

Pioneers launch 2025 projects

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

For those who may not know me, I am Carroll Naik, and I thank you for the opportunity to again serve as President of this great Maryland Chapter.

I look forward to working with everyone and continuing the good work of our chapter.

It seems impossible that we are almost through the first quarter of 2025 but as Pioneers we continue to "Answer the Call" of those in need in our communities.

Presently, through the Don McKenzie grant, we will be providing supplies to area schools. If you know a teacher who would benefit from our

Adopt-a-Teacher program, please let us know.

The program is designed to

assist teachers who spend their own money on school supplies for their students.

During the fall of 2025 our "Coats for Kids" program will be in full swing, providing not only new coats for underprivileged children, but also hats and gloves.

Our clubs continue to provide food for local food banks and keep busy during the year identifying and responding to the needs of the less fortunate individuals in our communities.

The Maryland Chapter's Book'em project, which began in 1993, enlightens children when our Pioneer volunteer readers visit a school, read in a classroom and present each child with their own book to take home.



Carroll Naik
Maryland Chapter
President

Our Chapter newsletter continues to be distributed and has received accolades for our efforts to keep our members informed. Please share a copy with someone who may not be receiving it. Plans are in place for our 89th Annual Meeting in Ocean City. More information will follow.

We would like to see you participate in our many projects. Reach out to a club in your area to see where you can help. If you

Children will receive coats, hats, gloves, books and more through Pioneer efforts

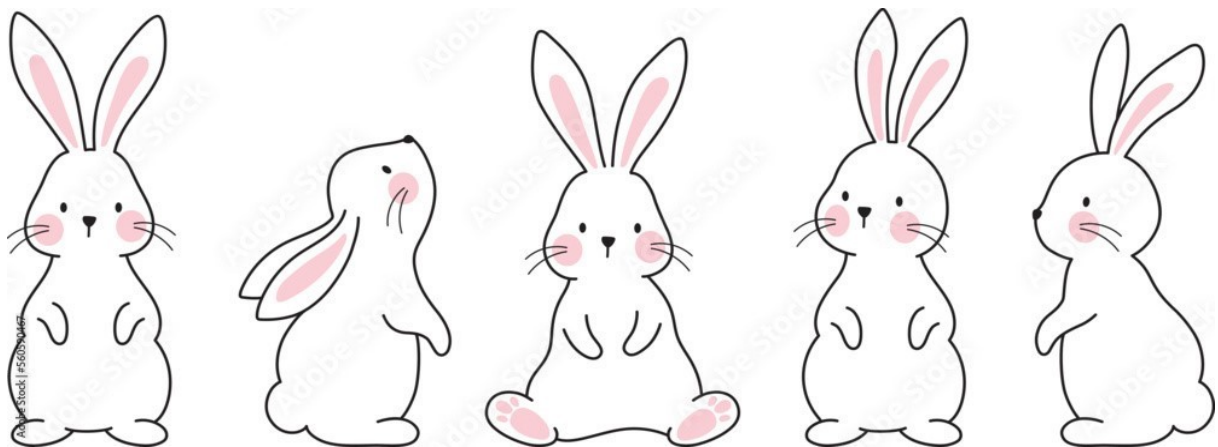
know of a need in your community, please let us know. Please don't hesitate to

call me on 240-529-1012 or email me at acnaik@aol.com.

Finally, we operate solely on dues from active employees (low in number), grants, fundraising, and donations from you. If you consider donating to the Maryland Chapter, your gift will benefit **all Maryland projects**. I will be happy to help you make this gift if you wish to donate.

As we continue on our journey of "Answering the Call" of those in need in our communities, I wish you a healthy and happy 2025. My best wishes to you!

Carroll



Frederick Life Member Spring Luncheon

**Mountain Gate Restaurant
Thurmont, MD
May 15, 2025**

11:30 am – Social hour

12 noon - Buffet lunch

\$22 - Includes tip

For reservations, call Carole Winpigler, 301-662-7476.

Attendees are asked to bring non-perishable food donations for the
Community Action Food Bank.



Far left, Frederick Life Member Pioneers Carroll and Anadi Naik accept hats from Cheryl Poole, whose friend made and donated the items. The Frederick club donated more than 200 hats to schools, churches, shelters and a hospital oncology unit.

Near left, on behalf of the Westminster Life Member Club, Barbara Clingan presents coats to Renee Butler of William Winchester Elementary School in Westminster.



Welcome Spring Central Region Pioneers

Our Spring Luncheon and Meeting will be held on:

Monday April 14 11 am

Millers Ale House

601 Baltimore Pike

Bel Air MD

We will be given individual checks, so no pre-payment is needed. The entire menu will also be available. Menu: [Miller's Ale House menu - Bel Air MD 21014 - \(443\) 643-0340](#) Please email me at marygweber@verizon.net by 4/7/25 if you plan to join us.

We will be collecting Easter candy for children's Easter baskets at local food pantries.

I am planning a Book'em Reading Date in May for the Central Region for grades K, 1 and 2. If you are interested, please let me know when you make your reservation. Reading to children is a fun day for the readers and the children.

Hope to see you soon. *Mary Weber*





Spring is just around the corner, and it is a great time to plan a visit to your local elementary school and read to the children.

Recently, Sue Staley visited her local elementary school in Hagerstown. She was the local hero to all the children she read to and they loved all the books they got to take home that day.

Our children in the United States ranked 40th out of 40 countries in reading. If you could spend a small amount of time reading to our children, this may turn around.

The Pioneers will make it as easy as possible. We will have the books delivered to your home. You can look over the books and pick one you are comfortable reading.

Just email the Pioneers at maryqweber@verizon.net or call 410 879-0558 and tell us the name of the school, county, teacher's name, grade, number of students, reading date, your name, your address and your phone number. Imagine the surprise on the face of the children when you walk in their classroom. Book'em makes heroes out of everyone.

The Central Region is planning a Reading Day in May at a local elementary school. If you are interested in reading with us, email me at maryqweber@verizon.net. Let's get our children reading again!

Mary Weber

Book'em Chairperson

The ocean beckons

The Maryland Pioneers had a great get-together at the Courtyard by Marriott in Ocean City last fall and will visit again in October.

So save the date for your reservations:

Monday, Oct. 7 – Wednesday, Oct. 9

Courtyard by Marriott

Ocean City Oceanfront

15th Street at the Boardwalk

Ocean City, MD



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

Nouvelle Helmick

8462 N Fork Hwy

Cabins WV 26855

We thank you for your support.

A painless and bakeless way to help

Many of us have not paid dues to the Maryland Chapter of the New Vision Pioneer in quite a while. In order to finance our many projects for children, domestic violence victims and veterans, the Lower Shore Pioneers must raise funds.

Please excuse us for asking for donations, but your help is needed and greatly appreciated.

Following is a "kitchen-free" way for you to participate:

A bit of news we have today ...

A Bakeless Bake Sale is on the way.

In these busy days, who wants to bake a pie, a cake or even cookies?

You'd be surprised if you counted the cost

of ingredients, heat, and the time you lost.

Baking for sales is extra work,

yet nobody really wants to shirk.

So we've thought of a plan that's really grand

and we feel that you'll understand.

In an envelope, if you like, please include the price

of a pie or cake or anything nice.

Without fuss or bother, you've done your part.

We hope you will give with a willing heart.

Wishing success for our Bakeless Bake Sale.

This is the end of our little tale.



J Henry Butta-Maryland Chapter

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 contribute to the Lower Shore Bakeless Bake Sale, please provide your name, address and donation amount and mail with your tax-deductible check, payable to TP-Maryland, to Peggy Hastings, 702 South Kaywood Drive, Salisbury MD 21804.

Name _____

Address _____

Donation Amount _____