



SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS

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President's Message

As the dog days of summer approach so does my year as President. It has been a privilege serving as the 2011 President of the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants.

It has been a busy year to say the least with many great functions to attend and some sad times too. So goes life I guess.

In looking back since the last newsletter, we had a successful New Member Orientation which, hopefully, will continue on in the future. There was a great turn out for the Gold Card Tea. Many thanks to the volunteers who baked, served and generally "made the day" for our Gold Card Members. On June 24 Joe, Kathleen and I hosted three ladies from the Board of the Northern Alberta Pioneers & Descendants Association at the Memorial Building. We discussed our similarities and differences. I believe we gave each other some "food for thought".

Stampede Week was *busy*. The display booth in the BMO Centre was very successful again this year. Kerri Fipke served a pre-Parade breakfast for the Parade participants – thanks Kerri. I also want to thank Linda Chudey for organizing the parade again this year. It was my first time in the Parade – what fun! So many people lined the streets to see our six rigs along with our wagon masters, side saddlers and outriders. The attendance of Will and Kate may have had something to do with the large crowd also. Thanks to everyone who helped out and participated.

We had wonderful weather for our barbeque. One and all enjoyed the visits

of the Stampede Queen and Princesses, the Fiddler and Harry the Horse. Thanks to our Social Convener, Judi La Londe and Extreme Catering for a delicious meal and enjoyable evening.

Pamela Hilton and her many volunteers hosted the Pioneer Tea at the Rotary House again this year. Mayor Nenshi brought greetings from the City of Calgary. Several politicians also attended. It is always a great opportunity for members and friends to socialize.

Again the weather co-operated for the Toonie Breakfast. Attendance, I believe, exceeded previous years. Thanks to the many volunteers who made this possible (see note elsewhere in this newsletter).

The opening event for the Calgary Historical Week was held at our Memorial Building on July 22 and several SAP members added to the interesting and informative program.

Don't forget the Family Day/Pot Luck to be held at Champion Park on September 11, the Annual General meeting on Saturday, October 22 and of course, the Annual Round-Up at the Palliser Hotel on November 5. We hope to see as many members as possible at these functions.

As this will be the last newsletter before the end of my term I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude to the Board of Directors, Committee Chairpersons and Members who volunteered their time and effort to make our functions successful and enjoyable. Best wishes to the incoming board.

– Dave Wake, President



Casino

Folks, it's that time again. We've been assigned a casino on February 28 & 29, 2012 (Tuesday & Wednesday), and we'll probably be at the Stampede Casino.

The casino proceeds are very important for the ongoing upkeep of our Memorial Building. We will need 35+ volunteers to cover all the positions including: cashiers, bankers, fill clerks, count room staff, managers and back-up. Any needed training is given 'on the job'. The majority of our paperwork needs to be in Edmonton before the end of the year, so I'm starting to recruit now.

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Thank you.

– Pat Rodriguez, Casino Coordinator



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Treasurer's Report

From the financial perspective I think this year, 2011, has been successful. Following are some highlights:

- The \$50,000 bequest from the estate of Evelyn Calow was received by us in July. These funds will be directed to specific upgrades and improvements for the Memorial Building. The Board of Directors will review recommendations from the building committee for projects to be funded and these will be appropriately recognized as having been funded by the Evelyn Calow estate.
- Rental revenues have been excellent for the first nine months of the fiscal year and are nearly \$7,500 ahead of last year. In addition, June saw record

revenue of nearly \$14,000 and July earned us \$9,785.

- With the exception of the costs related to the installation of the new lift there have been no large unexpected or unusual expenditures.
- The audits have been completed and will be presented to the Boards in September for approval.
- As of June 30, 2011 our Memorial Building Fund investments had more than fully recovered from the 2008/2009 down turn and throughout have continued to produce a yield of nearly 3%.

Respectfully submitted
- Joe Ferguson, Treasurer

Building Committee

The summer has been a very busy one and rentals are up over last year. The gardens are in full bloom and look beautiful. The wish list we have for the building is getting shorter with the installation of the new lift funded by the donation from the Evelyn Calow estate. The lift that we had in place was not reliable and no amount of repairs seemed to make a difference. The donation from the Calow estate has helped us to make the building a handicapped friendly place.

as our parking lot is used for many unwanted activities when the building is not in use. The trees around the building were trimmed to keep them looking their best. A big 'Thank You' to the committee for your help.

- Fran Copithorne

The floor in the lower floor storage room was replaced to match the rest of the flooring and cleaned up after the sewer back-up in the spring. The list of repairs seems to grow - brick to repair, outside of logs to sand and stain and all this to be done before the snow comes. A gate for the front entry is still on the list

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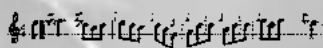
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Historic Calgary Week and the Southern Alberta Pioneers

The opening ceremonies for Historic Calgary Week were held the morning of July 22 at the Memorial Building of the Southern Alberta Pioneers. This year Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi officiated at the opening by welcoming those attending and by reading the City of Calgary Historic Calgary Week Proclamation. In his remarks the Mayor praised the volunteers who work to plan and carry out HCW, and those who make presentations. He told the crowd that he was impressed with the variety in the ten-day program and that there were several sessions that he particularly wanted to attend. For the mayor, at the top of his list was a noon-hour presentation by Don Smith, "Calgary's Grand Year 1912."

Often politicians express thoughts such as this knowing that in the busy day-to-day activities these wishes sometimes have to be set aside. But on Thursday at Central United Church the Mayor arrived, bag lunch in hand, and joined the large crowd gathered to hear the HCW talk. The Mayor concluded his remarks with praise for the Southern Alberta Pioneers for their efforts to tell the stories of the people who made their lives in early Alberta.

The *Calgary Herald* sent their feature article writer, Valerie Fortney to report on the morning presentations. This led to an article based on the presentations by Alexander (Sandy) Dean about his grandfather, Major Alexander Boswell Stafford (from the Lethbridge area), and Catherine Munn Smith, great granddaughter of Walter and Janet Moodie (of the Glenbow area). Fortney reported from "The Southern Alberta Pioneers Memorial Building, a beautiful log house-style structure that sits on a hill in the inner city, with a spectacular view of the Rockies."

In the afternoon, Pioneer's association president, Dave Wake told about his grandfather Walter Wake and Peggy Robertson Barr reported on the three generations of the Robertson family in

Membership Report

PLEASE NOTE: MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2012 ARE DUE OCTOBER 1, 2011. (OUR YEAR RUNS OCTOBER 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30)

In Memoriam:

Bruce Barkley, Ethel Konschuh, & Mary Lynas

Welcome to New Gold Card Members:

Joan Simmons, Charlie James, Jack Lewis & Anne Vincent

Welcome to New Members:

Marie Lewis, Family of Robert Charles McDonald, Ft Macleod, 1880

Kenneth Wilson, Family of John Bulmer, Lethbridge, 1881

Maurice Valkema, Family of George Madge, Calgary 1885

Thanks for notifying me of changes, (address, phone & e-mail) at sap.membership@shaw.ca or call 403-271-5483.


– Maureen Peckham
Membership Secretary

the Crossfield/Airdrie area.

This event represents the sixth year that the Southern Alberta Pioneers have been part of the Historic Calgary Week. Participation by SAPD honours the organization's mandate to tell and keep alive the stories of the founding pioneers. If

you would like to be involved in future years, or have suggestions please contact SAPD historian Joan Davis at glenelg2@shaw.ca or 403-251-4915.

– Submitted by David Ballard



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2011 Calgary Stampede Display

Once again, this year's display was another success. The move into the Western Oasis, the 100,000 square feet of space in Halls D and E of the BMO Centre which is totally dedicated to exhibits of Western art and lifestyles, was very well received by visitors and volunteers alike. Our second year of collaborating with the Calgary Stampede Historical Committee also worked extremely well and greatly assisted with staffing the display.

As in previous years, SAPD's photo display consists of 300+ photos from the SAPD collection. For the 2011 display, we added 20 or so photos from circa 1912, in anticipation of the upcoming 100th anniversary of the Calgary Stampede in 2012. We continue to feature the main streets of southern Alberta towns in the late 1800s/early 1900s.

Some 350+ people signed the guest book, including visitors from across Canada, outside of Canada including several states in the U.S. (Texas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Colorado, Vermont, West Virginia, Washington, California, Illinois) and several international points (England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, France, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Belgium, Hungary, Czech Republic, Mauritius). The comments in the guest book were uniformly positive on the display. While it was tucked in the back of the Western Oasis, the booth seemed to get a lot of traffic, albeit less than the location in the Stampede Market. The traffic we did get was better – for the most part, folks genuinely were interested in southern Alberta history.

Similar to last year, we had a vehicle on loan from the Remington Carriage Museum in Cardston. While the replica "Western Passenger Wagon" was of interest, it was positioned away from and somewhat disconnected with our display. The Stampede's safety folks also deemed the stagecoach unsafe to get in and out of which detracted from the photo opportunity that had been very popular in past years. The Committee is thinking about how we can rectify this situation.

We received considerable "soft" financial support from the Calgary Stampede Western Showcase Committee in the form of a new booth, the display space and day passes for the SAPD vol-

unteers. The support was not only for the 2011 Stampede but has been committed going forward.

A big thank you to Jim McDonald from SAPD as well as Linda Clarkson and Kate Gernat from the Calgary Stampede Historical Committee for their time spent on the phone filling the approximate 90 time slots required to staff the booth for the 11 days. This is a big and important task. Also thanks to Dave Wake, Bud Vine, Ian Campbell and Bill Murphy.

The booth was staffed by the following volunteers:

David Ballard
Peggy Barr
Carla Begalke
Joanne Best
Sheila Betke
Bev Blue (CSHC)
Bob & Lyla Brewster
Roy & Mary Burke
Bill & Conie Cherniak
Pat Chudey
Linda Clarkson (CSHC)
Jim Colvin
Trudy Cowan (CSHC)
Mary Duborg
John Dutton
Jim Eagleson
Mac Elder
Don & Kerri Fipke
Kate Gernat (CSHC)
Keith Hall
Gwen Hanna
Janet Hawes
Virginia Holmes
Craig & Sarah Hope-Johnston
Bill Jackson
Ruth Jackson
Toby Lawrence
Charlene Lyndon
Wally & Anita Madill
Richard Martin
Jim & Bev McDonald
Bob McKay (CSHC)
Jim McPherson
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Bill Murphy
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Myra Sanders (CSHC)
Beryl Sibbald
Lionel & Sue Singleton
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Rick Smith (CSHC)
Mike Stewart
Ken & Terri Thompson
Lynne Thornton (CSCH)
Cathy Torfason (CSHC)
Susan Turner
Orlo Tveter (CSHC)
Bud Vine
Dave & Betty Wake
Don Wilson (CSHC)

As I have mentioned in previous reports, we need to broaden the list of SAPD volunteers involved to continue to mount this display, including eliminating the need for a number of people doing multiple shifts.

We will be doing a debrief on the 2011 display to identify what, if any, changes should be made for next year's display. If you have any comments or suggestions, I'd be grateful if you would pass them along to me by phone (403-389-6758) or email (mike@ballinacurra.net).

Sincere thanks to all involved.

*On behalf of the
SAPD Stampede Display Committee,
– D. Michael G. Stewart*

Historical Committee Report

Our Monday committee meetings will begin again on September 12. We meet from 10:00 am until 1:30 pm. We have gained two new members, Iona Shaw and Bill Murphy to our small group.

We will miss Mary Lynas who was with us for 15+ years. Mary passed away in July. We will also miss Patricia Cox who has been a long time member. Patricia has health problems which get priority attention.

– Joan Davis

2011 Calgary Stampede Parade

All photos courtesy of Linda Chudey



Toonie Stampede Breakfast Report

What a difference good weather makes for the success of an event. We probably had the largest crowd ever.

Jim McDonald and I would like to extend our appreciation to the many volunteers who helped out this year to make this function a success. J.B. Isaacs provided the grills to cook the pancakes and sausages and he got the units fired up for our cooks Keith Hall and Bill Nelson. Meanwhile Buster Schwieger and Ernie Rice mixed up the pancake batter. Ken Thompson and Jim McDonald served hot pancakes and sausages at the serving table. Thanks also to my granddaughters for manning the orange juice dispenser, to the coffee makers and other helpers for a great job done! The contribution everyone made helped offset the cost of the food.

A special treat this year was the music and songs provided by Russell Moore. Russell has been a member of SAP for several years. Russell is the son of long time members Howard and Norma Moore.

– Dave Wake

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– Bill Murphy



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Pioneer Tea at Rotary House

All photos courtesy of Linda Chudey



Chinook Country Historical Society Calendar of Events

September 2011

Tuesday, Sept. 27, 7:30 pm, Free Program
Fort Calgary Historic Park, 750 - 9 Avenue SE
Talking About THOSE Women
Belinda Crowson talking about Lethbridge's Red Light District 1881s to 1944

October 2011

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 7:30 pm, Free Program
Fort Calgary Historic Park, 750 - 9 Avenue SE
Creating Cornerstones: A History of the YWCA of Calgary
Tonia Fanella and Pernille Jakobsen

November 2011

Tuesday, Nov. 22, 7:30 pm, Free Program
Fort Calgary Historic Park, 750 - 9 Avenue SE
Military History
Rory Cory, the Curator of the Military Museums in Calgary

December 2011

Saturday, Dec. 3, Tickets Required
Fort Calgary Historic Park, 750 - 9 Avenue SE
CCHS Christmas Luncheon
Doors Open at 10:30 am
Fort Calgary – Past Present and Future
Sara Jane Gruetzner

January 2012

Tuesday, Jan. 24, 7:30 pm, Free Program
Fort Calgary Historic Park, 750 - 9 Avenue SE
Dorsey McDaniel
Wendy Bush shares the life and times of Dorsey McDaniel

February 2012

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 7:30 pm, Free Program
Fort Calgary Historic Park, 750 - 9 Avenue SE
Glenbow Ranch
Susan de Caen and Brian Vivian explore the history of the former Glenbow Community

March 2012

Tuesday, Mar. 27, Tickets Required
Location TBA
CCHS Annual General Meeting
AGM: 5:30 pm, Dinner: 6:30 pm
With guest speaker Harry Sanders talking about the **History of Hotels in Alberta**

April 2012

Tuesday, Apr. 24, 7:30 pm, Free Program
Fort Calgary Historic Park, 750 - 9 Avenue SE
Sam and Jane Livingstone
Lyn Hancock

May 2012

Tuesday, May 22, 7:30 pm, Free Program
Fort Calgary Historic Park, 750 - 9 Avenue SE
Sir Sam Steele
Lorain Lounsbury, Senior Curator of Glenbow Museum's History Collections

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EVENTS

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 Leanne Bateman, 403-238-1351.

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

Sunday, Jan. 15, 2012 – Social/Pot Luck held at the SAP Memorial Building, 2:00 pm. Hosted by Linda Chudey, 403-225-0698.

Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012 – Social/Pot Luck held at the SAP Memorial Building, 2:00 pm. Hosted by Iona Shaw, 403-873-1204.

Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012 – International Food and Wine Party held at the SAP Memorial Building, 7:30 pm. Hosted by Peter Cox, 403-252-4220.

THE NOTICE BOARD

Historical Committee

Please submit Family Histories to be entered in our archives. Contact Patricia 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 will start again on September 12. 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.

Board Meetings

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

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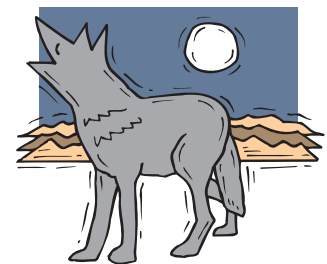
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91st ANNUAL ROUND-UP

*Saturday, November 5, 2011
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Cocktails 5:30 p.m.

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

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Guest Speaker to be announced

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2011

LUNCHEON AT 12 NOON

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT 1:00 P.M.

PRESIDING: PRESIDENT, DAVE WAKE

AGENDA

1. *Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held October 23, 2010*
2. *Business arising from the minutes*
3. *President's Report – Dave Wake*
4. *Treasurer's Report – Joe Ferguson*
Appointment of Auditor
5. *Membership Report – Maureen Peckham*
6. *Committee Reports*
7. *Election of Board of Directors for 2012*
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.*