volunteered at the First Book Canada Drive for the fourth year in a row - alongside several other family members - which took place August 10 – 13, 2021 at the University of Regina.

"I've been volunteering with my grandma ever since I was little, and not just with this event. Volunteering has been part of my family's activities ever since I was born," Mason said. "I love to read, and this event helps others have an opportunity to have books of their own."



This year's event kept 23 volunteers busy sorting and distributing 22,600 books.

The non-profit organization, First Book Canada, works with schools, libraries and other partners across the country to ensure that all children can have access to new, high-quality books. According to statistics from First Book Canada 25% of Canadian households don't own a single book. Additionally, studies show that poor educational outcomes, including low literacy rates, are tied to future poverty, unemployment, illness, and crime.

This is the eighth year the SaskTel Pioneers in Regina worked together with First Book Canada to help donate new resources to Saskatchewan youth. The books were distributed to registered organizations from around the province, representing both the Public and Catholic School Boards, as well as some private schools, in addition to many service organizations the support finance challenged families such as United Way and KidsFirst.

"These distributions are critical to help with youth literacy rates and without volunteers we just wouldn't be able to get the job done," said Tom Best, Executive Director of First Book Canada. "Jolene is amazing and has been remarkable from the beginning. I felt a bit guilty not being there this year, but I think Jolene could run this event with her eyes closed! Mason is also a very diligent worker and we are very thankful for his contributions."

Jolene retired from SaskTel in 2014, but is thankful for the many volunteer opportunities she continues to have with the SaskTel Pioneers. It's an experience she's happy to pass on to her family.

"I would encourage young people who want to start volunteering to get involved with their parents and grandparents," she said. "Often people donate money because they feel they are too busy to spend time doing an activity but the rewards of doing hands on volunteering with your family is priceless. Even if they can only do a small portion of the volunteer task it is a great learning experience for everyone



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DID YOU . . .

..... ever think about

YOUR WILL



including Power of Attorney and Living Will (or Health Care Directive)

Your will is one of the most important documents you need to store safely, since it directs how your assets will be distributed when you pass away. If you don't have a will, the government will decide how your estate will be divided based on certain formulas, which may not match your wishes. Getting it prepared and executed with a lawyer not a DIY (do it yourself) is important. Also if you move to a new province, you should have it reviewed by a lawyer in your new province.

A enduring **POWER OF ATTORNEY** allows you to name someone to be in charge of making decisions for you if you become incapacitated. You may choose to name a separate **power of attorney for medical decisions** (via a Health Care Directive) and **financial power of attorney** for financial decisions. A Health Care power of attorney works hand-in-hand with a **living will** to ensure that your wishes regarding medical treatment are followed.

A Living Will or Health Care Directive is a legal document in which you name someone to communicate with medical personnel regarding your treatment preferences should you become incapacitated or otherwise unable to express your preferences yourself. Issues addressed in living wills generally include breathing tubes, feeding tubes, and other life-sustaining medical treatments. A recommended document to review is through Saskatchewan Health Authority: *Advance Care Planning*, [Email: advancecareregina@saskhealthauthority.ca](mailto:advancecareregina@saskhealthauthority.ca). *Internet Site: http://www.rqhealth.ca/departments/advance-care-planning*—*Phone: 1-306-766-5922*. *This publication is intended for information purposes only and should not be relied on as providing specific health care or other professional advice. Reminder this is a Saskatchewan based document.*

A List of Your Investments

Maintain a readily accessible list of your bank savings (both registered and non-registered), stocks, bonds, pensions and life insurance policies. Also, you may consider naming beneficiaries for your registered accounts such as TFSAs, RSPs and RIFs. The assets can then be transferred to your beneficiary or beneficiaries on your passing, without having to go through your estate. However this should be discussed with your financial advisor or accountant as naming someone other than your spouse on your RRSP/RRIF may have unintended tax consequences and isn't always the best solution for your estate.

Real Estate Titles and Deeds

It's important to safely store the title and deed to any property you own. Your principal residence is exempt from capital gains tax at the time of transfer to a beneficiary. But other real estate left to someone other than your spouse or common-law partner is deemed to have been disposed of at its fair market value. If it's gone up in value since the time of purchase, the increase must be reported as a capital gain on your final tax return.

Property deeds, vehicle titles, official certificates (birth, marriage, etc.), the contact information for your attorney, insurance broker, doctor—all of these are things you can gather and put in the same, safe place now to make it easier for your loved ones later. make sure your beneficiaries are up to date. Any time your family situation changes is a good time to review your benefi-ciaries and estate plan.

Talk With your Loved Ones and Keep Everything current

Make sure at least one other person, preferably your executor(s), knows where your documents are kept and has access to these documents after your death. The clearer you are while you are alive, the fewer problems they will have, as they won't have to guess your intentions. We highly recommend that you contact a lawyer to help you with this process.

Six Years of Tax Returns

The [Canada Revenue Agency \(CRA\)](#) recommends that you keep past tax returns for 6 years. Given your executor is responsible for filing your final income tax return, having access to your previous returns will help them gather the information they need.

"The author isn't a lawyer, financial advisor or other such professional and you should always discuss any changes or plans with a trusted professional."

