



SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS

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President's Message

As the last blasts of winter work their way through, it is a good time to reflect on the events of the winter as well as look forward to the upcoming spring and summer activities.

We have had a very social few months. The Family Games and Potluck days were ably convened by Laura White, Iona Shaw and Judi LaLonde. These events offer a genial outing to look forward to in the coldest days of winter. These get-togethers follow the traditions of the early pioneers seeking warmth and friendship to help pass the winter days. The International Wine Tasting was a hit, with John and Rhonda Hutchings putting on a superb evening.

The building committee under the guidance of Fran Copithorne continues to keep the Memorial Building in top repair. The new gate is almost in and it is already adding a stately look to the property. We would like to thank all who came out for a few hours on the morning of Saturday, April 28 for the Building and Yard Clean-Up. Likewise, all members are kindly invited to Champion Park on Saturday, June 2 for their spring clean-up day. This is an all-day affair. Come for a short time or a long time. Contact Fran at 403-271-1972 about both events. A special thank you to Buster Schwieger as he retires from his many years on the building committee and thank you to Jim McDonald for stepping up to join the committee.

The Historical Group under Joan Davis continues to meet every Monday morning. Preparations are underway for the Stampede Display and I encourage you to call Jim McDonald at 403-282-1942

to book a shift at the booth during Stampede Week. Take a look at the events calendar to make sure you don't miss out on the Stampede week events (the BBQ, Rotary House Tea and Stampede Breakfast). If you are planning to attend these and would like to take the opportunity to get to know some of your fellow members a bit better, please contact the convenors to offer a couple of hours of help.

The Board continues to work through the items 'on the table': the IT review, the lease and the bylaws. The lease has been received and we are in the process now of reviewing it prior to signing. It will be a relief to have this behind us. Thank you to all the board members and Joan Davis and Bud Vine, our pioneer Lady and Gentleman, who came out to welcome our new members in March.

All of these activities are reliant on volunteers and we are fortunate to have so many dedicated volunteers. To all new and old members, whatever your interest or vocation, the Southern Alberta Pioneers offers a rich and rewarding experience. See you at the events!

— Kathleen Rogers, President

STAMPEDE PARADE

Just a note to thank members for their interest in this special parade. We have many willing participants at this time.

— Linda Chudey
SAP Parade Coordinator



ANNUAL STAMPEDE BARBECUE

Saturday, July 7, 2012
at the Memorial Building

Cocktails 6:00 pm

Dinner 6:30 pm

Rain or shine, 3 large tents

Appearances by Stampede Royalty
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Convener: Judi La Londe

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Last day to place an order is Saturday, June 30, 2012. Tickets must be ordered **AND PAID FOR** in advance. Please make out your cheque payable to Southern Alberta Pioneers and mail to Gwen Hanna at 7048 - 22A Street SE, Calgary, T2C 0X2.

Note: your ticket purchase is not confirmed until payment is received. For your convenience, ticket purchases can be confirmed over the phone when placing your order. Please provide credit card information. Your tickets and credit card sales slip will be mailed to you or, if your order is placed during the week of June 25 to June 29, you can request that tickets be held at the Memorial Hall for pick-up on the day of the BBQ.

International Wine Tasting – February 25, 2012

This sold out event was held on a mid-winter's evening. The inclement weather managed to scare off a few souls but all in all it was a very nice evening spent socializing with our fellow Pioneers with a roaring fire going and lots of wonderful food and wine to tempt all. The evening kicked off with a bit of Sparkling Wine followed by a taste of Italy, Canada and Argentina with a bountiful and delicious assortment of food from the countries selected. It was wonderful to see such a nice group of people mingling and chatting and enjoying what

was presented.

There was a host of volunteers who helped with this event which was much appreciated by the convenors, as it was their first time hosting. A special thanks to Gwen Hanna for looking after the ticket sales, Iona Shaw for her veggie tray, Fran Copithorne for her beautiful fruit arrangement, Moyra Ferguson for bringing the Tourtiere Turnovers and to Pat Rodrigues and all the others who helped out in the kitchen and hall and made sure all were looked after. We were lucky to have family members Jessie and Laura

Hindle and Anna Rogers helping out in the kitchen just prior to the event. Their help was invaluable.

We think this is a good indication to keep this popular event going as it is a great opportunity to meet everyone in such a beautiful setting.

Let's hope we can keep the old and new members coming out to this event in the future.

Thank you to all who attended. People make your party and they were a very enthusiastic and interesting crowd.

– John and Rhonda Hutchings



Barbara Nelson, Rhonda Hutchings, Bill Nelson



Excellent wine and gourmet appetizers.



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Pipes for All Occasions



Calling All Rotary House Tea Volunteers

We need your help. The Stampede Rotary House Tea will be held on Tuesday, July 10th. Please help us make sandwiches the day before the tea on Monday, July 9th at 12:30 pm at the Memorial Hall.

We also need baking so bring your favourite squares and cookies. Tea and goodies are served at the tea from 2:00 to 4:30 pm on Tuesday and we need your assistance to serve our guests. There is always great conversation at the sandwich making and helping out at the tea is a chance to see old friends and meet new ones.

If you can help out by making sandwiches, baking and/or serving the day of the tea please call Pamela Hilton at home 403-934-2637, cell 403-630-4050 or email at whitehawkcranch@gmail.com.

Treasurer's Report

Since my last report there have been several very positive occurrences

First, a long time member and former Director, Bob Rintoul, made a donation to the Pioneers, of \$50,000. The donation is designated for the construction of a new entrance gate. Any funds remaining after completion of the installation will be retained for future maintenance costs. It should be noted that this is the second project that Bob and Nola have donated funds for; the first being the paving of the parking lot.

Well done and a warm thank you to the Rintouls.

Secondly, after long drawn out negotiations with Alberta Gaming, the proceeds from the 2010 casino have been transferred to the Foundation. Those funds, \$70,500, combined with the funds generated from the 2012 casino, will look after our ongoing building operating costs and expected capital improvements for the Memorial Building

for the foreseeable future. There are a number of major repair and improvement projects which need to be undertaken this year and we are well prepared financially to proceed with these.

Our rental revenues continue to track ahead of last year and after deducting directly related rental costs (security, custodian's salary and cleaning costs) will provide a net contribution of nearly \$35,000.00. Many thanks to our building custodian Sherry Toffin for her good work.

Success can sometimes be expensive. Fern Dorsch and her merry band of cookbook sellers have sold out all the copies of the original printing. A reprinting was ordered and because of the printer's minimum order requirements, 1,000 copies were ordered, at a total cost of nearly \$10,000. However the really good news is that the new printing comes in at a much reduced price per copy; \$9.50 versus \$12.95 for the first. Well done.

The various social events continue to provide much enjoyment for those who attend and because of careful attention to costs move ever closer to a break even position. The Wine event produced a net return of nearly \$500, despite the bad weather.

In summary, we continue to be in an enviable financial position. The Southern Alberta Pioneers organization is a striking example of what a dedicated volunteer group can accomplish.

Respectfully submitted
– Joe Ferguson, Treasurer

Cookbook News

Great news! After many requests, we have reprinted for the third time, our ethnic cookbook, **Pioneer Kitchens Our Heritage from Many Lands**. This book has been especially popular with younger people, as the recipes are a little different, yet pioneer, easy to make and inexpensive. What a perfect gift for birthdays, showers, Mother's and Father's Days. It also makes a great gift, made locally, for visitors from out of province. Despite high printing costs we have kept the price at \$19.95. To get your copy call Fern at 403 279 2793.

Membership Report

THIS NEWSLETTER CAN BE READ & PRINTED AT www.pioneersalberta.org.

In Memoriam:

Bonnie Edworthy, Vi Baskill, Jim Mackie, Evelyn Atkinson, Rev. Bill Sayers, Hugh McKeivitt and Jean Winter.

New Gold Card Members:

Bev Snell, Dennis Mooney, Mary Burke, Gwen Hanna, Donald Cross, Barbara Kwasny and Edith Edge.

Welcome To New Members:

Maureen Hill, descendant of Edward and Mary Burke, Davisburg, September 1889

Darwin Hawryluk, descendant of Johannes Andersson, Cardston, May 1887

Michael Cook, descendant of Thomas H. Crump, Gleichen, 1890

Tanys MacGowan, descendant of David Lambert Mudiman, Ft Macleod, 1883

William Walsh, descendant of Neville James Lindsay, Calgary, August 1883

Florence Anderson, descendant of Charles Albert Vaile, Fish Creek, 1887

E. Joan Coren, descendant of John Oliver York Shaw, Fish Creek, July 1883

Katherine Bishop, descendant of George Cook, Calgary, 1884 and Walter Moss, Shepard, 1889


Sharon Hoiland and Diane Deve-sahyam, descendants of Samuel William Shaw, Fish Creek, 1883

Welcome To New Associate Members:

Jeff Hill and Goldie Shaw

Thank you for notifying me of any changes (address, phone number, e-mail). E-mail sap.membership@shaw.ca or phone 403-271-5483.

– Maureen Peckham, Membership




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Building Committee Report

The building committee has been looking after our meeting place this winter and waiting for Spring to come so we can get on with the projects that are on hold from last fall.

Gates are being installed and will be a very nice asset to the building. Thank you to Bob Rintoul for this generous donation; they will be enjoyed for many years to come. More information will follow upon completion of the gates.

Buster Schweiger has decided to hang up his saw and hammer but will be around for advice and help with pancakes. Thank you for your hours and years of service Buster. Welcome on board to Jim McDonald who will fill the vacancy.

New red carpet was installed going down the stairs. The old carpet was installed back in 1992, purchased with the money from the sale of cook books.

If you have a key to the building would

you please give me the number so it can be entered in the updated new key book?

Spring spruce-up took place on April 28 – a few hours of work and fun to keep the building and grounds looking good. Jobs little or big, the committee always gets it done. Thank you for all your work.

– Fran Copithorne

STAMPEDE DISPLAY

Just a reminder that if any member wishes to work at our display, please phone or e-mail Jim McDonald at 403-282-1942 or jaymcd@shaw.ca in order to have the time slots that best fit your schedule.

A SAP in the Family Tree

“Next time you need a boost, think about the story of your ancestors,” The Boston Globe says. “In a new study, researchers found that thinking about one’s ancestors motivates people and can even improve performance on intelligence tests. It didn’t matter whether people thought about long-dead ancestors or living grandparents, or whether they considered positive or negative aspects of their ancestors. Thinking about friends or oneself didn’t generate the same effect, suggesting that ancestors have a special association with success and perseverance.”

– Michael Kesterton, *The Globe and Mail*, Tuesday, January 25, 2011

2012 “Toonie” Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, July 14 at the Memorial Bldg, 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



FAMILY DAY POTLUCK

Sunday, September 9
2:00 pm at Champion Park

Bring your children and grandchildren for a fun-filled afternoon.

Enjoy the trampoline, horseshoes, paddle boats on the water (small children need to bring their own life jackets), fishing (remember to bring your fishing rod) or just relax on the dock or in the gazebo. Share your afternoon visiting with family, new friends or long-time friends.

We supply AAA beef, buns and specially tuned baked beans. You just bring your favourite appetizer, salad or dessert.

What a great way to end the summer!

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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 February 28 and 29, 2012.

This great group of volunteers included:

Alice Schwieger
 Audrey Rice
 Barb Nelson
 Beryl Sibbald
 Bev McDonald
 Bill Jackson
 Bill Murphy
 Bill Nelson – 2 shifts
 Bob Brewster
 Buster Schwieger
 Dave Wake
 Edith Morlidge
 Ernie Rice
 Fran McTaggart
 Gina Christopher-Shah
 Greg White
 Gwen Hanna

Helen White
 Iona Shaw
 Jim McDonald
 Joan Hampaul
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 Judi La Londe
 Karen Clark
 Kathleen Rogers
 Leanne Bateman
 Les Bell
 Mary Burke
 Moyra Ferguson
 Nancy Thompson
 Pat Rodriguez
 Roy Burke
 Roy Clark
 Sandy Pedlar
 Stephanie McSween
 Wayne Bateman

Also, a big 'thank you' goes to our back-up crew: Bill Holmes, Brian Rogers, Helen White and Ken Thompson for standing by, 'just in case'; and to our 'nuts

and bolts' munchie maker, Agnes Rouse.

The proceeds from our share of the 'Pool' will be used primarily for the on-going upkeep and improvements to the Memorial Building and grounds.

– Pat Rodriguez, Casino Coordinator

New Member Day

Our second annual member orientation was held at the Memorial Building on Sunday afternoon, March 25, with approximately 40 people in attendance. Membership Secretary Maureen Peckham provided us with a list of new members who have joined over the past several years and Kathleen and I called them to invite them to the event.

The purpose of the event is to introduce them to the organization and the many events held each year and to show them the services provided to members and the resources available at the building. Dave Wake set up the photo display to introduce the new members to the Stampede display. Iona Shaw was on hand to discuss Library resources available, and Joan Davis had the vault open for them to review their family histories.

Thank you to the members who came to participate and special thanks to those who brought baked goods, it was really appreciated.

– Bill Nelson and Kathleen Rogers



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

MEMBER NAME TAGS (Magnetic)

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Volunteer Appreciation Day

Ice Cream Treats for the Young and Not so Young

The winter weather persisted, but with the daffodils and spring flowers there was a hint of Spring for the Sunday afternoon Volunteer Appreciation Day held on April 15.

For the 40 or more attendees, there was the now traditional Ice Cream Sundae treat. With instructions from my predecessor, Dave Wake, that 'no speech is necessary', it truly was a mutual appreciation day with a relaxed afternoon of

socializing and enjoying the company of fellow members.

It is due to the many, many volunteer hours (and behind the scenes prompting) from our members that we are able to move forward to keep our organization flourishing for future generations. Thank you to Iona Shaw for volunteering to volunteer at her own appreciation day as co-host!

– Kathleen Rogers



Hilda and Theo Reiner



Allen Collins and Herm Thielen



Barbara Kwasny



Carla and Gage Begalke



Alice Schwieger



Virginia Holmes



Karen and Roy Clark



Emily White

Pioneer Families of Southern Alberta

Reprint of *Pioneer Families of Southern Alberta* and the *Addendum* of 96 pages of over 800 new names.

Pioneer Families: \$25.00
Addendum: \$15.00

Get your orders in soon.
Clarence Davis (403) 251-4915

Calgary's 1890 Riot

An excerpt taken from the *Memoirs of a Pioneer Mother, Fond Remembrance of My Family and Those Who Follow* by Barbara Mary George, Victoria, BC, May 24, 1924

Note: "Dad" was Barbara's husband, Dr. Harry George

"In 1890 Dad bought lots on 8th Avenue East, then called Stephen Avenue. They were not far from the barracks and in 1891 we built a nice brick bungalow and moved in that Fall.

In 1890, Dad was called to see a man named Albert Keast who lived in a shack just across the Elbow River. He found him suffering from smallpox. He came to the fence and called me to phone the Town Officer and the other doctors. Dr. H.S. McKid drove up and saw the case and agreed on the diagnosis.

Some Chinese who kept a laundry had, a few days before, been discovered to be convalescing from smallpox and had been taken to a shack beyond the river, near the mouth of Nose Creek, where a camp of NWMP was stationed to keep them in quarantine. Unfortunately, they had been sending out laundry and so the infection grew and spread through the town. The town authorities had caused the shack they lived in and its contents to be burned to the ground but it was too late.

First Mr. Keast, then several others were sent to the camp. The Government asked Dad to take charge out there, so he had to leave his town practice and go out and live in a tent to look after the suffer-

ers. Two of the Grey Nuns from the Holy Cross Hospital volunteered as nurses and were untiring in their care of the patients. One was Sister Claire.

This lasted for nearly 2 months. When the Chinese were free of infection and were allowed to return to town, the people were all up in arms at their release and there was a riot, and they chased the Chinese out of town. They were found nearly starved by the police and they took them to the barracks to protect them. Meanwhile, the mob looted the Chinese shacks and cut off the pigtails of any they could catch.

They were very irate with Dad for letting them out of quarantine, and refused to believe they were free of infection. They declared they would attack our house in revenge and would go to the guardroom and take the Chinese out and kill them.

Inspector Cuthbert came to tell me this in the early evening. I was alone with a young maid and two little children. He brought me a big 44 revolver, loaded. I was almost afraid to touch it. So many police were guarding the camp he could not send any to the house, but he gave us a set of signals with lamps to use from our back window. His wife lived behind us and in turn would signal the barracks if we needed help.

All the police not in quarantine camp were needed to patrol the streets and defend the guardroom. I was terrified! We put out our lights and pulled down the blinds and Emma and I sat with that big

revolver on the table in front of us, just trembling with fear, not knowing what the mob would do.

After a while we heard them tramping down the street, shouting and yelling and firing off revolvers. They passed our house and went on to the barracks and demanded the Chinese be given up to them. The guard turned out 20 men under Sergeant Haynes, and when the mob found out they were prepared to resist they turned around and went back to town, passing our house without any more disturbances.

Soon after, the Inspector sent me word that he thought all was safe, and we might go to bed without fear, as the Police Patrol would be on the streets all night.

The next night we got our old friend, James Llewellyn Wilson, to come down and sleep on the couch in Dad's office, so we would have a man in the house in case of further disturbance. They said he would never hear as he was very deaf, but I got the poker ready and declared I would go in and wake him with it if there was a need.

Two women and their babies died but all the others recovered and in time the camp was closed and Dad could come home. As all his clothing and bedding had to be burned, I took him out a complete set of clothes the day before and left them on the trail by the Police Camp. I forgot a hat, so he had to drive home without one."

– Submitted by Jim MacDonald

Historic Calgary Week

Be sure to mark Friday, July 27 on your calendar as the date when the Southern Alberta Pioneers welcome participants of Historic Calgary Week to the opening session at the Memorial Building. That day beginning at 9:45 a.m. there will be four presentations about southern Alberta history; two in the morning, two in the afternoon. These will deal with Senator James Gladstone, Colonel Macleod, JJ McHugh, and the community of Eau Claire.

This year, Historic Calgary Week celebrates Calgary as the designated Cul-

tural Capital of Canada with the theme "Culture, Commerce, Community: CONNECT!" from July 27 to August 6, 2012.

The opening session is hosted by the Southern Alberta Pioneers and is followed during the week by five noon-hour programs at Central United Church, along with presentations at Memorial Park Library, Lougheed House, Chinatown, Fort Calgary, Heritage Park, and the Calgary Stampede amongst others. There will be several family concerts, walking tours of communities, and features in Cochrane, Morley, High River and Okotoks.

The complete program (July 27 to August 6, 2012) will be printed in a brochure available (in late June) at Calgary libraries, 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 27, 2012 for the first of many presentations from a part of Historic Calgary Week 2012 – the 22nd year of programs dealing with history, and celebrating the fifth year of SAPD association with this event.

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EVENTS

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

Saturday, July 7 – Stampede BBQ held at the SAP Memorial Building, 6:00 pm. Hosted by Judi La Londe 403-272-5675.

Monday, July 9 – Sandwich Making for Rotary House Tea, 12:30 pm. Contact Pam Hilton 403-934-2637.

Tuesday, July 10 – Rotary House Tea held at Rotary House, 2:00 to 4:30 pm. Hosted by Pam Hilton 403-934-2637.

Saturday, July 14 – Pancake Breakfast held at the SAP Memorial Building SAP Memorial Building, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Hosted by Dave Wake 403-288-5545 and Jim MacDonald 403-282-1942.

Friday, July 20 – Historic Calgary Week Opener held at the SAP Memorial Building. Hosted by David Ballard and Joan Davis 403-251-4915.

Sunday, Sept. 9 – Family Day Pot Luck held at Champion Park, 2:00 pm. Hosted by Fran Copithorne 403-271-1972.

Saturday, Oct. 20 – AGM and Luncheon held at the SAP Memorial Building, 12:00 to 3:00 pm. Hosted by Pat Rodriguez 403-279-6435.

THE NOTICE BOARD

Historical Committee

Please submit Family Histories to be entered in our archives. Contact Joan Davis, 403-251-4915.

Deadline

Deadline for newsletter copy and photos to be submitted in writing at the monthly Board Meetings or emailed to Jan at mjhawes@explor-net.com. Newsletter printed January, May and September.

Historical Committee

Regular weekly meetings Mondays, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Contact Joan Davis, 403-251-4915.

Sick and Visiting

Please notify Peggy Barr at 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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To place an ad in this publication, please call Beryl Sibbald at 403-932-5584. Deadline to place a classified ad is the SAP Board meeting prior to publication.

Members are encouraged to support the businesses advertised in our newsletter.

Congratulations to our Southern Alberta Pioneers member Neil Brown on his re-election as MLA for Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill.

Memorial Building

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