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President's Message

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your President for 2011. I am supported by a very competent and willing group of Officers, Board of Directors, Committee Chairs and Volunteers. We meet the first Tuesday of each month (July and August excluded) to deal with the business at hand and receive committee reports.

The 90th Annual Round Up was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. The next social event – the Christmas party was a sell-out. The turkey dinner and sing-a-long put everyone in the Christmas spirit. Thanks to all those who volunteered to make these events so successful.

As we begin the New Year several items are on the table. A committee is researching a computer program that will track membership and renewals more efficiently.

We are also looking at the expense and revenue of social events. It is quite a balancing act between event costs and accommodating our members and, of course, tradition. Note, casino money cannot be used to subsidize events.

It is also time for us to review and update the Bylaws as they haven't been done for several years.

I am sure you will agree that the

Memorial Building and the grounds are in good shape. The building committee continues to review the Capital Renewal Plan provided by Jacques Witford AXYS Ltd. in 2007. Recommendations by this consulting company for improvements and upgrades will continue this year, thanks to the casino receipts received in 2010.

Social events have been scheduled and we encourage you to participate as much as possible. One new initiative planned for this year will be a New Member Orientation and will be held on March 20, 2011 at the Memorial Building. This event will be chaired by Kathleen Rogers. We do hope members will come out and welcome new members who have joined in the last year.

I am sure many members do not know that the Historical Committee has, for many years, been researching and assembling member family histories. These are contained in the "Black Binders" and housed in the vault in the Memorial Building basement. We will have them out for review and updates. Please join us for an afternoon of socializing and reminiscing.

Betty and I would like to wish you a Healthy and Happy New year.

– Dave Wake, President

17th Annual International Food & Wine Party

Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011

7:30 pm

Convenor: Peter Cox



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Treasurer's Report

The 2010 fiscal year ended September 30 is now wrapped up and our auditors, KPMG – Calgary are now in the midst of the annual review.

In September I reported that our rental operations were on pace to exceed 2009, but there has been some fall-off in the last quarter which left us at roughly the same levels as last year; gross rentals of about \$64,000. Still, this operation is a major contributor to our overall financial well being, providing a net contribution (after direct rental costs) of roughly \$20,000 per year.

We continue to generate an overall loss on our social events, despite the hard work of the many volunteers who contribute so much of their time to ensure enjoyment for us all at these events. In response to concern over this trend a committee of the Board has been struck to review all aspects of these events and report to the Board on ways to lessen the impact of the losses over the long term.

Some bright spots:

- Proceeds from the June casino netted \$70,794
- The Gibson Petroleum donation of \$5,050 to the Building Fund brought total donations to over \$6,000 for the year.
- The building fund continues to recover from the beating it took in late 2008; up about 4% in market value during the fiscal year.

We are in an enviable financial position with cash and investments of \$540,000, including the Memorial Building Fund with a value of \$285,000.

Once again I must say thank you to the many volunteers who give so much of their time to ensure a timely and accurate reporting for proceeds from our many activities.

*Respectfully submitted
– Joe Ferguson, Treasurer*

FAMILY GAMES AND POTLUCK DINNER

Sunday, February 20 – 2:00 pm

Convenor: Laura White

Sunday, March 13 – 2:00 pm

Convenor: Sharon Thielen

Gather your family and join friends for a casual afternoon of games, cards and visiting. Bring your favourite casserole, salad or dessert and enjoy a delicious dinner.

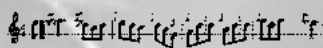
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Membership Report

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID THIS YEAR'S DUES, YOU WILL FIND A COLOURED NOTICE WITH YOUR NEWSLETTER.

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:

A. Roy Munro, Gwen Worden, Evelyn Calow & John Taylor.

Welcome to new Gold Card members:

Marguerite Clarke, Audree Medhurst & Aleta Swan.

Welcome to New Members:

Lisa Mackintosh, family of Edward & Charlotte Jacques, Calgary, 1887

Lorraine Lawrence & Aubrey Bruce Smith, family of Amy & Richard Smith, Mitford, 1887

Karen McBean, family of Ephrian McAllister, Jumping Pound, 1886

Erin Murray, family of Thomas Green, Penhold, 1887

Jeannette Cochrane, family of William Ainscough, Cardston, March 1880

William Tosh, family of Joseph Fisher, 1883

Frederick Krause, family of William Birney, Calgary, 1888

Welcome to new Associate Members:

Brian Rogers, Molly Douglass, Clint Henrickson & Eileen Laycock

Please notify me of any changes (address, phone & email) at sap.membership@shaw.ca or call 403-271-5483.

– Maureen Peckham
Membership Secretary

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2011 Stampede Display

The Stampede Display Committee (Bud Vine, Dave Wake, Jim McDonald, Ian Campbell, Mike Stewart) have started planning the SAPD display at the 2011 Calgary Stampede.


Our application to the Stampede for a booth and funding has been submitted. We understand that our booth may be re-located into the Western Oasis (western art exhibit) area of the BMO Centre.

As in previous years, the display will be centered around 400 or so photos from SAPD's collection. We received very good response at this year's Stampede to the theme featuring the main street of southern Alberta towns in the late 1800s/early 1900s. We are in the process of acquiring 24–30 additional photos from the Glenbow Archives of some additional towns and villages to augment our collection.

SAPD will be, again, collaborating with the Calgary Stampede's Historical Committee in the display. The CS Historical Committee expects to feature historical photos celebrating the 50th anniversary of the CS Stampede Ranch. Importantly, the CS Historical Committee will again provide some volunteers to staff the display.

Our biggest challenge remains to broaden the group of SAPD volunteers to staff the booth for each of the 11 days. Jim McDonald is co-coordinating this important task. Please contact Jim at 403-282-1942 or JayMcdee@shaw.ca if you can help us out.

For further information, please contact Mike Stewart at 403-969-2657 or mike@ballinacurra.net.



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90th Round-Up 2010

The Crystal Ballroom at the Palliser was once again the setting for this year's **90th Round Up** with a theme of the **Roaring Twenties**. Tables were decorated in black, white and red with lots of beadwork. The formal part of the evening began with the traditional march in of the Head Table led by our Piper **Stephanie McSween**.

The program started off with O Canada followed by the **Rev. Doug Powell** offering a "Prayer of Remembrance" for those members who had died since the last Round-Up. **Peggy Barr** then read their names, giving a short bio for each departed member. This was all accomplished with **Stephanie** piping a lament in the background. This was followed by the traditional grace and introduction of those at the Head Table.

The Palliser again served a wonderful meal of, what else but the traditional Prime Rib dinner followed by mother's apple pie. With the meal out of the way along with the Toast to the Queen, our host for the evening, Past President **Moyra Ferguson**, introduced those receiving special recognition, namely: **Sharon Thielen**, Pioneer Lady

for 2010. **Bob Brewster** the Pioneer Gentleman for 2010 was away sailing the Mediterranean; the Pioneer Lady, **Audrey Rice** and Pioneer Gentleman, **Bill Murphy** for 2011 were recognized. Each year the Nominating Committee recognizes selected members for their many volunteer contributions to the Association over the years. This year's recipients were **Molly Douglass** and **John Sibbald** as Honourable Lady and Honourable Gentleman.

Clint Robertson, as special guest and in honour of his being recognized as an **Honorary Associate**, was presented with an appropriate plaque, in recognition of his contribution of having the **Memorial Building** declared a "**Municipal Historic Resource**" by City Council.

Moyra remarked on how much she enjoyed her year as our President. At the same time she gave a history of her family roots, dating back to **James Stuart Mackie** (1886). President **Dave Wake** made the presentation of the Past President's pin. **Dave** then explained his heritage roots.

There were a number of draws with a night's accommodation and brunch



Kevin and Lynda Hawes

courtesy of the *Fairmont Lake Louise*.

Kevin and Lynda Hawes, who were in Roaring Twenties finery, were awarded an overnight stay at the *Fairmont Jasper Lodge*.

Thank you to the Round-Up Committee: **Pat Rodriguez, Gwen Hanna, Peggy Barr, Margaret Buckley, Fern Dorsch, Judi LaLonde, Fran Copithorne** and all those in attendance for their contribution in making the evening a success.

November 5, 2011 is the date for the 91st Round-Up.

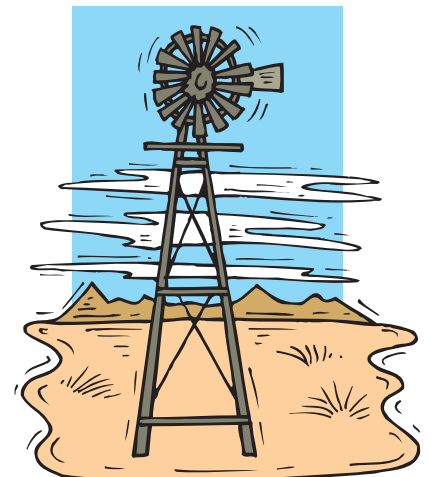
*Respectfully submitted by
Danny Copithorne*



Jeannette Sunderland



Stephanie McSween



2010 Christmas Party

We had a very successful Christmas Party on Saturday, December 5. Eighty-four members and guests celebrated with us and enjoyed a great turkey dinner with all the trimmings, catered by Extreme Catering who have fed us at numerous functions in the past. After dinner, everyone gathered upstairs for

rousing carol singing led by Herm Thielen. Unfortunately our new pianist, Loreen Hamilton, fell a few days earlier and wasn't able to join us. Congratulations to the three door-prize winners. Many thanks to the group of folks who worked in the morning getting everything set up and ready for the party. The

work crew included: Dave, Herm, Sharon, Joe, Judi, Les, Iona, Bill, Barb, Joan, Gary, Kathleen and Pat. Everything looked very festive. Mark your calendar for next year on Saturday, December 4, 2011.

– Submitted by the Social Committee



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We started out the New Year in January with a number of Building Committee members gathering to empty all of the kitchen cabinets and placing contents on tables in the main hall. From there until the end of February we proceeded to carry out renovations, in particular:

- Replaced the flooring in both kitchens, front entrance and the upstairs washrooms.
- The upstairs kitchen cupboards were all sanded and the surfaces refinished. In addition new locks were installed providing one key fits all.
- Kitchen island was rotated to a more serviceable position and was revamped to hold pull out trays for the cutlery.
- Upstairs washrooms were completely renovated to include new

flooring, sink and toilet fixtures, new cedar ceilings and walls were applicable. Drywall that was covering the original logs was removed, restoring a more rustic appearance.

- Scrapped the small fridge and replaced with a closed cupboard to hold the garbage cans.

In the midst of all of this a water tank decided to let loose during the night, resulting in six inches of water in the main basement area. As a result the floor was completely replaced to match the upstairs and downstairs kitchen. Fortunately, this replacement was covered by our insurance.

All of the foregoing, save for the basement flooring, cost \$54,218. And after a City of Calgary grant the net was \$43,060.

In addition we disposed of the large white fridge and replaced it with a new stainless steel model. We also replaced both water tanks which were both overdue.

That is how we spent the last Casino monies.

On May 2nd we had our work detail with 22 members showing up to lend their efforts in our annual spring clean-up. As usual a great job done by all.

Looking ahead we plan to:

- Immediately replace the kitchen window together with the south office window.
- Our next major project would be

to have cast iron automatic gates installed at the front entrance.

Our Custodian, Sherry Toffin, continues to do a great job in maintaining the rentals despite the economy.

My thanks to the Building Committee members: Ernie Rice, Herm Thielen, Peggy Barr, Dave Wake, Buster Schweiger, Bob Brewster, Joe Ferguson, Beryl Sibbald, Bill Nelson, Fran Copithorne and President Moyra for giving freely of their time, energy and their valuable advice and guidance. With a very special thank you to Karen (Copithorne) Iredale for lending her Interior Design expertise during our renovations.

Thank you to the Board of Directors of both the Association and the Foundation for their continued support of the Building Committee's recommendations.

Pioneer Logo

You may give a lasting tribute to your descendant of a Pioneer family by inserting the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants Society's logo into your loved one's obituary.

The logo is a copyrighted feature of the Pioneers Society.

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— Bill Murphy



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EVENTS

Saturday, Feb. 19 – International Food and Wine Party at the SAP Memorial Building, 7:30 pm. Hosted by Peter Cox, 403-252-4220.

Sunday, Feb. 20 – Family Games and Pot Luck at the SAP Memorial Building, 2:00 pm. Hosted by Laura White, 403-271-6055.

Sunday, Mar. 13 – Family Games and Pot Luck at the SAP Memorial Building, 2:00 pm. Hosted by Sharon Thielen, 403-282-1302.

Sunday, Mar. 20 – New Member Orientation at the SAP Memorial Building, 2:00 - 5:00 pm. Hosted by Kathleen Rogers, 403-242-1850.

Sunday, Apr. 17 – Volunteer Appreciation at the SAP Memorial Building, 2:00 pm. Hosted by Dave Wake, 403-288-5545.

Saturday, Apr. 30 – Building & Yard Clean Up at the SAP Memorial Building, 10:00 am. Contact: Bob Brewster, 403-225-2376 or Danny Copithorne, 403-271-1972.

Sunday, May 1 – Gold Card Tea at the SAP Memorial Building, 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Hosted by Moyra Ferguson, 403-249-9989.

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 emailed to Jan at mjhawes@telus.net. Newsletter printed January, May and September.

Historical Committee

Regular weekly meetings are held on Mondays, 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.

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

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