



SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS

AND THEIR DESCENDANTS NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

We have had 43 cm or 17 inches of snow so far in April and it is still snowing today. In spite of the snow and rising rivers in Southern Alberta it is still a great part of the world to live. Fortunately our ancestors chose this area as opposed to other parts of the world to emigrate.

As I write this message we are ending National Volunteer Week for 2011 (April 10 – 16). Volunteers are the mainstay of our organization and nobody knows and appreciates them more than me. As President I am dependent on a large volunteer base to get the jobs done. Many thanks to everyone who participates in the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants.

We have had a busy social season so

far in 2011 with three successful Family Pot Luck/Socials as well as a great New Member Orientation Day. Volunteer Appreciation Day was also well attended. By the time this newsletter goes to print the Clean-Up Day and Gold Card Tea will have taken place. Plans are progressing for the events during Stampede week (July 8 – 17). Check the newsletter for further details.

The new wheelchair lift should be in place in May and other renovations and maintenance projects are being planned by the Building Committee.

Thank you for all your help and participation and I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events.

– Dave Wake

Calgary Stampede Parade 2011

The 2011 Calgary Stampede is rapidly approaching. Anyone interested in participating is asked to call Linda at 403 225 0698 for further information.

– Linda Chudey, Parade Coordinator SAP



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We continue, as an organization, to be in an enviable financial position with a total working capital position in excess of \$500,000.00. This includes the Memorial Building fund which now stands at nearly \$300,000.00. Donations to this fund exceeded \$3,500.00 for the first six months of the fiscal year. In addition we were recently advised that the Southern Alberta Pioneers had been named as a beneficiary in the will of Evelyn Hardwick Calow, in the amount of \$50,000.00.

The rental operations continue to contribute, in a large way, to our financial well-being. Rental income to March 31st exceeded last year by nearly \$6,000.00 and advance bookings for the balance of the year are very encouraging. As well, two building projects, window replacements in the kitchen and office, and the new lift qualify for a grant from the City of Calgary. An application has been made and we are hopeful that this application will be approved and provide us with \$11,500.00.

In my last report I noted that the Board was concerned with the continuing losses realized on many of our social events. The Board considered a number of suggestions to mitigate these losses, including increasing the prices charged for the events. It was decided to leave prices as is and to continue to monitor the situation. Since those discussions, there has been a marked improvement with losses considerably reduced in most events held this year.

As reported separately by the Building Committee, there are numerous repair and improvement projects underway or in the planning stage. These will be financed through the use of a combination of existing reserves, government grants and operating surpluses. As always no projects will be undertaken without the funding in place.

Respectfully submitted
- Joe Ferguson, Treasurer

2011 "Toonie" Pancake Breakfast



**Saturday, July 16th at the
Memorial Building, 9 am – Noon**

Members and guests of all ages welcome.
Admission is by donation – just a toonie
(or whatever you choose to contribute).

Rain or shine – large tent

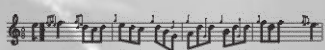
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Membership Report

The Newsletter is available for reading in colour at www.pioneersalberta.org. If you wish to view and print the newsletter

Historic Calgary Week

Once again you are invited to join your fellow members of the Southern Alberta Pioneers as we host one of the Historic Calgary Week programs to be held July 22 to August 1, 2011.

The Friday, July 22 session at the historic Memorial Building will feature four presentations beginning at 9:45 am (two in the morning and two in the afternoon).

Join us for these sessions and plan to bring a picnic lunch (and lawn chair) to enjoy the patio and gardens.

There will be many sessions scheduled for Historic Calgary Week, including noon-hour programs at Central United Church, an early evening family concert with an historic theme by Paulo, Tuesday and Thursday evening programs at Memorial Park Library, and features on Lougheed House, Calgary Stampede, and the former theatres on Stephen Avenue.

The complete program will be printed in a brochure available (in late June) at Calgary libraries and bookstores, and at the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants display at the Calgary Stampede. Check also online at www.chinookcountry.org

Please plan on joining us on Friday, July 22, 2011 for the first of many presentations forming part of Historic Calgary Week 2011 – the 21st year of programs dealing with history.

ters on the web site, and stop receiving a paper copy by Canada Post, please notify me at sap.membership@shaw.ca.

In Memoriam:

Marion Moore, Eileen Wooliams, Roy Farquharson, Danny Copithorne, Arnold Brogden, Lucille Togstad, Helen Marshall, Richard MacInnes (Richard had just joined the organization in December 2010), Anne Erdman & Jeanette Cochrane.

Welcome to new Gold Card members:

Ken Thompson, Joan Hutchings, Audrey Rice, Jim McDonald, Anne Vincent & Bill Shaw.

Welcome to New Members:

Kirbi & Kevin MacInnes, Family of Malcolm MacInnes, Fish Creek, February 1882

Roslyn Zuehlke, Family of Lancelot Charles Brown, Medicine Hat, May 1887
Sara & Stephen McDonough, Family

of Alfred Hardwick Lynch-Staunton, Pincher Creek 1877

Terrence McDonough, Family of Percy Cutting, Pincher Creek, 1890

Larry Shelley, Family of Henry Alfred Shelley, Calgary 1887

Gavin Carscallen, Family of William Bliss, High River 1883

Mae & Janine Moir, Family of Charles Schack, High River 1890


Thomas Valentine, Family of Margaret Erwin, Porcupine Hills 1881

Heather Cook, Family of Thomas H. Crump, Gleichen 1890


Judith Bergeson, Family of Richard Smith, Mitford, March 1889

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

Planning for the SAPD display at the 2011 Calgary Stampede is well underway.

We have received confirmation that our booth is going to be re-located into the Western Showcase (western art exhibit) area of the BMO Centre. As a part of the new arrangements, the Western Showcase Committee and the Stampede have made some funds available in 2011 to integrate our display into the overall design and motif of the Western Showcase and have given some assurances respecting complimentary display space for the space and volunteer day passes beyond 2011.

Western Showcase has provided us with a proposed layout and design of the booth. We are in the process of confirming the specifics including the display capacity of the newly constructed booth

and associated display panels being provided by Western Showcase.

SAPD has purchased approximately 20 new images from the Glenbow to augment our archives and to incorporate into the 2011 display. While we have not yet landed on which photos from SAPD's inventory of 600+ photos will be displayed, we will again be featuring the main street and surrounding environs of southern Alberta towns in the late 1800s/early 1900s, a theme that was very popular with last year's display. We will be improving the legend/map so that it will be easier to locate photos on the various panels.

As in the past, we will have a vehicle from the Remington Carriage Museum on display. We have confirmed the Western Passenger Wagon (or stagecoach) which has been very popular in previous years.

SAPD will again be collaborating with the Calgary Stampede's Historical Committee in the display. The CS Historical Committee will 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 12 days, including the Showcase Stir'Up, the private opening of the Western Showcase art show on July 6th and Sneak a Peek on July 7th. 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 403-389-6758 or mike@ballinacurra.net.

– D. Michael G. Stewart

New Member Day

A new member orientation day was held at the Memorial Building on Sunday afternoon, March 20. The forecasted snowstorm held off and a bright sunny day enabled a good turnout. With the assistance of Membership Secretary Maureen Peckham providing a list of members who have joined over the past few years, about 50 phone calls were made to invite new members to the event.

With the intent of offering a warm introduction of new members to the association and to have the opportunity of viewing the family histories in the vault, the general buzz of activity and conversation throughout the afternoon seemed to indicate a successful afternoon enjoyed by all.

Thanks to all active members who came to participate and a special thanks to the bakers who provided home baked treats for the guests. It was a good opportunity to showcase some of the many wonderful heritage recipes from the Pioneer Cook Books.

Welcome to all new members. If you were unable to attend on the 20th but would like to have a personal introduc-

tion and visit to the hall, or if you did attend and have any follow-up questions or comments, please contact me at vice_president@pioneersalberta.org.

We look forward to seeing new (and returning) members at our upcoming social events.

– Kathleen Rogers with
co-convener Bill Jackson



Gold Card Tea 2011

May Day dawned bright, shinny and warm...just perfect for the Pioneer's Annual Gold Card Tea held to honour our members aged 80 and over. Over 40 Gold Card members attended and most brought a guest with them. About 30 SAP members manned the

kitchen, looked after serving the food, and poured the tea and coffee. Guests were greeted at the door by Audrey Rice (pioneer lady), and Bill Murphy (pioneer gent) and were presented with a small corsage. A convivial time was had chatting, renewing old friendships and enjoy-

ing tea, coffee and dainties.

Lillian McBride proved to be the oldest attendee, age 101, and took the floral arrangement from the table.

To the volunteers!!!! Thank you all for contributing to the success of this event.

– Moyra Ferguson, Co-coordinator



All photos courtesy of Linda Chudey



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Building Committee Report

This year the Building Committee is looking into a new lift for the building. Try as we may, the old one is just too old and not satisfactory in the cold weather which is a lot of the time in this part of the world.

A frozen sewer line backup in March made a mess in a lower storage room so a new floor will be put in this area with leftover flooring from last year's renovations.

New windows were put in the office and kitchen helping to keep the heat in. Security bars were remade to fit the windows and moved to the outside at this time making it much easier to keep the window clean above the sink. Trees around the property will be trimmed to keep them in good shape.

Our wish list for the building is ongoing as upkeep of the premises is important.

Spring cleanup was held April 30th at 10:00 am. If you didn't make this year's cleanup, hope you can help out next time. It's always more fun to be involved.

— Fran Copithorne.

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.

Our logo is available at the Calgary Herald and the Sun newspapers.

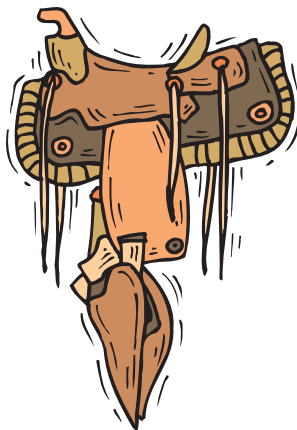
The cost to insert our logo is included in the column inch charge for your loved one's obituary.

— Bill Murphy

The Newsletter Committee would like to thank Lauri Copithorne for all the work she does formatting the newsletter. We send her reports, photos and information and she puts it all together, does the layout and has it printed. Also, a thank you to Judith Rempel for putting the newsletter on the website.

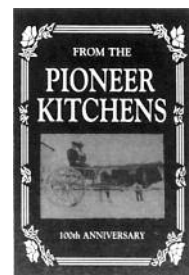


Fern Dorsch and Ruth Jackson selling cookbooks at the Millarville Fair last summer. Be sure to stop and say hello to Fern and Ruth at the Millarville Farmer's Market on Saturdays starting June 11th, 2011 and at the Fair on Saturday, August 20th, 2011



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A Tribute to Danny Copithorne

Danny, your contributions will be truly missed

The sausages have been bought and boiled on the stove (one of the many things I learned from Danny) and are now ready to be grilled on the barbeque for the pancake breakfast. The roasts and (special) basting sauce are ready for the barbeque at Champion Park before many of us are out of bed on a Sunday in September. Plans are being made for the Annual Roundup at the Palliser. But wait, first work has to be done for the Rangemen's Dinner, then the Round Up final preparations can be done. The Building Committee is being chaired once a month as there are repairs and renovation plans in the works. You see,

there is still money in the account that can be spent. Oh yes, and then there is the "job jar" to be filled for clean up day at the Memorial Building.

In between all the activities pertaining to the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants there is the Western Canada High School Alumni meetings, work with the S.E. Calgary Kiwanis Club, and functions at the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede for the Past President to attend.

Danny epitomizes the term "volunteer". I guess it is true when they say, "If you want something to be done give the job to someone who is already busy."

To our friend, mentor, and fellow member of the Southern Alberta Pioneers

and Their Descendants we will always remember your advice, contributions and dedication as our President, Past President, member of the Historical Committee, Chair of the Building Committee and involvement with functions such as the Round Up, pancake breakfast, Champion Park and the cleanup day to name a few.

– Dave Wake, President



91st Annual Round-Up

Don't forget to circle your calendars to attend the 91st annual Round-up on November 5th at 5:30 pm in the Crystal Ballroom at the Fairmont Palliser Hotel.

In order to keep the cost of the tickets the same as last year, we have implemented a few changes this year. We will not be having a dance because of the prohibitive cost of a dance band and the declining interest in dancing. We will instead be having a guest speaker and great additional entertainment. However, the Crystal Ballroom is still ours for the entire evening and so everyone is invited to stay and visit with old friends and enjoy the evening.

We are also going to have many wonderful prizes, a few of which we are listing below:

- **Early Bird Draw** – Suite at the Fairmont Palliser for the night of the Round-Up
- **Fairmont Banff Springs** – Suite for one night and brunch for two
- **Fairmont Palliser Hotel** – Brunch for two
- **Country Hills Dental Clinic** – 2 tickets for a Flames Hockey game
- **Second Cup, Royal Oak** – Gift basket
- **Anything Grows Cochrane Garden Store** –

- **Southern Alberta Pioneers Cookbook Committee (Fern Dorsch)** – 2 cookbooks
- **Consolidated Compressor** – One hour of glass beading
- **Audrey & Allan Petrie** – Framed photo
- **Leanne & Wayne Bateman** – Wine basket
- **Ernie & Audrey Rice** – Wooden bowl
- **Alice & Buster Schwieger** – Quilted place-mats
- **Carolyn Guichon-Pearce** – 2 Gift baskets
- **Riley & McCormick** – 3 \$20 Gift certificates
- **Betty & Dave Wake** –
- **Sharon & Herm Thielen** –
- **And many more**

One of our entertainment segments for the evening will be **Reverend Elvis (Bruce Sheasby)** along with **Dwain Sands** (keyboard).

Reverend Elvis has performed at the world renowned "Crystal Cathedral." He presents the Blue Christmas variety charity concert at the Jubilee Auditorium every year and has received positive recognition from Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Premier Ed Stelmach and former Mayor Dave Bronconnier. I believe you will find them to be extremely talented and entertaining.

We will have more news regarding the speaker, entertainment and prizes in our September newsletter.

– Sharon Thielen, Round-Up Committee



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EVENTS

Friday, Jul. 8 – Pre-Parade Breakfast for parade participants held at Rotary House, 6:30 am. Hosted by Kerri Fipke, 403-271-9581.

Saturday, Jul. 9 – Stampede BBQ held at the SAP Memorial Building, 6:00 pm. Hosted by Judi LaLonde, 403-272-5675.

Monday, Jul. 11 – Sandwich Making for Rotary House Tea, 12:30 pm. Contact Pam Hilton, 403-932-2637.

Tuesday, Jul. 12 – Rotary House Tea held at Rotary House, 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Hosted by Pam Hilton, 403-932-2637.

Saturday, Jul. 16 – Pancake Breakfast held at the SAP Memorial Building, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Hosted by Dave Wake, 403-288-5545 and Jim MacDonald, 403-282-1942.

Sunday, Sept. 11 – Family Day Pot Luck held at Champion Park, 2:00 pm. Hosted by Fran Copithorne, 403-271-1972.

Saturday, Oct. 22 – AGM and Luncheon held at the SAP Memorial Building, 12:00 – 3:00 pm. Hosted by Pat Rodriguez, 403-279-6435.

Saturday, Nov. 5 – Round-Up held at the Palliser Hotel, 5:30 pm. Hosted by Sharon Thielen, 403-282-1302.

Saturday, Dec. 3 – Christmas Dinner held at the SAP Memorial Building, 5:30 pm. Hosted by Judi LaLonde, 403-272-5675.

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Historical Committee

Please submit Family Histories to be entered in our archives. 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 am to 3:00 pm. 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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