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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.

Please give us a call or letter if you have any **comments** or **suggestions** regarding this bulletin or future newsletter items.

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### Pioneer Membership Updates

Please advise us of any of the following changes:

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- ⇒ spousal information
- ⇒ death (employee, superannuate or spouse)

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## Message from our Chapter #59 President Mark Grambo



### ***Dear Members: Regular, Life, Family and Friends***

It has been my privilege to work alongside a talented and dedicated group of Pioneers as the President of Chapter 59 this year. With pandemic restrictions lifting across the province and country, we have started to see a re-emergence of face-to-face gatherings, and opportunities to do again what we, as Pioneers, do best – VOLUNTEER. This year has been an eventful one for Chapter 59, despite the challenges COVID-19 brought to our doorstep. The Pioneering spirit at SaskTel has continued to endure, as evidenced by the numerous projects and a notable expansion for our Chapter.

We have a new SaskTel Pioneer Club in our midst! In March of this year, we welcomed our newest club, SaskTel Pioneers National, to the fold. **Lisa Dewar, the Club's inaugural president, is SaskTel's Business Sales Director (National) based in Calgary.** This new club seeks to further fulfill the SaskTel Pioneers' goal of making tangible impacts in the communities where our employees live and work. With SaskTel employees residing in other provinces, the National Club has lofty goals to positively impact their communities on behalf of the SaskTel Pioneers. Welcome Lisa and team! See pages 14 and 32 for more information.

The SaskTel Pioneers also had a notable departure in August. Darrell Liebrecht retired from SaskTel on August 19 after 41 years as a part of the SaskTel and SaskTel Pioneers family. Darrell's passion for Pioneering and dedication to the pursuit of better communities through volunteerism and cooperation leave a void that will be difficult to fill. Darrell will not be leaving us as a volunteer though! We will still find Darrell volunteering in Regina at Computers for Schools. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you, Darrell, for your years of service not just with SaskTel, but with the Pioneers as well. You're an example for us all to live up to.

Throughout this past year, I have continued to marvel at the displays of generosity that the Pioneering family puts out to the communities we serve. As a sample of the impact you have made, we have seen:

- Tens of thousands of volunteer hours for countless causes
- Thousands of laptop and desktop computers refurbished by our tireless Computers for Schools volunteers and donated to schools and other organizations and individuals in need
- Hundreds of backpacks with school supplies coordinated and delivered to children in need
- Hundreds of Hug-A-Bears made and donated to First Responder organizations to provide some comfort to children in times of crisis
- Dozens of animal toys and snuffle mats made and donated to the Calgary Humane Society in support animal welfare
- Hundreds of paracord bracelets made and donated to Wounded Warriors Canada in support of their programming—help First Responders
- Thousands of dollars in donations both in partnership with SaskTel, and by the Pioneers independently in support of humanitarian efforts both in Ukraine, and for those fleeing Russian atrocities to Canada
- Hundreds of school children enabled to experience the Enchanted Forest Christmas displays in Saskatoon
- Handmade lap quilts for seniors in care homes throughout the province
- Financial support for projects throughout the province, such as park benches, children's spray parks, playgrounds, seniors' organizations, homeless shelters, soup kitchens, Big Brothers and Sisters, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, cultural events, Make-A-Wish foundation, Telemiracle, and many, many more.
- Thousands of computers are refurbished by our tireless Computers for Schools group - they are then donated to Schools and other organizations and individuals in need.
- **A BIG thanks to our SaskTel Pioneer Salvage Sales** volunteers who refurbish hundreds of used SaskTel computers to sell to the general public each year. This is Saskatchewan Chapter #59 major fundraiser. These funds are used to support Pioneer projects in the communities we serve. A special thank you to this dedicated group of volunteers!

This year, I am excited to say that we will be bringing back our in-person Annual General Meeting, which will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Fairfield Inn and Suites in Regina. See Page 2 for more details.

As my term as President of Chapter 59 comes to a close at the end of the year, I would like to welcome John McMurdo to the position as President for 2023. John's passion for Pioneering will ensure that our Chapter will continue to thrive, and make immediate, tangible change in the communities that we serve.

Finally, I want to reiterate my gratitude for your continued support and involvement in the SaskTel Pioneers. I can honestly say that our Pioneering organization at SaskTel is the envy of the Pioneers throughout North America. Our people, and the spirit of service that you all possess, are what make us so successful. Thank you for making this organization what it is today.

**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* <<<

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## Upcoming Special events



**2022 AGM scheduled for Friday, November 4th, 2022 at 7 p.m.—In Person Meeting  
Fairfield Inn and Suites in Regina**

The following morning (Saturday, November 5th), we will be gathering at the Fairfield again for a volunteer workshop to produce some items that various organizations have come to rely on us for. We are looking forward to seeing our Pioneer family face to face after so long apart.

**Anyone interested in attending the AGM/Fellowship and volunteer activity are to Email**

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

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

Gladys Jaques of Assiniboia (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Barney Jaques**) passed away 3 Apr 2018.

**SaskTel Superannuate Ron Cairns of Martinsville** passed away 20 Aug 2019 at age 65. Ron retired in 2006.

**SaskTel Superannuate Lil Martin of Saskatoon** passed away 30 Dec 2019 at age 92. Lil retired in 1981.

Madeline Kolody of Innisfail, AB (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Steve Kolody**) passed away 1 Nov 2020.

Larry Renton of Yorkton (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Donna Renton**) passed away 2 Jan 2021.

**SaskTel Superannuate Graham Edwards of Hudson Bay** passed away 28 Aug 2021 at age 83. Graham retired in 1994.

**SaskTel Superannuate Dorothy Bonstrom of Saskatoon** passed away 6 Sept 2021 at age 84. Dorothy retired in 1991.

**SaskTel Superannuate Cheryl Hall of Saskatoon** passed away 28 Sept 2019 at age 63. Cheryl retired in 2006.

Mary Bonstrom of Saskatoon (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Merl Bonstrom**) passed away 3 May 2020.

**SaskTel Superannuate George Dyck of Swift Current** passed away 11 Jul 2021 at age 95. George retired in 1982.

James Brown of Regina (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Phyllis Brown**) passed away 10 Oct 2021.

Jean Davidson of Saskatoon (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Ron Davidson**) passed away 13 Oct 2021.

**SaskTel Superannuate Isaac Janzen of Warman** passed away 17 Oct 2021 at age 89. Isaac retired in 1986. Survived by spouse Anne.

Irene Temple of White City (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Rick Temple**) passed away 27 Oct 2021.

**SaskTel Superannuate Len Maurice of Langham** passed away 27 Oct 2021 at age 67. Retired in 2016.

Ruby Zimmer of Cobble Hill, BC (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Dave Zimmer**) passed away 8 Nov 2021.

**SaskTel Superannuate Ruby Cummins of Delta BC** passed away 2 Nov 2021 at age 98. Retired in 1988.

**SaskTel Superannuate Daryl Helstrom of Saskatoon** passed away 6 Nov 2021. Retired in 2019. Survived by spouse Loraine.

**SaskTel Superannuate Debora Rutherford of Saskatoon** passed away 18 Nov 2021 at age 61.

**SaskTel Superannuate Helen Pardoe of Swift Current** passed away 25 Nov 2021 at age 86. Helen retired in 1989.

**SaskTel Superannuate Charles (Chuck) Gibbons of Regina** passed away 2 Dec 2021 at age 70. Chuck retired in 2011.

Clarence McGregor of Calgary AB (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Mae McGregor**) passed away 5 Dec 2020.

Marion Cashmore of North Battleford, (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Harvey Cashmore**) passed away 8 Dec 2021.

**SaskTel Superannuate Gladys Woloshin of Regina** passed away 15 Dec 2021 at age 83. She retired in 1992.

Larry Solonynko of Regina (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Donna Solonynko**) passed away 18 Dec 2021.

**SaskTel Superannuate Adeline Lasiuk of Saskatoon** passed away 26 Dec 2021 at age 83. Adeline retired in 1992.

**SaskTel Superannuate David Sigurdson of Yuma Arizona** passed away 29 Dec 2021 at age 69. David retired in 2006.

**SaskTel Superannuate Fred Mathiason of Prince Albert** passed away 3 Jan 2022 at age 72. Fred retired in 1997. Survived by spouse Penny.

**SaskTel Superannuate Doreen Terry of Kelowna BC** passed away 3 Jan 2022 at age 93. She retired in 1983.

**SaskTel Superannuate Trudy Morrison of Moose Jaw** passed away 5 Jan 2022 at age 91. Trudy retired in 1986. Survived by spouse James.

**SaskTel Superannuate Charles Hegedus of Prince Albert** passed away 6 Feb 2022 at age 84. Charles retired in 1991. Survived by spouse Donna.

**SaskTel Superannuate Bill Carefoot of Moose Jaw** passed away 12 Jan 2022 at age 83. Bill retired in 1999. Survived by spouse Terry Lynn.

**SaskTel employee Rob Berezowski of Regina** passed away 17 Jan 2022 at age 58. Survived by spouse Marrion.

**SaskTel Superannuate Wayne Burns of Saskatoon** passed away 19 Jan 2022 at age 87. Wayne retired in 1991. Survived by spouse Marjorie.

**SaskTel Superannuate Lynn Lowes of Regina** passed away 29 Jan 2022 at age 81. Lynn retired in 1993.

**SaskTel Superannuate Bernie Oppeboen of Regina** passed away 30 Jan 2022 at age 75. Survived by spouse Myrna. Note: Myrna passed away 9 May 2022.

## In Memoriam... Continued

**SaskTel Superannuate Heather Reinhardt of Hanley** passed away 30 Jan 2022 at age 73. Heather retired in 2009.

**SaskTel Superannuate Joe Arnold of Saskatoon** passed away 31 Jan 2022 at age 68.

David Roberts of Yorkton (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Patricia Roberts**) passed away 12 Feb 2022.

**SaskTel Superannuate Doug Weber of Saskatoon** passed away 16 Feb 2022 at age 64.

**SaskTel Superannuate Blair Dyck of Hodgeville** passed away 20 Feb 2022 at age 66. Survived by spouse Kathy.

**SaskTel Superannuate Ron Giesbrecht of Saskatoon** passed away 21 Feb 2022 at age 76. Ron retired in 1997. Survived by spouse Kathy.

**SaskTel Superannuate Barry Davidson of Regina** passed away 25 Feb 2022 at age 62. Barry retired in 2016. Survived by spouse Jamie.

**SaskTel Superannuate Bill Arnott of Medicine Hat** passed away 1 Mar 2022 at age 92. Bill retired in 1986. Survived by spouse Diana.

**SaskTel employee Angeline Hoskins of Saskatoon** passed away 1 Mar 2022 at age 58. Survived by spouse Morley.

**SaskTel Superannuate Bill Bruce of Regina** passed away 4 Mar 2022 at age 87. Bill retired in 1989. Survived by spouse Rose.

**SaskTel Superannuate Winnifred Rogers of Lloydminster** passed away 10 Mar 2022 at age 75. Winnifred retired in 2006. Survived by spouse Barry.

**SaskTel Superannuate Robert Rohatensky of Regina** passed away 10 Mar 2022 at age 53.

**SaskTel Superannuate Tom Laird of Regina** passed away 20 Mar 2022 at age 72. Survived by spouse Donna.

**SaskTel Superannuate Geraldine Anderson of Emerald Park** passed away 22 Mar 2022 at age 76. Geraldine retired in 1994.

Crystal Carlson of Regina (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Ron Carlson**) passed away 31 Mar 2022.

**SaskTel Superannuate Brian Berkan of Regina** (Strasbourg) passed away 1 Apr 2022. Retired 2008 at age 68.

**SaskTel Superannuate Don Lucas of Saskatoon** passed away 3 Apr 2022 at age 84; Don retired in 1991. Survived by spouse Merle.

**SaskTel Superannuate Jae Sherris of Regina** passed away 4 Apr 2022 at age 72. Jae retired in 1998.

**SaskTel Superannuate Jim Carriere from Christopher Lake** passed away 4 Apr 2022 at age 69. Jim retired in 2006. Survived by spouse Susan.

**SaskTel employee Penelope Chambers of Saskatoon** passed away 5 Apr 2022 at age 59.

**SaskTel Superannuate Linda Kydd of Regina** passed away 6 Apr 2022 at age 75. Linda retired in 1998.

**SaskTel Superannuate Evelyn Kobylka of Yorkton** passed away 8 Apr 2022 at age 79. Evelyn retired in 1993.

**SaskTel Superannuate Jerome Yoner of Estevan** passed away 12 Apr 2022 at age 76. Jerome retired in 1997. Survived by spouse Diane.

**SaskTel Superannuate Richard Larocque of Dorintosh** passed away 23 Apr 2022 at age 74.

**SaskTel Superannuate Greg Chamberlin of Balgonie** passed away 26 Apr 2022 at age 69. Greg retired in 2002. Survived by spouse Leone Petford.

**SaskTel Superannuate Peter Hoolaeff of Regina** passed away 28 Apr 2022 at age 88. Peter retired in 1989. Survived by spouse Dorothy.

**SaskTel Superannuate Jerry Baniulis of Regina** passed away 30 Apr 2022 at age 73. Survived by spouse Jane.

Marie Gegner of Regina (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Larry Gegner**) passed away 1 May 2022.

Rita Kennedy of Red Deer AB (formerly Regina) (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Ross Kennedy**) passed away 5 May 2022.

**SaskTel Superannuate Patrick Bidochka of Regina** passed away 5 May 2022 at age 76.

**SaskTel Superannuate Murray Lytle of Saskatoon** passed away 6 May 2022 at age 68.

Myrna Oppeboen of Regina (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Bernie Oppeboen**) passed away 9 May 2022.

**SaskTel Superannuate Coralie Neuman of Regina** passed away 17 May 2022 at age 72. Survived by spouse Rick Ludwikowski.

**SaskTel Superannuate Mavis Bzowy of Saskatoon** passed away 8 Jun 2022 at age 86. Retired in 1989.

Ena Houston of Regina (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate John Houston**) passed away 23 Jun 2022.

## In Memoriam... Continued

Adele Houston of Regina (**Spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Reg Houston**) passed away 30 Jun 2022.

**SaskTel employee Allison Jones of Regina** passed away 2 Jul 2022 at age 46.

**SaskTel Superannuate Dale Williams of Regina** passed away 3 Jul 2022 at age 73. Retired in 1999. Survived by Spouse Sheila.

**SaskTel Superannuate Gloria Hegge of Regina** passed away 8 Jul 2022 at age 82. Retired in 1993. Survived by spouse Lavern.

**SaskTel Superannuate Marilyn Shirley of Saskatoon** passed away 25 Jul 2022 at age 74. Retired in 2009. Survived by spouse Albert.

**SaskTel Superannuate Don Dorsey of Regina** passed away 26 Jul 2022. Survived by spouse Betty Hoffart.

Georgina Heselton of White City (**Spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Al Heselton**) passed away 2 Aug 2022.

**SaskTel Superannuate Jamie Callin of Moose Jaw** passed away 3 Aug 2022 at age 69.

**SaskTel employee Joseph Cachene of Prince Albert** passed away 3 Aug 2022 at age 48. Survived by spouse Aaron.

**SaskTel Superannuate Rodney Korness of Regina** passed away 3 Aug 2022 at age 75. Retired in 1997. Survived by spouse Val.

**SaskTel Superannuate Rosemarie Petz of Regina** passed away 17 Aug 2022 at age 84. She retired in 1994. Her spouse Nick passed away in May 2021.

**SaskTel Superannuate Leigh Bowerin of Weyburn** passed away 22 Aug 2022 at age 89. Leigh retired in 1991. Survived by spouse Loretha.

**SaskTel Superannuate Eileen Knoll of Saskatoon** passed away 31 Aug 2022 at age 82. Eileen retired in 2000. Survived by spouse Brice.

**SaskTel Employee Carol Burns from James Smith Cree Nation (Prince Albert office)** passed away 4 Sept 2022 at age 46.

**SaskTel Superannuate Chuck Pachkowsky of Weyburn** passed away 7 Sep 2022 at age 89. He retired in 1989. His spouse Eileen passed away in 2015.

**SaskTel Superannuate Leila Pryor of Saskatoon** passed away on 14 Sept 2022 at age 81. Leila retired in 1993. Survived by spouse David.

*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*

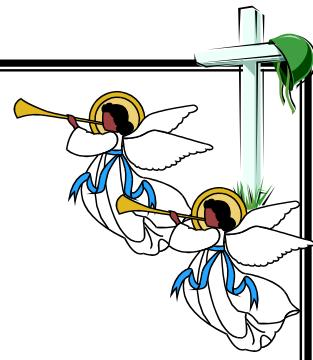


## PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED

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We try our best to advise you of the deaths of employees, superannuates 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—2021-22



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:

11-Oct-21	BRIAN	MYSLICHUK	REGINA
15-Oct-21	DENISE	MILLER	NORTH BATTLEFORD
18-Oct-21	SCOTT	CHESTON	REGINA
12-Nov-21	CHRISTINE	MCKAY	SASKATOON
12-Nov-21	ROBERT	NORGAARD	LA RONGE
21-Dec-21	JOSEPH	BARABASZ	REGINA
03-Jan-22	RUSS	OSTOFOROFF	SASKATOON
04-Jan-22	VIKTOR	NEIMANIS	PRINCE ALBERT
08-Jan-22	MERILEE	TULLOCH	REGINA
29-Jan-22	JOHN	VANDORLAND	REGINA
04-Feb-22	PAUL	MILLETTE	REGINA
12-Feb-22	LARRY	LOOS	REGINA
18-Feb-22	DEBBIE	ANTONIUK	SASKATOON
18-Feb-22	DAN	WOODS	REGINA
19-Feb-22	NATALIE	DICK	SASKATOON
04-Mar-22	SHARLAYNE	FRANKO	SASKATOON
04-Mar-22	RAYLENE	WELLMAN	SASKATOON
18-Mar-22	NOLA	DAGENAIS	LLOYDMINSTER
18-Mar-22	BRIAN	KRUG	REGINA
25-Mar-22	DALE	YANO	REGINA
29-Mar-22	BONNIE	ABRAHAMSON	REGINA
31-Mar-22	BARB	MARCOUX	SASKATOON
01-Apr-22	THOMAS	MILLETTE	REGINA
11-Apr-22	CINDY	STADNYK	REGINA
12-Apr-22	KHURSHID	AKBAR	REGINA
15-Apr-22	RAYMOND	SINCLAIR	KINDERSLEY
28-Apr-22	KEN	MORLEY	MEADOW LAKE
29-Apr-22	MARCEL	FAUCHOUX	SASKATOON
29-Apr-22	HEATHER	HURRELL	REGINA
29-Apr-22	MARILYN	RENNEBOHM	REGINA
29-Apr-22	COLLEEN	WHEELER	REGINA
09-May-22	BEVERLY	JOHNSTONE	REGINA
12-May-22	PEGGY	BILIAK	SASKATOON
20-May-22	PATTY	BERGSTEINSON	REGINA
27-May-22	KARI	EIDSNESS HODGES	SASKATOON
27-May-22	KATE	FLAMONT	REGINA
27-May-22	SHELLEY	HOLFELD	REGINA
29-May-22	WENDY	BROWN	SASKATOON
08-Jun-22	KATHRYN	WEISGARBER	REGINA
10-Jun-22	JOSE	CABRERA	REGINA
10-Jun-22	WAYNE	SMITH	SASKATOON
24-Jun-22	BARRY	POFF	SWIFT CURRENT
24-Jun-22	BRIAN	ZIMMERMAN	REGINA
30-Jun-22	JEFF	DOLAN	MOOSE JAW
30-Jun-22	ERIC	SZETO	REGINA
30-Jun-22	HAROLD	BEREZNY	REGINA
02-Jul-22	TERRY	MICHELL	REGINA
03-Jul-22	ALAN	MAZUREK	SASKATOON
08-Jul-22	WES	DAVIDSON	SASKATOON
08-Jul-22	JIM	DUNDAS	REGINA





08-Jul-22	BRAD	KLEIN	SWIFT CURRENT
8-Jul-22	DARIN	BRAUSEN	PRINCE ALBERT
8-Jul-22	WENDY	SCOTT	REGINA
15-Jul-22	DOUG	CRAIG	SASKATOON
15-Jul-22	PAM	MATIKO	SASKATOON
15-Jul-22	DIXIE	VITIC	REGINA
22-Jul-22	TERRE	TULLOCH	REGINA
22-Jul-22	RICHARD	MULTINS	REGINA
22-Jul-22	PATRICIA	SOPATYK	SASKATOON
04-Aug-22	JACKIE	BAHAN	REGINA
05-Aug-22	PAUL	KELLY	REGINA
05-Aug-22	VICKIE	MCCLAIN	REGINA
05-Aug-22	SURENDRAPAUL (PAUL)	SINGH	REGINA
5-Aug-22	KIM	REEVE	REGINA
06-Aug-22	COLLEEN	KOSTENLY	SASKATOON
07-Aug-22	CATHY	SCHATZ	REGINA
07-Aug-22	CHERYL	ZIEGLER	REGINA
19-Aug-22	ELVIS	WILK	REGINA
20-Aug-22	DARRELL	LIEBRECHT	REGINA
30-Aug-22	CAROLYNNE	WARNER	REGINA
01-Sep-22	PAMELA	OLEYNICK	SASKATOON
2-Sep-22	SHERYL	SPENCE	REGINA
03-Sep-22	JEANNE	DEROSIER	REGINA
07-Sep-22	MARK	FLAMAN	REGINA
18-Nov-22	ALLISON	THIRD	REGINA
30-Nov-22	WANDA	HENRY	REGINA
11 Sept 21	KEVIN	MILLER	REGINA

## WELCOME NEW RETIREES .....

To Our Life Members Club(s) in Saskatchewan

 IF YOU WERE A PIONEER MEMBER AT TIME OF RETIREMENT —YOU WILL BE RECEIVING A 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 other options that keeps you in touch with SaskTel Pioneer activities and reports:**



- **EMAILS:** Sign up for SaskTel Pioneer emails by registering with [sasktel.pioneers@sasktel.com](mailto:sasktel.pioneers@sasktel.com) or call 306 777-2515. These notices will let you know of upcoming events in your areas or other messages of interest.



- **FACEBOOK:** SaskTel Pioneers have a Group Facebook account that keeps our members informed as to what is happening within your District in your community. We have started adding published Obit notices. Please sign up by going to your 'personal Group section' of Facebook.



## WHO GOT LUCKY with the 2021, 2022—2023 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

14 July 2021—\$2,500 – TJ Keller – Saskatoon

6 Jan 2022—\$2,500—Michael Routledge

### \$500 Winners every two weeks

14 Oct 2021	Jolene Courtney	Regina
28 Oct 2021	Mindy Scott	Regina
11 Nov 2021	Tammy Hubick	Regina
11 Nov 2021	Janice Muir	Regina
	Plus \$500 to Charity – Regina Cat Rescue	
25 Nov 2021	Brittany Basaraba	Regina
9 Dec 2021	Corissa Ford	Saskatoon
23 Dec 2021	Carol Houston	Regina
6 Jan 2022	Patty Bergsteinson	Regina
25 Jan 2022	Leanne Lange	Regina
10 Feb 2022	Matt Hanson	Regina
24 Feb 2022	Robert Schmidt	Saskatoon
16 Jun 2022	Paula Dods	Regina
30 Jun 2022	Mike Mazurak	Prince Albert
28 Jul 2022	Delaine Cadore	Regina
11 Aug 2022	Kathy Fidyk	Melfort
25 Aug 2022	Karlee Garand	Saskatoon
September 8	Gina Manulak-Mould	Regina
September 22	Martina McEvoy	Moose Jaw

*Congratulations to the 'Winners'*



## SaskTel Pioneer Payday Lottery



If you would like to enter the lottery please click on the following link to our website. There are two options:

One is to print off a form and mail it in paying by check—the other is to use PayPal.

[http://www.sasktelpioneers.com/wordpress/?page\\_id=4018](http://www.sasktelpioneers.com/wordpress/?page_id=4018)

For more information on the lottery please go to the following Web Page (under fundraisers)

[http://www.sasktelpioneers.com/wordpress/?page\\_id=357](http://www.sasktelpioneers.com/wordpress/?page_id=357)

If you have any questions please contact: [sasktel.pioneers@sasktel.com](mailto:sasktel.pioneers@sasktel.com) or 306 777-2515



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

### **METAL TABS**

**Contact: [sasktel.pioneers@sasktel.com](mailto:sasktel.pioneers@sasktel.com) or 306 777-2515**

The current metal tab collection program benefits the Childhood Cancer Canada (off of aluminum cans) We are now donating the tabs to 'Silver for Gold' which 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 sent 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 [sasktel.pioneers@sasktel.com](mailto:sasktel.pioneers@sasktel.com) or 306 777-2515**

"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—[sasktel.pioneers@sasktel.com](mailto:sasktel.pioneers@sasktel.com) or 306 777-2515**

District locations can drop them off with their pioneer executive

## **Participation/Membership Reports . . .      January to August 2022**



**Our membership is: 1131 regular members and 2646 Life Members  
We also have associates and family friends who are not included in above total (2181)**

**As of Sept 15, 2022 we have raised \$121,273.40 from salvage sales.**

**To date we have reached 14,952 volunteer hours by 147 participants**



## **Participation/Membership Reports . . .      For the year 2021**



**Our membership was: 1200 regular members and 2633 Life Members  
We also have associates and family friends who are not included in above total (2169)**

**By the end of December 2021, we raised a total of \$191,802.13 from salvage sales.**

**In 2021 we reached 22,352 volunteer hours by 232 participants**





**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)



# 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)**



*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

**Join us on Facebook— CFS Saskatchewan**



## CHAPTER 59 PROVINCIAL REPORT

### SaskTel Pioneers ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IS NOVEMBER 4, 2022 in Regina



1. Constitution updates at International level. It was voted to delete categories of affiliate, association & partner groups and set up a **new category of Family & Friends**.
2. Dione Wall has accepted a position on the Pioneer International Board.
3. **Salvage sales continue to exceed expectations—Great Job Salvage crew**
4. Securtek will become part of SaskTel, therefore Securtek pioneer members to become part of the Yorkton club.
5. Several Pioneer collector plates were donated to SaskTel Pioneers (on behalf of the Walsh family—her Mother, Marg, Father Ben and Brother who all worked at SaskTel and have since passed away).
6. SaskTel Pioneer Payday Fundraiser is from June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to June 1, 2023. You can purchase through PayPal. See website and Page 9 of this article.



*Camp Easter Seal—volunteers helped with clean up, chores and planting flowers in May at Watrous Camp Easter Seal*

- Chapter donated up to \$20,000 to the Regina Cancer Patient Lodge as part of the Saskatchewan Lodge Renewal campaign
- Chapter donated \$5,000 to Maple Creek pool fundraiser
- Chapter donated \$15,000 to support Sask Abilities/Camp Easter Seal Provincial Sponsorship for 2022. \$5,000 to Easter Seal Drop Zone in Regina; \$5,000 to Snow Aroma in Yorkton and \$5,000 for Super Hero Walk-Real Run in Saskatoon.
- Chapter donated \$3000 to help with a Christmas project in 2021
- Chapter donated \$5000 to CNIB to purchase tablets to teach children how to do computer coding
- Chapter donated \$20,000 to Kinsmen Telemiracle
- Chapter donated \$1000 to Saskatchewan Young Reader's Choice Awards (The Willow Award) - recognition is Corporate logo added to the poster, bookmarks & AGM booklet. Also name & logo promoted on website
- Chapter donated up to \$1500 on the purchase of a Memorial Bench and Plaque for Ted Magis for the Melfort Secret Garden. \$150 in memorial donations was received by Melfort Club.
- Chapter donated \$5001 to the Moose Jaw Spray Park. This gives us gold status (donor plaque in the park)
- Chapter donated \$10,000 to support the Connecting with Communities in support of the Canadian Ukraine foundation. This money stays in the province.
- Chapter donated \$5,000 for sponsorship of India Night for Creative Kids—opportunity for low-income children to share in the same creative play and participation.
- Chapter donated \$1,000 to The Regina Challengers sponsorship. As well as a sports club—they do various social events with the community.
- Chapter donated \$10,000 to CityKidz of Regina to support their programs CityKidz Regina work with under privileged kids. They provide support programs, rent buses/facilities/supplies/food.
- Chapter donated \$5K to the Teen Challenge Golf Classic. Provincial organization which helps with teen addiction
- Chapter donated \$5,000 to the CMHA 2022-23 fundraising campaign. They provide Mental Health services. Chapter donated \$2,000 to the Saskatchewan AG Bell Association for children's camps at Redberry Lake
- Donated \$5,000 to Wunder Fund – a worldwide Ukraine National Defense Relief Fund. Their goal is to provide essential items to frontlines (specifically healthcare). For more information go to their website <https://wunderfund.ca/>.
- Chapter donated \$5,000 to the Swing and a Wish golf tournament put on by Make a Wish Foundation.

**Central Butte Child Care Center (SBSCC) - Chapter donated \$5,000 which will give us Silver Status (exterior signage on building, newspaper ad, social media, invite to grand opening, etc. Facility provides reliable, accessible and affordable child care to Central Butte and surrounding area families.**

**Paracord project**—Bracelets are sold at Wounded Warrior sites for \$10. Money is used as their fundraiser. They got rid of rubber bracelets that everyone uses now. This is a partnership for volunteer project - rather than donating money



**Chapter is coordinating volunteers with the Canadian Red Cross for the 'Friendly Calls Volunteer Program'.**

Connecting seniors with volunteers to reach out to seniors. This group will focus on loneliness and isolation, those with limited social connections, homebound, illness, or those seeking social interaction by phone calls (instead of face to face). To volunteer or to get more detailed information - contact SaskTel Pioneer Mark Grambo at 306 931-5050 in Saskatoon or Shawna Green, RMT – Friendly Calls Manager; Canadian Red Cross at 306 721-1635 or email [shawna.green@redcross.ca](mailto:shawna.green@redcross.ca). There is a process you must go through to get certified: so check that out.



Provincial Golf Tournament was held in Warman on August 13th at the Legends Golf Course. A good time was had by all. Thank you to Ian Howard and Kirk Sinclair for hosting this event.



2023 Provincial Golf Tournament will be held in Regina. Contact will be Barry Rogers



## Saskatchewan Order of Merit Recipients

- Wayne Brownlee, Saskatoon
- Carol GoldenEagle, Regina Beach
- Trevor Herriot, Regina
- John Hopkins, Regina (posthumous)
- Shirley Isbister, Saskatoon
- Harry Lafond, Muskeg Lake Cree Nation
- Dr. Alan Rosenberg, Saskatoon
- Marilyn Whitehead, Saskatoon

[saskatchewan.ca/honoursawards](http://saskatchewan.ca/honoursawards)



Saskatchewan

Congratulations!

Saskatchewan Order of Merit was awarded to SaskTel retiree Trevor Herriot of Regina—Congratulations



After 10 years, Rick Gaucher is reducing his commitment to the tax clinic and the Pioneers are looking for others who are interested in helping coordinate this important project.

If you can help, send an email to the [pioneers.taxclinic@gmail.com](mailto:pioneers.taxclinic@gmail.com).



## The SaskTel Pioneer Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) clinic finished its Tenth Tax Season at the United Way at the end of April.

This year, we did 2,863 tax returns bringing the ten-year total to around 37,000 returns. In the four years since we started tracking benefits, we have accounted for fifty-eight million dollars made available to people who need the benefits the most. Once again, due to COVID, we were unable to do tax returns in person, so we did them over the phone or via a drop-off process. Our 35 volunteers contributed 3,000 hours that were reported to the Pioneers.

**THANKS** to the H.A.D Allen Club, Sales and Salvage and Computers for Schools for their ongoing support.

Shortly after the tax season, the United Way notified us that their own projects would now require the space we had been using so we are looking for a new location. We have found a temporary location for a weekly Late Filer Clinic at Carmichael Outreach but continue to look for a larger space (about 1000 square feet) where we can run next year's clinic. If you have suggestions for a location, please email [pioneers.taxclinic@gmail.com](mailto:pioneers.taxclinic@gmail.com) and we will get back to you.



We are ALWAYS in need of volunteers—either as a tax preparer, or in managing traffic or answering the phone—contact [pioneers.taxclinic@gmail.com](mailto:pioneers.taxclinic@gmail.com) or Rick Gaucher at 306 533-0017. Knowing how to prepare tax returns is not a prerequisite.

Del Jones, HAD Allen Club president donated \$4000 to United Way Regina on behalf of the HAD Allen Life Member Club in support of the Tax Clinic .

L-r: Del Jones, United Way Rep; Rick Gaucher



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: [sasktel.pioneers@sasktel.com](mailto:sasktel.pioneers@sasktel.com)



## **New National Pioneer Club formed 'SaskTel Pioneers National' established in March 2022 Falls under Saskatchewan Chapter 59**

A National Pioneer club was organized in Western Canada to generate more members outside of Saskatchewan. This encompasses all of the western provinces outside of Saskatchewan. Pioneer clubs in these provinces do not have a sponsor company. *This is an exciting opportunity to expand our reach and positively impact those communities where we live and work.*

**The new club is headed up by Lisa Dewar, Director—Business Sales and Solutions National), who resides in Calgary. [lisa.dewar@sasktel.com](mailto:lisa.dewar@sasktel.com)**

Lisa contacted SaskTel Pioneer Director Darrell Liebrecht to join SaskTel Pioneers Club as an active member. Then she asked SaskTel Pioneers to fund a project in Calgary. From that discussion—they negotiated to establish a new Club outside of Saskatchewan. See Page 32 for more information.



Lisa's first project under the umbrella of Saskatchewan Chapter #59 was to make toys to donate to Cat and Dog shelters. Lisa Dewar has a love for animals having volunteered for a number of years with the Calgary Humane Society.

**Saskatchewan Chapter 59 donated \$5,000 to make items for the Shelter and Humane Society in Calgary.** This donation can make snuffle mats and balls made of fleece for enrichment for dogs. You hide treats/food to help with keeping dogs busy/anxiety at animals shelters. Money goes directly to the shelter. They are a no kill shelter, completely non-profit organization. This is an opportunity for SaskTel Life Members who live in Calgary to do something for the Pioneers.

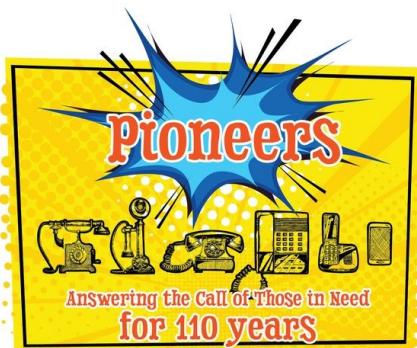


"These items are sold at the shelter and at local markets to raise funds. They are also given to shelter dogs and cats to enrich their days and reduce their stress," said Lisa. "They also held a successful Dog Jog Event with the Calgary Humane Society. They were able to raise \$100K. Snuffle mats, pull toys and bandanas were a hit and will continue to be sold at outreach events."

If you have any patterns, please share through Chapter and they can be distributed to clubs. The mats are too big to ship but could use help for knitted cat toys. You can use this for your local shelters they can sell.

This new club seeks to further fulfill the SaskTel Pioneers' goal of making tangible impacts in the communities where our employees live and work. With SaskTel employees residing in various locations in BC, Alberta and Manitoba, the National Club has lofty goals to positively impact their communities on behalf of the SaskTel Pioneers (Saskatchewan Chapter 59).

Welcome Lisa and team!



In the fall of 2021—Pioneers celebrated 110 year anniversary of the Pioneers organization that was formed in Boston, MA.

# 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.com](mailto:yorkton.pioneers@sasktel.com) to register their hours

- Donated \$3000 to Stockings for Seniors
- Donated books to kids who come into stores with prospective customers
- Donated 100 books to Yorkton Co-op for Kids parade
- Donated \$500 to Tele-miracle
- Donated \$1000 to Yorkton nursing home; \$500 to Saltcoats Historical Society, \$500 to St. Mary's and Dr. Brass intercity schools
- Planted flowers in the park and Jean went to York Road to do some clean up
- Making quilts – to donate at some time.



Donated \$3,000 to Stockings for Seniors. This program buys gifts for seniors that will be alone or not receive a gift at Christmas. L-r Pioneer Jean Bryski, coordinators of Program Jodi Bjomerud and Kristen Weber and pioneer Colleen Nagy.



Donated \$1,000 to Yorkton District Nursing home . Jean Bryski and resident Betty Popowich and Program Coordinator Karen DeLong. This paid for the internet so the residents can enjoy smart TV and talk to family members.



Donation of \$500 to Dr. Brass School—Sandra German and Vice Principal Patti Zerr



Donation of \$500 to St. Mary's school for their meal program. L-r Sheila Johnson, Cheryl Villeneuve (nutrition worker) and Lana Klemetski (Principal of St. Mary's School)



Donated \$500 to SIGN to purchase winter clothing/ accessories. L-r Sheila Johnson and Shelley Zoerb (Director of Operations).

## Swift Current Club . . .

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

President—Fred Wall  
Secretary—Rhonda Wolbaum  
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**

- Making hug a bears
- Donated \$500 to Maple Creek swimming pool
- Donated \$500 to SCHS Scholarship
- Signed 3 year agreement with Comprehensive School for scholarships
- Pioneer Kathy Green made 64 hug a bears—distributed to Swift Current and rural areas RCMP and Tompkins Fire Department.
- Rhonda Wollbaum made a donation of 4 Hug-a-Bears to Les Sloan with the Tompkins Fire Department
- Donated 100 Hug-a-Bears to the RCMP and Fire Department
- BBQ held at Fred Wall's place



Pioneer Rhonda Woldbaum donated Hug-a-Bears to Les Sloan with the Tompkins Fire Department.



Pioneer Perry Durant presents a cheque of \$500 to Rodney Williams Pioneers member and member of the Maple Creek Swimming Pool Fundraiser group.

## North Battleford . . .

Contact Club President: Dan Nesdoly 441-0118  
Email: dan.nesdoly@sasktel.com

President—Dan Nesdoly

Past

President – Brent Degenstein

VP Membership - Marilyn Eckel

Secretary & Treasurer — Brent Degenstein

VP Social - Marion Cashmore

LM Rep—Hugh Martin

VP Salvage—Sharon Bogdan

VP Computer Sales & Salvage—Lloyd Edmunds (445-3985)

nbpioneers2sasktel.net

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

- Present two \$500 Craig Anderson Impact Scholarships and donated Backpacks for Interval House.

## Prince Albert . . .

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

President—Michael Vancoughnett

Past President - vacant

Secretary - Mark Johnson

Treasurer - Janessa Herbert

Life Member Rep - Jamie Tilford

VP Social—Jordan Weatherbee

Communication—Michelle Zurakowski

VP Fellowship—vacant

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.

## Life Member Report . . .

2nd Year VP —Shirley Wolfe—306 545-2179  
1st Year VP—Debby 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



## 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)

Secretary - Trina Klein  
VP Sports - Bev Cyca  
SaskTel EnvironCare Liason—Kendra Leboldus  
Community Outreach & Collections—Laurel Werner  
& Sandy Elliott (Routine)

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.

- Donated \$1900 to Sacred Heart community school for school supplies (in fall 2021)
- Donated \$1,500 to Glen Elm School for school supplies (fall 2021)
- Donated \$1100 to Kitchener community school for school supplies (in fall 2021)
- Donated \$3,200 to the Alzheimer (Provincial sponsor on walk to cover set-up costs)
- Donated 45,894 towards gifts for Wish Angles at the 3 inner city schools
- Donated \$2,000 to Telemiracle (cheque made to Chapter to present)
- Donated \$20,000 to Hospitals of Regina toward the Children's Cancer Care unit capital costs
- Donated \$3,000 to the Z99 Radiothon in support of the NICU and RGH
- Donated \$2,000 to the Regina Food Bank
- Donated \$5,000 to cover Big Sisters of Regina 2022 for Programming expenses
- Donated \$500 to Huntington Society of Canada for walk participant (member)
- Donated \$500 to Cystic Fibrosis for walk participant (non-member)
- Donated \$400 to Kitcheren School—Indigenous Day celebrations
- Donated \$800 to Sacred Heart Year End celebrations
- Donated \$1,000 to Carmichael Outreach (Arts and Culture Programming)
- Donated \$1,000 to Inpower Regina—Art Programming for cancer survivors
- Donated \$2,500 to North Central Family Center
- Donated \$176.68 to Sacred Heart & Kitchener Community School
- Donated \$323.83 to Community Fridges in Regina



Donated  
\$5,000 to Ma-  
ple Creek  
Swimming  
Pool.



*As always, we would like to thank all the people who put in the time to make salvage sales happen – without them these donations and their related benefits to our communities would not be possible.*



## Weyburn Club . . .

Contact Club President: Belinda Kradovill 848-3392  
Email: belinda.kradovill@sasktel.com

President—Belinda Kradovill  
LM Rep—Paul Wilson

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

\*\*\*\*\*NO REPORT SUBMITED\*\*\*\*\*



## 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—Russell Goodman

VP Membership/Education—Lorraine Sikorski Life Member Rep—Debby Gorlick

Past President—Dwayne Iwasuk

VP Fellowship— Valerie Lukash

VP Salvage—Dan Blum

Secretary - Pamela Shillington

Treasurer - Tj Keller

VP Environment - Jordan Bean

Military—Mark Grambo

Health & Humanity—Valerie Lukash

Our Club meetings are held every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 \$2000 each to YWCA, EGADZ, Saskatoon Friendship Inn, Haven Family Connections, Lighthouse, Saskatoon Food Bank, Interval House, STARS, Bridge on 20<sup>th</sup> & ED Feehan SRC
- Donated 271 wish Angels gifts to senior homes —Sunny Side, Central Haven, Porteous Lodge, Parkridge, Oliver Lodge an Stensrud.
- Volunteered at Families to the Forest. Took 8 buses from the community schools to the Enchanted Forest.
- New Project for Saskatoon started in March - Lap quilt project . Received instructions from Joleen Norleen from Regina LMC. Completed 8 quilts to date. Two were donated to Hyde Park Retirement Home and the others to be delivered to Saskatoon Interval House. Graciously accepting donations of cotton fabric.
- Purchased 300 Power Packs and school supplies for St. Francis, St. Marks, St. Maria Goretti, Howard Coad and Bishop Klein schools for a total of \$8,960.79.
- Donated 75 backpacks to Mount Royal and Bedford Road School.
- Donated \$900 for Big Brothers & Big Sisters – a Big/Little match event at a Rush game
- Donated \$1,000 to Wahkohtowin Community School for a cultural project (Ribbon Skirt Project)
- Donated to Lord Asquith School to bring in artist Kevin Peeace to do truth & reconciliation mural.
- Donated 100 baby layettes to Healthy Babies, Healthy Mothers Program
- All fire stations in Saskatoon and Dalmeny have received 50 Hug a Bears each
- Donated 200 hug a bears to Child and Family Services in Saskatoon during the United Way day Of Caring
- Donated \$1,000 to [Centennial Collegiate](#) to purchase a fridge to support their nutrition program
- Donated \$2,000 to Saskatoon Public School Foundation to assist with supplying Water Bottles to schools
- Donated \$1,000 to Whitecalf Community School (Indigenous Student Council at Bedford Road Collegiate) to assist with Programming costs for weekly Meetings and to run a multi-day moccasin making workshop
- Donated \$500 to [OUTSaskatoon](#) to assist with the purchase of a new light up sign
- Donated \$2,000 to Westmount Community School which will allow them to Repair their Red River Cart
- Donated \$2,000 to Prairie Hospice Society to assist with training of volunteers
- Donated \$3,000 to the Saskatoon Tribal Council in support of their new Wellness Centre
- Donated \$5,000 to Care and Share to be put towards their Dignity Fund
- Donated \$1,250 to the Saskatoon Council on Aging Nifty 50's Event
- Donated \$500 to Princess Alexandra School for their Nutrition Program
- Donated \$427 to purchase plants for the RUH Garden Project—also provided volunteers
- Donated \$2,000 to MADD Saskatoon to cover expenses for the Provincial MADD Victims Memorial Ceremony.
- Donated \$1,000 to Mount Royal Collegiate Mustang Drummers to assist with program funding. The Mustang Drummers are a High School Pow wow singing group. These funds will help with providing expert instruction, obtaining their own set of drums, and food for the participants
- Donated water bottles for Saskatoon Lighthouse
- Thank you to the organizers of the Saskatoon volunteer appreciation event last November.



Donated \$5,000 to Saskatoon Care and Share to be put towards their Dignity Fund. L-4 Dorianne Urquhart, Jordan Bean, and Russell Goodman presented to Sandi Meldrum, Executive Director.

Refer to SaskTel Pioneer Facebook page for pictures of monetary donations to the various charities listed above.

**Bridge City Report Continued .....**

Picture Joanne and I had a productive winter making bears. Distributed to:  
Saskatoon Fire Stations - 450 bears (50 each); Dalmeny Fire Station - 15 bears Saskatoon Medavie EMS - 40 bears

Donated \$2,000 to Saskatoon Public School Foundation to purchase Water Bottles to schools

Donated 200 bears for the United Way Day of Caring and Child & Family Services. Project was to create and deliver "Stress/Coping Kits" for children and youth involved in CFS Programs. Extra bears will be used In their summer anxiety camps

Saskatoon Pioneers and Cornerstone Church donated to MADD Saskatoon which allowed them to do a billboard campaign in December. We added our the Red Ribbon. Always plan a safe ride home. Saskatoon Pioneers and Volunteers from Students Against Drinking & Driving and MADD Saskatoon joined Corman Park Police Service had a check stop set up in March.



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a volunteer network

**Donation**

Donated \$3,000 to the Saskatoon Tribal Council in support of their new Wellness Centre in downtown Saskatoon. Their donation will help support the Health and Wellness of our relatives staying at the Centre.



New Project—members started making lap quilts that were donated to Saskatoon Inteval House and two quilts were donated to Hyde Park. Project will resume in the fall. A big thanks to our volunteers and those who donated fabric for our quilts! Thank you to Jolene Norleean from Regina LMC to help us get started.

**Directwest . .**

**Contact Club President: Sharon Finnik 306 777-0317**  
**Email: sharon.finnik@directwest.com**

**President - Sharon Finnik**  
**Sr. VP—vacant**  
**VP Participation - Allan Milham**  
**VP Social & Fellowship—vacant**

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

**Secretary—Ashley Raddysh**  
**VP Membership –vacant**  
**VP Marketing—vacant**  
**VP Ways & Means—vacant**

- PJs for Sophia house
- Donated to Albert school for breakfast program & take home packs for those who can't access the program during Christmas
- Board games to Coronation Park Christmas packages and donation to their breakfast program
- Sent money to Lighthouse in Saskatoon to fill their perishables in their hampers and mitts, blankets, coats
- Wish angels with Bridge City & Prairie Council
- Held fundraising BBQ

**Moose Jaw Club . .**

**Contact Club President: Acting Ryan Dionne**  
**Email: ryan.dionne@sasktel.com 306 690-9197**

**President - Ryan Dionne**  
**Secretary - Todd Carroll**  
**VP Fellowship & Social —Hoy Chey-Hill**

**Past President - Kristian Sjoberg**  
**Environment—Jim Waldenberger**

**Treasurer —Todd Carroll**  
**VP Community - Michelle Wiley**

- Wish angels – upped budget with extra Chapter funding to \$7500. 201 kids, 200 seniors, 7 different care homes & 4 different schools in Moose Jaw.
- Moose Jaw Club partner sponsor of the Moose Jaw Gamers gaming expo—charity fundraiser. Presenting sponsorship of \$2000 got name on posters, media mention and SaskTel Pioneers presents the winter gaming expo. Brought in hundreds of people over weekend.
- Moose Jaw employees donated \$2,249.99 to TelCare who then donated that money to Hunger in Moose Jaw and District Food Bank and the Lung Association of Saskatchewan.

**Media Mentions:** Pictures on Discover Moose Jaw and Moose Jaw Today websites, teddy bears/hug-a-bears with Xmas donations, Pioneer sponsored gaming expo, in the this weekend, on local paper and on the radio.



SaskTel Pioneers sponsors 2022 Winter GAX charity gaming fundraiser held at [Moose Jaw Cultural Centre](#) (home of the Mae Wilson Theatre). It is an event where people pay to enter and play board games, card games, videogames & other nerd activities. We take their entry free and with the sponsorship money we receive we get to choose a children's charity, like Creative Kids Saskatchewan, and donate all the proceeds from the event. The Moose Jaw SaskTel Pioneers donated \$2000 to their fundraising as a partner Sponsor to help them raise even more funds.



Moose Jaw Wish Angels (2021 ).

Thanks go out to all the helpers and families from the SaskTel Store who managed to pull this off in two months. You all know who you are and how amazing you are.



## Melfort Club . . .

Contact Club President: Kathy Fidyk - 306 752-3448  
Email: kaalfidyk@icloud.com

**President - Kathy Fidyk**  
**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**

- Purchased 20 blankets for Parkland Care Center and 11 blankets to Santa's for Seniors with the \$3,000 provided by Chapter.
- Donated \$200 to Salvation Army for Christmas Hampers
- Donated \$1000 to Salvation Army for Christmas Dinner
- Presented 11 seniors with an angel gift last Christmas
- Donated bus rides for Handy Van to shuttle seniors night out
- Food bank
- School Lunch programs
- Donation to Life skills program
- Cleaned up around the water tower
- Held social in June and played pickleball
- Held BBQ for salvation Army & Rotary in July for Shelter boxes



Media Mention—Thank you from Salvation Army for donations & volunteering

*Melfort donated 75 book to the Melfort public library for their summer reading program!*



*Volunteered for a BBQ fundraiser for rotary & Salvation Army to raise money for above shelter boxes!*



*Melfort donated 20 fleece blankets for Santa for Seniors!*



*Melfort donated 50 ride passes (400.00) to our local handivan!*



*Jamie Gagoon and her son Jayce cut the ribbon on their new home, bought through Habitat for Humanity Melfort, at a key ceremony on Friday, Sept. 11. Habitat provides home buying opportunities for moderate income families. This is Habitat's third home in Melfort. SUSAN McNEIL*

Habitat for humanity house in Melfort was named the "SaskTel Pioneers House"

## 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 Ruttan  
VP Fellowship—Gloria Lawson  
Member at Large—Brenda Glasby

Treasurer - Lyle Fluter  
Salvage —Crawford McKee  
Community Services/Social —Marilyn Lorence

Monthly Club Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the TPAC in Regina.

- Donated \$30,000 to local charities:  
Sacred Heart School  
Regina Food Bank  
Jim Pattison Children's Hospital  
Hope's Home  
Lumsden Beach Camp
- Good Neighbour Project  
Sask Sr. Mechanism  
Autism Resource Center  
Mending Little Hearts Fund
- Alzheimer Association  
Wounded Warriors  
Street Cats of Regina  
Habitat for Humanity
- YWCA Make Christmas Magic Campaign (\$3,000 from Chapter) for women's shelter gifts & food
- Donated \$1500 to SSM in December
- Donated \$3000 in November to MS Xmas card. For 3 Sundays in December, CKRM radio took requests from people for Christmas songs and they had to make a donation for the request
- Tax Clinic – approximately 2800 returns were completed in March & April. Benefits and refunds came to about \$12.8M. Held a Soup & Sandwich welcome back to TPAC/Pioneering in June.
- A social is being planned for Thursday, October 27, 2022. More details to follow. .
- Regina Pioneer LMC cooked a pancake/sausage breakfast in front of the Legislature Building on July 1st.
- Participated in Fundraiser for Camp Easter Seal (Autism). Guy Hughes and Warren Schlosser rappelled down the Twin Towers in Regina in August for this fundraiser.
- Luncheon held on September 15th at TPAC.



4 Pioneer Life Members participated in the Regina SaskTel Pioneer Walk for Hope Team in the IG Wealth Management walk for Alzheimer's in May 2022 to help raise money so they can meet the growing demand for programs and services. Over \$38k raised. L-r: Stacey (Judi's daughter), Judi Ironside, Jolene and Blaine Norleen—they raised over \$3,000. Pioneers also provided Music for opening and closing ceremonies. They were recognized both in signage and by several of the guest speakers.

A BIG THANK-YOU to everyone that supported our team.



Regina Life Members Club donated 53 lap Blankets and 10 quilts to the Alan Blair Cancer Clinic. They also donated 30 lap blankets to the Saskatchewan Health Authority for distribution to seniors in southern Saskatchewan.



\$5,000 donation to Maple Creek Swimming Pool



CLEANING THE TPAC in Regina: The TPAC Board in Regina are looking for people to assist with clean up. Contact the Office at 306-777-8450 or email [tpac.pioneers@sasktel.net](mailto:tpac.pioneers@sasktel.net)

Thank-you to all our volunteers who have helped with the creation of these lap blankets and also to those pioneers and friends who have donated material and wool.



**Meet the H.A.D.  
Life Member Club  
executive.**

L-r: Alex Yakichuk, Gloria Lawson, Lyle Fluter, Marilyn Lorence, Del Jones, Lynn Meikle-Brown, Wayne Rutten and Crawford McKee



Ferguson School receives School Supplies from the H.A.D. Allen Club, Regina



Guy Hughes and Warren Schlosser rappelled down the Twin Towers in Regina in August as a fundraiser for Camp Easter Seal (Autusium)

I-r Marilyn Lorence, Warren Schlosser and Sandy Nasewich. Right is Guy Hughes .



Luncheon held at TPAC on Sept 14th. Chefs were Marilyn Lorence and Jan Fehr. BBQ chefs were Dale Richardson and Bert Wenzel.



Left: 15 SaskTel Pioneers Volunteers were: Kelly Moens, Adolf Rogoschewsky, Randy Weir, Jacquie Perigny, Gary Felton, Lynn Grief, Debbie Kilback, Nasewich Family (Sandy, Rod, Carl and Jake), Lil Christian, Carol Micheals, Guy Hughes, Marilyn Lorence.

A number of Members of the Saskatchewan Caucus also volunteered.



Regina Pioneer LMC SaskTel cooked a pancake/sausage breakfast in front of the Legislature Building on July 1st.



TPAC—2106 1st Avenue,  
Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 3Y2  
Phone: 777-8450 for bookings

Nasewich family  
Rod, Sandy,  
Carl and Jake

# A Whole Lotta Lotto!

## The Pioneers Pay Day Lottery

*"This past year, more than \$35,400 was raised through the lottery," said Darrell Liebrecht, Pioneers Manager.*



Funds from the lottery help pay for several programs and projects which are beneficial for Saskatchewan residents. The funds are especially essential for communities with a lack of fundraising opportunities since the lottery gives them a chance to contribute.

*"This year, lottery funds meant each Pioneer club across the province received \$3,200 to spend on worthwhile causes in their area such as Books for Literacy, assistance with school projects and local non-profits," said Darrell.*

To sign up, all employees need to do is complete the 2022/2023 Payday Lottery form on the [Pioneers website](#). Employees of SaskTel, SaskTel International, DirectWest and SecurTek, retirees and Pioneer members - both past and present - can take part in the lottery. Contact [sasktel.pioneers@sasktel.com](mailto:sasktel.pioneers@sasktel.com) or 306 777-2515 for more information.

- The lottery includes 29 prizes, with a draw every two weeks for \$500 each. And if you happen to win one of the \$500 prizes, you are still eligible to win more than once!
- There's also a 'Charity of Choice' draw made annually. With this draw, the winner receives \$500.00 and a matched amount is donated to their chosen charitable organization.
- The lottery features two major prize draws for \$2,500 each. The latest major prize was drawn on July 14, 2022. The winner was Saskatoon's TJ Keller, Senior Business Planner, Business Sales.

### Refer to Page 9 for more information on Lottery winners



*"We thank employees who support the lottery and all Pioneer projects," said Darrell. "Your support really does make a difference for organizations and communities in our province. And if you haven't done so, consider being part of the Pioneer Payday Lottery. You never know when it might be your turn to win!"*

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### 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 a normal habit.



## Five Decades!

### Employee Joe Stack Celebrates 50 Years with SaskTel

*Joe Stack's SaskTel career began on July 10, 1972.*

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Joe Stack has learned to roll with the punches of change. Over the course of his 50 year SaskTel career, Joe – who was once a boxer/boxing instructor at Saskatoon’s Hub City Boxing Club - has seen tremendous change in our industry.

"When I first started, we were still working with copper and landlines," said Joe, who is a Customer Service Technician. "Today, you might go into an apartment building with 25 residents and only one or two of them will have dial tone because most just use their cellphones. Times have changed!"

After a year of university, he decided to try a different direction and applied with SaskTel. "I was still living on the family farm in the Asquith area, when a SaskTel representative was trying to contact me to let me know I got the job," said Joe. "He almost never got through since our phone service at the time consisted of party lines – but I'm glad he did!"

Party lines (local loop telephone circuits that were shared by multiple telephone service subscribers) would continue to play a role in Joe's life. While his first SaskTel job was with a construction crew in Watrous, it wasn't long before he was with the Residential Install team in Saskatoon, helping to reduce the amount of party lines.

Since those early years, Joe has spent his career in constant contact with customers and has no immediate plans to retire. "It feels like I started yesterday – it went pretty fast!" said Joe. "I continue to evaluate the situation, but I still enjoy the personal interaction every day. I love my job, helping customers out whether it's repairing their phone or their internet. It has all worked out well for me."

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## SaskTel Scholarships



*Emerald Whitfield, daughter of SaskTel's Trevor Whitfield, is this year's Gord Kuhn Scholarship recipient.*

Everyone knows the importance of a good education, and these days we know it comes with a high cost. With youth representing such an important part of our province's future, it's one of the main reasons SaskTel continues to offer annual scholarships like the Gord Kuhn to aspiring post-secondary students around Saskatchewan.

*This year, our Gord Kuhn Scholarship has gone to the well-deserving Emerald Whitfield, daughter of Trevor Whitfield, Tech Asst (Advancing Technologies).*

Heading into her first year of engineering studies, Emerald is excited for the new challenges and opportunities ahead.

"Our scholarships are aimed at supporting our province's youth who pursue degrees related to our lines of business," said Jacqueline Abrahamson, HR Manager - Staffing. "It's awesome to see more young people like Emerald heading into a field that's so important to the future of business and the province."

With SaskTel awarding 8 scholarships of \$3,000 each (including the Gord Kuhn), we're making it that much easier for our youth to connect to their future and the world!

Congratulations to Emerald and the rest of our 2022 SaskTel Scholarship Winners! Keep an eye out for the full list of winners being posted to the [Scholarship page on SaskTel.com](#) sometime soon.

**Applications for the 2023 SaskTel Scholarships will open in December 2022.**

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## Seeds of Support!

### Employees Receive Sunflower Seeds to Show Support

*Amy Richardson, Strategic Workforce Planning at SaskTel, holds sunflower seeds recently sent to all employees.*



If you've checked your inbox at work or your mailbox at home, you may have received a small packet of sunflower seeds from SaskTel. The seeds represent the second part of our Connecting with Community Corporate Challenge: Plant A Seed for Peace.

In part one of the challenge, SaskTel employees, SaskTel Pioneers and SaskTel combined to raise \$50,000 that will go towards supporting Ukrainian citizens resettling in Saskatchewan in partnership with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress of Saskatchewan.

"It is so great to see how SaskTel employees stepped up to the challenge," says Amy Richardson , Strategic Workforce Planning in Human Resources. "This once again shows the generosity of our employees and shows SaskTel employees really care."

The sunflower seeds were chosen as part of the campaign because the sunflower is the national flower of the Ukraine. The plant is a large part of the countries' economy as Ukraine is one of the world's major suppliers of sunflower oil. It is also seen as a symbol of peace in the Ukraine.

*"The sunflower seeds are not only a simple way to say thank you to our employees for their donation, but also a visible way that employees can show their support for the people of Ukraine," says Amy.*

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## Computers for Schools Program Supported Displaced Ukrainian Families

SaskTel's involvement in the Computers For Schools (CFS) program helps to ensure people in Saskatchewan schools, libraries and non-profits stay connected. The initiative involves an agreement with the Federal Government that commits the delivery of 4,200 laptops, desktops and tablets to different organizations per year.

This past year, CFS focused to work with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) to ensure computers are available for displaced Ukrainian families fleeing from a war-torn country. "UCC Settlement Advisors will be our key resources in identifying displaced Ukrainians with computer needs," said SaskTel retiree Ken Mazur.

*Ken has a unique view of the situation.*

*Besides volunteering with CFS, he is Vice President of UCC Regina.*

*"Having computers and access to the internet will be critical for them," said Ken. "Besides the educational component, it will provide access to jobs, on-line government services, medical information, and provide them a vital link to friends and family, as well as helping them become a part of the existing Saskatchewan Ukrainian community."*



"It's a natural opportunity," said Keith Grill, Executive Director, CFS. "We're happy to help out where we can, especially in challenging times. "This is a good fit as far as helping to keep people connected."



CFS has SaskTel provided facilities and utilities in Regina and Saskatoon. The Regina facility features the work of federally sponsored interns, and both sites utilize past and present SaskTel employees who volunteer their time as SaskTel Pioneers. In the past fiscal year, volunteers in the two cities contributed just over 5,000 hours of work.

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## Comfort and Joy!

### SaskTel's Wish Angels Program Continues to Put Smiles on Faces

*TJ Keller and Bonny Stevenson with a few of the gifts that will be delivered in Saskatoon.*



*The Wish Angels Program will once again help to put smiles on children's faces during the most wonderful time of the year.*

Thanks to SaskTel and the SaskTel Pioneers, those involved with the program were once again hard at work across the province gathering gifts and presenting them to children and seniors who are in special care homes and long-term care facilities.

**In Regina**, the Wish Angel program sees employees contribute for the purchase of gifts for the pre-k to Grade 3 classes of Kitchener Community School and Sacred Heart Community School. SaskTel Pioneers in Regina have asked anyone who wishes to participate to make a monetary contribution to the program rather than shopping for a gift on their own. Funds raised were used to purchase gifts and delivered to the schools prior to the holiday season break.

*"The pandemic has changed things, but we still wanted to ensure that these children receive gifts that they are so happy to receive," says Sandy Elliot, Administration Assistant in Finance and who has been driving the program in Regina for years. "It's wonderful that SaskTel, the Pioneers and our employees continue to spread cheer at this time of year." In total, Sandy and her team delivered 272 gifts to the schools.*

**In Saskatoon**, the Bridge City Pioneers hung-up Wish Angels in SaskTel buildings where employees picked an angel and purchased a gift for a senior citizen. The gifts were then taken to seniors' homes in Saskatoon (the homes were: Parkridge Centre, Oliver Lodge, Stensrud Lodge, Sherbrooke Community Centre, Sunny Side Care Home, Central Haven Special Care Home and Porteous Lodge). A total of 271 Wish Angel requests were filled this year!



**Meanwhile in Moose Jaw**, the process of giving actually begins in the fall when Store Rep Michelle Wiley puts out feelers to care homes and schools to gather names that may require a special gift. "She then does all the purchasing," said Kristian Sjoberg, a Customer Service Technician and Pioneer in Moose Jaw. "We make the purchases with funds we've raised from Pioneer activities like payday lotteries, salvage sales and other chapter projects." The schools that received gifts this year were: St Agnes, Sacred Heart, St Mary's, William Grayson, Prince Arthur and Empire. The care homes receiving gifts were Extendicare, Chateau St. Michael and Providence Place. "Nearly \$6,500 in gifts were presented to 101 students, as well as to 100 seniors in the care homes," said Kristian.



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



Arts Management Associates  
Old recycled telephone cords. Telephone Sheep  
by Jean Luc Corne....



## Heart of the Matter

### Automated External Defibrillators Can Save Lives

*Kristian Sjoberg (r) presents an Automated External Defibrillator to a representative of the Moose Jaw Tennis Club on behalf of the SaskTel Pioneers*

A few years ago, the SaskTel Pioneers in Moose Jaw were approached by a local group to request an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for their site as a donation.

AEDs are devices that deliver a brief, high-energy pulse of direct current electricity to the heart muscle through disposable defibrillation electrodes applied to a person's chest. They are used as a recognized means of treating certain potentially fatal cardiac arrhythmias and can restore a normal heart rhythm in victims of sudden cardiac arrest.

The AED was purchased by the Pioneers, but when it arrived, unfortunately, the requesting group moved their operation and no longer required the AED. "It did create a bit of a dilemma for us, so we started looking for groups or organizations that might need one," said Kristian Sjoberg, a CST from Moose Jaw who volunteers with the Pioneers.

**"We identified the Moose Jaw Tennis club as a possibility and decided on their indoor location at the Hillcrest Golf Club." "The club is very excited to now have that next level of safety for their employees and members. And of course, we are proud that the donation was made by the Moose Jaw Pioneers."**

That next level of safety is also available at SaskTel. AEDs are located at the security kiosks at several company locations including: 2121 Saskatchewan Drive (Regina); 1825 Lorne Street (Regina); 1855 Lorne Street (Regina); 580 Henderson Drive (Regina); 2133 1st Avenue (Regina); 355 Longman Crescent (Regina); 320 Pasqua Street North (Regina); 140 1st Avenue North (Saskatoon); 446 2nd Avenue North (Saskatoon); 838 48th Street East (Saskatoon); and 210 103rd Street East (Saskatoon).



*"In the event that an employee is ever in a situation where they might have to use an AED on someone at SaskTel, it's preferred that First Aid or CPR trained employees do so," said Steve Hepting, Human Resources Manager – Safety.*

"But obviously time is of the essence in these situations so anyone can use them in an emergency situation." Employees can familiarize themselves with what would be required in that scenario by reviewing the [AED policy page on The Source](#). Instructions can also be found on Emergency Guide posters that are posted in buildings with 50 or more employees (they're usually placed on the walls by the elevators and in medium/large conference rooms).

Should an AED ever need to be used, the AED has an audio component that talks a user through the process

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*What a relief—that we have underground Wiring these days—our true pioneers were very dedicated to work under these wintery and stormy conditions.*



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# Moms Make it Happen!

## Moose Jaw Pioneers Support Much Needed Day Care Centre in Central Butte

*Kristian Sjoberg (l) and Todd Carroll (beside him) present a cheque for \$5,000 to the Central Butte Community Day Care group.*



***There's very little that a determined group of moms can't do.  
Add in some assistance from the SaskTel Pioneers and the sky's the limit!***

That's the case in Central Butte, where a group of mothers have come together to address the need for a day care facility for their community.

"The town and area are in a desperate need of day care for their children as there are currently no day care centers or private day cares and it has been like this for a year or so," said Todd Carroll, Customer Services Technician who is also a member of the Moose Jaw Pioneers. "A group made up of mothers decided to do it on their own and start their own community day care for the town and area."

The group, known as Central Butte Child Care Incorporated (CBCCI), was formed in February 2021. "There's definitely a need for this service, as our area – which includes Eyebrow, Tugaske, Riverhurst and Chaplin - is vibrant and growing," said Kayla Hamm, who is a CBCCI committee member. "We are at the hub of all this activity and presently, people are having to rely on friends and family for day care."

That will hopefully change soon, as the CBCCI hope to have a fully operational day care up and running for August 2022.



An important early step was securing the old SaskPower building in Central Butte that will house the facility. However, the building will require renovations to transform it into a day care. That means donations and fundraising are critical for the day care, something that caught the attention of the Moose Jaw Pioneers.

***"As a group, we made the decision to contribute \$5,000 to the CBCCI," said Todd. "They will use the donation for the renovations and for other start-up costs the project will require."***

Todd and fellow Moose Jaw Pioneer Kristian Sjoberg made the trip to Central Butte, which is approximately 100 km northwest of Moose Jaw, to present the group with the cheque on September 30, 2021.

While there's still much to do, the donation from the Pioneers is a boost that will help make the project a reality for CBCCI. "We're very appreciative for the donation from the Pioneers," said Kayla. "It's generous and will go a long way to helping us achieve our goals."

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**REMEMBER WHEN**—we used to sell these plates as a reflection of our occupations at SaskTel



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## 5G in the 'House!'

### SaskTel Builds New 5G Warehouse in Regina

If you've driven by the SaskTel facilities on 2133 1st Ave. in Regina lately, you may have noticed a brand new building that was recently completed.



"It's our new warehouse that will hold our 5G equipment," said Byron Waugh, Corporate Services Manager – Supply Chain Management. "This new building will allow for more material to be on hand. It will allow for better organization of material and easier access."

"Previously some of this material was stored in a tent and if there was something we needed that was at the back of the tent everything had to be moved out to get at it and then everything put back in. Now they will just need to go with a forklift and take it off a shelf. It will also provide for more area to stage equipment to get it ready for contractors to pick up."

The new warehouse, which covers 11,980 square feet, can hold approximately 700 pallets up in the racks. There is potential to add additional racking for 260 more pallet locations.

"Right now, we will be using that space to hold large antennas on the floor and provide staging areas for material for



Work on the building began in October 2021 and was completed June 13, 2022. It is built similarly to our Provincial Distribution Centre, but a smaller size.

The latest warehouse will be essential for SaskTel's expansion of 5G and our commitment to invest more than \$1.4 billion of capital across Saskatchewan over the next five years. "We're pleased to see the warehouse is now completed," said Byron. "Without it, we would not be able to function and meet our timelines for the 5G build."



*Trunking & Switching Technicians (from l):  
Dave Schmidt, Kevin Adams, Randy Lambert,  
Victor Fok and David Dean at the new 5G  
Warehouse in Regina.*



## SaskTel Brings 5G Connectivity to the City of Saskatoon

5G brings incredible wireless speeds, as well as significant network capacity and connections. The technology of the future is arriving in Saskatchewan faster than ever and SaskTel is helping to make it happen.

The company is setting a new standard for connectivity in Saskatoon as it begins the rollout of its 5G wireless network in the province's largest city. It's part of an investment that will also bring 5G network expansion to 15 additional towers in the Regina, including the downtown business district. SaskTel plans to expand its 5G network to cover the majority of Regina and Saskatoon by the end of the year. With 5G, we will see incredible wireless speeds, as well as significant network capacity and connections.

The 5G network, which will be powered by Samsung. In order to connect to its 5G network, SaskTel customers will need to be within a 5G coverage area, have a 5G capable device that is certified for use on the SaskTel 5G network and subscribe to a 5G compatible wireless plan.

# Using Public Wi-Fi Networks

## The Do's and Don'ts



Public Wi-Fi can be risky if you are unaware of the type of wi-fi network you are using. You never know who else may be connected, and hackers may be able to gain access to your computer. They may also set up fake hotspots to capture sensitive information like credit card information. There are basically two kinds of public wi-fi networks available. Regardless of the type of public Wi-Fi connection you choose, caution should be exercised.

**Secured network** - Agreeing to legal terms, registering an account, and entering a password are all examples of requirements for entering a secured network.

**Unsecured network**— users can connect without the security requirement of entering a password or login.

### Here are some helpful handy do's and don'ts in using public wi-fi networks:

- Do connect to secured public networks whenever possible.
- Don't use unsecured networks when accessing personal financial accounts or sensitive data. If it is necessary to enter these accounts on public Wi-Fi, you are still taking a risk using secured access, so ensure to use your best judgment.
- Do secure your laptop, Smartphone or tablet when in a public place. Regardless of what access you utilize; you risk having your property stolen or someone peeking at the information contained or accessed on your device.
- Don't shop on-line when using public Wi-Fi. When completing a transaction, personal information that could include retailer credentials to log in and financial information. An unsecured Wi-Fi network certainly should not be used.
- Do turn off automatic connectivity. Automatic connectivity setting, allowing you to connect from one hotspot to the next is available on most Smartphone's, laptops, and tablets. Although this feature is convenient, your device connects to networks you may not ordinarily connect to. Especially when travelling to unfamiliar places, these settings should be turned off.
- Do monitor your Bluetooth connectivity. Smart devices at home utilize this handy feature on many devices. You are susceptible to a huge risk by leaving Bluetooth on in public places. Hackers can look for open Bluetooth signals with the intention of gaining access to your device. When you leave your home, office, or other trusted areas, be sure to shut this function off.

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

Coordinator Needed —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.



## Calgary Connection

### Pioneers Look West to Establish Brand New Club for Chapter 59

*Members of the newly formed Pioneer Chapter 59 Club with stuffed toys made for Calgary Humane Society.*



**The SaskTel Pioneers' desire for good deeds knows no boundaries. Now that includes provincial ones! The newest SaskTel Pioneers club, which falls under Chapter 59, was recently opened in Calgary.**

The idea for the new club came from Lisa Dewar, Director – Sales (National) who is stationed in Calgary. “After learning about the great things that the Pioneers do, I joined as a member,” said Lisa. “Shortly thereafter, I approached the Pioneers to potentially fund a project in Calgary so that we can impact local charities in areas where we have Pioneers and alumni.”

*“As a result, I was given a new club (as of March 2022) which we are calling ‘Pioneers West’ which encompasses all of the western provinces outside of Saskatchewan. This is an exciting opportunity to expand our reach and positively impact those communities where we live and work.”*

Presently, the club consists of Lisa and will potentially include Pioneer alumni in Alberta, British Columbia and Manitoba. “The club is brand new, so we’re working on growing our membership,” said Lisa. “I have recruited a few of my friends to assist in Calgary as well while we build our membership base.”

While still in its very early stages, it didn’t take long for the new club to do what Pioneers do – begin making a difference in the community. They have already donated approximately \$5000 of in-kind donations to the Calgary Humane Society.

The donation has involved building snuffle mats (puzzle toys that helps to stimulate a pet’s brain by using their sniffing skills to hunt for treats) and pull toys.

“These items are sold at the shelter and at local markets to raise funds and they are given to shelter dogs to enrich their days and reduce their stress,” said Lisa. “We have also donated about 200 cat toys and other needed supplies. We still have funding left and are working on building more of these items to give to the shelter in the coming months.” Not bad for a brand new club!

“This is the first time we’ve had a club outside of Saskatchewan,” said Pioneer Manager Darrell Liebrecht. “It adds more volunteers and projects and opens up opportunities to join forces with Pioneer volunteers outside of Saskatchewan. This includes both our retirees and members from other chapters.”



“Lisa is a very active volunteer in Calgary. With her leadership, I believe this club will continue to grow.” Lisa is certainly up for the challenge. “Other projects will surely show up over the coming months and we will be at the ready to assist,” she said. “I can’t wait to see what this group can do!”





## Employees Lend Helping Hand

### Your TelCare Donations Help Meet Basic Needs of Many

*Dana Weinbender (r) representing SaskTel TelCare in Swift Current presents TelCare donation for nutrition program to Stephen Boss principal of Swift Current Fairview School.*

**SaskTel is committed to giving back to Saskatchewan, and with the announcement of TelCare's annual donations, it's clear the tradition remains alive and well as we welcome the new year.**

In 2021, the employee-driven program (spread across nine-districts) raised nearly \$140,000. Combined with SaskTel's commitment to match 50 per cent of each donation allowed us to donate a total of nearly \$209,000 to 47 charitable and non-profit organizations operating across Saskatchewan. It is a voluntary payroll deduction throughout the year.

"SaskTel TelCare is truly one of the things that makes SaskTel a fantastic community-minded company," said Lindsay Mazenc, Corporate Communications Manager - External. "In this climate I think we can all agree that there is a degree of economic uncertainty that exists, and these contributions will go a long way for charitable organizations in our province to help improve the quality of life for those who need it most."

**Care & Share was one of this year's recipients in the Saskatoon district.** The charity works with over 20 schools in the Saskatoon and surrounding area where many children come from low-income and disadvantaged homes. Care & Share received a \$3,000 TelCare donation toward its cornerstone Dignity Fund Program. The Fund was established in 1998 to maintain and enhance the self-esteem of kids in community schools. SaskTel's donation will help purchase essential items such as winter clothing, hygiene products, shoes, runners and underwear among other items for children in need.

"This donation means that students can come to school and feel that they fit in like everyone else," said Sandi Meldrum, Executive Director of Care & Share. "To the families who struggle, this donation means that their children can be kept warm in the winter on their way to and from school. It means that very basic needs are being met."

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-Stephen Boss,  
Principal Fairview School

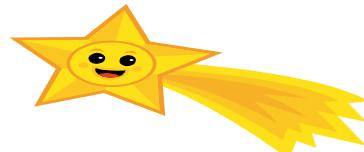
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**In the Swift Current district, Fairview School** – a Kindergarten to Grade 8 school – received a \$731.25 donation for its nutrition program as well an additional program that provides lunch for about 10 students. Stephen Boss is the Principal at Fairview School and he describes the program as a "safety net." He said oftentimes students come to school without eating a proper breakfast and others are without a lunch, so the program is a staple.

**In Moose Jaw**—TelCare donated a total of \$2,249.99 to Hunger in Moose Jaw and District Food Bank and Saskatchewan Lung Association.

Teddy Bears Anonymous is one of the supported programs in TelCare which will be able to gift 1,150 teddy bears to sick children in Saskatchewan Hospitals, EMS, and Air Medevac Services thanks to TelCare.

"We certainly do not want students going through the day without something nutritious to eat. Without supports in place, children would go hungry," Stephen said. "The TelCare donation provides us with the means to better support students with nutritional needs, and we are definitely grateful and appreciative for support towards this worthy directive. This funding allows us to continue focusing our attention on student learning without worrying as much about managing nutritional value.'



## A Five Time Feat

### Saskatoon Employee Continues Drive to Warm the Feet of the Homeless

*Lindee Richards (l) holds a box full of socks donated in the Toasty Toes Sock Drive while Dave Klinger (r), SaskTel Stonebridge Store Service Rep, makes a donation*



**When Lindee Richards first coordinated a sock drive for the homeless with her colleagues at the Customer Support Centre in Saskatoon, she never imaged that five years later the campaign would still be going strong.**

From its humble beginnings in 2018 when Lindee saw a homeless man on the streets in Saskatoon without a pair of socks in minus 40 temperatures, the sock drive has become an annual event each February.

*"The thought to continue this campaign is pretty easy," says Lindee, who now Manages the Saskatoon Stonebridge Store. "I am so fortunate that I have warm clean socks every day. That is a luxury that not all have, even right here in my neighborhood."*

Over the past four years, SaskTel employees have helped warm the toes of over 15,000 feet in Saskatchewan. It was Lindee's inspiration behind the SaskTel Community Challenge Socks in a Box where SaskTel employees donated both new socks and money. As a result, a total of 7,000 pairs of new socks were distributed to a number of shelters for those at risk around the province.

Like most things, the pandemic brought on a new dynamic. Prior to COVID, with the help of volunteers, Lindee had designated sock drop off points established throughout Saskatchewan. With many working from home due to COVID, physically collecting socks was a challenge and Lindee began to rely on monetary donations to purchase socks on her own.

***"With the pandemic, homelessness has increased significantly so the need for socks is greater than ever," says Lindee. "The pandemic has taken enough away from us. I'm not going to let it have this!"***

In the past four years, new socks have been donated to various provincial shelters, YMCA's, Food Banks, The Light-house in Saskatoon, and Out Saskatoon just to name a few. Lindee has even got so far as to hand some out on the street directly to homeless people.

For the fifth annual drive, Lindee accepted monetary donations and received help from her fellow retail store managers at SaskTel stores across the province. They have set up boxes in all retail store locations where specialists are supporting the drive by donating new socks.

The goal this year is to donate 3000 pairs of socks to shelters around the City of Saskatoon and other shelters in Saskatchewan.



*"Last year when I donated to one shelter, the coordinator teared up and said you have no idea how much we need these!" said Lindee. "There are several donation points that tell me they look forward to my February deliveries."*

If you wish to support Lindee and the purchase of socks for the homeless, you can contact her at [lindee.richards@sasktel.com](mailto:lindee.richards@sasktel.com) and arrange for e-transfer of cash or get further information on the retail drop off locations. Because the drive is simply off the side of her desk, no tax receipts are given.



## Pioneering Spirit

### Darrell Liebrecht Reflects on his Time as SaskTel Pioneer Manager

*Pioneer Manager Darrell Liebrecht is retiring, leaving him more time to spend time with family and with his horses Candy and Turk.*

The year was 1981 and Darrell Liebrecht began what was to become a distinguished SaskTel career in Saskatoon.

**"I spent most of my career in Operations," said Darrell, who is retiring as SaskTel's Pioneer Manager. "Among other things I've been a Switchman, worked in Provincial Network Operations Centre and have been a Senior Planner in Operations."**

Darrell participated in several projects through the years and significantly increased his involvement with SaskTel Pioneers when working on a fledgling project known as Computers for Schools in 1993. "I was instantly drawn to the culture of the Pioneers," said Darrell. "I remember thinking how unique it was that a person could pursue their career goals and make a philanthropic difference in their community at the same time. It was a great way to volunteer and help others in need while building new relationships within the company."

**Little did Darrell know his interest in the Pioneers would one day result in him becoming Pioneer Manager, a position he has flourished in for the past 15 years. Thank you for your years of service as Pioneer Director.**

While the accomplishments of the Pioneers during the Darrell era are far too numerous to mention, some do stand out for him.

*"I was particularly proud of our work with First Books Canada, an organization that delivers books to young children," he said. "I will always have fond memories of my dealings with the North Central Family Centre in Regina too, and the low income tax clinics we held across the province."*

Darrell is proud of the 'value add' element the Pioneers bring to SaskTel.

*"Financially our volunteers raise money to help with projects and donations to other organizations that need our help," said Darrell. "Our people volunteer across the province to help organizations that are close to their heart. Also, the end result is so important. It's the work we do that truly helps someone."*

He cited the 'Hug-a-Bears' project as an example. "Our people make these bears to donate to emergency services personnel to give to kids at an emergency scene," he said. "I remember when I was a Fire Chief in White City, giving a bear to a young child who was with his family watching their house burn. It gave the child something else to focus on. The family appreciated this. I got to see an end result. Everything we do has SaskTel's name attached to it. The Pioneers do a lot of positive things across the province."

As Darrell rides on into the sunset, he plans to spend his days working on his acreage, relaxing, and enjoying life with his wife Heather, while spending more time with his two kids and his two grandchildren.

But of course, he will always also find time to continue to volunteer as a Pioneer.

Darrell had some parting words for his SaskTel colleagues.

**"In order for organizations like the Pioneers to continue their good work, it will mean fresh faces will need to step up and bring in their new ideas and enthusiasm," he said. "To those who have participated in the past, thank you. For those who are considering it, go for it!"**

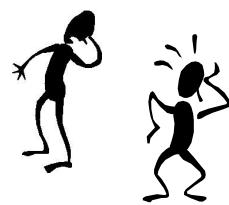
"You will get a great feeling and may learn something about a culture, people or organizations that you never knew."



**Darrell retired from SaskTel on August 19, 2022—Congratulations and Good Luck On your retirement.**

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# How Do We Go On

How do we go on  
after the unthinkable happens?  
How can we carry the burden of knowing  
the world can be cruel and dangerous,  
the future so unpredictable?  
How do we grieve with empty arms  
and a head filled with echoing memories?

We are stronger than we know,  
and this is how we show it:  
Holding  
each other,  
giving comfort in the midst of pain.  
Loving more fiercely,  
through our actions and the things we say.  
Making the world just a little bit better,  
every single day.  
Never taking life for granted,  
knowing that it can be snatched away.

This world may bring deep darkness,  
but we are the bearers of light.  
We'll join our flames together,  
and shine in the blackest of nights

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*In memory of our  
Loved Ones—  
especially to  
those affected by  
the tragedy on  
September 4th,  
2022.*



*So much to be  
Thankful for!*

