

## ATT 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary

In honor of our 100th year anniversary, the AT&T Pioneers international theme this year is **Sparking Pioneers for a New Century of Service**. And our Alabama Chapter selected the theme, **"CONNECTING THE PAST TO SPARK THE FUTURE"**.

To help honor this milestone in our history and our service to the community in the future, our Metro council adopted the theme;

### Special Pioneers at ATT Reaching the Kommunity (SPARK) -

Please watch for upcoming volunteer opportunities and events and plan now to help us sparkle.



**Betty M Wells**  
President, ATT Pioneers  
Volunteer Network

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## President's Message

Greetings to all...

As you may have read, the AT&T Pioneers are approaching the centennial celebration of our international organization and with a strong sense of pride in its many accomplishments during our first 100 years.

I thank each of you for your support through the years and belief in what the Pioneers have been known for throughout these 100 years -- helping people in all walks of life while also maintaining camaraderie with fellow members and a strong connection to our company.

And from the time I was sworn in as 2011 President – AT&T Pioneers Metro Council, I have been working on plans that will help Metro to add SPARK to our organization's 100 years of rich history and making continued positive impact within the communities where we work and live and also caring for each other.

For starters, we've put in place a great 2011 Metro Council leadership team of both new and seasoned talent. See page 4. They have graciously accepted these very active roles and are already thinking of ways in which to help us to continue to make a powerful community impact as we move into the next 100 years.

I ask that you too provide us your input and suggestions including ways that we can improve and that this be a continuous process for our Metro Council team starting now and throughout the year.

This means there are no wrong answers - start talking, suggesting, and dreaming of new and or improved ways Metro Council can help the AT&T Pioneers to continue on its history making course for generations to come – please know that YOU, your wisdom, your interests and ideas as well as your resources in support of our fundraisers are priceless to our Metro team and all AT&T Pioneers.

And remember, we need every member to help us accomplish all of our projects –we are not asking everybody to volunteer for every project every time but rather each of us doing all that we can when we can to help to successfully complete every project. Our community at large is counting on us and together we will SPARK for them!

To that end, our 2011 Metro Council meetings are set and whereas EVERY member is invited. Our meetings are the 3rd Thursdays of each month; 11:30a – 12:30p. Look for reminders.





## President's Message continued...

I extend my special thanks to all of our returning Metro officers and chairs and also to our new Metro council leaders. I am so excited that our council

has each of them too as a Pioneer leader. They are indeed the right ones for the job and are sure to spark new energy in each of us.

We are in for a great year!

Sincerely,

Betty Wells  
President

***Happy Valentine Day to one and all – remember, Nothing Says "LOVE" like AT&T Pioneers helping the community...***

***Thank much to the volunteers for UNCF, the Alabama Chapter Quarterly Meeting, 10th Annual Mercedes Marathon, Valentine's Day Fundraiser and all other volunteer activities this year.***

### Reminders:

2011 AT&T Foundation Scholarship

AT&T employees please encourage your child to also apply for this year's AT&T Foundation Scholarship Program, now being accepted through Feb. 15. Students can receive awards up to \$2,500 to attend a four-year college or \$1,500 to attend a two-year college. College students who received scholarships for 2010-2011 must reapply for the 2011-2012 academic year to be considered for a scholarship.

Again this year, the AT&T Foundation will fund additional scholarships in conjunction with the United Negro College Fund and the Hispanic Scholarship Fund for African-American and Hispanic/Latino children and stepchildren of eligible employees. Eligible applicants may apply for more than one scholarship program, but can only be awarded one scholarship.

### Save the Date:

**February 17, 2011**  
Job Shadow

**February 26, 2010**  
UNCF Gala

**February 1-28, 2011**  
Black Heritage Tours at Old Alabama Town  
Call (205) 240-4517 for more info

Exhibit on African Americans and the Civil War  
Location: BPL-Pratt City, AL Library Museum

Tuxedo Junction Musical  
Location: Birmingham Childrens Theatre

**March 1-31, 2011**  
Celebrate Women's History Month: Montgomery Alabama Women of the 19th Century  
(888) 240-1850  
[www.oldalabamatown.com](http://www.oldalabamatown.com)

## Volunteer Hall of Fame

### Military Corner: Letters (excerpts) from our troops...

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It is a blessing to have received the care packages. We especially enjoyed reading the cards and letters that were enclosed. I am proud to have the opportunity and privilege to serve our great nation and to be a leader to its sons and daughters. I would like to thank you for the gifts with my deepest gratitude. I would also like to thank the AT&T Pioneers for picking up the shipping fees. I am blessed to have all of your prayers.

The following passage gives me courage and tenacity to accomplish our mission on a daily basis. Refer to Joshua 1:9 "I will be strong and courageous. I will not be terrified or discouraged for the Lord My God is with me wherever I shall go."

Respectfully,  
1LT Thomas L. Jones  
Platoon Leader, Field Artillery

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We would like to sincerely thank you and the your company (AT&T) and the AT&T Pioneers-Metro Council for picking up the shipping cost for the 11 Christmas/Holiday Care Packages that were sent to us. Thank YOU all!

Businesses that have the character to reach out and support the ones who protect the rights, freedoms and civil liberties that we enjoy and take fort granted deserve recognition. We personally applaud AT&T Pioneers-Metro Council in support of the U.S. A. (the troops)! May God Bless you and your company in 2011. Our Platoon will be home soon.

Respectfully,  
Field Artillery, US Army

## Need Volunteers: Upcoming Events

### February 17, 2011

Job Shadow  
AT&T City Center  
Contact Ricky Parker @  
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### February 26, 2011

Bowling for JA, Metro BHAM  
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### March 7- 11, 2011

AT&T Pioneers Book Fair  
City Center Lobby  
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### March 10, 2011

Parent's Night Out  
Children's Hospital in Birmingham  
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### March 15, 2011

First Light Shelter Overnight  
Volunteers Orientation  
Contact Shannon Horsley @  
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If you volunteer on behalf of AT&T Pioneers, we want to hear about your experience, so that we can share and or improve it. Please share your story or make suggestions – send comments to Rudy Lewis @ ll0131@att.com



Fighting cancer is difficult enough, but living with it is even tougher - and that's where the Cleaning for A Reason Foundation steps in. This nonprofit offers free professional housecleaning, and maid services to improve the lives of women undergoing treatment for cancer - **any type of cancer**.

If you know any woman currently

undergoing chemotherapy, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning - once per month for 4 months while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service.

This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. It's our job to pass the word and let them know that there are people out there that care.

<http://www.cleaningforareason.org>

You may not know someone going through chemo, but someone on your email list might.

## Vendor Sales

All Proceeds support charities in Birmingham and the surrounding areas through the AT&T Pioneers - Birmingham Metro Council and Birmingham Life Member Club

### Wednesday, February 16

Reserved for Bham LMC Vendor

### Thursday, February 17

Multiple Streams (gift items)

### Friday, February 18

Multiple Streams (gift items)

### Wed, February 23

Reserved for Bham LMC Vendor

### Friday, February 25

Good Life (purses/jewelry)

## The AT&T City Center Pioneer Store

### The AT&T City Center Pioneer Store will be open

Tue, Wed, Thurs\*\*  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Calling All Cooks \$10 and

Best of the Best \$12  
Umbrellas \$15  
AT&T T-Shirts \$10  
AT&T Polo's \$22

Wanted: New & gently used books  
- drop off at Pioneer Store

\*\*If you need store items outside this schedule or to **volunteer in the Pioneer Store during lunch**, please contact Karen Howze-Samuels 205 321-2675 or kh0009@att.com.

## SAVVY Tips



### Leave Room for Leftovers

When shopping for your family, choose recipes that yield a large serving quantity. Most casseroles and baked dishes are easy to make in larger quantities and taste great the next day. It can save you time and money, so pass on pricey restaurant lunches and savor your home-cooked creation, instead.

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Our AT&T Pioneers, State President Alabama, Mrs. Bell Rogers, attended our first meeting on January 20, 2011. She installed our 2011 officers and gave a hearty welcome to all in attendance.

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