



Independent
Telecommunications
Pioneer
Association

Special Points of
Interest:

- Fall Meeting 2024
- Current Projects
- Past Projects
- Kickstart Kindness
- John Knox Johnston
Award

Catch that

Pioneering Spirit!

*2024 Projects – In Your Local
Area and Statewide*

Alzheimer's Walk – 2024.
The Walk to end Alzheimer's.
In your own area!

Salvation Army – Please
consider donating in your local
area. There is a great need for
non-perishable food items.

Troop/Veteran Support – Help
a local military group or
donate to a V.A. Center in
your area.

*Thank you for your support of
chapter and club projects!*

Summer Update – Pioneer Activities

ITPA Buckeye State Chapter

July 2024

Fall Meeting 2024 – Sugarcreek, Ohio – October 18-20

Buckeye State Chapter Pioneers, family, and friends are invited to gather at the Dutch Host Inn in Sugarcreek, Ohio the evening of October 18th (6:00 p.m.) through Saturday evening, October 19th, for the annual meeting and dinner.

Friday evening (Oct. 18th) – 6:00 p.m. & after – Meet & Greet in the Dutch Host Inn conference room. Buckeye Chapter members will bring items for an evening meal (sandwiches, vegetables, fruit, dessert, snacks, and drinks).

Saturday morning (Oct. 19th) – 10:00 a.m. – Chapter Business Meeting (open to all) in the Dutch Host Inn conference room. *Free time after meeting until dinner.*

Saturday evening (Oct. 19th) – 6:00 p.m. – Gather for the buffet dinner at the Dutch Valley Restaurant less than 1 mile from the Dutch Host Inn, then back to the hotel conference room for presentations, fellowship, and fun.

Hotel reservations – Please make your own reservations. Please see the enclosed flyer for details. (Room rates vary by day of the week and room type.) Reservations due no later than August 30, 2024.

A registration form is enclosed with this newsletter. Registration is due to Darlene Roll by October 5, 2024. The cost of Saturday evening's meal is \$30.00 per person. All other meals are on your own.

Fall Projects

We wrapped up the "Kickstart Kindness" project at the ITPA Spring Assembly – but that does not mean that we should not continue to practice kindness toward others.

If you are unable to attend but would like to participate, as always, we collect "Pennies for Pioneers" (also known as any financial donations). *Please make checks payable to Buckeye State Chapter ITPA, with "Pennies for Pioneers" on the memo line.* Send checks to Darlene Roll, 1385 Township Road 216, Bellefontaine, OH 43311-9644.

Note: in 2023, we collected \$514.50 in "Pennies" Thank you!

Projects Win Awards!

Congratulations to Buckeye Chapter and Mid-Ohio Club for winning awards in the ITPA annual awards program again this year. The chapter and club chose to donate funds to United Way of Logan County to help with tornado-related needs instead of receiving a plaque. Awards received were:

Mid-Ohio Club (1 award) – Mid-Ohio Club members are always concerned about those in the communities served having access to food items. In some areas, food insufficiency reaches 20% or more of the population. An on-going project for the club is supplying food items to food pantries so that individuals and families can secure items to eat. Club members donate funds and collect non-perishable food items in the Richland County area as well as other outlying counties. Those funds and food items are then distributed to food pantries, who in turn, supply them to those in need. At times, there are up to 150 individuals provided with items.

Buckeye Chapter (1 award) – Buckeye State Chapter Pioneers are always willing to provide helping hands to others in the areas of Ohio in which members reside. This year, “Willing Hands” provided support in many different ways. Items from food, clothing, and shoes, along with helping at food pantries, preparing weekend meal bags, and visiting elderly neighbors, were all on the “Willing Hands” list.

*Volunteers Leading
Through Community Service!*

Kickstart Kindness Contest

Congratulations to Buckeye State Chapter member, Ethel Mason, of Wooster! She was chosen as the “Kickstart Kindness” contest winner and will receive a gift package.

Jim Hoskinson, Buckeye State Chapter member, Presented John Knox Johnston Award

Jim was presented (surprised) with this award at the ITPA Spring Assembly in Mount Airy, North Carolina in April. The John Knox Johnston Award is the highest honor the Independent Telecommunications Pioneer Association can bestow to one person in a region. The recipient must be or have been a Pioneer member who consistently, over a period of years, made significant contributions to his or her community through Pioneer activities and its goals. The award recognizes Jim’s long-time commitment to Pioneering. Jim serves as the Buckeye State Chapter president and as a Buckeye State Chapter member. He has participated in many local, state, and national projects throughout her years as a Pioneer and has attended several ITPA Spring Assembly activities. Even when vacationing in Florida in the winter, Jim follows up to ensure that Buckeye State Chapter is still going strong.

In Our Thoughts

Our thoughts and prayers are with Pioneer families who have lost a loved one during this past year or are dealing with health issues.

Deceased (with company reference based on information available):

- Leroy Chase – Shreve, OH (United Telephone)
- Dale Grove – Sarasota, Florida (GTE)
- Olive Martin – Medina, OH (GTE)
- Thomas Rainsberger – Carrollton (GTE)
- Clara Wiseman – Waldo, OH (GTE)

“Dues/Mailing Fee”

Each year, we ask Buckeye State Chapter Pioneers to make a \$5.00 donation for Dues/Mailing Fees. The purpose of this fee is to help cover some of the costs associated with the operations of Buckeye State Chapter. Please send your payment to Chapter Treasurer, Darlene Roll (checks payable to Buckeye State Chapter ITPA), 1385 Township Road 216, Bellefontaine, OH 43311-9644.

*Have a wonderful summer! Hope to see some of you in
Sugarcreek, Ohio in October!*