

**XRX Pioneer Social Club** 

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PRESS

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I have realized I am not "Atlas". The world does not rest on my shoulders.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

By President Richard H. Roomian

Many long-time Xerox employees may remember that one of the more favorite haunts of yore was Barnard's Exempt, where many spirits were consumed. Thirty-four XRX Pioneer Social Club members enjoyed comradery and great food in pleasant surroundings at our November event there; although no one could recall any specifics of the get-togethers of long past. Maybe that's a good thing!

Next month we are trying something new for the luncheon. Specific details forthcoming, but in the meantime, be adventurous and plan to attend!

At our last board meeting, it was decided that the end of February 2022 will be the deadline for receiving renewal membership dues. It would be to your advantage to get out your checkbook now, and send in your 2022 dues along with the renewal form elsewhere in this newsletter. Thank you so very much!

There are members who have been religiously paying yearly dues for many years supporting the XRX Pioneer Social Club and yet, have not attended a single event all through 2021, and even prior years. There may be viable reasons for their absence such as physical inabilities, moved out of state, etc. We are certainly grateful for their ongoing support, and if I have missed a name, please inform me! Thank you! We warmly applaud the following absentee members:



Gwen Bigelow, Jack Bintz, Jeanne Graham-Carrier, Andrew & Rose Marie Chastek, Joe Curran, Leonard DiSalvatore, Chuck Dittmar, Evan Felty, Robert Genthner, Carl Grovanz, Dolores Hockwater, Bob Guarino, Roy Hankee, Lynn Lawyer, Bruce Katz, Glo Magnuson, Victor Mastrandrea, Thomas McHugh, Elizabeth Noce, Neal Northrup, Roselyn Pavone, Al Pecora, Marlene Piarulli, John Randall, Tom Reese, Walter Sbarra, Harvey Simmons, Gerald & Dorothy Smart, Mary Speranza, Joe Uhal, Eleanor Whitte, and Rose Marie Wiater.



*A politician will find an excuse to get out of anything except office.* 

*Election time: When the air is filled with speeches and vice versa.* 

Nothing upsets a politician so much as the discovery that the other side is playing politics.

I don't know why they call them whistle-stop campaigns, because after they're elected, they don't give a hoot.

#### And finally...

A member of the Georgia legislature once observed: "The best way to tell if a politician is alive and well is to look at his mouth. If it is closed, he's dead."

The board is forever thankful for your membership and support. Make no mistake about it! Stay safe, good people, and be thankful of all your blessings.

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#### New Year's Resolutions:

Don't allow yourself to wake up with yesterday's issues troubling your mind. Refuse to live backwards. See every day as a new chapter.

Learn from yesterday, live for today, keep one hand on your wallet, and don't worry about tomorrow.



### Pioneer Social Club SPOTLIGHT shines on NICK HALDOUPIS

By Earl Doser



Nick passed away October 2021, at the age of 89. He was a member of the Webster Masonic Lodge #538, American Legion, Webster Baptist Church, Easter Seals, and an active member of the YMCA. This is his original spotlight article first published in February 2016.



Nick Haldoupis took the long way around to get to Xerox, as you will read below. Like many of us, Nick grew up in the Rochester area, attending grammar school in the city—awarded the Daughters of the American Revolution "Model Citizen" medal. Come on, Nick—really?— "model citizen"?

On to Monroe High, graduating in 1951. How many of us "natives" remember the Rochester high schools: Monroe, Jefferson, Madison, Franklin, Marshall, Charlotte, East, West, Edison—did I forget any? East Orientals? West Occidentals? Not politically correct now.

"I began my military career in December 1948 when I enlisted as a cook in Headquarters Battery 106th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion. I served 21 years, retiring in December 1969 from Battery 209th Field Artillery Battalion NY, Army National Guard as first sergeant E8." Nick's greatest honor and privilege was going on Mission 36 Honor Flight Rochester to Washington, DC with his grandson as guardian in 2014. Nick, thanks for your service to our country—well deserved!

His work experience started in 1938, working in his father's grocery store after school with no pay. He started his first paying job in 1950 at the A&P Tea Co. for about \$5 a week. "I moved on to clerk and order delivery checking at the Genesee Brewery Co. for \$30 a week."

Next stop? In 1952, he landed a fork-truck operator job at Kodak-Hawkeye, moving into the molten glass foundry, and on to advanced grinding and polishing optical glass. In 1963, his career path shifted, as Nick became an apprentice glazer for Melon Glass Works on Front Street. He actually installed a few windows at Xerox Square. In the '70's, he worked as a sales rep at Russel B. Mason, traveling throughout the northeast. Then to General Dynamics' electronics division (hired by Doug Ekings), working multiple engineering projects in reliability and quality assurance.

Finally, the holy grail! "In 1973, I was again hired by Doug Ekings (now at Xerox), and started working for Frank Schuster as a component reliability assurance technician. My favorite job was mechanical technician, where I took a shot at fixing anything. The CRA lab guys were a team consisting of Jim Knox, Tony Raymond, Don Potter and Vince Ceravello. I'd have to say, Patsy Pugliese was one of my top managers—stern, but fair, in his approach to business matters, while being a good family man." Nick retired in 1994 ("Thanks, Xerox!"), and lives in Webster with his family.

Nick's recreation in the '50's was roller skating at "Eddie's Roller Palace" and scouting for a date. It was here on a "circle skate" that he met the prettiest little Louisiana girl, Laura Francis Boykin, and has been going around with her ever since. They married March 1, 1952, at the Lake Avenue Baptist church. Four years later, their children began arriving—Debra, Laura and Janice.

"In our later years, about 1980, we became addicted to square and round dancing, and met some wonderful friends who traveled with us to many state and national dances."

Nick and Laura (Fran) have enjoyed traveling and cruises to Hawaii, Greece and Canada, as well as with the Pioneer Club. Dancing, travel and an active lifestyle have kept them in fairly decent shape. Nick and Fran were selected for an Excellus BC/BS TV commercial, showing the benefits of the lifestyle they live.

Thanks, Nick; I enjoyed writing your "Spotlight" article!

#### **Upcoming Pioneer Social Club Events**

Tues.	Feb. 15	The Legends, Webster
		George's Restaurant, Penfield
Wed.	Apr. 20	Webster Golf Club



#### **The Spinning Wheel** *By* Fran Holladay

With the holidays fading behind, I remember the type of celebrations I used to think necessary. Being young and stupid, I did what most others of those my age did, and thought a cocktail glass in my hand was the quintessence of class. At least I had the sense not to fill my lungs and those around me with smoke.

Working in the advertising industry in the changing world of the '60's, many a nights were spent in local hangouts. One specific night was at My Office on West Henrietta Road. After hours of drinking four Manhattans (with no buffer meal), I drove myself home in a stick-shift 1963 Fiat 600. By the grace of God I made it home—without causing any injuries—to spend most of the night worshiping the "proverbial porcelain god".

In addition to this punishment, I had to get up early the next morning to ride to Canada to spend time with my newly-acquired in-laws. I have not had a Manhattan since, and never fell into that trap again.

Thanks, Fran, for sharing your story—now, if others would just do the same. I'd be happy to help anyone compose their "yarn"—just give me a call or send me an email: marlene@thewestgreens.com.



#### **BOB HOPE IN HEAVEN**

*This is a tribute to a man who lived to be 100 and DID make a difference.* 

ON TURNING 70 - "I still chase women, but only downhill."

ON TURNING 80 - "That's the time of your life when even your birthday suit needs pressing."

ON TURNING 90 - "You know you are getting old when the candles cost more than the cake."

ON TURNING 100 - " I don't feel old. In fact, I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap."

ON GIVING UP HIS EARLY CAREER (BOXING) - "I ruined my hands in the ring. The referee kept stepping on them."

ON GOLF - "Golf is my profession. Show business is just to pay the green fees."

ON PRESIDENTS - "I have performed for 12 presidents but entertained only six."

ON WHY HE CHOOSE SHOWBIZ FOR HIS CAREER -"When I was born, the doctor said to my mother, congratulations, you have an eight-pound ham."

ON RECEIVING THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL -"I feel very humble, but I think I have the strength of character to fight it."

ON HIS FAMILY'S EARLY POVERTY - "Four of us slept in the one bed. When it got cold, mother threw on another brother."

ON HIS SIX BROTHERS - "That's how I learned to dance. Waiting for the bathroom."

ON HIS EARLY FAILURES - "I would not have had anything to eat if it wasn't for the stuff the audience threw at me."

ON GOING TO HEAVEN - "I have done benefits for ALL religions. I would hate to blow the hereafter on a technicality."

Sunshine Report Submitted by Helen Sudore

Get Well /Thinking of You -

Carol Deasey

#### <u>Sympathy</u> -

Barbara Canan - Loss of Sister Marilyn Sillence - Loss of Sister

Please call Helen with names to send cards. (585) 265-3678



	XRX Pioneer Social Club Membership Application – 2022
SINGLES GROUP	Membership is valid January 1 thru December 31st and not pro-rated.
Singles Group Membership Application – 2022	Cucch one and complete the application below (picase 1 - 12-14-14).    () Membership Renewal  () New Membership    \$15.00/annual  \$15.00/annual
Membership runs thru December 31, 2022. Please complete the application form below (the \$5.00 joining fee is currently waived for all.	Last Name:
Check one and complete the application below; please P-R-I-N-T.	First Name and Middle Initial:
<ul><li>( ) Membership Renewal</li><li>( ) New Membership</li><li>( ) New Address</li></ul>	Spouse Name:
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Send this completed application ASAP to:	Connection: Spouse / significant other / family member / friend of eligible member Other Years Served: Last Position Held:
Pioneer Singles Group Delores Hockwater, Treasurer 110 Larkspur Lane Rochester NY 14622	How did you hear about the XRX Pioneer Social Club? Word of mouth Newletter Website Other
	Send to: Fran Holladay, 810 Holt Road, Apt. 202, Webster, NY 14580
	OFFICE USE ONLY    Amount Paid: \$  Check No.:

## **Trip and Travel Report**



Watch for future adventures in the next issue of *The Xpress*; for further information or suggestions, please contact: Dick Mazzatti (585) 723-8004 or Fran Holladay (585) 943-9563



#### Who thinks this stuff up?

If a poison use-by date expires, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?

Which letter is silent in the word "Scent," the S or the C?

Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?

Maybe oxygen is slowly killing you, and it just takes 75-100 years to fully work.

Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.

The word "swims" upside-down is still "swims".

One hundred years ago, everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.

If you replace "W" with "T" in "What, Where and When", you get the answer to each of them.

# SINGLES GROUP

The Singles Group meets for lunches at 11:30 a.m. the <u>third Tuesday of each month</u> at various restaurants. Order directly from the menu—reservations are required, however—call either Delores or Helen. The next scheduled luncheon:

When: Tuesday, January 18, 2022Where: TBDReservations: Delores Hockwater(585) 342-5515Helen Sudore(585) 265-3678

To renew or to become a member of the Singles Group, see application form on Page 4 — NO DUES for <u>anyone</u>! Come join the fun!

Sherman\_Beardman 1.3k points 2 years ago

The fact that Kansas and Arkansas are

pronounced differently bothers me way more than it should.

madamplease 13.7k points 1 year ago

Pronouncing words that end in 'ough'. Cough, bough, rough, dough, through, though....

Vaxtin 4.7k points 4 years ago

Is the "S" or "C" in scent silent?

AdventurousMan 4.6k points 4 years ago

Why does fridge have a "D" in it, but refrigerator doesn't?

Ojimmleboy 248 points 1 year ago

Why are Zoey and Zoe pronounced the same but Joey and Joe aren't?

MundaneRiot 261 points 4 years ago

You can drink a drink but you can't food a food.

cherlishPanda 218 points 4 years ago

The word "queue" is just a Q followed by four silent letters

saranowitz 1 point 10 years ago

Why is a "w" called a "Double-U" when it is clearly a "Double-V"?

## Pioneer Senior Bowling Leagues – 2022 Membership Application

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Inquiries: Empire Lanes: Bowl-A-Roll:	Saul Rasnick Art Cassidy Joe Curran	(Secretary) (585) 244-8554 (President); (585) 586-3172 (Secretary) (585) 329-4690	srasnick@rochester.rr.co acassid3@rochester.rr.co jbanjoec@aol.com	
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XRX Pioneer Social Club Luncheon Red Fedele's Brook House Monday, January 24, 2022 Members: <u>\$18.00</u> Guests: <u>\$20.00</u>				
Total No. of Attendees:	Total Enclosed: \$	Check No.:		
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**Date-sensitive Material** 

JANUARY Dates to Remember					
Day	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>			
Sat.	1	New Years Day			
Wed.	5	Session 2 Bowling League: January 5 - March 23, 2022			
Mon.	17	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day			
Tues.	18	Singles Group Lunch - TBD at December 21st lunch at Atlantic Restaurant			
Wed.	19	Deadline for Pioneer Social Club Luncheon Reservations			
Mon.	24	Pioneer Social Club Luncheon at Red Fedele's Brook House			