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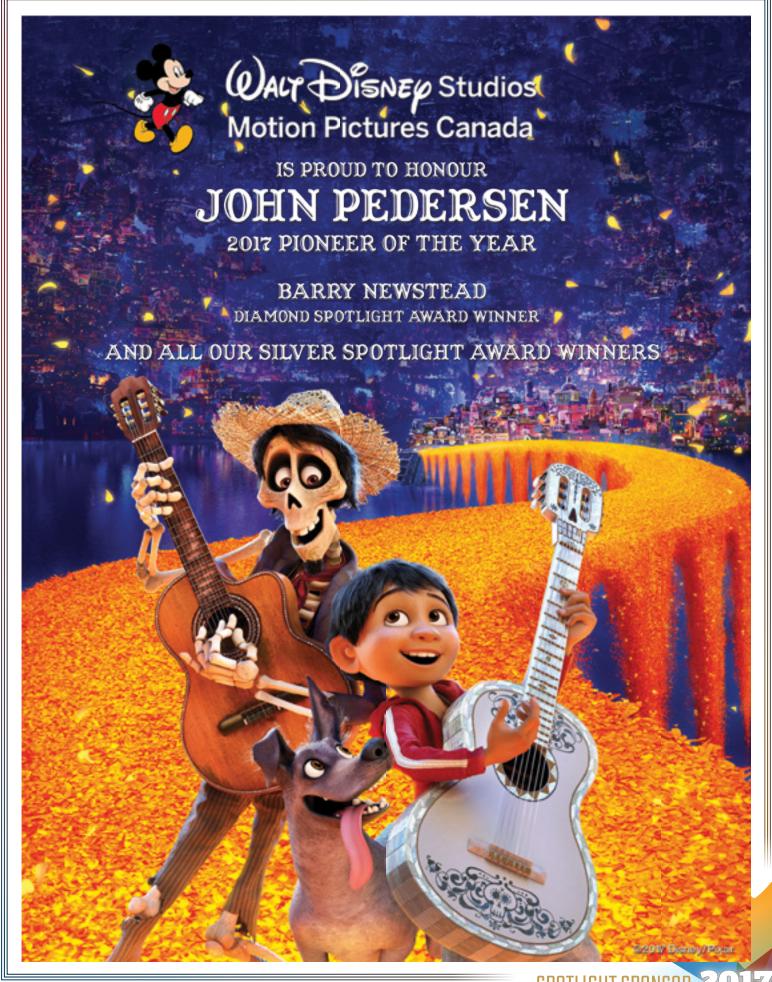
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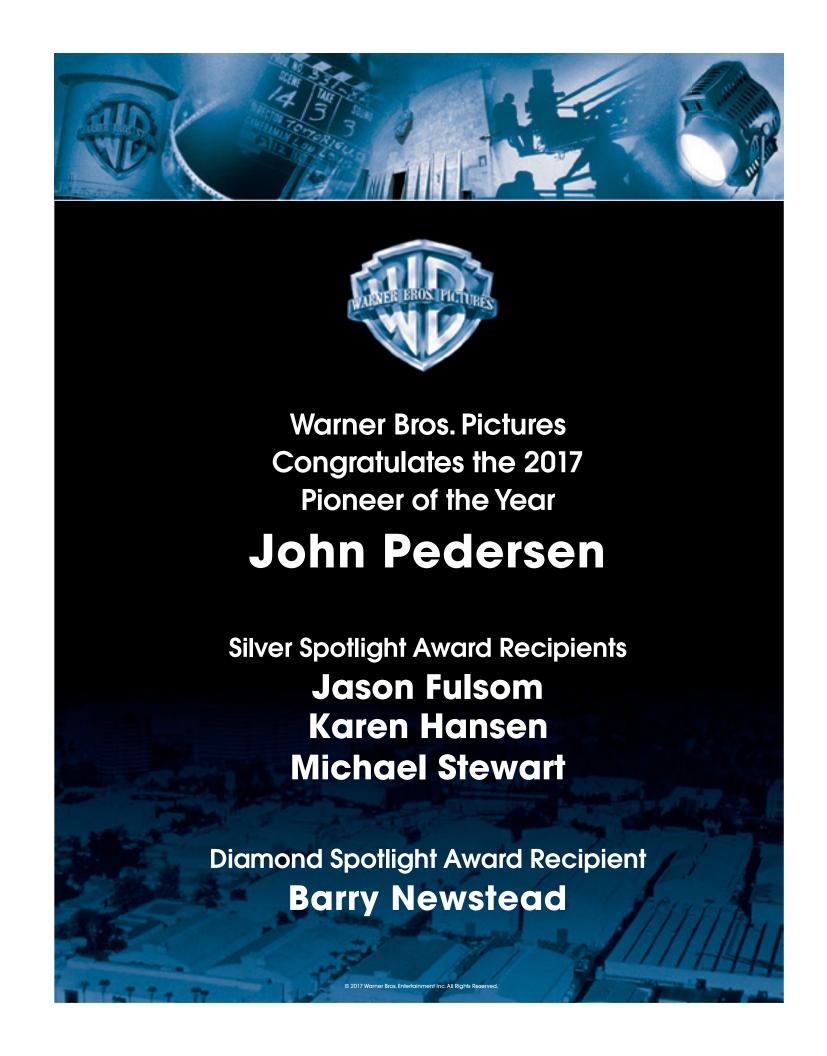
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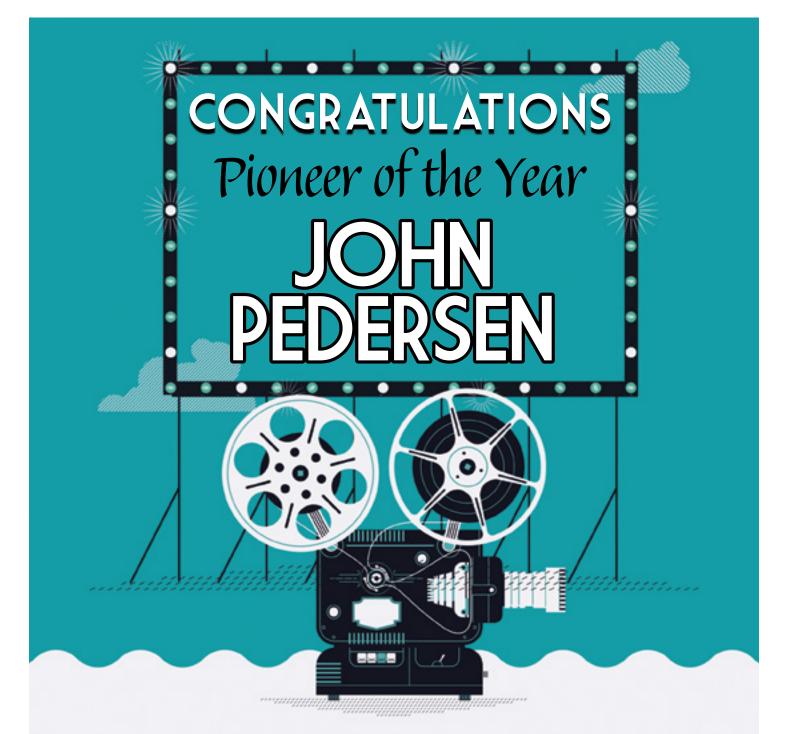
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1967	Harold Pfaff	First 50 year Scrolls awarded to over 100 Pioneer members
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1972	Zeke Sheine	Bert Brown, Florence Long, Hector Ross, Sam Swartz
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1979	Gerry Dillon	Doug Gow, Harold Joyal, Fred Leavens, Bert Wiber
1980	George Destounis	Don Watts, John Bernard, Greig Jones

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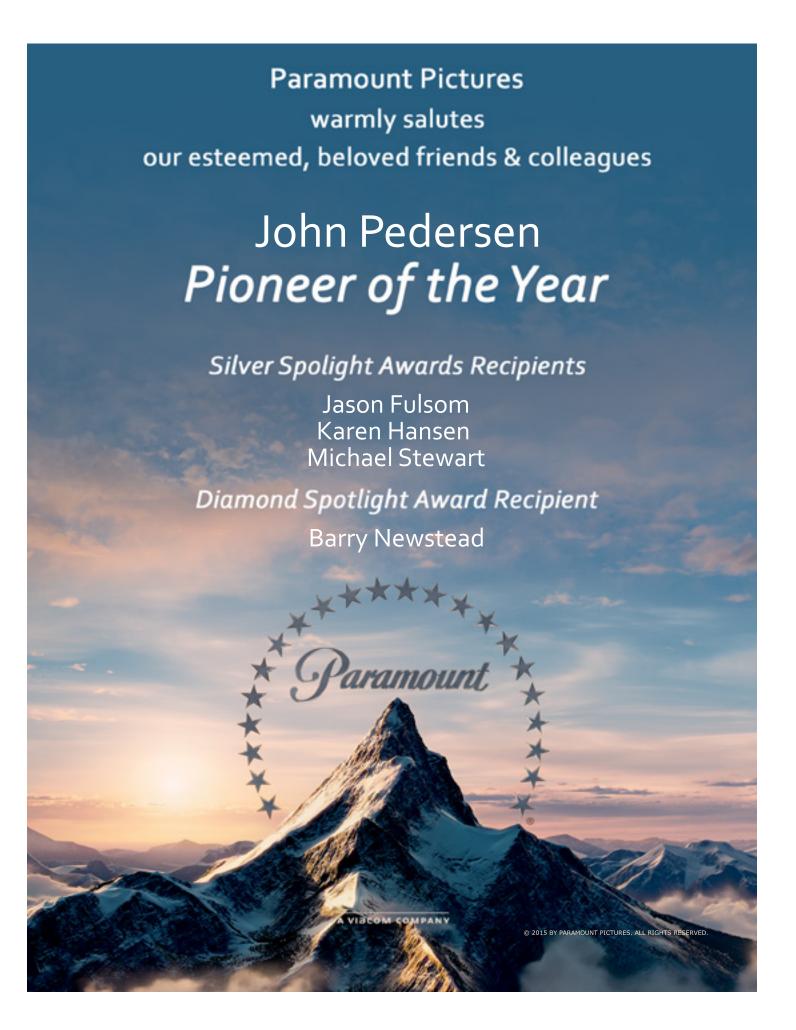
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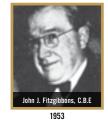
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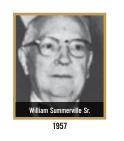




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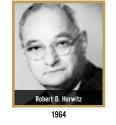


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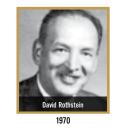


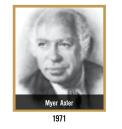




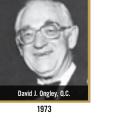


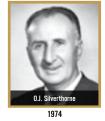




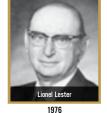




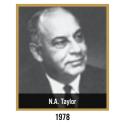














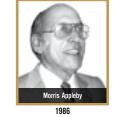






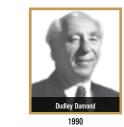










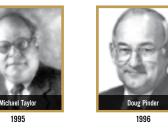


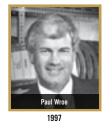


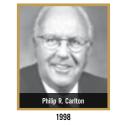






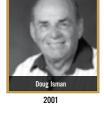












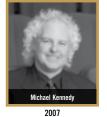


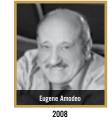




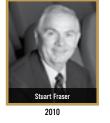




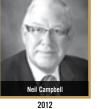
















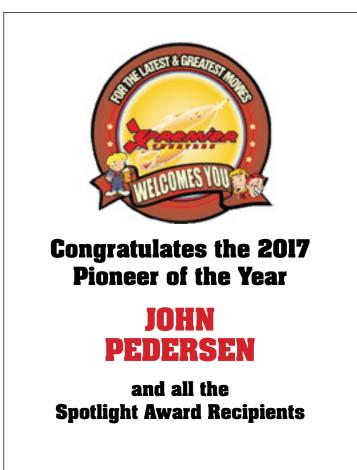
















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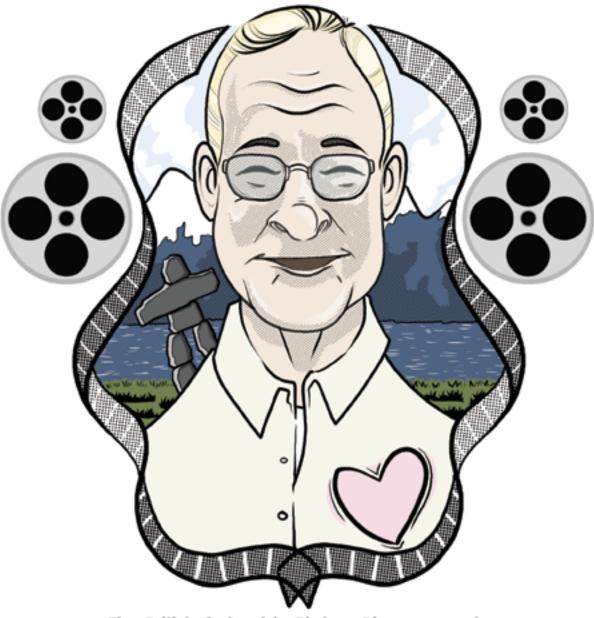
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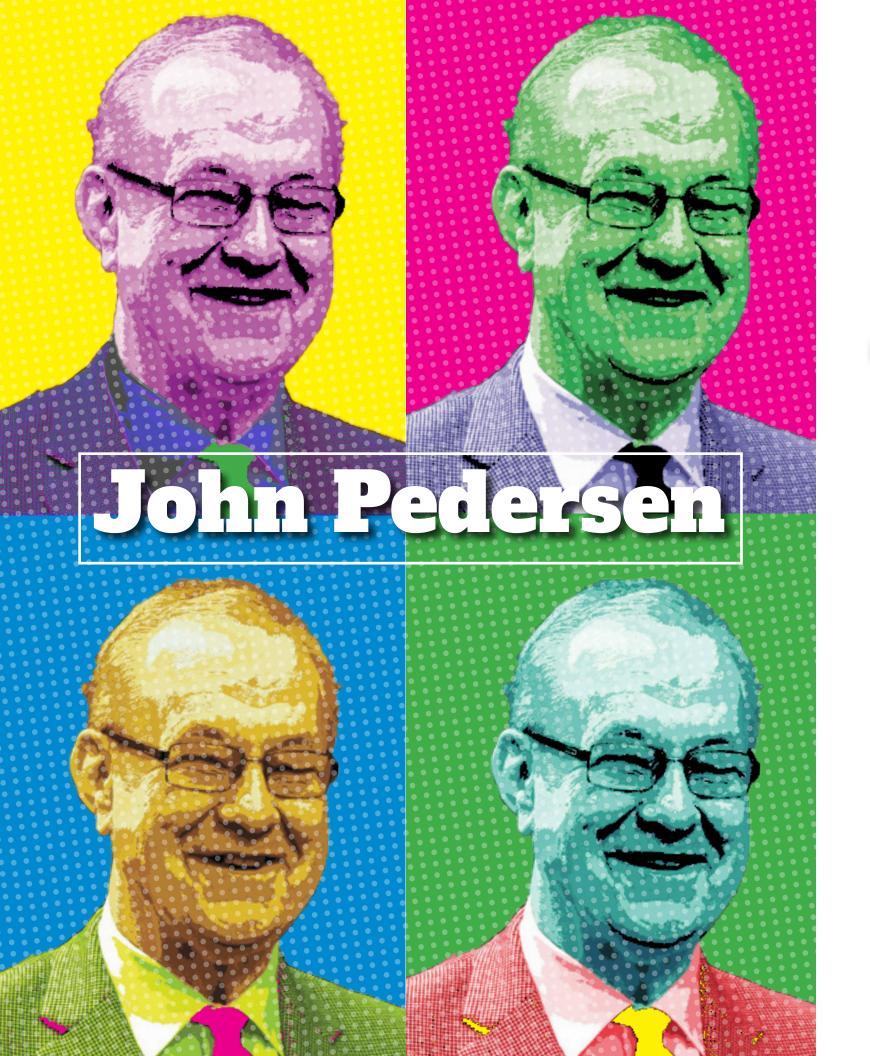
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## 2017 PIONEER OF THE YEAR Solve Pedersen

ohn was born in Denmark but lived out most of his child hood on a dairy farm in Mission, BC. He moved to Vancouver in 1974 and has remained in the Vancouver West End since.

John started his career with Famous Players on June 1st, 1975 at the Orpheum Theatre as an assistant manager trainee. He was hired by Pioneer Ted Bielby and they are still great friends to this day. John continued his employment with Famous Players/Cineplex Entertainment for the next 38 years and held positions including TheatreManagerandGeneralManagerat various theatres in the BC Lower-Mainland.

Throughout his career in the theatre exhibition business, John was well known for being a philanthropist. He first started supporting the Richmond Food Bank, while working at Richmond Centre, offering a monthly free movie for seniors with the donation of any food item. This program brought in totals of 20,000 lbs to 25,000 lbs of food each year and continued annually until the closure of the theatre.

In 1990, while still at Richmond Centre, John began raising funds for the AIDS Walk. The campaign expanded over the years to all the Cineplex theatres in the lower-mainland, as well as some on Vancouver Island. The campaign continues to this day and has raised a total of approximately \$450K so far. For his work with Positive Living BC, who execute the annual Vancouver AIDS Walk, John was nominated three times for the Accolaids Award in the category of Philanthropist of the Year, which he won in 2004.

John has been presented numerous other awards throughout his career including the first ever Customer Service Award sponsored by the Richmond Review newspaper, and the Volunteer of the Year and Above and Beyond the Call of Duty twice each from the Richmond Centre Mall. John also received the Volunteer of the Year award from Famous Players, the Impact award from the Cineplex BC Region and the first ever EPIC award from Cineplex Entertainment. John has been active with other charities as well, including the Kids Help Phone, WE and Starlight Children's Charity, who he continues to support.

John was a member of the Board of Directors for the Motion Picture Theatre Association of British Columbia for 23 years until he retired from Cineplex in August 2013. John was also on the Board of Directors for the Canadian Picture Pioneers BC Chapter for 17 years, many of which he was President, and in 2003 he was the Ancillary Award Recipient. John has been very active with the Canadian Picture Pioneer Scholarship Fund, that was started by Sandra Stewart, and it is a charity that he is very passionate about. John continues to raise funds and awareness for the fund, as well as judge the applications.

Although John retired from his career in theatre exhibition, he continues to utilize his well-known guest service skills part-time with the Vancouver Canucks as a Host at Rogers Arena in Vancouver. In addition, John does part-time work on his beloved Paddle-wheeler Riverboat Tours in whichever role that his 'people skills' are needed. "I've always been very much of a people person and I've always wanted to work at an arena with hockey and concerts, so it's like a dream come true. It's like crossing something off my bucket list!"

John's favourite saying has always been, "Friends are family that you choose" and he has made a huge family from all of industry friends. He is very excited to have the honour of being named Pioneer of the Year in 2017 and celebrate with all of his "family".

## CONGRATULATIONS

2017 PIONEER OF THE YEAR

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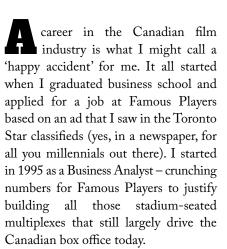
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A little over a year later the head film buyer for Famous at that time, Joe Strebinger, got tired of me pestering him for box office estimates and made me an offer I could not refuse – I was joining the Film team as a booker. Rumour had it they only worked one day a week and watched movies the rest of the time! Well those rumours were not true, yet Joe's warnings were... Mondays will be tough and you will, consequently, never get a good sleep on a Sunday night again.

A couple of years later Michael Kennedy became my boss and I quickly learned that the basic five or six arguments we always used when negotiating film became a lot more interesting when they were injected with four letter words... many four letter words.

In 2005 I thankfully rode Michael's coattails over to the newly dominant Cineplex Entertainment. For the next eight years I'd like to say I helped contribute to Cineplex's success in becoming the market leader it is today.

In the spring of 2013 I was presented with an opportunity that I simply could not pass up... the chance to become the VP/GM of Universal Canada. I have truly enjoyed my time there ever since... once I got over the awkwardness of negotiating against the very people I had been in the trenches with for so long. So, now I work the other side of those same five or six arguments, although I have never really mastered the art of the four letter words. I am honoured to have the opportunity to work under great leaders in Nick Carpou and Jim Orr. Their stellar understanding of the Canadian market has certainly helped my transition and success in the role.

My introduction to the Canadian Picture Pioneers came very early in my career as my colleague and friend Ellie Munro was quite involved with the organization. In those days you were required to have 10 years of industry experience before you could join the organization, but that did not stop me from attending all the events and meeting new people. In my early

years as a film booker I was even 'lucky' enough to have the great Doris Payne donate \$20 to throw a cream pie in my face at the annual picnic day.

Attending all those events over the years introduced me to the fine charity work the Pioneers actually accomplish – raising money to discreetly help those in our industry community who need it the most. In 2013 I was presented with the opportunity to more directly contribute to the organization, joining the Board of Directors as Treasurer/ Secretary. I could not be more proud to serve with the other members of our working Board under the leadership of Phil May and with the help of the underappreciated John Freeborn.

Congratulations to my fellow Spotlight honorees Karen Hansen, Michael Stewart, and Barry Newstead, and my good friend John Pederson for his well-deserved award of Pioneer of the Year.

I am very honoured to be a part of the Canadian Picture Pioneers and to spend my career in this wacky Canadian film industry. I look forward to continuing to be a part of it for many years to come. Thank you very much for this award tonight – it is truly an honour to accept.

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## Karen Hansen

absolutely love the movies! Many special memories are movie related: Saturday evenings with "the gang" at the movies, Sunday afternoons at the "dome" theater in Laval-West, or the outing to the movies in Montreal with the Brownies (Girl Guides of Canada) to see The Sound of Music, which is still my favorite movie to this day!

In 1988, my good friend said "Let me introduce you to my favorite cousin. He works for Cineplex, not sure exactly what he does though".

Denis and I married in 1991 and without knowing it at the time (I was working as a legal assistant and I had nothing to do with the movie business), that would be the beginning of a great movie!

## Family, Always

Our booking agency Services de programmation DenHur Inc.'s first day of business was April 1, 1994. As I was on maternity leave, I told Denis I would give a hand at the office. Temporary becomes permanent and 23 years later, I'm still giving a hand, most of the time both, and would not have it any other way!

Denis' sister Isabelle has been with us in this adventure since the beginning, now taking care of the graphic design work with Karine, and our good friend and neighbor at the time Louise has now been working with us for 20+ years as if it was her own business. For a few years, even my mother-in-law worked with us, as the welcoming voice that answered the phone (and made sure we returned our calls by end of day!)

Family has always played a big role in the way we do things and those who weren't family at first became part of it over the years.

## The Pioneers, Always Close To Heart

My father-in-law, Jean-Paul Hurtubise, had always been a great supporter of the Pioneers as he worked for Universal Pictures. Following in his footsteps, both Denis and I believe in its mission and support the organization the best we can every year, which led us for many years to participate in the organization of the two biggest Quebec Pioneers events: the Annual Golf Tournament and the Christmas for Kids event.

## The Dream

Almost exactly 6 years ago now (time flies!), we jumped on an great opportunity and acquired La Maison du Cinéma, a unique independent theatre located in Sherbrooke, Quebec. Dream come true.

Both our sons now work with us. I am happy, life is wonderful. I am surrounded by people I love with whom we can share our common passion: the movies. Every week, thousands of people walk into La Maison du Cinéma where they come to dream for a few hours.

I could not have imagined playing part in such a beautiful movie. I thank all that made this possible.

## La Vie Est Belle!



'aime tellement les films! Plusieurs très beaux souvenirs sont liés au cinéma: Les samedi soirs au cinéma avec «la gang», les dimanche après-midi au "dôme" de Laval-Ouest, ou la sortie au cinéma avec les Brownies (Guides du Canada) pour voir The Sound of Music, qui est toujours mon film favori!

Le plus important, un certain soir de 1988, ma bonne amie m'a dit: «Je veux te présenter mon cousin préféré. Il travaille pour Cineplex, je ne suis pas certaine de ce qu'il y fait cependant.»

Denis et moi nous sommes mariés en 1991. Sans le savoir à ce moment, ce serait le début d'un super film!

## La Famille, Toujours

Notre agence de programmation de cinémas Services de Programmation DenHur Inc fut inaugurée 1994. Alors que j'étais en congé de maternité, j'ai suggéré à Denis que je donne un coup de main au bureau de temps en temps. Comme c'est souvent le cas, temporaire devient permanent, et je suis maintenant très heureuse de donner un coup de main à tous les jours.

La soeur de Denis, Isabelle, est avec nous dans cette aventure depuis le tout début. Elle s'occupe maintenant de toute la création graphique avec Karine (avec nous depuis 15 ans).

Notre bonne amie Louise (notre voisine à l'époque) complète cette super équipe depuis maintenant 20 ans.

Pour quelques années, même ma belle-mère Huguette a travaillé avec nous. Elle était la voix accueillante qui répondait aux appels (et s'assurait qu'on retourne nos appels avant la fin de la journée!)

La famille a toujours joué un grand rôle dans la façon dont on fait les choses et ceux qui ne faisaient pas partie de la famille au départ le sont devenus au fil du temps.

## Les Pionniers, Une Organisation Oui Nous Tient À Coeur

Mon beau-père, Jean-Paul Hurtubise, a toujours été un grand supporter des Pionniers alors qu'il travaillait pour Universal Pictures. Suivant ses traces, Denis et moi croyons fortement en sa mission et supportons l'organisme du mieux qu'on peut chaque année. Nous avons participé plusieurs années à l'organisation des deux plus grands évènements des Pionniers du Cinéma du Ouébec: le Tournoi de Golf Annuel et le Noël des Enfants.

## Le rêve

Il y a de cela six ans presque exactement (le temps file !), nous avons sauté sur une grande opportunité et avons fait l'acquisition de La Maison du Cinéma, un cinéma indépendant unique situé à Sherbooke, Québec.

Nos deux fils travaillent maintenant avec nous. Je suis heureuse, la vie est géniale. Je suis entourée de gens que j'aiment avec qui nous pouvons partager notre passion commune: le cinéma

Chaque semaine, des milliers de gens entrent à La Maison du Cinéma pour rêver pendant quelques heures.

Je n'aurais pu imaginer jouer un rôle dans un aussi beau film. Je suis reconnaissante envers tous ceux qui ont rendu tout ça possible.

La vie est belle!





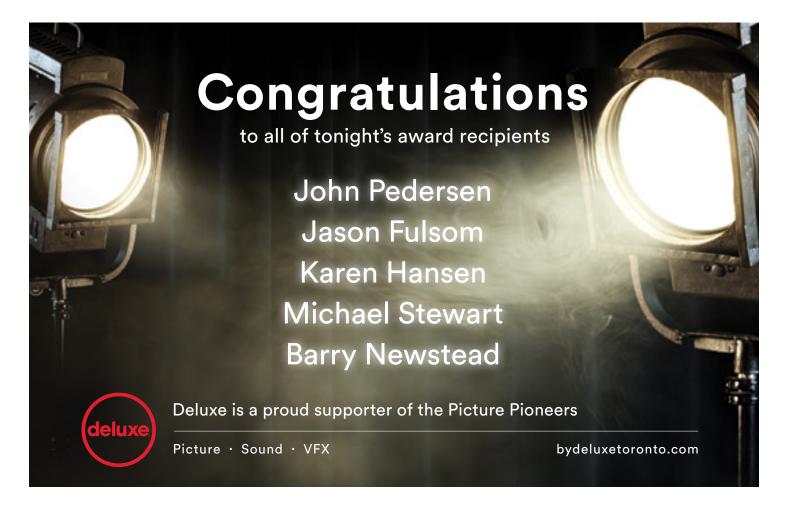
## CONGRATULATIONS **JOHN PEDERSEN**

Pioneer of the Year

and the Silver Spotlight Award Recipients **JASON FULSOM KAREN HANSEN** and our own **MICHAEL STEWART** 

> Congratulations to **BARRY NEWSTEAD Diamond Spotlight Award**





## 2017 SILVER SPOTLIGHT RECIPIENT

## Michael Stewart

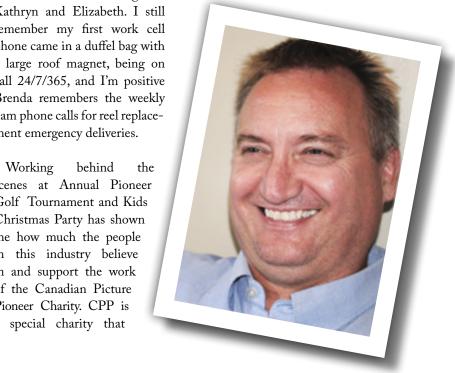
n 1989, I started working Matthews driving trucks and vans at Mavety Film Delivery. It was my first and turns out only company I would work for. Although the name may have changed a few times, Mavety Film Delivery, Victoria Films Services, Technicolor Cinema Distribution and now Canada Cinema Distribution, the work was always the same. Over the years Jim Matsumoto and Karen Davis helped me understand the business and I've always had the same goals, customer service; all films delivered must get delivered every week, the show must go

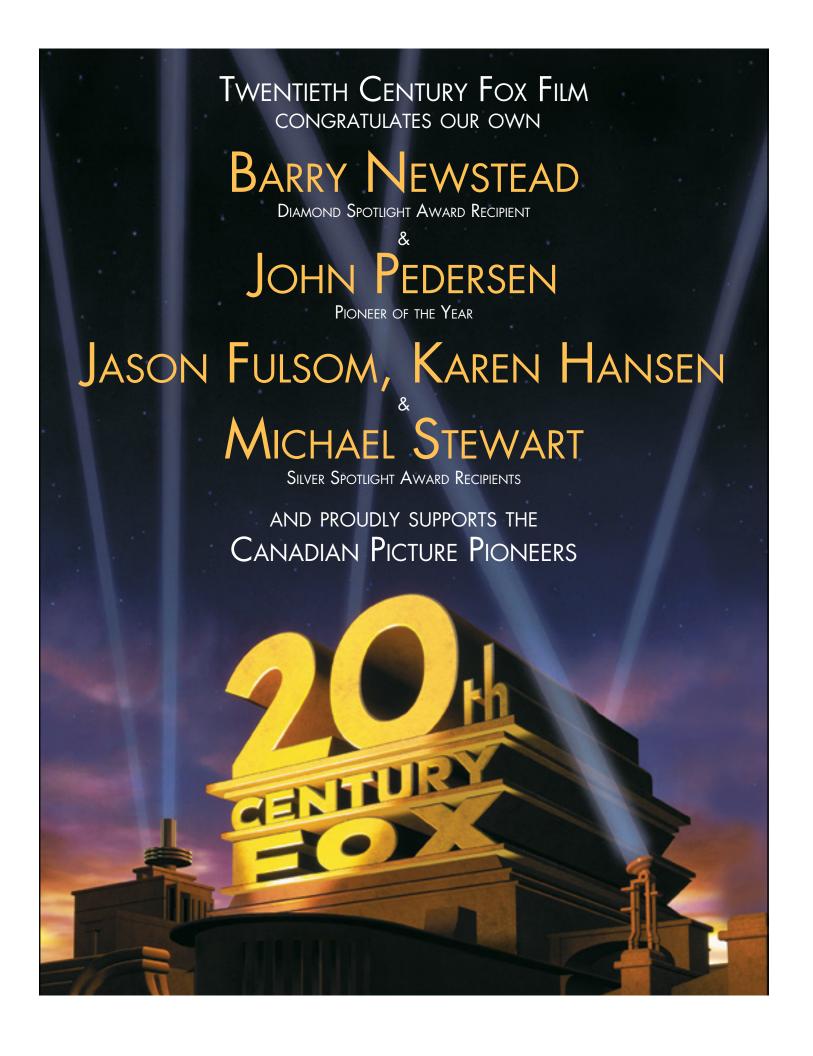
GTA driver, Friday night transfer driver, dispatcher, fleet supervisor, depot manager and now Senior Operations Managers, I'm always amazed at how many coworkers and customers that I was introduced to in the early years, have become friends and are still in the industry.

I'm very lucky to have married Brenda 24 years ago, we have been blessed with our daughters Kathryn and Elizabeth. I still remember my first work cell phone came in a duffel bag with a large roof magnet, being on call 24/7/365, and I'm positive Brenda remembers the weekly 2am phone calls for reel replacement emergency deliveries.

scenes at Annual Pioneer Golf Tournament and Kids Christmas Party has shown me how much the people in this industry believe in and support the work of the Canadian Picture Pioneer Charity. CPP is a special charity that

looks after its own in a time of need. Thank you to the selection committee, I'm very proud for being recognized with this Silver Spotlight Award. Congratulations to this year's Pioneer of the Year John Pederson and the other Spotlight Award winners.





## RECIPIENT



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when, why and how did you become interested in film. They always think we have the coolest jobs. They haven't met Michael Kennedy.

matinee. This lasted 6 weeks until the Rabbi called my Dad independent theatres. and asked why I wasn't attending services. The end of my movie career.

first film school in Pretoria, South Africa.

After 2 years of working on film and finding how difficult it was for full time work, I concrete and looked into distribution. Unable to find a job in distribution in South Africa and on a whim and borrowed

eople always ask me money travelled to England to Indian summer and I thought and worked for one tough try my luck there.

ment and knocking on doors, I ended up getting a job with Cinema International The story I tell is when I Corporation (A joint venture was 12 years old, my father, between Paramount, Universal who owned a retail business, and MGM). I was fortunate After two years, United Artists dropped me off every Saturday enough for them to obtain my morning at Synagogue. What working papers and started Calgary branch manager. I used to do was wave goodbye in the booking department. to him, go in the front door of I was eventually promoted to the Synagogue and slip out the an old fashioned salesman side door to go to the 10am travelling around to small towns and selling film to Orion Pictures and wanted me and it is not too often that one

During my stay in London I met two Canadian doctors on sabbatical who kept telling In 1971, attended the very me stories of Toronto and that, that would be the place for me to live.

'74. Typical Canadian cold, wet, windy, miserable fall week decided to find something more and after the first three days I clothes. wondered why would I want to live here instead of London.

this place isn't that bad and boss for 4 years. Those weren't once again hit the sidewalk to fun years. Then a lady named After pounding the pave- meet some companies and was Doris Payne came in as the offered a job with United Artists. head of Fox and things changed

> Four months later I was back in Canada with a full resident visa and learning a new market. sent me to Calgary as the role of General Sales Manager

I spent three years there when my boss from Toronto Toronto and after a year and a Pictures in Canada.

In 1989 when things started to change at Orion and for personal reasons, I moved back I visited them in the fall of to Calgary and worked as a lovely daughters and a stepson, consultant to a local distributor plus recently, our adorable and did other odd jobs selling granddaughter.

The second week was an a salesman, returned to Toronto proud Canadian.

in a very positive manner for me.

In 2000 Doris left and returned to the States and thanks to Doris, I was given the for Fox Canada.

Most of the people in our office have been together since told me he was leaving to open my career with the company to move back to Toronto as the can work for such a long time branch manager, so back to with the same people. At Fox, we have a saying that we are half took over as head of Orion part of the Fox family and I can certainly say that for our Toronto office.

> I am blessed to have a wonderful wife, Andrea, two

I have now lived in Canada In 1991 was offered a job at longer than I lived in South 20th Century Fox in Toronto as Africa and I can say I am a



## CANADIAN PICTURE PIONEERS

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2016



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Cineplex Entertainment



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Cochrane Movie House



Francis Austin Diaz Cineplex Entertainment



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Deanna Liao Extreme Reach



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Isabel Seminario
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Jennifer Fletcher Stratford Cinemas



Samantha Hann Landmark Cinemas



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Kiera Moore
Cineplex Entertainment



**Isidora Nedeljkovic**Cineplex Entertainment



Harlan Nemerofsky Imagine Cinemas



Reisa Palacios
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Olivia Siciliano Landmark Cinemas



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Petra Woods
Cineplex Entertainment

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS SAY THANKS

"I would like to thank the Canadian Picture Pioneers for their generous contribution to my education."

ERIC ENNIS NEUSER, FAMOUS PLAYERS

"A HUGE thank you for granting me this scholarship!

It truly means a lot to be given the opportunity to further my education and love for Film!"

TAYLORE BEECHY, CINEPLEX ENTERTAINMENT

"I am overwhelmed with gratitude, You cannot begin to comprehend how much this means to myself and my family."

**CASEY RIDDLE, LANDMARK CINEMAS** 

"I am now graduated and working in the hospital in Kenora and enjoying it very much. Thanks for helping me financially in my graduating year, it is very appreciated."

JUSTINE EDMONDSON, FAMOUS PLAYERS

"This greatly impacts my ability to continue with my social work degree and helps me manage my chronic illness, work hours, volunteer commitments, and my ability to save up for my Masters."

NIKOLAS HARRIS, CINEPLEX ENTERTAINMENT

"I am currently working two jobs to help try and support my dream!

It truly means a lot to me, helping me one step closer to my goals."

MICHALA TODD, CINEPLEX ENTERTAINMENT

"It is of great assistance in helping me to achieve my academic, community, and career goals."

MARK CASHIN. CINEPLEX ENTERTAINMENT

"Thank you, thank you, thank you... you made my year!"

THOMAS BECKER. LANDMARK CINEMAS

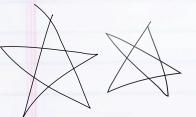
## The Canadian Picture Pioneers Scholarship Fund

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Your Canadian Picture Pioneers Scholarship Fund has awarded \$426,500 in the past fifteen years... changing the lives of 222 young people associated with our industry.

Movies are magic and the film industry is full of ambitious, intelligent and creative young people. If you would like to support the Pioneers' future movers-and-shakers, please consider the Scholarship program.



Let's Keep Changing Young Lives!



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## IN MEMORY BIO 1929 - 2017

Frank Kettner was a fixture in the Canadian motion picture business for over fifty years. In 1951, together with partner Hector Ross, Frank formed a motion picture buying and booking agency, Theatre Agencies, acted on behalf of independent

that acted on behalf of independent theatre owners throughout Western Canada, Western Ontario, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories. The business expanded when they partnered with Doug Isman, of Westcoast Theatre Services in Vancouver and Barry Myers, of Prairie Allied Booking Services, Winnipeg. Encouraged by early successes, Frank and Hector broke into exhibition, starting out with Calgary's Towne Cinema in 1965. Together with brothers Phil and Chuck May, the partners gradually expanded into small towns and bigger markets throughout Western Canada. That theatre chain became Landmark Cinemas of Canada. Over the years, Landmark embraced every mode of exhibition, from 15 drive-ins to art houses to single screens to megaplexes. By 2005, when Frank sold his interest in the circuit to private equity firms Manvest Inc. and Polar Capital, Landmark Cinemas had become the third largest chain in Canada with 134 screens in Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and the Yukon Territory.

Frank and Hector's success extended into the film distribution business. They formed Roke Distributors and Roke Entertainment Group, becoming for many years the exclusive Western Canadian sub-distributor for Walt Disney, Touchstone and Hollywood Pictures. Together they also formed Canfilm Screen Services, which bought, booked and distributed 16 mm film and projection equipment throughout Western Canada and the Northern Territories.

Frank's passionate commitment to the business led him to serve as President of the Motion Picture Theatre Association of Canada for six years. His contribution to the Industry saw Frank recognized as "Honoree of the Year" by the Alberta Motion Picture Theatre Association at their 57th Annual General Meeting in Banff in 2003. In 2013 Frank was honoured by the Canadian Picture Pioneers with a Diamond Spotlight Award. Together with his wife Sophie (who passed away in 2010) Frank has been honoured countless times for his service to Jewish causes. He served in the Israeli Army, was President of the Calgary Hebrew School, President of the B'nai Brith, led many community missions to Israel, and has been honored by the Jewish National Fund. Frank has two children, Carla and Eric, and two granddaughters, Remy and Sasha.

## In Memoriam

This last year we lost the following members across Canada

Alberta

Frank Kettner

Ontario

Madge Allen Robert Stewart

Quebec

George Coudé Pierre René

New Brunswick

Donald McKelvie





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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF TONIGHT'S AWARD RECIPIONS, FROM YOUR GOOD FRIENDS AT PIONEGRING WOMEN!

Congrats John!
I've enjoyed our many adventures
through the years.

Lave, Mama Avery

Congratulations John!
A well deserved honour, I'm
very provid of you!
Love. Lara

Big Congrats, John!

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Tanelle + Richard

Well deserved John !-Love Donna and the whole Janning family

Friends are family you choose "

YOUR GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT HAS
ALWAYS INSPIRED ME. CONGRATULATIONS
MY FRIEND ON THIS AMAZING ACCOMPUSHHENC
AND VERY WELL DESERVED AWARD

GREG MASON

JOHN, THES IS AWESOME SO WELL DESERVED AND WE ARE MUCH ALL SO PADLE OF YOU. YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE MUCH APPRECIATED.

Ellis + Sharyn Jacob

John,

I am lucky that you have been an influence in my life since it began. I could not be provider of your achievements.

Congests - Jordan Bowmen

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to my Buddy Johnewsy.

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Much deserved.

Your Tia Maria pal...

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John Pederson

"The MAN

The MYTH

The LEGEND!"

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recognition your front desire.

John,

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A huge congrate! You are so deservines of this ownerd.

Love You " Uncle John"
- John Bowman

Your coming heart & contributions has earned you this award. We send you congratulations on receiving Pioneer of the Year John.

Love Kerry & Lindo

CONGRATS to John (Pioneer of the Year),
Jason, Karen, Michael & Barry.
YOU INSPIRE US ALL!!
Best,
Margaret Burnside

John .... Congratulations on a richly deserved award .... You are a true gentleman.

John

Congrats on your

Award Shell

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Wishing you all the best always ....

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of the Year

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GEEG MASON

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Barry & Jeson Two industry legends full of with and wisdom!

Congrats Jam well deserved cheers.

Sandy Your XO

Victoria Congratulations Barry! ∤



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CONSENTULATIONS BARRY! VERY WELL DESCRIVE THAMES FOR ALL THE LAUGHS THEOVERONT THE YEARS AND FOR BEING A GACK FLIEND. GREG & CONFIE MASON

P.S. ANDREA SHULD BET HER OWN AWARD FOR PUTTING UP WITH YOU!

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is thrilled to celebrate Pioneer of the Year,

## John Pedersen!

Our heartfelt congratulations to Jason, Karen, Michael and Barry as well!

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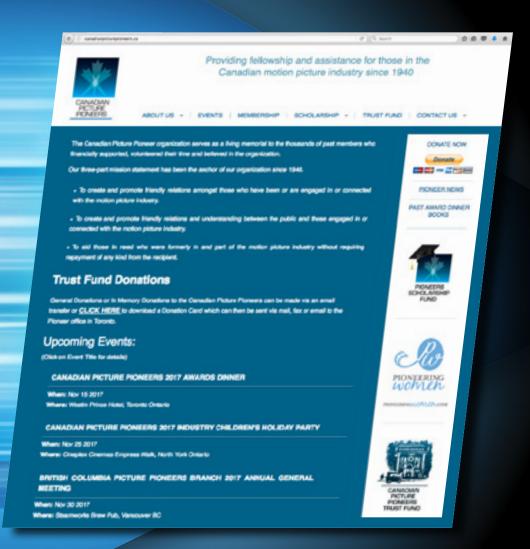
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## CANADIAN **PICTURE**

## Let was the year "Gone with the Wind", "The Wizard of Oz", "Mr. Smith Goes to Washing-

ton", "Stagecoach" and "Gunga Din" opened in theatres.

In 1939 a group of

movie industry executives gathered to remember the passing of a friend. Jack Cohn, one of the founding partners of Columbia Pictures, was concerned that it only seemed to be funerals that brought industry friends together. Motivated by this thought, Cohn and a group of industry peers started the Picture Pioneers Inc., an organization to bring people in the industry together for fellowship and friends willing to help each other out in time of need. In the beginning membership was restricted to only those who had been in the industry for 25 years.

Many of the original members had help to start the major studios in Hollywood. In the first year over 200 other industry members joined, including some Canadians, among them pioneer theatre exhibitor Oscar Hanson and John Fitzgibbons, who later became president of Famous Players. These men brought together their friends Clair Hague and Ray Lewis to work on forming a Canadian equivalent and by the end of 1940 ratified a charter forming The Canadian Picture Pioneers. In the beginning years, it became obvious that the need for help would increase beyond what had been first contemplated, and

that formal fundraising plans would have to be developed to meet such demands. An important first step in those plans would be to apply to the Canadian Income Tax Department to register what would become the Canadian Picture Pio-

neers Trust Fund as a qualified charity with the right to issue receipts for income tax purposes.

It took until 1947, but this all came together with the Trust Document that we still operate under today stating that; "The Canadian Picture Pioneers Trust Fund shall be used and operated exclusively as a charitable fund and not for the benefit or private gain or profit of any persons, or of the Pioneers and shall be used solely for the relief of needy, poor or indigent persons generally throughout Canada and more particularly for the relief of any needy, poor or indigent persons who have been or are employed or were a part of the motion picture industry, or any affiliated industry." From the beginning the Trustees struggled to build up a sustaining capital fund.

Each year, little by little, with the generous support of Pioneer members and supporting companies the fund has grown but the Pioneers still need your assistance. Please remember to donate to the Picture Pioneers with regular annual contributions, in memory donations and planned giving through insurance and estate planning.

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