

**“Answering  
the call of  
those in need”**

**Nova 5 Chapter serves:  
the Five boroughs of NYC  
and several locations in  
Upstate NY inclusive of  
Greene, Columbia, Ulster,  
Dutchess, Putnam,  
Westchester, Kings and  
Richmond Counties.**

community service project another rewarding one.

Can you croquet and wish to volunteer your time? We will show you how.

For information on this project, please contact our office at [Nova5pioneers@aol.com](mailto:Nova5pioneers@aol.com)

## Plastic Mats for the Homeless

Plastic bags, one of the many items that pollute our communities have now been transformed to a means of comfort for our homeless.

A group of Verizon co-workers have shown that plastic bags can be recycled and used to provide some form of comfort to the homeless, thereby contributing to our society at large. The mats are waterproof and very lightweight, making it easy to transport from one location to another.



**Carleen Briggs, Sanderland Capers, Kimberly Steplight, Morelle Griffith, Yasmin Ali, and Heather Greenridge**

A special “thank you” is extended to Carleen Briggs who made over 25 mats within a few months.. Other dedicated volunteers not pictured here are Jackie Wallace (retiree), Katrina Hardy, Debra Wallace and Noam Winter whom were very generous in supplying the bags and/or cutting and tying the bags on a consistent basis.



Ruby Gilyard, Kim Haynes, Carleen Briggs

These volunteers pictured throughout the article choose to take time out of their busy schedules and use their lunch hours, breaks and time away from family members at home to make this project a success.

Erica Brown, past president of the Nova 5 Chapter and Gradle Wallace, Office Manager were the coordinators of this project.

Volunteers of the Nova 5 Pioneers have made this



## A note from the President

As we celebrate this holiday season, I hope this message finds you and your families in good health.

Our volunteers have been busy trying to meet commitments in our communities before year’s end, and I must say, despite the challenges, it is very rewarding.

Nova 5 Chapter wish you and your family a Joyous Holiday season.

Lynette Anthony

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## 41st Annual Day at Rye Playland

For over 30 years, while an active Verizon employee, Eva Tyler organized a group of Pioneer volunteers to assist children and some adults on rides at the Rye Playland in Westchester County. Since her retirement, Deidre Priest has been tirelessly organizing and serving as the liaison between the pioneers and the Tommie Cares Foundation.

Over the past four years, the Tommie Cares Foundation, has sponsored a day of free rides and entertainment for people with disabilities, their families and caregivers.

This project is organized by the Westchester County's Office for people with disabilities, headed by

Evan Latainer in partnership with the Westchester Dept. of Parks, Recreation and Conservation .

As part of our mission, the pioneers were able to bring smiles to the faces of the participants through face painting, clowning and just a helping hand onto the rides.

The smiles on the participants faces were priceless.



Lynette Anthony, William Ho, Ron Spaulding (clown), Deidre Priest, Myia Spaulding



Ron Spaulding, Ron Astorina (Westchester County Legislator)

Special thanks to our Pioneer volunteers of this project: Deidre Priest, Lynette Anthony, William Ho, Scott Finkel, Ron and Myia Spaulding.

## Pioneers Back to School Picnic

**"Service to others is the rent you pay here on earth"**  
**Muhammad Ali**

A back to school picnic was sponsored by the Nova 5 Chapter of the Pioneers in September 2016. It was held at Cunningham Park, Queens, NY.

It was a day of fun, food and entertainment. The Nova 5 clowns did face painting and several items were raffled off. School supplies were handed out to the school aged children that

were in attendance.

We introduced some of our projects to those in attendance and got many involved in the collection of can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.



Participants playing horseshoe



Some school supplies given out





The World For Christ Ministries Food Pantry, located at 158 Utica Avenue, Brooklyn, NY serves approximately 200 families in that community on a weekly basis.

Nova 5 Chapter donated bags to package the food. They also helped to distribute the food items.

World for Christ welcomed the donated items and volunteers with open arms. The recipients were very thankful.

**It's not for money, it's not for fame,  
 It's not for any personal gain,  
 It's just for love of fellow man,  
 It's just to give a helping hand.**

**It's your reward in your heart,  
 It's a feeling that you've been a part,  
 of helping others far and near,**

**That makes you want to**

**VOLUNTEER**

**Many thanks for your help  
 - Author Unknown**

## MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname/Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

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Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter/Council/Club (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Recruited by: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Communication:  Home  Work

Employee Status:  Active  Retired

Partner/Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check your areas of interest:

- Education
- Environmental
- Social Services
- Fundraising
- I would like to participate in the planning of a project or program.

### ANNUAL DUES: \$22.00

Annual dues help offset the cost of organizational activities such as community service projects. Please sign the following authorization and dues will be automatically deducted monthly, or mail a check for \$22 to the Verizon Pioneers Accounting Center at the address under How Do I Join?

This is to authorize Verizon and any Verizon subsidiary or entity by which I may hereafter be employed to make payroll deductions that total \$22 annually for the payment of Pioneers dues effective with this authorization and continuing until cancelled by written notice.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

*Pioneers dues are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution for federal tax purposes and are non-refundable. If for any reason the annual dues deduction is not made at the normal time, the deduction will be made in a subsequent pay period. If you have questions regarding your Pioneers membership, please visit [verizonpioneers.org](http://verizonpioneers.org).*

**HELP SUPPORT**

**OUR COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

**Thank you for your Donations!**

Your donations sustain our ability to "Answer The Call of Those In Need" in our communities.

**Please Mail Check To: New Vision Pioneers  
Nova 5 Chapter  
125 w 73rd Street  
New York, NY 10023**

Join New Vision Pioneers in raising funds through FUN PASTA FUNDRAISING to support our "Dish It Up" campaign. 40% of every purchase will be donated to feeding healthy food to families in need in our communities.



We are excited to be partnering with FUN PASTA FUNDRAISING! Shop now and order some creative, delicious pasta goodies. It's simple, and you'll love the selection - great for any special occasion, fun for the kids or just for yourself!

With each sale, our group earns 40% which helps us reach our "Dish It Up" fundraising goal to feed healthy food to families in need. Plus you get free shipping over \$50! There are some great packages that are great for Holiday gift giving, swaps or Teacher gifts. For every dollar raised we can provide two pounds of food.

Your order will be shipped from Nashville, TN within 3-5 days.

Please join us in supporting the Pioneers "Dish It Up" project.

Go to: [FunPastaFundraiser.com](http://FunPastaFundraiser.com)

The New Vision Pioneers Marketplace is kicking off our Holiday Fundraising season with the popular "Maine Balsam Wreath Fundraiser" with Family Tradition Wreath Company, located in Cutler, ME. or choose 100% American Made RADA cutlery for a great holiday gift for that special person or Flower Petal for flowers and gifts.



Family Tradition Wreath Company

Visit us at: [www.familytraditionwreathcompany](http://www.familytraditionwreathcompany)

Enter code 19105 for the NOVA 5 Chapter. Please insert this fundraiser code prior to checkout

**Fresh Maine Balsam Wreaths**

Our Maine Balsam Wreaths are all handmade using only the freshest, fullest balsam fir available. You will find our fresh double sided, fresh cut, full of fragrance Maine balsam wreaths to be and most important long lasting. Our fresh Maine Christmas wreaths are hand decorated with a variety of wonderful holiday decorations to add the perfect touch.

A fresh Maine balsam wreath is something everyone wants on their front door as a warm holiday greeting! Whether you're buying for yourself, family, friends or coworkers, order a REAL Maine Balsam wreath at Family Tradition Wreath Company, we promise you won't be disappointed; we look forward to sharing our Christmas tradition with you!

**Fundraiser code is 19105 for the Nova 5 Chapter.**

# Pioneers Marketplace



Flower Petal



RADA Cutlery

## 100% American Made

The New Vision Pioneers have partnered with Flowerpetal.com to provide you a state-of-the-art shopping experience and unparalleled service for purchasing flowers and gifts online.

Use our flower and gift fundraising site for all of your holiday gift needs.

Fresh flowers and memorable gifts with 12% of all sales going to support Pioneers projects in your local community.

For catalog or to place an order go to [pioneers5.flowerpetal.com](http://pioneers5.flowerpetal.com)

Rada Cutlery is used in millions of homes every day and now Pioneers, their friends and families have an opportunity to purchase this remarkable product and at the same time support Pioneer projects.

Please extend this email to everyone you know because with every purchase you make, a portion of every sale comes back to your local Pioneers group who is using it to help the homeless, get educational materials into the hands of children, help our military and many more projects in the communities they serve.

Please take a moment to look at the online catalog and make a purchase which is Made in the USA and has a Lifetime Guarantee.

To view catalog or place an order - [www.helpourfundraiser.com](http://www.helpourfundraiser.com), enter ordering # 5504282, Password pioneers.

**“Alone we  
can do so  
little.  
Together  
we can  
do so  
much”**

**-Helen Keller**

### Thank you letter



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Far Rockaway, NY 11691  
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**DORIS C. LEE**  
Principal



Dear Pioneers/New Vision Program,

We would like to extend our gratitude to your organization for donating state of the art Chrome Book computers to support the mission and vision of our school. Our mission is to educate the entire family and to create stronger family units that will facilitate success in our students and improve our community. We ensure that every student leave our school equipped with the tools to a brighter future as problem solvers, critical thinkers and efficient readers on their path to a higher education and productive lives.

We truly believe that students learn best and are more engaged in learning through the integration of technology. These laptops will be utilized in our classrooms to access online sites that provide our struggling students with remediation skills in ELA and Mathematics. Students will also use them to access an online library with grade level novels and texts.

We welcome the opportunity to partner with your organization in the future as we value your support in placing our students on the "Path to Success."

Educationally Yours,

The Village Academy Family

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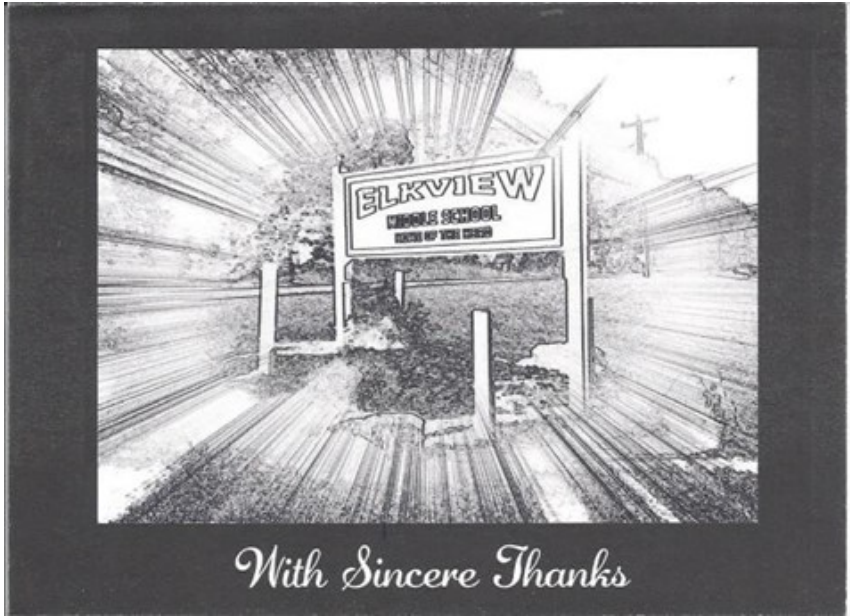
Nova 5 Chapter/EB8 Club is very thankful for this recognition



Nova 5 donated book to West Virginia Flood Victims

**"The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual"**

**- Vince Lombardi**



**Memory**

Please inform us of any deceased members by emailing or calling our office

Tony Bencivenga—Nova 5 Chapter

Willie Williams—Nova 5 Chapter

## Our History

The Pioneers legacy is long and inspiring. It all began in 1911 with just 734 members (including Alexander Graham Bell). In the beginning, friendship and fellowship were what it was all about. Industry people recalling the facts, traditions, and memories of the early history of the telephone. But those who wrote the original Pioneers purpose were forward thinking in adding that it would also encourage "such other meritorious objects consistent with the foregoing as may be desirable." That became what would make the Pioneers different from other industry groups.

One of those "meritorious objects" translated into community service. Chapters, councils and clubs began their own initiatives, mostly working with children's groups. By 1958, community service was established as the Pioneers' "New Tradition". Today, the organization is the world's largest group of industry-specific employees and retirees dedicated to community service. Pioneers volunteer more than 15 million hours annually responding to the individual needs of their communities.

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 New Name?

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 your Membership record to stay in  
 touch.

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