

The Pioneer News

PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL · 2010-2011 · November · Issue Three

From the Principal

Greetings Families of the Pioneer Community,

The primary focus of this month's newsletter is the Class of 2011. Our seniors have hit the road running toward a successful school year. We have had several meetings to engage the seniors in thinking about the huge impact on their futures that strong character and good judgment can have. Our hope is to prevent the unfortunate choices - Minor In Possession infractions, fighting, open defiance, cheating on tests, any type of senior pranks, all affect students' participation in senior activities, graduation status, and college acceptance. Please join us in helping your senior be mindful of his/her behavior. Encourage him/her make good choices throughout senior year.

We are currently planning senior activities that will begin in March. To keep the Class of 2011 engaged in the school experience, we are planning Senior Games. The Games will involve Seniors in team competition with 10 – 20 students and staff members per team in a variety of events/tournaments, including Debate, Quiz Bowl, 5k Run, Kickball, and Flag Football. The teams that score the most points from each event will have the opportunity to win the Principal's Cup.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2010 from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM. You will find teachers either in their classrooms or the Cafeteria Annex. Sign-up for Parent/Teacher Conferences will be on November 16th and 17th, 2010 in A-Hall near the Flag Pole Entrance in the mornings and the afternoon on the 17th.

The Renaissance Program is up and running after school for students who are struggling in core academic classes and for those on academic probation. Pioneer High School requires all students who are failing core academic classes to attend this program until their academic standing has improved. At Pioneer High School, it is our goal to ensure that all students are academically successful and we have implemented the Renaissance Program to support struggling students throughout the year.

As always, thank you families for all that you do to support the Pioneer High School community,

Kevin A. Hudson
Class Principal 2011
Pioneer High School
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@ Neutral Zone in November

Poetry Night in Ann Arbor 2010

On Thursday, November 4, Neutral Zone presents Poetry Night in Ann Arbor 2010 featuring Martin Espada and Samantha Thornhill. The event begins at 7 p.m. at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theater in the Michigan League, 911 N. University Avenue, Ann Arbor.



The Neutral Zone's annual poetry extravaganza joins Ann Arbor's electric high school poets on stage with world renowned poet Martin Espada and emerging dynamic voice Samantha Thornhill. Espada has been called the "Pablo Neruda" of the United States and is arguably the foremost Latino poet in the country right now. The author of 17 books of poetry and prose, he has been an American Book Award Winner and a Pulitzer Prize Finalist. Thornhill, from New York City, has performed her work to great acclaim across the country and overseas.

In addition, the show will feature poems from the local collegiate performance poetry troupe, Ann Arbor Wordworks, and members of the nationally renowned VOLUME Youth Poetry Project. For tickets see Pioneer teacher Jeff Kass or email him at eyelev21@aol.com or call (734)223-7443.

DREAMS A Stumble into Your Subconscious

Neutral Zone's Visual Arts Council presents "DREAMS A Stumble into Your Subconscious" on Friday, November 19, from 7 – 10 p.m. Admission is free and all ages are invited to attend.

"DREAMS A Stumble into Your Subconscious" is a visual and performing arts show featuring the work of area teens. In addition to a reception the event will feature surreal images, installation art, music and other performances.

Teens can submit artwork to be included in the show! Artwork should be submitted to NZ by November 12. For more information, call (734) 214-9995.

Get School Information via EMAIL Subscribe to PIONEER Announcements

The Yahoo Groups Internet Announcement Service for Pioneer families is open for subscription. This FREE service allows administration the ability to send out school announcements and other information to anyone who chooses to "subscribe" to the group. To subscribe, simply send an email to:

A2PioneerAnnouncements-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
(you do not need to send a subject nor a body to the message).

Please note that the group is for announcements only. Replies to messages sent via the group will not be forwarded to subscribers, nor will they be answered by anyone. We are very excited about the extra benefits this additional communication tool offers our Pioneer families!

PLEASE NOTE: To successfully UNSUBSCRIBE you must unsubscribe using the same e-mail address you used to subscribe. It is recommended that if you are switching e-mail carriers—unsubscribe before you make the switch.

MEDIA CENTER/TEXTBOOK DEPOSITORY

HOME ACCESS VIEW RIGHTS

Students and parents may now view their Pioneer Media Center and Book Depository loan records from home. Utilizing Destiny, a web based program, and their student log-in name and student ID number, students and parents may now review at any time what items are still on loan and what fines or obligations, if any, have been applied. Please note: obligations must still be cleared from wherever the item was borrowed – either the Media Center or the Book Depository.

DIRECTIONS FOR HOME ACCESS

From the Pioneer website home page:

- Click on the MEDIA CENTER link in the left navigation bar.
- Click on the CATALOG link in the next webpage.
- Click on the LOG-IN box in the upper right hand corner to open a new webpage.

LOG-IN using the same information that students use to access student server space. Remember that it is case sensitive.

Log In: Graduation year-last name-first name-middle initial [2012SmithJohnM]

Password: Student ID number

VIEWING THE CHECKOUT RECORD

By default, the screen opens to search the catalog of PHS Media Center. In the top navigation bar on the left side, beneath Pioneer High School Ann Arbor MI, is the MY INFO button.

Clicking on this button will allow you to view the ITEMS OUT from both the Media Center [Library Materials] and Book Depository [Textbooks].

It will also give you information on fines posted to your account. Media Center fines are 10 cents per day and max out at \$1.00 for each book that is late, while textbook fines represent replacement cost for a damaged or lost textbook. Both our Media Center and Book Depository charge for lost or damaged books. Receipts are provided for payment by cash or check only. Checks must be payable to: Pioneer High School. No credit cards are accepted at this time.

Under ITEMS OUT you will see: date due; title of item; book price and date checked out. The Pioneer Media Center and Textbook Depository utilize different due dates.

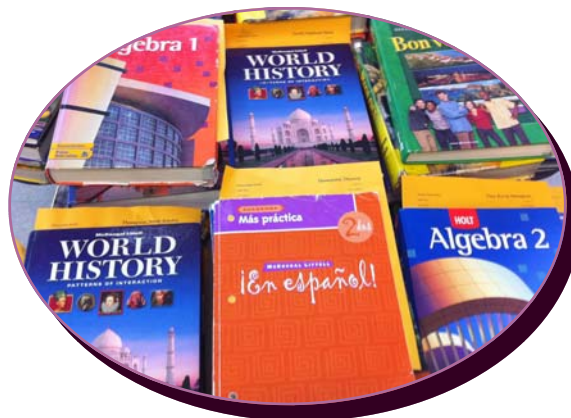
Questions or inquiries are always welcomed so please feel free to contact us during the school day at the following phone numbers for assistance.

Pioneer High School Media Center:

734-994-2160 Deborah Young

Pioneer High School Book Depository:

734-994-2186 Bill Dion



**Pioneer Theatre
Guild's Hairspray
makes its
Ann Arbor premiere
on November 6.**



Directed by Allison McDowell
Music Director: Brian E. Buckner
Choreographer: Sadie Yarrington
Assistant Director: Colin Hartman

All direction by University of Michigan Musical Theatre and Dance students
Music by Marc Shaiman

Lyrics by Scott Wittman and Marc Shaiman
Book by Mark O'Donnell and Thomas Meehan

Based on The 1988 film, "Hairspray" written and directed by John Waters

John Waters' HAIRSPRAY was first brought to life in 1988, when his inventive and wonderful movie was released to glowing reviews. HAIRSPRAY was later adapted for the stage in 2002 as a musical which won 8 Tony awards. Because of its incredible success, the stage musical was adapted for film again in the 2007 smash-hit musical movie of the same name. HAIRSPRAY, the stage musical, takes place in Baltimore, 1962, and follows the story of the pleasantly plump teen, Tracy Turnblad who fights for equality on a local television show, not only for herself but also for anyone who varies from the stereotypical television star of the 1960's. Tracy's family and friends join together to form a mismatched group of rebellious civil rights activists, and against all odds, they triumph, and racial equality triumphs with them. Hairspray delighted audiences with popular songs such as "Good Morning Baltimore", "Welcome to the Sixties", and of course "You Can't Stop the Beat" and a hilarious and slightly twisted story to match! HAIRSPRAY combines the widely outlandish hilarity of the larger than life characters in the show with the controversial issues of the 1960's and together they form a musical masterpiece. Pioneer Theatre Guild is thrilled to be the first theater company in the area to perform this uniquely entertaining show.

All performances in Schreiber Auditorium.

Tickets (general admission): Adults \$12, Students/Seniors/PHS Staff \$9

Reserved seating will be available starting October 26 at showtix4u.com. Tickets will also be on sale at the door one hour before the show.

For information about our Opening Night Gala (a fundraiser for the Theatre Guild Booster Club), go to ptguild.org

Performance Dates:

Saturday, November 6th, 7:30 pm · Sunday, November 7th, 2:00 pm
Friday, November 12th, 7:30 pm · Saturday, November 13th, 7:30 pm · Sunday, November 14th, 2:00 pm

Contact:

Susan Hurwitz – susun.s.hurwitz@gmail.com (734-395-0041)

Joe Weindorf – jweindorf13@gmail.com (734-223-9914)

9th GRADE FUNDRAISER

Holiday Poinsettia Sale

Poinsettias may be picked up Tuesday December 7th in the Principal's Conference Room.
The deadline for orders is Friday December 3. Checks should be made out to Pioneer High School.
Questions? - call 994-2141

<u>Size</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Price</u>
Pixie	Red	7.00
Medium	Red	15.00
Large	Red	20.00
X-Large	Red	30.00
Exhibition	Red	40.00

(pot sizes: pixie 4 ½", medium 6 ½", large 7 ½", x-large 8 ½", exhibition 10")

Order Form

Please drop off at the PHS General Office or mail Order Form and check (payable to Pioneer High School) to:
Poinsettia Sale, Pioneer High School, 601 W. Stadium Room C311, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

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Name _____ Daytime Phone _____

Address _____

Indicate the quantity ordered in each size:

PIXIE	MEDIUM	LARGE	X-LARGE	EXHIBITION

*Proceeds go to the Class of 2014 as it works toward senior year activities
and also to ongoing community service projects.*

From the PTSO

On **Nov. 16th**, **“Nuts and Bolts of College Planning”** will be showcased at the PTSO meeting. Please join us in the Little Theater at 7:30 pm. Information presented by the Counseling Department is very helpful for helping your students to apply for college.

Fall conferences will be held Nov. 18. Sign-up times for conferences will be Tues., Nov. 16, 7:30-9:30 am and 2:30-6:30, and Wed., Nov. 17, 7:30-9:30 am in the main hallway area in front of Schreiber Auditorium. Conferences will be from 4:00-7:00 pm on the 18th.


Please remember that the PTSO Newsletter is available on the website and if you are signed up for the Yahoo announcements, you will receive an email with a link to the newsletter.

Please contact any of the Board members if you ever have concerns, questions, or great new ideas about how to make Pioneer a better place for our children. Our contact information is on the last page of the newsletter.

We are always looking for new people to help out on the Board. Several of our key volunteers' students will be graduating in June and we are in need of board members for next year. Please contact any board member if you are interested and would like more information.

Thanks,

Kathy Robenalt, PTSO President



See you on the 16th!

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Article-Info Deadline

Monday—Nov. 29 To: gsicorp@sbcglobal.net

Winter Sing

The Pioneer High School Choirs will be presenting their annual *Winter Sing* on Thursday, December 2, in Schreiber Auditorium. The concert begins at 7:30PM and is free to the public. This collage concert features all four curricular choirs and seven extra-curricular choirs, performing from the stage, balcony, and surrounding the audience. The concert will include the works of Bach, Clausen, Mendelssohn, & Whitacre. We hope to see you there!



Honors Choir Audition Results

On October 23, twelve freshmen members of the Pioneer High School Choirs auditioned to take part in the Michigan School Vocal Music Association 7-8-9 State Honors Choir. All twelve students were accepted, and will begin preparing for a joint concert with students from across Michigan, to be held in January 2011 in Grand Rapids. The students selected are: Joseph Brabenec, Samuel Kidd, Emmalee Mills, Sophie Morris, Maks Muno, Jake Norton, Chelsea Racelis, Remington Reackhof, Elise Reichard, Parker Sanford, Daniel Wu, & Kenny Xue. Congratulations!

Thank you,

Steven R. Lorenz

Director of Choirs | Pioneer High School | 601 W. Stadium | Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Conductor | Measure for Measure: A Men's Choral Society | Ypsilanti, MI 48106

Office: (734) 994-2189 | Fax: (734) 994-2198

lorenzs@aaps.k12.mi.us | <http://pioneer2.aaps.k12.mi.us/choir/> | <http://measure4measure.org>

Important Dates

Don't Forget to Mark Your Calendar

For a complete calendar of key events at Pioneer please visit

http://www.a2pioneer.org/pioneer.calendar/phs_google_calendar

NOTES FROM THE CLASS OF 2012

Support these ongoing Junior Class community service initiatives. Both of which are aimed at strengthening relationships through communication. These initiatives cost nothing, are green, and they de-clutter your home!

Cell phones that you are no longer using can be used by our service men and women. Please drop off unwanted cell phones in the Attendance Office. After the contents are erased, they will be re-commissioned.

Greeting cards, unused, for any and all occasions (those cards you get in the mail from non-profits) are much appreciated by the Delonis Shelter population. Drop cards at the Attendance Office.

Another group goes to the Shelter each week with the cards and postage, and the clients who have supper at the Shelter really appreciate this small gesture.

Class tee shirts are gathering dust in the 11th grade office. If you ordered a shirt and have not seen one, please ask your student to pick it up before the November Thanksgiving break. After that they will be disposed of.

Class photos are also gathering dust in the 11th grade office. Please ask your student to stop by and get their photos.



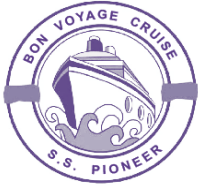
If you missed -

“The ABC’s of PSAT, SAT, ACT, AP Exams, MME”

at the October 19th PTSO meeting visit this site and review the PowerPoint.....for a lot of great information!

<http://www.a2pioneer.org/pioneer.parents/publications>





Pioneer PTSO/ASAN

GROCERY PROGRAM ORDER FORM

THE PIONEER PTSO/ALL SENIORS ALL NIGHT (PTSO/ASAN) GRADUATION PARTY provides our seniors with a safe, drug & alcohol-free, supervised, fantastic celebration at the school on graduation night.

Why should I participate in the grocery program if my student isn't a senior? To ensure the ASAN party continues, so it will be available when your student *is* a senior. **The** major source of funding for the party is this grocery program. Year-round participation in the program helps cover party costs. **No other group at Pioneer uses this fundraiser, so ALL of our families can contribute to making this night SAFE and SUCCESSFUL.**

If this is at no cost to me, how is it a fundraiser? Participating grocery stores donate a percentage to ASAN calculated from grocery sales each month.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

- **MEIJER'S Community Reward Program.** Register online at www.meijer.com/rewards. Organization name: Pioneer High School, code number: 992136

- **KROGER'S Plus Card Reward Program.** Register online at - www.krogercommunityrewards.com with this program you must re-enroll every year. For organization enter NPO number 82622 or Pioneer High School. Kroger is willing to give a lot to the program if you register your Kroger plus card today! Instruction's on the back!

- **Rechargeable cards. (Add more \$ at the store, no need for another card when balance is done.)**

BUSCH'S _____ cards @ \$5 each \$ _____

HILLER'S _____ cards @ \$5 each \$ _____

- **Not rechargeable cards. (Order a new card when used up.)**

WHOLE FOODS - _____ cards @ \$100 each \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

Complete order form, make **check payable to: PIONEER PTSO/ASAN**

Turn in at registration or Mail form & check to:
Judy Kaplan 1893 Snowberry Ridge Ann Arbor, MI 48103
Questions call 734-995-8370 or email judykapa2@aol.com

Thank you for your support!

Cash _____ Check # _____ Given @ reg _____ Mailed _____ Delivered _____ Picked-up _____

PLEASE help so the ASAN party will continue for class of 2011 and beyond!

All Senior All Night Party Fundraising!

Kroger Program has changed please read below!

(If you don't already have one, Kroger Plus cards are available at any Kroger customer service desk. If you use a phone # at the register, call 877-576-7587 to get your Kroger Plus card #.)

Note there's a pop-up screen often during the following process. Click so that **all** content is shown.

TO REGISTER YOUR KROGER PLUS CARD:

- Go to ***www.krogercommunityrewards.com***
- Click *Michigan*.
- Click *enroll* under Participant.
- As a new online customer, click ***Sign up today!*** in the '**New Customer?**' box on the right.
- Under Preferred Store, enter zip code, click *find*.
- Pick preferred store, click *select*.
- Enter email address, create a password, click *confirm*.
- Agree to the terms and conditions, click *confirm*.
- You will get a message to check your email and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Enter your email address and password, click *sign in*.
- Click *Edit Kroger Community Rewards information* and enter your Kroger Plus card number
- Click save changes.
- Update or confirm your information, click *save changes*.
- For organization, enter NPO number **82622** or **Pioneer**, select from list and click *save changes*.
- To verify correct enrollment, *Pioneer High School ASAN* should be on the right side of the page
- Logout

Although it may take a few minutes to register, it will now be so easy to support ASAN using just your Kroger Plus card every time!

If you have any questions or need a new card please contact Judy Kaplan 734-995-8370 or email judykapa2@aol.com

Study Skills Fall 2010

ACT Practice Exam and Parenting Meeting—Grades 10-12.

This ACT Practice Exam will help students prepare for the real thing. Learn proven, effective strategies for acing the ACT. Achievement on the ACT exam impacts choice in colleges and the ability to secure valuable scholarships. ACT practice test will prepare students for the ACT exam and help them reach their potential. Provider: Great Lakes Educational Group. The minimal \$25 fee includes the cost of the practice exam on October 4 and parent meeting on October 25. PARENT MEETING: Parents will be provided with information about the state's ACT requirements along with their free custom analysis of their child's test score Register with ID#1329.511 Pre-Registrations for Practice Exam and Parent Meeting are required.

ID# 1329.511	10/25	Monday
FREE	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Pioneer, E107

ACT Preparation Workshop—Grades 10-12.

Enrolling in the ACT Preparation Workshop helps you prepare to successfully take the ACT test. This workshop is for students taking the ACT during the remainder of the calendar year. The best method for scoring well on the ACT and replacing anxiety with confidence is to be knowledgeable and well prepared. Information and strategies for each section of the test are included. Bring a CALCULATOR and a WATCH WITH A SECOND HAND. A manual is provided for each participant as part of the fee. Scholarship recipients pay \$20. Instructor: Great Lakes Educational Group staff. 1 class.

ID# 1329.502	12/7	Tuesday
FEE: \$79 (\$95)	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Pioneer, Room D117

SAT I Test Preparation Workshop—Grades 10-12

Students find the SAT test less intimidating after taking this workshop! Develop test-taking strategies, work on fundamental SAT skills and practice with real SAT questions. This workshop is for students taking the SAT I. Please bring a calculator. A manual is provided for each participant. Scholarship recipients pay \$20. Instructor: Great Lakes Educational Group staff. 1 class.

ID# 1330.502	11/30	Tuesday
FEE: \$75 (\$90)	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Pioneer, Room D117

SAT/ACT Essay Workshop—Grades 10-12

Learn how to organize and write a persuasive essay within the allotted time. The scorer's rubric will be analyzed so you will understand exactly what is expected within your essay. You will practice writing an essay and receive instructor feedback about ways to improve your writing for the test. Scholarship recipients pay \$20. Instructor: Great Lakes Educational Group staff. 1 class.

ID# 1335.502	11/20	Saturday
FEE: \$75 (\$90)	9:00 AM – 12 Noon	Forsythe, Media Center

Enroll online at aareced.com. Any questions, call Ivy Juan at 734-994-2300 x53248.

PTO THRIFT SHOP NEWS

Please visit the AAPTO Thrift Shop at 2280 S. Industrial
All proceeds benefit Ann Arbor Public School Students!

New Parent Representative needed!

What's a rep? S/He acts as liaison between Pioneer PTSO and the AA PTO Thrift Shop:

- 1) Communicates information and reminders from the Thrift Shop to the school PTO and school community, via newsletter or announcements;
- 2) Attends three Thrift Shop Board meetings per year when checks for volunteer hours are distributed;
- 3) Delivers the payout check and distribution list to the school PTO treasurer.

This position is rewarding because you facilitate the delivery of thousands of dollars of support to school organizations. It is NOT time consuming, and can be done in the evening. Please read more at www.a2ptothriftshop.org and contact me!

Parent rep: Martha Kershaw 663-5957 mdkershaw@sbcglobal.net



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 Furniture • Household Goods and More

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Fill out this order form and mail it to the address below,
 - or - take it to the General Office or email it to Jane Thompson

Name _____ Phone (_____) _____

Date of Order _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____

Item	Price	Color options	Size	Logo	Total \$
			S,M,L, XL,XXL	AA Pioneer or Pioneer	
T-shirt s/s	\$12	Gray, Purple			
T-shirt l/s	\$17	Gray, Purple			
Hooded Sweatshirt	\$36	Gray, Purple Black			
Sweatpants	\$20	Gray only	M/L only		
Girls Shorts	\$14				
Lanyard	\$3				
Shoe Laces	\$4	Purple, White Letters			
Travel coffee mug	\$18	Stainless steel			
SPECIALS					
Crew Neck Sweatshirt	\$36	Gray, Purple Black			
Hooded Windbreaker	\$40	Purple, Black			
Jacket	\$36	Purple, Black			
Fleece Jacket	\$30	Purple			

Want a name or class year on the back of your shirt or under Pioneer on the Windbreaker?

\$12.00 per item.....\$ _____

Print name or class year clearly please. _____

Grand Total \$ _____

Payment must be made with the order.

Please make checks payable to **PIONEER PTSO STORE**

You can mail orders to: Patricia Kalosa, 809 Edgewood Place, Ann Arbor 48103-4860

Email: pkalosa@comcast.net

You will be called or e-mailed when orders are ready for collection.

Special _____ In stock _____ Paid _____ Check No. _____ Collected _____

Welcome Pioneer's newest Transfer students and Foreign Exchange students!

Attention: If you are a new transfer student or foreign exchange student to Pioneer and want to meet other new students, please contact me, Barbara Zinser, Parent Volunteer at zinserb@hotmail.com. I would be happy to host another event to help make your transition easier.

You are not alone, each year there are approximately 200 new students that walk through the doors of Pioneer High School. This group of foreign exchange students and American transfer students have not participated in the Ann Arbor Public School System and as such, would value the opportunity to meet and form new friendships. Some students have come from local private or parochial schools and others from all over the globe. Therefore, don't be shy. The person at the next locker or the guy or girl who sits next to you in class may be struggling with the same adjustment.

Please contact me if you would like to get connected.

Best wishes,
Barbara Zinser, Parent Volunteer

2010-11 PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL

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Pioneer PTSO news items are to be submitted via e-mail to Gerry Humes at gsicorp@sbcglobal.net before 5:00 P.M. on the deadline date which will be circulated each month. The PTSO sends the Pioneer News via electronic mail to all Pioneer families who have signed up. Please make sure your most time-sensitive announcements and events are submitted well in advance of your event date!

Non-Discrimination Policy: No person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in any educational program or activity available in any school on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, creed, political belief, age, national origin, linguistic and language differences, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, height, weight, marital or familial status, or disability.

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on the Pioneer web site:
www.a2pioneer.org

From the Editor—Be sure to spot errors and typos and send them my way :) Also, and much more importantly - please let me know what you would like to see in future newsletters. My e-mail address and telephone number are just above on the left.

Gerry Humes

