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

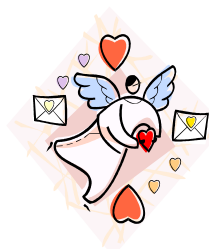
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Pioneer Membership Upates

Please advise us of any of the following changes:

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

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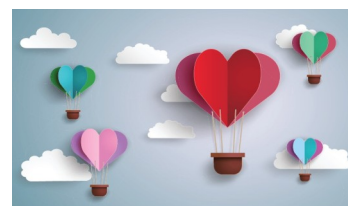
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**YOU CAN HELP US STAY
IN TOUCH BY KEEPING US
ADVISED**

*Thank
YOU*

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for*



Saskatchewan Chapter 59

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Message from our Chapter #59 President John McMurdo



Dear Members: Regular, Life, Family and Friends

Together We Can Do More

Reflecting back on 2023 fills me with pride. The dedication of our connected Pioneers is astonishing. During every National Canadian Pioneer Board meeting I had the honour of sharing all the initiatives our Saskatchewan Pioneers championed. The volume of activities that we volunteer our time to, and the quality of the impact to our respective communities is impressive. Our National Chair recognized our Saskatchewan Pioneers for our consistent positive impact that we have in Saskatchewan. We truly are leading our all of Canada by example; simply exemplary.

2023 was also filled with growth. Our previous Pioneer Manager, Darrell Liebrecht, retired last year providing an opportunity for new leaders to step in. Jodine Smith, Heather Milani, Greg Indzeoski, and Dylan Hunstad have all contributed to allow our Chapter to function like a well-oiled machine. One of the notable changes in 2023 is they streamlined our request database to make it easy for non-profit organizations to connect with us and identify where help is needed. This forward thinking illustrates our innovation strength that we possess.

I want to personally thank each of you for your tireless contributions. You have made a profound impact on the lives of countless individuals in our community. You have volunteered your time, your skills, and your resources to make the world a better place, and that is no small feat. You have shown that age is just a number, and that the spirit of volunteerism knows no bounds.

The phrase, '*many hands makes for light work*' is one that all of our Pioneers can appreciate. There are endless opportunities where we can assist, so many people who need our help, and so many challenges that we must overcome. That is why I am calling on each of you to inspire others to join us in this important work. **Together we can do more.**

I'm happy to share that we will be hosting our AGM on Thursday, November 16th and Friday, November 17th at [Four Points by Sheraton](#) in Saskatoon (503 Cope Way, Saskatoon, SK• (306) 933-9889). See Page 3 for more details.

I'm looking forward to what 2024 brings for opportunities to impact all people in our communities in a positive way. I am extremely grateful for all of your selfless endeavors that you have championed in 2023. Thank you!

John McMurdo, Pioneer Chapter 59 President

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* <<<<

This newsletter is issued once a year – October and is also available on the website.

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Upcoming Special events



**2023 Chapter 59 AGM will be held at
Four Points by Sheraton in Saskatoon
503 Cope Way—306 933-9889**

Thursday November 16th—AGM will be held at 7 pm.

Friday November 17th—Volunteer workshop and Fellowship Activities

*Picture is a Work bee at 2022 Chapter 59 AGM in Regina.. We made
snuffle mats and warrior and Ukrainian bracelets.*

**Anyone interested in attending the AGM/Fellowship and volunteer
activity are to Email Michelle.Hankewich@sasktel.com**



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

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

CORRECTION—information issued in October 2022 newsletter regarding the death notice for Clarence McGregor. **We apologize for recording that SaskTel Superannuate Mae McGregor had passed away. She is alive and well.**

SaskTel Superannuate Darrell Iles of Southey passed away 28 June 2019 at age 63. Darrell retired in 2006. Survived by spouse Diane.

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

SaskTel Superannuate Malvin Jacobson of Flin Flon MB passed away 5 Jun 2021 at age 82. Malvin retired in 1992. Survived by spouse Heather.

SaskTel Superannuate Ernie Lerner of Salmon Arm, BC passed away 14 Jul 2021 at age 76. Ernie retired in 1994. Survived by spouse Doris.

SaskTel Superannuate Barry Moser of Regina passed away 14 Sept 2021 at age 75. Barry retired in 1997. Survived by spouse Sharon.

SaskTel Superannuate Bob Duff of Regina passed away 20 Dec 2021 at age 97. Bob retired in 1976.

SaskTel Superannuate Glen Broad of Regina passed away 13 Feb 2022 at age 92. Glen retired in 1983.

SaskTel Superannuate Helen Kachanoski of Yorkton passed away 2 Mar 2022 at age 88. Helen retired in 1993.

SaskTel Superannuate Bob Beveridge of Regina passed away 10 Jun 2022 at age 87. Bob retired in 1993. Survived by spouse Margaret.

SaskTel Superannuate Fred Millard of Saskatoon passed away 6 Jul 2022 at age 87.

SaskTel Superannuate Art Dore of Regina passed away July 2022. Al retired in 1989. Survived by spouse Grace.

SaskTel Superannuate Al Twardowski of Regina passed away 20 Aug 2022. Al retired in 2020. Survived by spouse Terry.

SaskTel Superannuate Joan Bond of Saskatoon passed away 28 Sept 2022 at age 76. Joan retired in 1997. Survived by spouse Steen.

SaskTel Superannuate Graeme Finch of Parksville, BC (formerly Regina) passed away 4 Oct 2022 at age 82. Graeme retired in 1993. Survived by spouse Kay.

SaskTel Superannuate Stan Dillen of Griffin passed away 18 Oct 2022 at age 72. Stan retired in 2004. Survived by spouse Vicky.

SaskTel Superannuate Dave Rumpel of Regina passed away 6 Nov 2022.

SaskTel Superannuate Ernie Pryor of Saskatoon passed away 24 Nov 2022 at age 72. Survived by spouse Jean.

SaskTel Superannuate Jim Brass of Regina passed away 12 Dec 2022 at age 91. Jim retired in 1986.

SaskTel Superannuate Ray Boudreau of Regina passed away 25 Dec 2022. Survived by spouse Denise.

SaskTel Superannuate Bert Lindemann of Raymore passed away 28 Dec 2022 at age 80. Survived by spouse Dawn.

SaskTel Superannuate Ernest Matycio of Hanley passed away 1 Jan 2023 at age 74. Ernest retired in 2000. Survived by spouse Bette.

SaskTel Superannuate Scott Armstrong of Regina passed away 1 Jan 2023.

SaskTel Superannuate Meredith Slater of Regina passed away 2 Jan 2023 at age 66. Meredith retired in 2009. Survived by spouse Ron.

SaskTel Superannuate Joanne O'Connell of Swift Current passed away 15 Jan 2023 at age 82. Joanne retired in 1998.

SaskTel Superannuate Jim Greenwood of Regina passed away 28 Jan 2023 at age 82. Jim retired in 1993.

SaskTel Superannuate Don Jaworski of Medicine Hat passed away 29 Jan 2023 at age 54. Survived by spouse Priscilla.

SaskTel Employee Susan Thomas of Regina passed away 7 Feb 2023 at age 61.

SaskTel Superannuate Dave Nichols of Blind Bay, BC (formerly Regina) passed away 1 Mar 2023 at age 76. Dave retired in 2000. Survived by spouse Wilma.

SaskTel Superannuate Ken Ganshirt of Regina passed away 16 Mar 2023 at age 76. Retired in 2000. Survived by spouse Elaine.

SaskTel Superannuate Marlene Lees of Regina passed away 19 Mar 2023.

SaskTel Superannuate Norm Robbins of Regina passed away 4 Apr 2023 at age 79. Norm retired in 1994. Survived by spouse Phyllis.

SaskTel Superannuate Ray Elliott of Lethbridge passed away 9 Apr 2023. Ray retired in 1991.

SaskTel Superannuate Lloyd Stevenson of Regina passed away April 2023. Lloyd retired in 1985. Survived by spouse Valerie.

In Memoriam. . . Continued

SaskTel Superannuate John Ironside of Regina passed away 10 May 2023 at age 80. John retired in 1994. Survived by spouse Judi.

SaskTel Superannuate Claude Bourgeois of Melfort passed away 15 May 2023 at age 80. Claude retired in 1993. Survived by spouse Jean.

SaskTel Superannuate Gerry Carter passed away 27 May 2023 at age 83. Gerry retired in 1993. Survived by spouse Lyn Fleming.

SaskTel Superannuate Adolf Howorko of Regina passed away 3 Jun 2023 at age 89. Adolf retired in 1988. Survived by spouse Kay.

SaskTel Superannuate Don Bader of Regina passed away 4 Jul 2023. Don retired in 1991.

SaskTel Superannuate Ed Rossie of Regina Beach passed away 10 Jul 2023 at age 74. Survived by spouse Janet.

SaskTel Superannuate Paddy Primeau of Saskatoon passed away 26 Jul 2023 at age 89. Paddy retired in 1991.

SaskTel Superannuate George Christensen of Lumsden passed away 28 Jul 2023 at age 83. George retired in 1993. Survived by spouse Lorraine.

SaskTel Superannuate Daryl Silzer of Regina passed away 1 Aug 2023 at age 68.

SaskTel Superannuate Irene Schnell of Regina passed away 9 Aug 2023 at age 89. Irene retired in 1991.

SaskTel Superannuate Bob Hockings of Regina passed away 18 Aug 2023 at age 83. Bob retired in 1993. Survived by spouse Janice.

SaskTel Superannuate Doris Toporowski of Regina passed away 20 Aug 2023 at age 84. Doris retired in 1997.

SaskTel Superannuate Luc Bilodeau of Prince Albert passed away on 29 Aug 2023 at age 76. Luc retired in 1997. Survived by spouse Claudette.

SaskTel Superannuate Jo-Ann Lundgren of Yorkton passed away 29 Aug 2023. Jo-Ann retired in 2019.

SaskTel Superannuate Laurie Hozempa of Gray passed away 5 Sept 2023. Survived by spouse John.

SaskTel Superannuate Donna Schoffer of Warman passed away 15 Sept 2023 at age 71. Donna retired in 2015.

SaskTel Superannuate Wayne MacBean of Regina Beach passed away on 13 Oct 2023 at age 91. Wayne retired in 1986.

SaskTel Superannuate Lynn Reilly of Regina passed away 14 Oct 2023 at age 74. Retired in 2005. Survived by spouse Patrick.

SaskTel Superannuate Gabe Lagimodiere of Regina passed away 17 Oct 2023. Survived by spouse Rosemary.

SaskTel Superannuate Jim Jackson of Regina passed away on 20 Oct 2023. Survived by spouse Ellen.

SaskTel Superannuate Dave Rosom of Regina passed away 24 Oct 2023 at age 70. Survived by spouse Sheryl.

Shirley Frederickson of Saskatoon (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Dick Frederickson**) passed away 3 Feb 2018.

Mary Moldovan of Regina (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate George Moldovan**) passed away 10 Jan 2020.

Linda Perreux of Redvers (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Gilles Perreux**) passed away 21 Jan 2020.

Emil Stauber of Westbank, BC (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Palmyre Stauber**) passed away 27 Feb 2020.

Lyle Byers of Prince Albert (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Irene Byers**) passed away 24 Apr 2020.

Lorenz Markwart of Regina (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate June Markwart**) passed away 6 Sept 2020.

Lee Schnell of Regina (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Irene Schnell**) passed away 2 Jan 2021.

Mary Duke of Regina (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Lionel Duke**) passed away 22 Feb 2021.

Donalda Gerlach of Lumsden (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Stan Gerlach**) passed away 2 Mar 2021.

Ray Joubert of Regina (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Shelley Joubert**) passed away 31 Aug 2021.

Marjorie Walsh of Moose Jaw (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Ben Walsh**) passed away 21 Sept 2021.

Edith Crosbie of Moose Jaw (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Doug Crosbie**) passed away 19 Jan 2022.

Shirley Broad of Regina (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Glen Broad**) passed away 4 Feb 2022.

June Wilcox of Regina (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Courtney Wilcox**) passed away 26 Apr 2022.

Vicki Wolf of Regina (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Al Wolf**) passed away 18 May 2022.

Emilia Waldinger of Saskatoon (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Steve Waldinger**) passed away 2 Jun 2022.

In Memoriam. . . Continued

Leona Devenny of Saskatoon (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Guy Devenny**) passed away 18 Jul 2022.

Simmons Brown of Estevan (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Allan Brown**) passed away 11 Sept 2022.

Donald Laughren of Edmonton (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Pauline Laughren**) passed away 17 Oct 2022.

James Morrison of Moose Jaw (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Trudy Morrison**) passed away 20 Oct 2022.

Greta Bearman of Regina (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Ross Bearman**) passed away 30 Oct 2022.

Robert Pearson of Saskatoon (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Florence Pearson**) passed away 1 Nov 2022.

Gene McCrea of Martinsville (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Arlene McCrea**) passed away 3 Nov 2022.

Doreen Hamilton of Regina (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Bob Hamilton**) passed away 2 Dec 2022.

May Bridgewater of Regina (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Dick Bridgewater**) passed away 14 Dec 2022.

Carole Murray of Edmonton (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Nigel Murray**) passed away 19 Dec 2022.

Claire Dahlman of Regina (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Gary Dahlman**) passed away 29 Dec 2022.

Anne Plante of Medicine Hat (formerly Regina) (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Larry Plante**) passed away 6 Jan 2023.

Marcia Keesey of Saskatoon (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Ken Keesey**) passed away 16 Jan 2023.

Richard Bauche of Weyburn (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Yvette Bauche**) passed away 15 Feb 2023.

Fred Johnston of Alberta (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Marion (Corrine) Johnston**) passed away 11 Mar 2023.

Joyce Elliott of Lethbridge (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Ray Elliott**) passed away 8 Apr 2023.

Rita Kennedy of Red Deer (formerly Regina) (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Ross Kennedy**) passed away 21 Jun 2023.

Paul Andre of Pilot Butte (formerly Lumsden) (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Helen Andre**) passed away 18 Oct 2023.

Doreen Doyle of Regina (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Paul Doyle**) passed away 21 Oct 2023.

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

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

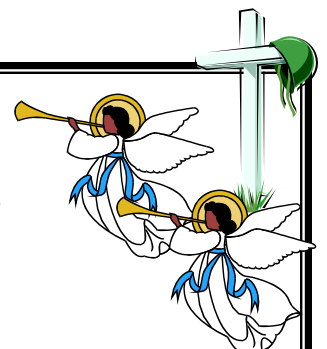
*To await the unfolding
Of your will,
Patiently, Serenely.*

*To meet others,
Peacefully, Joyously.*

*To face tomorrow,
Confidently, Courageously*



Love



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—2022-23

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:

Dec 31, 2022	REDICK	CLAYTON	REGINA
Jan 02, 2023	PARLEY	DEANNA	SASKATOON
Jan 03, 2023	JEWELL	ROY	REGINA
Jan 04, 2023	SINGER	LARRY	REGINA
Jan 06, 2023	KLEIN	BRENDA	REGINA
Jan 15, 2023	SCHMIDT	DARCY	SASKATOON
Jan 20, 2023	RIDGWAY	KEVIN	REGINA
Feb 10, 2023	BEATTY	LINDA	REGINA
Feb 10, 2023	HOYT	MILLIE	REGINA
Mar 03, 2023	WRIGHT	DENISE	REGINA
Mar 10, 2023	BLANK	KARYLE	REGINA
Mar 17, 2023	SEBASTIAN	SHERYL (SHERI)	REGINA
Mar 24, 2023	LEGATO	MICHAEL	REGINA
Mar 31, 2023	SADOWNICK (LALACH)	TANYA	SASKATOON
Apr 14, 2023	RIEGER	MARLENE	REGINA
Apr 15, 2023	NICKEL	DARRELL	REGINA
Apr 25, 2023	GODFREY	DARYL	REGINA
Apr 30, 2023	MORGAN	CHRIS	SASKATOON
May 04, 2023	HARASYN	RENEE	P. ALBERT
May 05, 2023	COLE	JOANNE	SASKATOON
May 05, 2023	KATERBERG	MARINA	REGINA
May 26, 2023	RETTMAN	JANET	REGINA
May 31, 2023	MEYERS	DEBBIE	REGINA
Jun 02, 2023	BLACKHURST	DONNA	REGINA
Jun 03, 2023	MADEY	DAVID	REGINA
Jun 03, 2023	PETTAPIECE	WENDY (GWENDOLYN)	SASKATOON
Jun 09, 2023	SLOGOSKI	RAYMOND	REGINA
Jun 09, 2023	STOTT	CHERYL	WEYBURN
Jun 16, 2023	AGER	FARRELL	REGINA
Jun 16, 2023	ANDERSON	MIKE	REGINA
Jun 16, 2023	PASLAWSKI	KEVIN	WEYBURN
Jun 23, 2023	CHERNISHENKO	DWIGHT	REGINA
Jun 23, 2023	TODOROVICH	MAUREEN	REGINA
Jun 30, 2023	MCLEOD	BEV	SASKATOON
Jul 03, 2023	MCGEOUGH	SHELLY	REGINA
Jul 07, 2023	HAMMETT	DORIS	REGINA
Jul 07, 2023	HAVERVOLD	BRENDA	REGINA
Jul 11, 2023	GILCHRIST	DALE	ESTEVAN
Jul 21, 2023	RUTLEDGE	CHERYL	SASKATOON
Jul 21, 2023	GRAY	NANCY	MOOSE JAW
Jul 21, 2023	SOLLOS	BEV	SASKATOON
Aug 04, 2023	SAUER	GERI	SASKATOON





SaskTel's Retirements—2022-23 CONTINUED



Aug 04, 2023	SZEPONSKI	JEFF	REGINA
Aug 08, 2023	AASEN	DARYL	MELFORT
Aug 08, 2023	HUNT	PAT	YORKTON
Aug 11, 2023	BROOKS	MICHELLE J.	REGINA
Aug 11, 2023	TENDLER	KIM	REGINA
Aug 18, 2023	DAVIDSON	JAMIE	REGINA
Aug 18, 2023	EMBURY	HARVEY	REGINA
Sep 01, 2023	BITTER	DARRIN	REGINA
Sep 05, 2023	SKWERNUIK	WAYNE	REGINA
Sep 15, 2023	KELLY	ANDREA	REGINA
Sep 15, 2023	STALEY	KAREN	REGINA
Sep 29, 2023	BLACK	ROBERT	REGINA
Nov 10, 2023	KRAFT	CAROL	REGINA
Sep 29, 2023	NAGEL	THERESA	REGINA
Sep 29, 2023	QUIGLEY	IVA	REGINA
Oct 12, 2023	THURMEIER	DEBBIE	REGINA
Oct 27, 2023	HENDSBEE	JANICE	REGINA
Dec 22, 2023	ENGLOT	MICHELLE	REGINA
Dec 29, 2023	BUTTERFIELD	CINDY	REGINA
Nov 14, 2023	NELSON	MYLES	REGINA
Dec 31, 2023	VOGT	Pat	REGINA

Congratulations



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 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.

Also you can contact your local club and get on their email list for details of





WHO GOT LUCKY with the 2022—2023 SaskTel Pioneer Payday Lottery

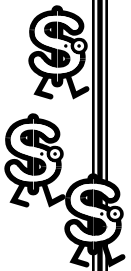
Draws are made every two weeks (on SaskTel payday)
Funds raised from this lottery goes towards the improvement of our
communities throughout Saskatchewan—Raised over \$29,000 in past year

Two Special draws valued at \$2,500

April 20, 2023	Tanya Jakubowski	\$2,500
July 13, 2023	Chad Lowe – North Battleford	\$2,500

\$500 Winners every two weeks

October 6, 2022	Sheldon Riehl	\$500.00
October 20, 2022	Tina Baker	\$500.00
November 3, 2022	Vicki Aspen	\$500.00
November 3, 2022	Bernadette Sichkaruk	\$500.00
November 17, 2022	Janice Kozlow	\$500.00
December 1, 2022	Kelly Saville	\$500.00
December 15, 2022	Brandon Whitt	\$500.00
December 29, 2022	Tanya Jakubowski	\$500.00
January 12, 2023	Heidi Rieger	\$500.00
January 26, 2023	Wanda Metz	\$500.00
February 9, 2023	Donna Blackhurst	\$500.00
February 23, 2023	Stefan Szalabayi	\$500.00
February 23, 2023	Lisa Jelinski	\$500.00
March 9, 2023	Michelle Hankewich	\$500.00
March 23, 2023	Carrie Bearss	\$500.00
April 6, 2023	Debbie Meyers	\$500.00
May 4, 2023	Keven Bray	\$500.00
May 18, 2023	Chelsea Cannam	\$500.00
June 1, 2023	David Thomas	\$500.00
June 15, 2023	Shirley Klein – Regina	\$500.00
June 29, 2023	Lana Shiplack – Directwest	\$500.00
July 13, 2023	Daniel LeGresley – Regina	\$500.00
July 27, 2023	Kim McHenry – Life Member	\$500.00
August 10, 2023	Leigh McDonald – Saskatoon	\$500.00
August 24, 2023	Gisele Ash – Regina	\$500.00
September 7, 2023	Jackie Sheaves – Regina	\$500.00
September 21, 2023	Justin Reineke – Regina	\$500.00
October 5, 2023	Jason Tiller – Regina	\$500.00
October 19, 2023	Marty Harris – Yorkton	\$500.00



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.sasktel pioneers.com/wordpress/?page_id=4018

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

http://www.sasktel pioneers.com/wordpress/?page_id=357

If you have any questions please contact: 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 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 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.

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 or 306 777-2515

District locations can drop them off with their pioneer executive

Participation/Membership Reports . . . January to September 2023

Our membership is: 1063 regular members and 2663 Life Members
We also have associates and family friends who are not included in above total



To date we have reach 16,174 volunteer hours by 349 participants



Participation/Membership Reports . . . For the year 2022

Our membership was: 1107 regular members and 2640 Life Members
We also have associates and family friends who are not included in above total



In 2021 we reached 30,226 volunteer hours by 287 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)

- **HUG-A-BEARS**—Donated to emergency vehicles to give to children in crisis situations.
Regina (workshops are held once a month) Contact: Mary Wilhelm 306 545-5110
Saskatoon Contact: Bonnie McGillivray 306 229-2299
- **HEART PILLOWS**—Donated to open heart surgery patients.
Saskatoon coordinator is Brenda Iwasuk (iwassb@sasktel.net)
Regina coordinator is Andrea Hasz at 306 789-3700
- **TURBANS and TUBES** (Donated to cancer patients) —for Regina contact Jackie Huynink at 306 545-3827
- **QUILTING** (Donated to cancer clinic). For Regina contact Jolene Norleen at 306 949-7607, Saskatoon contact Debby Gorlick at 306 227-2829.
- **WALKER BAGS** (Donated to various Seniors / Nursing homes and any Pioneer or partner that needs one).
Contact Jolene Norleen at 306 949-7607
- **DEMENTIA FIDGET BLANKETS, APRONS, VESTS, ETC.**
Donated to homes with Alzheimer patients. This Fidget item is for Alzheimer, Autism, Dementia and Severe Brain Trauma Patients, also Restless fingers, Sensory interaction and Hand Therapy. These individuals show anxiety or agitation in their hands. They will fidget, pull at clothes or blankets, wring their hands or rub their hands together. Regina contact Joleen Norleen 306 949-7607; Saskatoon contact Suzanne Winnitowy at swinnitowy@gmail.com.
- **CARD NIGHTS**—Regina (every 3rd Friday 7 p.m.) Contact Brenda Glaspey 306 924-2120

Pioneer Salvage Sales

>>>>OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISER >>>>

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

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



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



Computers for Schools

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

Contacts: Regina call Darrell Liebrecht @ 777-3435 and Saskatoon call 931-5625
Join us on Facebook— CFS Saskatchewan



Welcome to our new SaskTel President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Charlene Gavel

Charlene Gavel was appointed as SaskTel President & CEO on August 3, 2023. Charlene served as the Chief Financial Officer for SaskTel for 9 years prior to her appointment as President & CEO.

Charlene has gained extensive experience from holding a variety of senior leadership positions throughout her career. Prior to becoming SaskTel Chief Financial Officer, Charlene was the Chief Financial Officer at SaskTel International and held positions with the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region as Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of Financial Services, and at Information Services Corporation (ISC) as Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of Finance and Administration.

Charlene earned a Bachelor of Administration (BAdmin) degree from the University of Regina and is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CA). She has also achieved the Institute of Corporate Directors designation (ICD.D.) in 2018.

Charlene currently serves on the boards of SaskTel International, the Public Employees Pension Plan (PEPP), Conexus Arts Centre, and the Hospitals of Regina Foundation.



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.

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



Doug Burnett, SaskTel President & CEO, is Retiring from SaskTel

Doug Burnett reflecting on his career in his final days at SaskTel.. He held the position of President and CEO since January 2019.



Forty-six summers ago, an eager university student joined SaskTel working on a plough crew. Who could have guessed that student would one day be president of the company? That young man's name was Doug Burnett, SaskTel's President & CEO.

Doug is in a reflective mood these days as he reminisces about a SaskTel career that began in earnest well after those early summer student years.

"I joined SaskTel as Corporate Counsel in 1990 and never looked back," said Doug, who retired from SaskTel. "I provided legal advice and services to the corporation in every facet of business."

Never one to shy away from a challenge, Doug's SaskTel career saw him take on several key SaskTel roles over the years. "I've always said that SaskTel is a place where you can change your career without changing your employer," said Doug. That proved to be true for Doug's SaskTel journey, which included a stint as Vice President of Human Resources and Corporate Services. He was also Acting President of SaskTel International (SI) on two different occasions.

"My time with SI was a real eye opener," he said. "Conducting business in several places including Africa, New Zealand and South America, it became evident that SaskTel could compete with virtually any company in the world."

Doug's contributions to the ongoing success of SaskTel during his time as President have been significant. They include major infrastructure projects such as SaskTel's 5G Network Modernization Program, Wireless Saskatchewan, and the ongoing Rural Fibre Initiative. *"But when I leave here, the social policy initiatives will be what I look back on with the most pride."*

The Supported Employment Program is one of those initiatives. "It's a program that's impacting people's lives as they make meaningful contributions to our company, so much so that they've changed our culture in a very positive way," said Doug.

Doug also speaks proudly of our company's contributions to charitable initiatives. *"We're highly regarded for the help we give to our kids and our communities. All of it is heartfelt and of course, the other side of it is customers see this commitment and it leads to customer loyalty."*

"Our company's 'x' factor is our people, of course," said Doug. "Our employees are the reason this little Saskatchewan company competes daily, going toe-to-toe with companies 10 times our size. That is the reason we are the dominant provider in Saskatchewan with over 60 percent market share in the communications space." "I believe the future is bright for SaskTel, but as always there will be challenges. We will need to increase our customer base, for example, whether that happens within or outside of our province.

For now, my plan is to spend time with family at our cottage at Katepwa Beach. I do love a challenge, so if one happens to present itself at some point, I will certainly look at it!" Regardless of where life takes him, Doug will always carry a bit of SaskTel with him wherever he goes.

"It truly has been an honour for me to work with such a great company and such fantastic people," said Doug. "I'm going to miss my SaskTel friends and I want to say thank you for everything you have all done to support me and SaskTel and for giving me the ability to lead this company."



***Congratulations and best of luck in whatever comes next Doug!
We thank you for your leadership – and your friendship.***





CHAPTER 59 PROVINCIAL REPORT



**AGM will be held on November 17th & 18th
in Saskatoon at Four Points by Sheraton
See Page 3 for more details**

- Sharon Finnik has accepted the position of Secretary for the National Telecom Pioneers of Canada.
- National Pioneers Canada donated Chapter 59 with \$5,000. This money will be used to focus on Education—more specifically Literacy.
- SaskTel Pioneers Chapter and clubs donated \$5,350 to Telemiracle in 2022.
- Chapter donated \$1,000 to the Bridge City Club for the Dementia Fidget Blanket project for 2023. Alzheimer's Society and Parkridge Centre has received many of these blankets.
- Motion to spend up to \$1,000 for the 2023 Camp Easter Seal Beautification. Carried
- Motion to provide each club with \$1,500 to use towards a Christmas Project. Carried
- Motion to donate \$10,000 worth of products/services for the Humane Society. Carried. First Books Canada—The Pioneer Storage has 2 pallets of books (for ages 12 and under) If you're interested in receiving several boxes, please contact Dylan Hunstad.
- Motion that Chapter pay 50% of the cost of the ordered pallets and clubs will be responsible for the remaining costs based on how many they need. Carried
- Motion that Chapter 59 provide \$10,000 in funding to SaskTel's 2023 Connecting with Community Challenge Winter Clothing Drive. Carried This project is working with SAEN to community schools throughout province and will provide articles collected. Schools with greater needs, will provide funding. Funding will go throughout the province where the greatest need is.
- Motion Chapter spends up to \$550 to purchase paracord for the HR Volunteer event on November 8th. Carried
- Teen Challenge Canada - In 2022 SaskTel Pioneers Chapter 59 donated \$5,000 for Platinum sponsorship. Teen Challenge Canada is a 12 month, in-residence alcohol and drug addiction rehabilitation program for men and women ages 18 years and over, at one of their nine centres across Canada.
- Motion to donate up to \$5,000 to 'Swing and a Wish Golf Sponsorship 2023'. Pioneers will receive recognition and logo placement. Carried.

Media mention - WUNDERFUND advised us that the bracelets we've made for them to sell are making a tangible difference with the Ukrainian refugees and helping military in the Ukraine. Members of WUNDERFUND will be getting medals from the Ukraine Armed Forces

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. There is a process you must go through to get certified: so check that out.





Chapter 59 would like to give recognition to Debra Hunter for her many contributions in her community at Candle Lake. Debra is a councillor at Candle Lake; sits on 9 committees; drives four to five elderly members of her community to their appointments, knits bears to donate, among other things. She is an amazing volunteer! Debbie worked at SaskTel for 33 years (retired in 2007), and for the last five years was Pioneer Director at SaskTel. She received certificates in Business Administration and Marketing. Then took culinary training and then worked as the Banquet Chef at the Candle Lake Golf Resort for 10 years. Debbie and her husband live at their family's cabin at Minowukaw Subdivision in 1989 and built their retirement home on the property in 2002. She currently volunteers as a First Responder, Volunteer Firefighter, and is a board member for numerous groups including the Curling Club, Library, Health Board, Communities in Bloom and TOPS Club at Candle Lake. Debbie enjoys curling, fishing, hiking, knitting and crocheting. She feels that living in Candle Lake is like living in paradise, and cherishes the clean water, pristine sandy beaches and the sand dunes at Minowukaw. Her goal is to contribute to keeping Candle Lake a great place to work and play for both full-time and seasonal residents who love the community as much as she does. Contact Councillor Hunter at (306)981-6616 or dhunter@candlelake.ca

Yorkton Club...

Contact Club President: Jean Bryski 306 782-7114
Email: jlbryski@sasktel.net

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 to register their hours

- Held their first face to face meeting last fall followed by a pizza party to celebrate Pioneer Week.
- Donated \$500 towards a metal silhouette portraying the history of the Saltcoats area.
- Donated books to the Saltcoats daycare.
- Planted flowers at the park in May and held a clean up day.
- Donated pressure point cushions (made by club members) to the Lakeside Manor Care Home in Saltcoats. Canora Gateway Lodge nursing home and Kamsack and District nursing home.
- Donated \$2,000 worth of food to the Yorkton Food Bank.
- Presented 'The Giving Book' to Grade 3 classes in Wynyard (42 books) and Ituna (16 books).
- Delivered \$2000 of food supplies to the Salvation Army food bank. The groceries filled 2 half ton trucks.
- Presented donation of "Rip'n Roll" packages to coordinator Shirley Paus. We cut up sheets into small strips and they will be used as bandages. They are being sent to various locations in Africa to be applied to wound coverings to keep them clean and help to prevent further infections. Rolls are 3 inches wide and various lengths. Wanted old sheets to cut up for bandages for this project
- Held appreciation night in June at Trifons—7 members attended.
- Holding Christmas party for special needs children in December. The Yorkton Terriers are interested in helping out as well.
- Collected warm clothing for Bruno's Place homeless shelter. 2 full boxes of warm items were collected!
- Donated \$1500 and purchased warm clothing for Bruno's Place homeless shelter in Yorkton. Underwear, PJs, thermal underwear and a gift card for buying perishable items for clients.
- Donated \$500 in Co-op Gift Cards to SIGN's Kamsack Family Resource Centre.
- Donated \$500.00 to both St. Mary's School and Dr. Brass School for their meal programs.
- Megan Holodniuk (Early Years Facilitator) receiving the donation from Sheila Johnson (SaskTel).
- Media Mention - Yorkton Today— presented books to the Saltcoats day care.
- Media mention for pressure point cushions for the Saltcoats Care Home—picture in the paper.
- Media mentions – delivered tulips to residents of Heritage Lodge and Clements Court.



Yorkton SaskTel pioneers Bob Hume and Ken Goodman presented 'The Giving Book' to Grade 3 classes in Wynyard



Bob Hume, Arlene the activity coordinator for Kamsack & District Nursing Home and Jean Bryski presenting Pressure point pillows.

Top Left —Pioneers Bob Hume, Jean Bryski and Administrator Leanne visited the Canora Gateway Lodge nursing home to present pressure point pillows. Next picture is Norene and Wendy Hume presenting to Lakeside Manor Care Home in Saltcoats.

Yorkton projects continued ..



Delivered food supplies to the Salvation Army food bank . The groceries filled 2 half ton trucks. L-r: Kevin Bender and Bob Hume.



Delivered daffodils and tulips to residents of Heritage Lodge and Clements Court. Pictured is Mary Mayer and Jean Bryski with Olga in picture 1 and Ervin in picture 2.



Items for Bruno's Place homeless shelter in Yorkton. L-f: Darian and Jeremy— workers from Bruno's Place.



Bob and Wendy Hume presented books to the Saltcoats day care (Bob is the photographer).



Wendy Hume presented donation of "Rip'n Roll" packages to coordinator Shirley Paus. These rolls are being sent to various locations in Africa .



Collected warm clothing for Bruno's Place homeless shelter. Pictured is retired Pioneer Barry Whitta with Yorkton SaskTel Store employee Keith Diduch. 2 full boxes of warm items.

North Battleford . . .

Contact Club President: Dan Nesdoly 441-0118

President—Dan Nesdoly
Secretary & Treasurer — Brent Degenstein
VP Salvage—Sharon Bogdan

Past resident – Brent Degenstein
VP Social - Marion Cashmore
VP Computer Sales & Salvage—Lloyd Edmunds (445-3985)
nbpioneers@sasktel.net

VP Membership - Marilyn Eckel
LM Rep—Hugh Martin

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



Prince Albert . . .

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

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

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

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

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

Prairie Council . .

Contact Club President: vacant
Email: regina.pioneers@sasktel.com

President - vacant	Secretary - Trina Klein	Treasurer - Andrew McKay
Past President - vacant	VP Sports - Bev Cyca / Mike Jerk	VP Education - Tiffany Eide
VP Youth —Sorina Makris	VP Members at Large—John Winter & Laurel Werner	
Community Outreach & Collections—vacant	SaskTel EnvironCare Liason—Kendra Leboldus	
VP Community Service - Haydee Iglesias (Special) & Sandy Elliott (Routine)	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 \$1,500 to Wascana Rehab for plants. Helped with the planting as well.
- Raised \$1,300 for North Central Family Centre (for after school program) at annual Golf Tournament.
- Donated \$5,000.00 Royal Canadian Legion Nov 2022
- Donated \$1,850.00 Kitchener Community School Nov 2022 – Used for school supplies?
- Donated \$3,500.00 Sacred Heart Community School Nov 2022 – Used for school supplies
- Donated \$2,500.00 Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan Feb 2023 – to support the set-up of the provincial walk
- Donated \$3,000.00 Telemiracle Feb 2023
- Donated \$3,000.00 Z99 Telethon (NICU) Feb 2023
- Donated \$3,000.00 Regina Food Bank Feb 2023
- Donated \$500.00 Cystic Fibrosis walk fundraiser May 2023
- Donated \$5,000.00 Northeast Community Assoc May 2023 for after school programming for at risk youth
- Donated \$2,500.00 NCFC Jul 2023 back to school / back pack day BBQ
- Donated \$5,000.00 HEALIX project sponsorship (YMCA) Aug 2023
- Donated \$3,000.00 India Night Sponsorship Aug 2023 in support of Regina Early Learning Center

WISH ANGELS – Nov/Dec 2022–Wish angel gifts in Dec 2022 were purchased and wrapped by SaskTel Pioneers and helper elves. Supported by some donations from employees, over \$8000 was spent on the program primarily from proceeds from salvage sales. 292 children at Kitchener Community School and Sacred Heart community school received gifts (PK – Gr 3 plus complex needs classes). A huge thanks goes out to Sandy Elliott as always for organizing this project and getting the shipping and packing rolling.

PIONEERS GOLF TOURNAMENT –134 golfers participated in SaskTel Pioneer's 'Swing into Spring' tournament on May 26, 2023. It was a fun day of golf, followed by supper and fellowship. The 2023 mulligan fund proceeds were donated to North Central Family Center.



WASCANA REHAB BEAUTIFICATION–The Mental Health Unit at the Wascana had 4 planters that were revitalized by 2 volunteers. The planters, soil and flowers were donated by SaskTel Pioneers who contributed 3 hours of time each by 2 members. In addition, 12 planters were revitalized in the main garden at Wascana Rehabilitation Center (accessible from inside the facility). Three volunteers replaced the soil and planted flowers. The total project cost was \$1,288.53. Signage was also placed onsite.

Working to support the community challenge collection of winter apparel by monitoring bins and transferring collections from locations that have less storage in Regina (stores/warehouse) to downtown for sorting etc

HUG-A-BEAR MATERIALS – supported the hug-a-bear project by purchasing \$322.25 in materials.



Thank You

for your Kindness



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

Bridge City Club . . .

Contact Club President: Dorianne Urquhart 306 222-1384
Email: dorianneurquhart7@gmail.com

President—Dorianne Urquhart
Vice President—TJ Keller
Vp Publicity—Bonny Stevenson
VP Community & Enrichment—Russell Goodman
VP Membership/Education—Lorraine Sikorski

Past President—vacant
VP Health & Humanity - Valerie Lukash
VP Salvage—Dan Blum

Secretary - Pamela Shillington
Treasurer - Angela Montgrand
VP Environment - Jordan Bean
Military—Mark Grambo
Life Member Rep—Debby Gorlick

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

- Held several Lap Quilt work bees. Over 17 quilts have been donated to Hyde Park, Saskatoon Interval House and St. Joseph's Home. We have started to make smaller quilts for the NICU at the Jim Pattison Hospital.
- 20 Hug a Bears were delivered to the Martinsville Fire Department and another 20 handed out at the Saskatoon Blades Game last fall.
- Wish Angel Program is being organized for this Christmas season.
- Held Heart pillow work bees. Bridge City Club partners with CARG (Coronary Artery Rehabilitation Group) on this project and 40 pillows were completed this month. This project was coordinated by Dale and Wanda Peckenpaugh starting in 1994, and by Brenda Iwasik since 2005. This project will be 30 years old next year !
- Making baby layettes for 'Healthy Baby Healthy Mom'.
- Donated \$5,500 to Enchanted Forest program. Will be participating in the 'Families to the Forest' where we bus children and their families through the Forestry Farm. Ten to Fifteen schools participate.
- Hosted at the Stars show home. We had a challenge getting volunteers this year. Will be under review.
- Donated \$9,000 towards Power pack school supplies. Filled 280 backpacks with school supplies for 5 schools.
- Worked on Royal University Garden Project.
- Sponsored a MADD event.
- Planted a garden at RUH.
- Suzanne Winnitowy is the Saskatoon Coordinator for Dementia Fidget Blankets. She has completed 25 blankets which have been distributed to the Warman Nursing Home, the Rosthern Nursing Home, and to Parkridge Centre Nursing Home in Saskatoon. swinnitowy@gmail.com.
- Media Mention: Thank you SaskTel Pioneers for volunteering at River Ridge Trails.
- Media Mention: Received letter from Egadz, for the \$100 donation.



Thank you SaskTel Pioneers for volunteering at River Ridge Trails for the first race of the year!! Pictured from left to right: Jordan Bean, Pat Wood, Dione Wall, Jillian McPherson, and Hardik Verma .



The hug-a-bear project for 2023: total 252

39 - Borden fire dept	30 - Rosetown fire dept
35 - Kindersley fire dept	30 - Tisdale fire dept
30 - Hudson Bay fire dept	30 - Creighton fire dept
50 - Swift Current Fire Dept	
6 - Erroll Horst - CST in Biggar (volunteer fire fighter)	
2 - Stacey Ford - daughter graduating from firefighting school	

Volunteers have completed 1254 Hug a Bears to date

Directwest . .

Contact Club President: Sharon Finn timer 306 777-0317
Email: sharon.finn timer@directwest.com

President - Sharon Finn timer
Sr. VP—vacant
VP Participation - vacant
VP Social & Fellowship—vacant

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

Secretary—Ashley Raddys h
VP Membership – vacant
VP Marketing—vacant
VP Ways & Means—vacant

Planning for the programs we'll support for Christmas 2023

**Moose Jaw Club . .**

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

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

Past President - Kristian Sjoberg
Environment—Jim Waldenberger

Treasurer —Todd Carrol
VP Community - Michelle Wiley

- 2022 Christmas Angels project was very successful last year. They donated to 6 schools and 4 care homes. .
- Volunteered doing pet therapy at care homes within the city. Many hours spent laughing and learning from our senior residents.



Pot luck in Moose Jaw



Melfort Club . . .

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

President - Kathy Fidyk
Past President—Doreen Parenteau
Life Member Rep - Lynne Floyd

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

Treasurer—Maureen Wood
Secretary—Diane Bonk

- Held a pot-luck on June 7th at a park – had a good turn out.
- Completed approx. 175 tax returns.
- Claude Bourgeois (co-president) passed away on May 15th —Our condolences to the family.
- Ted's memorial bench has arrived and now waiting for it to be installed.
- Held a Christmas potluck supper in November 2022. Collected toys for the salvation army & non perishables for the food bank.
- Christmas donations for 2022 were
 - \$1000.00 Salvation Army
 - \$ 400.00 hands van passes for seniors
 - \$ 600.00 secret Santa for Seniors
 - \$ 500.00 Maude Burke School breakfast program
 - \$ 500.00 food bank
 - 26 blankets donated to Parkland Care Centre
- Donated 185 books to both Kinistin & James Smith First Nations and 30 books to Melfort public Library
- May 24/23 we worked a BBQ for the Salvation Army
- June 7/23 held a potluck supper at Spruce Haven Park. There was 20 attend.
- Painted one of the signs at the water tower
- Donated \$100 to Melfort Ag Society to provide prizes for their school work exhibits at the Melfort Exhibition
- Donated \$100 for a grade 12 student at MUCC



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 from Salva-
 tion Army
 and Kathy



l-r: Agi Magis and Maureen Wood



Lynne Floyd (left) &
 Kathy Fidyk (right)
 Renee Redman from
 library centre.



Kathy Fidyk presenting
 breakfast program
 money

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

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

Past President - Wayne Rutten
 VP Fellowship—Gloria Lawson
 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.**

Provided volunteers for the following:

- STARS – 50/50 at Agribition and Home Lottery
- Camp Easter Seal Cleanup
- Sask Abilities Council Drop Zone
- Unifor Xmas Party and summer BBQ
- July 1st Celebrations – Wascana Park
- Alzheimer Walk
- Pioneer Salvage Sales
- Computers For Schools
- Fidget Blankets for Alzheimer Patients
- Turbans for Cancer
- Quilts for Allan Blair Cancer Clinic
- Heart pillows
- Hug a Bears
- Dog Bone Pillows
- Walker Bags
- CVITP Income Tax Clinic – 3985 Returns. \$17M in Benefits. Benefits include Refunds, Sask. Low Income Tax Credit, Canada Child Tax Benefits, Carbon Tax Rebates, GST Credits.
- Will be fundraising and answering phones for the MS Canada musical card fundraiser.
- Collected clothes at October's LM Luncheon that was donated to Carmichael and Marion Center



Provided Funding for the following Organizations

- Cancer Foundation - \$9000.00 towards Breast Cancer Screening Bus
- Jim Pattison Childrens Hospital - \$2500.00
- Hopes Home - \$1500.00
- Regina food Bank - \$3000.00
- William Booth - \$1000.00
- Abilities Council - \$3000.00
- YWCA - \$2000.00
- CNIB - \$1000.00
- Regina Open Door - \$3000.00
- Carmichael Outreach - \$3000.00
- STARS - \$1500.00
- Lumsden Beach Camp - \$1500.00
- Alzheimer Society - \$6500.00 (Emerald Sponsor for Gala Event \$5,000 and \$1500 to Alzheimer walk)
- Sask Sr. Mechanism - \$5000.00
- Purchase (\$2500) and delivery of School Supplies – Geo Ferguson and Thompson Schools
- Donated \$5,000 to MS Society and have volunteers helping out with MS Musical Christmas Cards.
- CVITP Income Tax Program - costs for rent of building \$14000.00 . . .



Alzheimer's Society of Saskatchewan nominated the SaskTel Pioneers Harry Allen Life Member Club for 2022 National Philanthropy Day Award in the category of Outstanding Community Group. We were the lucky winners. Great Job.



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



Held a noon hour BBQ on June 22. Jakki Crowe from the Cancer Foundation of Saskatchewan gave a presentation on our fight against cancer. Life Member club also donated \$5000 to support the Breast Screening Bus campaign. Great meal prepared by Jan Fehr, Marilyn Lorence and BBQ helpers Dale Richardson and Blaine Norleen.



Members participated in Alzheimer's walk on May 27th and raised just under \$4500. L-r: Blaine and Jolene Norleen, Juy Ironside and daughter Stacey, Annette Goski, Marilyn Lorence, Sandy Nasewich, Thanks to all the supporters.



In December 2022 the SaskTel Pioneers in Regina donated 12 quilts and 21 lap blankets to the Allan Blair Cancer Clinic. A big thank you to everyone that helped by sewing, knitting or crocheting, or donating material, thread or wool. 10 large quilt tops were donated that we were able to divide into multiple quilt tops and finish.



Regina SaskTel Pioneers celebrate 30 years making Heart Pillows. Front Row: Jim Jackson, Al Schaefer, Brenda Glaspey. Back Row: Daphne Wise-Klein, Ellen Jackson, Barbara Garnier, Louise Makuch, Janet Edmison, Andrea Hasz. Thanks for all the support over the years.



Regina Pioneer LMC cooked a pancake/sausage breakfast in front of the Legislature Building on July 1st. Dignitaries from Regina city and politicians were on hand to help serve. Thanks to all the volunteers. Was a great turnout. Coordinators Marilyn Lorence and Kelly Moen.



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

Association of Fundraising Professionals - South Saskatchewan - 2022 National Philanthropy Day (NPD) Awards Celebration



Andrea Hasz and Del Jones accepted the award on behalf of SaskTel Pioneers-Harry Allen Life Member Club as honourees in the Outstanding Community Group category. (November 2022)

Swift Current Club . . .

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

Past President—vacant
Life Member Rep & TPAC— Dennis Riach
Salvage—Eliaja LaFontaine

Meetings held on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month (except July and August)
Activity Center—1800 Sidney St. W—Phone: 773-6035

- Held a volunteer appreciation dinner in December 2022 and a wind up on June 22 at Fred's. 7 members attended, with 3 being over 80 years old.
- Salvage sales are going good.
- Donated to Dorie's House, Ponteix Library, Burnham 4H Club, Salvation Army Maple Creek Food Bank, Shaunavon Food Bank, and the Swift Current SaskTel/SaskTel Pioneers Kid's Christmas Party.
- Hug-a-Bears were donated to the Morse RCMP and the Vanguard Fire Department.

Tanya Bouvier-Mortensen presenting the 2023 SCCHS Scholarship to recipient Aidan Christianson.

**Weyburn Club . . .**

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Secretary - Vacant
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Treasurer - vacant

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

**Life Member Report . . .**

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Weyburn/Estevan—Paul Wilson
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**Pioneer West . . .**

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- The Pioneer West club has been working hard on the Calgary Humane Society project. Since March of this year we have produced 300 snuffle mats, 235 rope toys and 145 cat toy packages. This effort has given the shelter enough funding to feed 2772 dogs for a day! Since the inception of this project in March of 2022, we have fed over 8500 dogs.
- Lisa is hoping to get a program started in Winnipeg.
- The funding from May turned into \$6,675 worth of in-kind donations that helps 1,780 dogs.

Gray and his canine helper Bently is our newest and youngest volunteer. He is nine years old and asked if he could help with the project.



Happy Birthday SaskTel!

Hauling telephone poles in the early days of SaskTel.



There are many significant reasons to remember the year 1908.

Transportation was transformed with the launch of the Ford Model T car, which could be driven off the lot for \$260. The Wright Brothers proved to the world that they had mastered flying with a nearly two-and-a-half-hour flight, the longest ever made in an airplane to that point. That same year, and much closer to home, telephones in our province also took flight with the establishment of the Department of Railways, Telegraphs and Telephones.

Lots has happened since those fledgling years.

For starters, even though the name 'SaskTel' had already been in use for several years, it was not our company's official name until 1969. That year, an act of legislature was passed amending the Saskatchewan Government Telephones act and the corporation became officially known as Saskatchewan Telecommunications.

There have been several firsts along the way, including:

- being the first in the world to complete what was the longest commercial fiber optic network.
- being the first telecommunications company in Canada to complete its rural individual line service program, eliminating party lines throughout Saskatchewan.
- SaskTel International took part in the largest construction project of the 20th Century, the English Channel Tunnel (The Chunnel) project.
- SaskTel was one of the first in Canada to offer IPTV – **Max™** Service.
- The launch of SaskTel's digital mobile service branded as Lūm Mobile.

Of course, these are but a very few incredible moments in our company's illustrious past. Throughout the years, our commitment to our communities we serve has also gone beyond business. From the very beginning, SaskTel has built a strong reputation as a socially responsible corporation, dedicated to investing in Saskatchewan.

>> We see this in our contributions to non-profit and charitable organizations, community associates, venues, events and partnerships in 144 communities.

>> We see it through the work of our SaskTel Pioneers and through our SaskTel TelCare program both of which make significant impacts in our communities.

>> We see it in our greening efforts and in our ongoing efforts to make diversity, equity and teamwork a high priority.

Today we are the leading Information and Communications Technology (ICT) provider in Saskatchewan with 1.4 million customer connections. This includes more than 647,000 wireless accesses, 273,000 wireline network accesses, 293,000 internet and data accesses, 110,000 maxTV service subscribers and 78,000 security monitoring customers.

A far cry from the days when our first telephone exchanges were built at Hanley and Melville!
The world has changed so much over the years. One thing that has never changed is our commitment to connecting Saskatchewan to the world.



Happy birthday SaskTel!

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Once in a Lifetime!

Regina Area Ringette Teams that Competed Overseas Have a SaskTel Connection

SaskTel dads and daughters in Finland (from l): Brynn Kirkham with her father Nathan, Falon Wilker with her father Stacey and Adriel Picard with daughter Addyson.

Competing locally can be fierce enough when it comes to sports. Facing off against some of the best players in the world is another story altogether.

Two Regina area ringette teams, the Buffalo Plains Impact and Regina Rattlers, from two different associations (Buffalo Plains Ringette Association and the Regina Ringette Association), had the opportunity to do just that this past April, as they competed against teams in Sweden, Finland and Czechia.

“The experience was amazing, a once in a lifetime opportunity to travel with a great group of kids and parents,” said Nathan Kirkham, SaskTel’s Chief Information Officer.

Nathan is an Assistant Coach with the Impact. His daughter Brynn is also a player with the Impact. “The girls had the opportunity to be together as a team for two years, this allowed them to grow very close and at times seem to be more like sisters. They played like a team and we able to beat some of the best under 16 ringette teams in the world.”

Nathan was not the only SaskTel tie to the ringette teams.

Adriel Picard, Corporate Services Manager – Supply Chain Management, also has a daughter (Addyson) who plays on the Buffalo Plains Impact team. **Customer Systems Analyst Stacey Wilker’s** daughter Falon plays on the Regina Rattlers. Nathan says the idea to compete overseas came about due to several factors.

“Firstly, we actively sought out international exposure for our players to enhance their skills and broaden their horizons,” he said. “We recognized the value of competing against teams from different countries with diverse playing styles. We worked closely with a partner the specializes in setting up the competitions that we played in.”

“We also worked very closely with our team management, sponsors, and the parents of our players to secure the necessary funding and logistical support for the trip. We organized fundraising events, reached out to sponsors, and diligently planned the logistics of travel, accommodations, and tournament registration.”

Quite the undertaking! So how did it go?

“We (the Buffalo Plains Impact) played 9 games and we went 7-2 overall,” said Nathan. “The greatest competition was in Finland where we played in a tournament and were the first international team to medal, winning bronze. We did beat the team that ended up winning gold in the round robin portion of the tournament, so we were very competitive throughout.”

Things did not go as well for the Regina Rattlers, but on occasions like these, it’s the experiences that matter.

“There were many special memories for all involved, both on and off the ice, that will never be forgotten,” said Nathan.

The overseas trip by these teams may very well have paved the way for similar trips to be taken by other Regina teams, as the Regina Ringette Association plans to incorporate a European travel team into its program for players every other year.



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Snipped, Stuffed, Stitched

The Pioneers Heart Pillow Project Celebrates 30 Years in Regina

Pioneer volunteers working on Heart Pillows (LtoR): Phyllis Kaiser, Jan Fehr, Joan Hack, Barb Garnier, Brenda Glaspey, Al Schaefer, Andre Hasz (Project Lead), Jim Jackson, Ellen Jackson, Janet Edmison, Louise Makuch



It's safe to say that both patients and volunteers hold the SaskTel Pioneers Heart Pillow Project near and dear to their hearts.

The project involves cutting, stuffing and hand-sewing red heart shaped pillows for use by patients at the General Hospital who are recovering from open heart surgery.

"Patients hold the pillows against their chests to alleviate pain when they cough and can also be used to protect their chests when using a seatbelt," said Andrea Hasz, Heart Pillow Project Coordinator with the Pioneers in Regina. "And, if the patient is out for a walk and requires help, the silk-screening print on the pillow helps indicate to members of the public that they have recently had surgery."

Andrea has been involved with the project since it launched in Regina back in 1993, but she became even more passionate about it when her brother went through a successful triple bypass surgery in 1994 at the age of 40. He passed away in September 2011.

"I think this project is important because almost everyone, including myself, knows someone who has had open heart surgery, whether it be a family member, friend, co-worker or neighbour," Andrea said.

The project is celebrating it's 30th anniversary in 2023. In Regina alone – just over 7500 pillows have been made by volunteer groups comprised of SaskTel Pioneers, SaskTel employees, their partners, friends, family members and SaskPower employees, among others over that time. Regina club made 300 pillows in 2023.

However, without the help of staff at the Saskatchewan Health Authority, this project would not be the success that it is today.

Koreena Kunz, Volunteer Services Coordinator at the Saskatchewan Health Authority, works with Andrea to arrange for drop-off at the hospital once the pillows are ready to be distributed at the General Hospital.

"Both staff and patients are very appreciative of the pillows as they provide comfort post-operation," Koreena said.

"The staff are the ones who provide the pillows to the patients and instruct them on how to use them and what is required for a healthy recovery."

The Bridge City Pioneers are also running the project in Saskatoon this year, in partnership with the Coronary Rehab Group (CARG), who help those who require rehabilitation to regain strength and health after experiencing a cardiac episode. The pillows will once again be delivered to patients at Saskatoon's Royal University Hospital.



"This project gives back to the community and provides something that, to my knowledge, no other group does," said Brenda Iwasuik, Heart Pillow Project Coordinator with the Bridge City Pioneers. "I have heard stories of people who have had heart surgeries actually asking hospital staff 'When do I get my pillow?', so the project is well-known!"



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Friendships Last Forever

SaskTel Recognition Banquet Recognizes Retirees and Achievers

Doug Burnett, SaskTel President & CEO addresses the crowd at the 2023 SaskTel Recognition Banquet held April 21, 2023 in Regina.

In one's career, as in life, there are many challenges.
Often, it's the support of family and friends that help you along the way.

Such is the case at SaskTel where the term 'family' has been used to describe our culture. It's also how Carver Farrell described his years at SaskTel.

Carver, who worked at SaskTel for 41 years and retired in 2022, gave the toast to retirees at the 2023 SaskTel Recognition Banquet held at the Turvey Centre in Regina on April 21, 2023. The event was held for SaskTel employees celebrating 25 years of service (achievers) in 2023 and employees who retired (retirees) in 2022.

"I knew going into the job in 1981 that SaskTel had a reputation as a great place to work," Carver told the crowd of 300 that included guests of achievers and retirees as well as SaskTel executive and senior directors. "What I didn't know was that the job would offer me opportunities to develop friendships and bonds that would last for my entire career and beyond."

The evening started with a social hour where retirees and achievers had a chance to mingle and catch up with colleagues and friends. Celebrities travelled from as far away as Lloydminster, LaRonge to Yorkton and Swift Current.

Among those in attendance included six achievers who 25 Years ago found a new beginning at SaskTel. For Al McCaw (Trunking & Switching Technician), Brian Lacoste (Senior Planner – Wireless Network), Rolf Winkler (Technical Analyst), Avtar Kamboz (Network Planner), Sean Hallet (Trunking & Switching Technician), and Brett McLaughlin (Senior Planner -Network), the event was a reunion of sorts.

All six employees were hired 25 years ago from Manitoba Telephone Systems after the company there downsized. A province over, SaskTel happened to be looking for people with a technical background.



"I never thought I would be here for 25 years when I was hired," says Avtar, who moved from Winnipeg to Regina. "It has turned out to be a good 25 years." For Brett McLaughlin, who packed up his family and moved to Regina, the past quarter century has moved by quickly. "Just when you think this day would never come back in 1998, but blink, and here we are 25 years later", says Brett. "SaskTel gave us an opportunity. Its' been a solid 25 years with lots of learning, challenging and great work colleagues."

Following dinner, achievers and retirees heard from several speakers including SaskTel President and CEO Doug Burnett and Mike Pilipow, Uni- for Local 2-S President. Both spoke about the significant contributions the current and past employees have made in helping SaskTel a successful company.

"You have all been a part of the unprecedented growth and evolution our company," Doug told the achievers and retirees. "The breadth of products and services and technologies that you have enabled have helped not only SaskTel grow but have added to our province's economy and growth."



SaskTel Brings 5G Connectivity to the Cities of Yorkton, Estevan and Weyburn

The City of Yorkton is one community ready to welcome the benefits of faster wireless connections.



Yorkton, along with Estevan and Weyburn were the latest communities on May 15, 2023, to have 5G rolled out to their city. Those centers join parts of Regina, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, the Battlefords, Swift Current, and over 50 cell sites serving rural communities and major highways that are now part of SaskTel's 5G network.

As outlined in our Strategic Plan, broadband is our North Star and our foundational service essential to enabling the people and our province to thrive in the ever-growing digital economy. Investment in programs like 5G and fibre to the premise are bringing a new level of connectivity, opportunity and growth to residents and businesses across Saskatchewan.

In SaskTel's 2023/24 Strategic Plan, the focus on our North Star remains as prominent as in past years but has been refined to indicate SaskTel's investment in broadband goes further beyond connectivity.

"We need to offer customers more than the foundational service of broadband," said Kirsty Laevens, Director of Strategic Planning. "Our North Star defines that we must continue to focus on providing exceptional customer service, always be on the lookout for new products and services and look to partnerships and private sector engagement." Coming together these will create an ecosystem for a digital society and will act as the catalyst for innovation and will support Saskatchewan's economic growth.

The investment into 5G and fibre networks is part of SaskTel's commitment to invest \$1.6 billion dollars in capital over the next five years in our province.



These investments will help enable a smart province. For example, massive network capacity along with ultra-low latency of 5G will provide new use cases for emerging wireless technologies and the foundation that futuristic innovations in agri-tech, smart cities, self-driving cars, immersive virtual reality, advanced gaming, IoT and many others will be built upon.

"Our North Star will continue to be our guide and inspiration," said Kirsty. "Maximizing return on broadband investment and delivering new business models are key priorities in the strategic plan that will position SaskTel for success beyond broadband connectivity."



Recognition from recipient of 'walker bag' from SaskTel Pioneers.

She is living at Pioneer Village in Regina. Hello, You make carry bags (can't think of a proper name for them) that go on walkers and you give some of them to Pioneer Village. I am the happy recipient of one. I was at Pioneer Village after surgery for a month, and one day one of the employees came in with them, explained SaskTel Volunteers make them and donate them to various Care Homes. I was delighted with it, as it was extremely useful. I could carry my cell, puzzle book and book in it when I went for a little walk and could stop and read when I got tired. Had what I wanted with me. Just want to say Thank You and let you know how much it is appreciated.

Very thoughtful and kind of your group.



What a Bright Time!

Saskatoon Pioneers Help Families Enjoy the BHP Enchanted Forest

As part of our support for the BHP Enchanted Forest, SaskTel and the SaskTel Pioneers are exclusive presenting sponsors of the 'Elves Village' light display.



It's almost like the words 'enchanted' and 'forest' were created to be said together. For 24 years, they have been side by side as part of the BHP Enchanted Forest in Saskatoon, one of the longest running Christmas light shows in Canada.

This sparkling winter wonderland has become tradition in the Saskatoon area during the holidays. But for some families, the cost of attending, and/or a lack of access to transportation to get them there, can make this merry event seem out of reach.

..... Enter the merry members of the Bridge City Pioneers!

The group has once again made a contribution to the Enchanted Forest Foundation that was co-sponsored by SaskTel. The sponsorship went towards the 'Families to the Enchanted Forest' bus tours and helped the Foundation cover some of the expenses associated with setting up the beautiful light displays. Included in this was being exclusive presenting sponsors of the 'Elves Village' light display with both the SaskTel and Pioneer logos on the illuminated signage at the display.

"We've been a part of this sponsorship for several years," said Bonny Stevenson, Executive Admin – Customer Services – Sales, who is Director of Publicity for the group. "We reached out to both school boards in Saskatoon for contact at all the community schools. Each school was contacted, and those that were interested were signed up with a bus that would take students and their families to the Enchanted Forest."

"It's a beautiful opportunity to get people into the holiday spirit and for these families to see the forest all decorated for Christmas, an opportunity many would not normally receive."

Last year's bus tour took place from December 5 – 8, 2022. Over the course of those days, more than 30 volunteers, armed with 480 treat bags and song sheets, met the families at the participating schools and headed to the forest. In all, there were 16 bus trips with 36 people on board each time.

"I believe it is so important to give back," said Bonny. "There are so many opportunities that we take for granted and paying to tour the Enchanted Forest may be one of those things for these families."



Beautiful lights are everywhere in the BHP Enchanted Forest.

While the students and their families benefit from an unforgettable tour, seeing their enjoyment has a reciprocal effect on the volunteers who are also moved by the spirit of the season.

"It's such a warm feeling," said Bonny. "Seeing the smiles on the faces – it does your heart good."



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



Connecting at the Course Annual Golf Tournament Brings Employees Together

Left top photo Men's Low gross Champion Troy Robinson
l-r Troy Robinson, Donna Scott, Marnie Gorrill and Bill Weppeler.

Right photo Women's low gross champion was Lori Bernt
l-r Donna Rogers, Lori Bernt, Curtis Mazur and Andrew Glasser.

At SaskTel, our vision is to be the best at connecting people to their world. With our world class networks, we connect people across the province to family, friends, neighbours and colleagues for their communications needs. On August 12, 2023, SaskTel employees were connecting in another way when they took part in the 2023 SaskTel Golf Tournament.

This year's event took place at the Aspen Links Golf club in Emerald Park just outside of Regina with 92 golfers comprising of SaskTel employees, SaskTel retirees, family members and friends. The event is a day to get away from the grind of day-to-day business activities and spend time socializing with work colleagues and friends, and yes, throw in 18 holes of golf.

In preparation for their round, the twenty-three foursomes were greeted at the registration desk with a free burger and drink as well as some SaskTel swag before heading off to the tee blocks just after noon. After a short rain delay midway through the round, golfers, with scorecards in hand, completed their 18 holes in the late afternoon. As they prepared for the supper and awards ceremony, many spent time catching up with friends and sharing stories of their memorable (or not so memorable) shots of the day.

After the golfers were well fed, it was time to showcase the champions. Unlike the LIV, PGA or LPGA tours, prizes were modest but plenty with winners acknowledged in six men's and women's flights.

Overall, the men's low gross champion was Troy Robinson carding a round of four over par 76. The men's Pioneer low gross winner was Richard Heidt while the men's low net champion was Larry Sexsmith. On the ladies' side, the low gross champion was Lori Bernt with an 83, while Karen Purdy was the ladies' Pioneer low gross winner and Donna Rogers the ladies low net champion.

The day also featured a number of special prize holes including:

Longest drive:	Men – Rick Heidt	Ladies – Cheryl Patterson
Straight drive:	Men – Michael McDougall	Ladies – Laurel Gorrill
Closest to the pin:	Men - Rob Vaughn	Ladies - Giselle Patterson
Longest putt:	Men - Mark Mang	Ladies– Marnie Gorrill



The tournament on Saturday was preceded by the SaskTel vendors and sponsors day. On Friday, August 11, 54 golfers including a number of SaskTel employees, SaskTel vendors and tournament sponsors took to the links.

Special thanks go out to this year's tournament organizers Tim Ludwar and Barry Rogers who received support from Sheryl Glasser and Rick Tabin. Also, thanks go out to tournament sponsors.

Preliminary planning is already taking place for the event to be held once again in 2024.
Golfers tee up and stay tuned!

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Right Place, Right Time Customer Service Technician Plays a Big Part in Saving a Man's Life

Adam Reimer credits emergency training for helping him to save a man's life while on a customer call in Saskatoon.

The daily routine of a SaskTel Customer Service Technician (CST) can be anything but routine. Every client call is different. As Adam Reimer, a CST from Saskatoon recently found out, it could even be a matter of life and death.

"Adam was at a repair at a home the weekend of September 9, 2023," said Stacey Klassen, Operations Manager - Service. "There was still work to be done, so he made arrangements with the customer to go back to the home.

Adam arrived a bit early for the appointment. The SaskTel customer lives in the upstairs of a home on Dufferin Avenue, and there is a tenant in a suite in the basement. For the work required, Adam had to run lines from the basement to the main floor of the home where the customer resides.

"While in the basement I noticed a gentleman who was clearly in distress," said Adam.

"Everything kind of kicked in - I immediately remembered my First Aid and CPR training, tended to the person, conducted tests to determine if the man had a stroke, and called 911."

The training Adam refers to is the emergency First Aid training all CSTs are required to partake in every three years. The course offers both First Aid Training and CPR, and completion requires demonstration of all skills, 100% attendance and 75% minimum on a written exam.

Having visited the home a couple of times, Adam knew that the suite was in a location that is difficult to get to, accessible only by the back alley. He quickly ran to the street to ensure the ambulance could find the suite and flagged the ambulance down.

As it turns out, the gentleman had a heart attack the day before and lived through it. While Adam was in his room to check for wire runs, the gentleman had a stroke. "I've been in contact with his best friends that he lives with and he's doing okay," said Adam. "But he's not coming home anytime soon." But things may have been different if he was not in the right place at the right time.

Adam credits his 11 years of experience and First Aid training for being able to make a difference. "I always think to myself 'how am I going to remember all my training and knowledge over all these years?'" he said. "Fortunately, this (First Aid) training came back to me when I really needed it and I helped to save someone's life."

We leave you with this update about the gentleman sent by the SaskTel customer who Adam originally went to help that day: *"He is much better today. Saw him. Speaking clearly and in small sentences. Very lucid. He says he will walk again. He's intent on coming home too. All in all, he seems to be on the mend, thank God. Thanks again for all you did that fateful day!"*



DID YOU . . .

..... ever think about



7 RULES OF LIFE



1. **LET IT GO**

Never ruin a good day about thinking of a bad yesterday

2. **IGNORE THEM**

Don't listen to other people. Live a life that is empowering to you



3. **GIVE IT TIME**

Time heals everything

4. **DON'T COMPARE**

The only person you should try to beat is the person you were yesterday



5. **STAY CALM**

It's okay to not have everything figured out. Know that in time, you'll get there

6. **IT'S ON YOU**

Only 'you' are in charge of your happiness



7. **SMILE**

Life is short. Enjoy it while you have it !

*So much
to be
Thankful
for!*

