



SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS

AND THEIR DESCENDANTS NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

For the Southern Alberta Pioneers, the past few months have featured many events and gatherings. In June, several members spent a Sunday helping the "Friends of Champion Park" spruce up the grounds and buildings at Champion Park. Expertise was displayed in many ways, from washing windows to gardening, painting, roofing, etc. The Knowltons kindly provided a wonderful barbecued beef dinner for all.

Pat Rodriguez had many members raising funds for SAP by working at the Stampede Casino over a two-day period in late June. This requires a lot of organization and attention on the part of Pat and we all owe her a big "Thank You!" as this is a major fundraiser.

July 9th saw the SAP Parade participants enjoy a breakfast hosted by Kerri Fipke at Rotary House prior to the Parade.

A well-attended, very wet Annual Barbecue took place on Saturday evening at the Memorial Building. As tents provided shelter for the diners, one and all enjoyed the visits of the Stampede Queen, Princesses, a Fiddler and Harry the Horse. The trip from the tents to the buffet table in the hall was very damp but we are pioneers after all.

Tuesday, Senior's Day at the Stampede grounds was another rainy one. Rotary House provided a warm cozy setting for the annual Pioneer Tea. Those members braving the weather enjoyed tasty sandwiches and dainties provided by Pamela

Hilton and her many volunteers, as well as visiting with Premier Ed Stelmach and Mrs. Stelmach. Several other dignitaries and politicians also attended.

At last, warm and sunny weather for the Toonie Breakfast on Saturday, July 17th. Danny Copithorne had the men (and Fran) out to the hall bright and early, cooking sausages and flipping pancakes for one and all.

The opening events for Calgary Historic Week were held at our Memorial Building later in July with several SAP members adding to the interesting and informative program.

The Annual General Meeting to be held on Saturday, October 23rd will include a lunch at 12:00 noon with the meeting to follow at 1:00 pm.

Our Volunteers spend valuable time and effort organizing our social events and we should be showing our appreciation by attending the various activities. Judi La Londe does a great job as the overall Social Convener.

I hope to see as many members as possible at the Round-Up in November. This is a very special gathering, as we will be celebrating the 90th anniversary of the Round-Up. As always, The Palliser Hotel is the venue.

I have greatly enjoyed my term as your President and the opportunity to meet and visit with so many of you. Thanks.

— Moyra Ferguson, President



Gibson Energy Chooses Southern Alberta Pioneers

Each year Gibson Energy hosts a Bar-B-Q and selects an organization to donate money to. This year's theme for the July 6th Bar-B-Q held at Heritage Park was "the Pioneer" and they chose us. They put a wrapped gift on each table and asked participants to put money in an envelope if they wanted to buy the mystery gift. Purchasers weren't allowed to open the gift until they got home. Gibson Energy then matched the receipts. The end result was a cheque paid to our Foundation of \$5,000.00. We extend a big "Thank you" to Gibson Energy.

— Dave Wake



The SAP display table at the Gibson Energy Bar B Q.



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Treasurer's Report

The first nine months of our September 30, 2010 fiscal year have been very busy and productive.

The renovations to the Memorial Building have been completed at a cost of \$54,218, but thanks to a grant from the City of Calgary, the net cost came in at \$43,060. Thanks to Danny Copithorne and members of the Building Committee for all the work they did to see this project to completion.

Our rental operations have taken a substantial upturn this year after last year's fall off. Despite the shutdown for the renovations in January and February and a very poor March we are well on the way to exceed last year's gross rents. In fact, in June we realized a near record month with rental income of \$11,835. This operation continues to be a major contributor to our financial well-being.

The Memorial Building Fund continues its recovery from the 2007-2008 fall and although it is not back to its high, we are at least moving in the right direction. We continue to realize a return of 3-3.5% on these investments.

In June we held a successful Casino, thanks to the hard work of Pat Rodriguez and her volunteers. At this date we do not know what the exact proceeds will be, but indications are that it will be in the range of \$70,000. This contribution will replenish the funds we use for various improvements and building upkeep.

For some time now we have been in negotiation with the City for a renewal of our lease for the land on which the Memorial Building is located. The lease terms were agreed to by the City and the Board earlier this year. However a delay on the part of City in the completion of a "standard" lease to be used with organizations like ours has delayed the actual signing. The City has assured us, in writing, that the terms of the existing lease will continue in force until a new lease is signed.

Our financial position is excellent with substantial bank balances and investments and no debt.

*Respectfully submitted
- Joe Ferguson, Treasurer*

ROUND-UP & MEMORIAL SERVICE 2010

Saturday, November 6, 2010

This will be the 90th year for our annual get-together. We will be taking you back to the Roaring Twenties with an evening of fun and merriment.

On a serious note, for the third year a memorial service for those members who died during the year will form part of the evening. Mark your diary to come out and celebrate a long-standing tradition with family and friends.

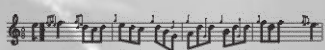
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Membership Report

PLEASE NOTE: MEMBERSHIP IS DUE OCTOBER 1, 2010. Our fiscal year is October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011.

The Newsletter is available for reading at www.pioneersalberta.org. If you wish to view and print the newsletters on the web site, and stop receiving a paper copy by Canada Post, please notify me at sap.membership@shaw.ca.

In Memoriam:

Jean Murdoch, Douglas Pallesen, Ken James, Mary Guichon, Patricia Hervey and Shirley Ross.

Welcome to new Gold Card members:

Bob Rintoul, Barbara MacDougall, Hugh Hamilton, Wallace Madill, Catherine Kennedy and Donald Medhurst.

Welcome to New Members:

Chris Nelson, Lindsey Nelson & Corrie Nelson, descendants of Joseph Moss, Calgary, 1879

Shirley Valentine, descendant of Margaret Marie Hallett Lyndon, Porcupine Hills, 1881

James Butlin, descendant of James Butlin, Fort-Whooop Up, 1874

John McCormick, descendant of Eneas McCormick, Lethbridge, 1889

Joan Hampaul & Linda Clarkson, descendants of Everett Cyril Johnson, Bar U, 1888

T. Lachlin McKinnon, descendant of Lachlin McKinnon, Calgary, 1886

Dale Lucas, descendant of Francis Arnold Lucas, Calgary, 1884

Janice Dantzer, descendant of Joseph Rodway, Calgary, 1884

Jack Brewster, Descendant of James I. Brewster, Morley, 1879

Donna Godlonton, descendant of John Godlonton, Jumping Pound, 1886

Ellen Cornish, Denise Deere, Amber Coates, Ruth Sutherland, Susan Molin-eaux & Janice Manes, descendants of Conrad Anderson, Calgary, 1886


Welcome to new Associate Members:

Mary Tebo, Karel Brewster, George Sutherland, Daniel Molineux and John Manes.


Please call 403-2671-5483 or email sap.membership@shaw.ca with any address or phone changes.

— Maureen Peckham
Membership Secretary

Stampede Breakfast

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Calgary Board of Education: The Early Years

By George Lane

Calgary Board of Education Trustee, Wards 6 & 7

This year, 2010, marks the achievement of 125 years of organized public education by the Calgary Board of Education (CBE).

So let us take a moment to consider the past, because to paraphrase philosopher, Kierkegaard, 'Life must be lived forwards, but it can only be understood backwards'.

The CBE is an outstanding system, but it did not become that easily or quickly.

A turning point in Calgary's history and that of the CBE was the arrival of the CPR in 1883. Prior to that, there had been, according to Robert Stamp in his excellent book, *School Days*, only 'informal education'. Some of this came from parents, some from missionaries, but much of it came from the streets.

Boys in particular were known to 'hang out' at the livery stables where they doubtless learned something about horses, and cussing and smoking and drinking. For you see, prior to 1883 Calgary was predominantly a town of men.

But the CPR brought wives and families and mail order brides. And the women of Calgary, according to Bob Stamp, soon made it known that they wanted schools to 'socialize and civilize' their children.

So on March 2, 1885 the Executive Council of the Northwest Territories constituted the Calgary Protestant Public School District No. 19 – the Protestant label was later dropped. (The CCSD, originally known as the Lacombe Roman Catholic School District No. 1, was established on December 18, 1885.)

In the early years there were several 'ups and downs' for the CBE. The trustees had trouble finding qualified teachers, money was often scarce and there were not enough schools to cope with the rapid growth of the city.

In fact the CBE resorted to building temporary schools that were termed Cottage schools, typically built as a two-story house without partitions – you could have one classroom on the main floor and one on the second floor. Later it could be sold as a rooming house. The first high school was three bungalows with no partitions, linked together with a

walkway across the back so there was a classroom for each of grades 10, 11 and 12 with three teachers.

It was named the City Hall High School but everyone called it Sleepy Hollow High School. Nevertheless it had spirit and a cheer:

*Ice cream, lemonade, ginger ale, pop!
Sleepy hollow, sleepy hollow,
Always on top.*

Another turning point: by 1903 enrolment had grown to 1,100 students. The shortage of suitable space was termed critical. The Trustees held an open public meeting to test whether taxpayers were willing to pay higher taxes to increase the number of schools and the quality of instruction.

A typical comment at the meeting was that of Dr. Herdman:

"Calgary was not doing the educational work it should. They should get the best system, employ the best teachers and engage the best principal to work it out. A few hundred dollars should not stand in the way. Calgary should take a high stand in educational matters and make itself known as such and get on the right footing now."

It was reported in the *Calgary Herald* that the Board received 'heartily and earnest support'. Citizens wanted 'the Best Schools and the Best System'.

Thereupon the Board embarked on building 17 great sandstone schools over the next nine years. These schools became known as the Cathedrals of Learning – many are still in use today. And the Board followed up by hiring Melville Scott as the first full-time Superintendent to provide professional leadership of the system.

Calgarians had spoken; the CBE acted; education would be important and visible in this young prairie city.

Today, after eight consecutive years of improvement, the CBE can point to student achievement results that are well above provincial standards. On grade twelve Diploma exams CBE students score extremely well, particularly in mathematics and science. Moreover, Alberta students score very well in OECD

international PISA assessments. Among 56 developed countries, Alberta is second only to Finland in the sciences, among the top seven in mathematics and among the top four in reading.

So let us not forget the hardy, courageous pioneers who settled this part of the West:

Who recognized the importance of quality education;

Who had a vision of how to provide it; And who were willing to pay the taxes necessary to make it happen.

We all stand on their shoulders — as future generations will stand on ours.

The author is indebted to Robert M. Stamp, School Days – A Century of Memories, CBE(1975) for much of the source material in this article.



Annual Christmas Dinner and Party

Saturday, December 4, 2010

at the

SAP Memorial Building

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Stampede Parade 2010

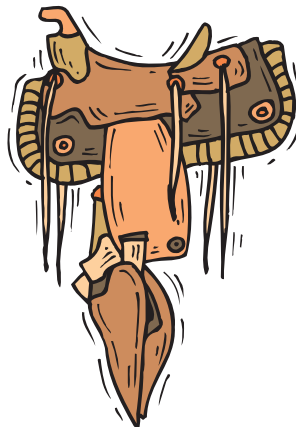
July 9, 2010 was a beautiful day for a parade. Parasols – not umbrellas – were the order of the day. We had a lovely tour of downtown Calgary from our buggies and enjoyed interacting with the crowds on the street. I wish to thank all participants for their costuming efforts and their enthusiasm on the route which helped make our entry a success. Trail bosses Robin Arthurs and John Douglass led a great contingent of outriders and drivers to safely convey us along the route while dealing with the complexities of 21st century traffic. Our entry would not be possible without them.

If you are interested in participating in the 2011 Stampede Parade please call Linda at 403-225-0698 to have your name added to the list.



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Dr. George Lane

Calgary Board of
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October 18, 2010

2010 Calgary Stampede Display

Once again, we had a very successful display at this year's Calgary Stampede.

The photos selected for display from our collection attracted a lot of interest. We featured the main streets of southern Alberta towns this year which proved to be very popular. Some 250+ people signed the guest book and we received many comments, book orders and queries about SAP membership.

As in the past, we had a vehicle on loan from the Remington Carriage Museum in Cardston. The replica "Surrey with the Fringe on Top" proved to be almost as popular as the stagecoach, with many visitors getting in the surrey for a photo opportunity.

As in previous years, we received considerable "soft" financial support from the Calgary Stampede in the form of the display space and 110 day passes at no charge. While our booth was downsized somewhat this year, our location at the entrance to Western Oasis was ideal given the traffic flow into the western art exhibit.

This year's winner of the tickets to the evening Stampede grandstand show donated and hosted by Fran and Danny Copithorne was Bill Jackson. Congratulations Bill and thanks to Fran and Danny.

A big thank you to Jim McDonald and Linda Clarkson (Calgary Stampede Historical Committee) for their time spent on the phone filling the 88 time slots required to staff the booth for the 10-day show. This is a big and important task. Also thanks to Dave Wake (photo display, set-up, and tear-down), Bud Vine

(photo display), Ian Campbell (photo display), Jim McDonald (photo display, set-up), Bill Murphy (set-up, tear-down), Phil Godlonton (rugs) and Ken Thompson (set-up, tear-down, shrubs) for lending assistance.

We also appreciate the shrubs supplied at no charge by Anything Grows in Cochrane.

The booth was staffed by the following volunteers:

David Ballard
Kate Gernat (CSHC)
Sandy Pedlar
Carla Begalke
Keith & Ellie Hall
Audrey Rice
Joanne Best
Gwen Hanna
Pat Rodriguez
Iyla Brewster
Jan Hawes
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Virginia Holmes
Myra Sanders (CSHC)
Ian & Cathy Campbell
Ruth Jackson
Marnie Sholdice (CSHC)
Bill & Connie Cherniak
Bill Jackson & Edith Morlidge
Lionel & Sue Singleton
Linda Clarkson (CSHC)
Judi La Londe & Kenzie Storm
Christine Smith (CSHC)
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Maureen Peckham
Dave & Betty Wake

The planning and execution of this display requires the largest number of volunteers of any of SAP's events. We will need to broaden the list of volunteers involved to continue to mount this display, including eliminating the need for a number of people doing multiple shifts in the booth.

The SAP Stampede Display Committee will be doing a debrief on the 2010 display to identify what, if any, changes should be made for next year. If you have any comments, suggestions or want to get involved, please contact me by phone at 403-969-2697 or email (mike@ballinacurra.net).

Sincere thanks to all involved.

— Mike Stewart

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Casino Committee Report

A huge **'Thank You'** is extended to a great group of volunteers who chalked up over 260 volunteer hours working at our casino on June 28 & 29, 2010.

This great group of volunteers included:

Alice Schwieger
Audrey Rice
Barbara Nelson
Beryl Sibbald
Betty Wake
Bill Holmes
Bill Jackson
Bill Murphy
Bill Nelson
Bob Brewster
Buster Schwieger
Dave Wake
Edith Morlidge
Ernie Rice
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Jim McDonald
Joe Ferguson
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Keith Hall
Leanne Bateman
Margaret Buckley
Maureen Peckham
Mike Hawes
Moyra Ferguson
Nancy Thompson
Pat Rodriguez
Peggy Barr
Sandy Pedlar
Stephanie McSween
Virginia Holmes

Also, a big 'thank you' goes to our munchie-maker, Agnes Rouse, and to our back-up crew – Joan Davis, Danny Copithorne, Wayne Bateman and Ken Thompson for standing by, 'just in case'.

The proceeds from our share of the 'Pool' will be used primarily for the ongoing upkeep and improvements to the Memorial Building and grounds. We received \$70,000+ from the April – June/2010 quarter pool.

– Pat Rodriguez, Casino Coordinator

Chinook Country Historical Society

Calendar of Events 2010–2011

SEPTEMBER 2010

Tuesday, September 28th – 7:30 pm
Free Program, Fort Calgary Historic Park
Eugenics in Alberta
Jana Grekul

OCTOBER 2010

Tuesday, October 26th – 7:30 pm
Free Program, Fort Calgary Historic Park
Is There a Distinct Alberta Literature?
A Historical Perspective
George Melynk

NOVEMBER 2010

Tuesday, November 23rd – 7:30 pm
Free Program, Fort Calgary Historic Park
Annie Glen Broder: The Grande
Dame of Calgary's Early Music World
Don Smith, Ron Bond and
Kat Hammer

DECEMBER 2010

Saturday, December 11th
Tickets Required
Dining Room, Fort Calgary Historic Park
CCHS Christmas Luncheon Begins at
10:30 AM
Mother Mary Greene and the
Faithful Companions of Jesus
Gretchen Macmillan

JANUARY 2011

Tuesday, January 25th – 7:30 pm
Free Program, Fort Calgary Historic Park
To the Grandmother's Land:
The Nez Perce in Canada
George Kush

FEBRUARY 2011

Tuesday, February 22nd – 7:30 pm
Free Program, Fort Calgary Historic Park
Larger Than Life: Alberta Volunteers
in the Anglo-Boer War, 1899-1902
Sheila Bannerman

MARCH 2011

Tuesday, March 22nd
Tickets Required
Location TBA
CCHS Annual General Meeting
AGM: 5:30 PM Dinner: 6:00 PM
With guest speaker: Andrew Mosker,
Executive Director, Cantos Music
Foundation-National Music Centre at
the King Eddy

APRIL 2011

Tuesday, April 26th – 7:30 pm
Free Program, Fort Calgary Historic Park
History Lessons in Alberta's Schools
Amy von Heyking

MAY 2011

Tuesday, May 24th – 7:30 pm
Free Program, Fort Calgary Historic Park
Being Good Sports: Fish and Game
Conservation in Alberta, 1907-1930
George Colpitts

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EVENTS

Saturday, Oct. 23 – AGM & Luncheon at the SAP Memorial Building, 12:00 pm. Hosted by Pat Rodriguez, 403-279-6435.

Saturday, Nov. 6 – Round-Up at the Paliser Hotel, 5:30 pm. Hosted by Danny & Fran Copithorne, 403-271-1972.

Saturday, Dec. 4 – Christmas Dinner at the SAP Memorial Building, 5:30 pm. Hosted by Judi LaLonde, 403-272-5675.

All events held at SAP Memorial Building unless otherwise noted.



THE NOTICE BOARD

Historical Committee

Please submit Family Histories to be entered in our archives. We would like to feature a family history for each newsletter publication. Contact Pat Cox, 403-252-4220.

Deadline

Deadline for newsletter copy and photos to be submitted in writing at monthly Board Meetings or left at SAP office. Newsletter printed January, May and September.

Historical Committee

Regular weekly meetings start on Monday, October 18, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Contact Joan Davis, 403-251-4915.

Sick and Visiting

Please notify Peggy Barr (403-246-2843) of any illness or death in your family or if anyone has need of a hospital visit.

Board Meetings

1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. (except July & August). Members welcome.

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90th ANNUAL ROUND-UP

*Saturday, November 6, 2010
Crystal Ballroom, Palliser Hotel*

Cocktails 5:30 p.m.

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Roaring Twenties theme with an evening of fun and merriment!

Guest Speaker to be announced

Band:

The Badlanders

TICKETS – \$75.00 EACH

MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE

(NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER NOVEMBER 1, 2010)

Early bird draw for those purchasing before October 23, 2010

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Tables will be assigned as tickets are purchased.

Contact Name for tickets: (by mail or phone)

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SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS & THEIR DESCENDANTS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2010

LUNCHEON AT 12 NOON

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT 1:00 P.M.

PRESIDING: PRESIDENT, MOYRA FERGUSON

AGENDA

1. *Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held October 24, 2009*
2. *Business arising from the minutes*
3. *President's Report – Moyra Ferguson*
4. *Treasurer's Report – Joe Ferguson*
Appointment of Auditor
5. *Membership Report – Maureen Peckham*
6. *Committee Reports*
7. *Election of Board of Directors for 2011*
8. *Other New Business*
9. *Introduction of the Incoming President*
10. *Incoming President's Remarks*
11. *Adjournment*

*Southern Alberta Pioneers & Their Descendants Foundation Meeting
to follow AGM to appoint Directors to Foundation Board.*