

J Henry Butta-Maryland Chapter

Maryland Pioneers News

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Once again, Ocean City beckons ...



... You can almost hear the ocean's roar, breathe in the salt air, taste the french fries and caramel corn, feel the sand in your shoes.

The Maryland Pioneers invite you to our 89th Annual Meeting in Ocean City, Oct. 6-8, 2025.

We promise scrumptious food, fun games and great company.

See inside for details and reservations.



Fun in the Sun

89th Annual Meeting - J Henry Butta-MD Chapter

Monday October 6	Pioneer Group Dinner – Meet at Coral Reef Restaurant (17 th St and Boardwalk) at 6:15 p.m. Order from the menu.
Tuesday October 7	Free Day until 6 p.m. Try your luck at Ocean Downs Casino, shop at the Rehoboth Outlets, enjoy the beach right outside your door or relax on the hotel deck overlooking the boardwalk.
	Picnic Buffet and Game Night 6-7:30 p.m. (\$37) Buffet featuring burgers, hot dogs, grilled chicken, assorted cheeses, applewood smoked bacon, slaw, potato salad, chips, chocolate chip cookies and double chocolate brownies. 7 p.m. Games begin ... one pack of Bingo cards included - each additional card pack - \$5.
Wednesday October 8	Life Member Breakfast and President's Program 8:30 a.m. (\$32) Breakfast buffet includes fresh cut fruit, selection of yogurts, danish, muffins, coffee cake, scrambled eggs, applewood smoked bacon, sausage patties, home fries, buttermilk pancakes, creamed chipped beef, juices, coffee and more.

Courtyard Marriott 15th St. \$129 per night plus tax (Sunday -Thursday).
To receive discounted room rates, you must attend one event - Group Dinner, Picnic Buffet and Bingo Night, or the Life Member Breakfast.

To reserve a room, please call the Courtyard by Marriott Ocean City Oceanfront directly at (410) 289-5008 and give code **MARYLAND PIONEERS** for the discounted rate.

Reservations must be made by **September 5, 2025** to get guaranteed discounted rates. After Sept. 6, rooms are subject to availability and rates may be higher. Check-in 4 p.m.; Check out 11 a.m.

To register, please complete the registration form on the following page.
The hotel follows CDC and Maryland state and local guidelines. Housekeeping does not service the room during the stay once guests have checked in. For items needed, call the main desk.



Annual Meeting Registration Form

October 6-8, 2025 New Vision Maryland Pioneers 89th Annual Meeting Ocean City MD.

(Please print)

Name of Party _____

Address _____

Email Address _____ @ _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

List names of all registering:

Last Name	First Name	Name on Nametag

Monday
Group Dinner-

Tuesday
Game Night/Buffer

Wednesday
LM Breakfast
President's Program

Order from menu
Need # for headcount

\$37

\$32

Total \$

Name				
Total Amount Enclosed				\$

Make Check Payable to:

TP-Maryland Chapter

Mail Check and Registration Form to:

Nouvelle Helmick, 8462 N Fork Hwy, Cabins WV 26855

For additional info:

Nouvelle – 410-409-2610

“Answering the Call of Those In Need”

The Maryland Chapter will be collecting healthy food for local food pantries during our Annual Meeting. Suggestion of food items: Peanut butter (plastic jars), brown rice, whole wheat pastas, canned or dry beans, canned fruit (in juice), canned vegetables, canned meat (tuna, salmon, ham, chicken, or turkey) or whole wheat cereals.

Children benefit from Pioneer projects

Greetings from the J Henry Butta-Maryland Chapter – New Vision Pioneers.

As we move into the summer season it is my pleasure as your president to reflect on the many activities and projects we have completed during the spring of this year to “Answer the call” of those in need in our communities.



Carroll Naik
Maryland
Chapter
President

Our clubs scheduled luncheons and used the opportunity for their members to bring non-perishable food for food banks in their communities and at Easter brought candy to fill the baskets of those children whose families depend on that service.

The needs in our communities are tremendous and we do our best to fill those needs. Our clubs work hard to respond to those agencies who support the less fortunate. Our McKenzie grant this year was used to purchase school supplies for items our teachers would purchase from their own pockets.

One of our teachers who accepted backpacks was so excited because that very morning she had received a request for a backpack from a student and knew she could accommodate that request upon our delivery later in the day.

We have recently adopted two teachers this year with our “Adopt a Teacher” program. If you know a teacher who may benefit from this program, please let us know. Again, these are supplies that teachers would buy from their own pockets.

Our Coats for Kids project will continue in 2025. Cold weather is something we don’t think about at this time of year, but if you know of a school or shelter that will be in need later in the year, please let us know. It is never too early to start working on this project.

Through the generosity of a friend of our chapter we were able to deliver 200 hand knitted hats to

schools, shelters, churches and hospital oncology units.

Our Book ‘em project continues reaching milestones with reading and gifting books to children across the state.

If you would like to read and become a hero when you give children in the classroom their own book to take home, contact Mary Weber, who has created and successfully

managed this program since 1993, at 410-879-0558.

Some of our clubs held successful Bakeless Bake



Shelly Lewis, Community Liaison at Whittier Elementary School, accepts backpacks from the Frederick Life Member Club.

Sales this year that helped fund their projects. Your donations are most welcome, but we also need YOU to help with our projects.

Please consider volunteering this year. If you know of needs in your community, please let us know. Reach out to a club in your area.

Before closing, please join us for our 89th Annual Meeting in Ocean City, Oct 6-8. We are again at the Courtyard Marriott Oceanfront. Details and registration information are included in this issue.

As we continue our journey of Answering the Call of those in need in our communities, thank you for all you do to make this Chapter a success.

I wish you a safe, happy and healthy summer.

Carroll Naik

Maryland Chapter President

Students will have backpacks, supplies for new school year

Need a relaxing getaway?

Here's your chance to win a weekend getaway at the Courtyard by Marriott, Ocean City Oceanfront.

We continue to "Answer the Call of Those in Need" in our communities and are asking for donations to help support our programs across Maryland.

As a thank-you for every \$10 donation we will put your name in a drawing for a 2-night stay in Ocean City at the Courtyard by Marriott, located at 15th Street and the Boardwalk.

Getaway is not valid during the busy summer season, holidays or special events.



Want an extra chance to get away?

Every registration form for the Maryland Pioneers' 2025 Annual Meeting in Ocean City will be entered into the drawing for the weekend getaway.

So sign up now for our October celebration and you may win a chance to return.

To donate for the drawing:

We will accept \$10 donations now - Dec. 1, 2025.

Drawing December 4, 2025

Make Check Payable to: **TP-Maryland Chapter**

Mail to:

**Ralph Blunt
940 Pier Point Drive
Pasadena MD 21122**

For additional info:

Ralph 410-255-7989

Cumberland Life Member President Janet Knisley presents backpacks and school supplies for the Salvation Army children's summer program to Salvation Army Lieutenant Lisa Robinson.



Central Pioneers donate, dine and read

Central Region Pioneers held their spring meeting in April at Miller's Ale House in Bel Air, with 21 members attending.

At the meeting, Pioneers donated more than 1,200 candy and gift items for the St. Mark Food Pantry Easter Baskets.

The group also discussed having a Central Region Book'em Reading at a local school and several members volunteered. They are aiming for a late October date.

"If you have never read in school, don't worry, there are no big words, and the students love you the minute you walk into the classroom" said Mary Weber, Central Region President and Book'em Chairperson.

"You will also come bearing gifts. You get to give every student a new Scholastic Book. You become their hero instantly. At our last reading, we read to several grades and everyone enjoyed themselves. Hopefully we will have enough readers to do the same in the fall.

"Of course, we go to lunch afterwards. If you are interested in this fun event, send me an email at (marygweber@verizon.net) and I'll put you on the list."



Central Region Pioneers enjoy lunch at Miller's Ale House in Bel Air. At the spring meeting, the group also donated over 1,200 items for children's Easter Baskets, and made plans for a fall Book'em reading event.

Pioneers

May I Have Your
Attention Please



Book'em Readers
have read to



429,851

Children in Maryland
(1994 – 2025)



The Lower Shore Life Member Club donated knitted hats to the Tidal Health Peninsula Regional Medical Center oncology unit. Pioneer Suzanne McKee, left, presented the hats to the staff.

Eastern Shore Pioneers don't bake, they donate

Eastern Region President Peggy Hastings reports that the recent Bakeless Bake Sale held by the Lower Shore Life Member Club was very successful and she expressed her thanks to all who contributed.

The Lower Shore Life Member Club meets on the third Thursday of each month at Dayton's Family Restaurant, Snow Hill Road, Salisbury.

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Maryland Pioneer News

The "Maryland Pioneers News" newsletter is published by the J Henry Butta-Maryland Chapter of the New Vision Pioneers.

The New Vision Pioneers are part of the international Pioneers, the largest industry-based volunteer organization in the world, founded in 1911 as the Telephone Pioneers of America.

The Maryland Chapter newsletter is distributed by email to active and Life Members.

To be added to the Pioneer email list, please email us at: blunts@verizon.net and provide your email address.

Updates on Maryland Pioneer activities and projects are also available at the chapter website:

www.newvision-marylandpioneers.org and on Facebook at New Vision Pioneers-Maryland Chapter.



To donate to the Maryland Pioneers, make checks payable to TP Maryland Chapter and mail to:

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We thank you for your support.