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President's Message

As 2012 wound down, we were treated to two wonderful, well-planned social events. The Annual Roundup at the Palliser was a great event with talented speakers and entertainment. The Christmas Party at the Memorial building involved great food, wonderful music and carolling. Both events were planned and carried out by Leanne Bateman, along with her family and many volunteers – great job on both events. The Memorial building looked incredible with the seasonal decorations – thanks to Fran Copithorne and her team for that.

Our work continues with the City of Calgary with lease negotiations and grant applications. Kathleen Rogers continues to spearhead our lease negotiations and has gathered a lot of material and information regarding our lease history with the city. We are hopeful to complete negotiations early this year and will keep you informed of our progress. We are learning the new process for grant applications implemented this year, as you will read in Joe Ferguson's report, and will be preparing for submissions as required in March 2013.

This year, we have also continued our efforts to strengthen and build our great relationship with the Calgary Stampede. Kathleen and I met with incoming Board Chair Bob Thompson and past Chair Steve Allen. We came away with a better understanding of where the Stampede is going from a historical point of view, and were able to share with them our

rich history and how we continue to value our cooperative relationship. We also met with Linda Huggard, the chair of the Parade Committee, and Dave Wake met with the members of the Historical Committee and had productive meetings both times.

One of the biggest challenges a new President faces at the start of their term is filling all of the required volunteer positions to host our various social events each year. This year has been no exception. Before we could start filling in the convener list, we needed a Chair for the Social Committee. I am pleased to report that we had two members volunteer to co-chair this year: Linda Chudey, in addition to her Parade duties, and Maureen Hill.

We do, on occasion, hear from our volunteers that they love to help out but do not appreciate some of the criticism they sometimes hear from our membership. To assist us in retaining as many volunteers as possible, I would like to suggest that "If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all".

We as a board appreciate and actively solicit the opinions of our many members and past leaders and place great value upon them. If you are not happy with an event and want to vent, please direct comments to the President and not to the volunteers. The reason for this is that Presidents are expendable and we replace them once a year whereas many of our dedicated volunteers can last 10,

20, 30 or more years. They are the very backbone of this organization and we are always looking for past volunteers to remain and for new members to step forward.

It has been an absolute pleasure to lead our new and dedicated board. We have a great balance of experienced members along with new members and the future leaders of our organization, and I look forward to the year ahead with much enthusiasm.

On behalf of my wife Barbara and I, we wish you and yours a happy holiday season and we hope to see you at the many events in 2013.

- Bill Nelson, President



*International
Wine Tasting Night*

*Saturday, February 23, 7:30 PM
SAP Memorial Building*

92nd Round-Up 2012

The Crystal Ballroom at the Palliser was once again the setting for this year's 92nd Round-Up. Tables were decorated with candles and greenery. The formal part of the evening began with the traditional march-in of the Head Table led by our Piper, Stephanie McSween who has graciously piped in our head table 26 times. The program started off with a rousing rendition of O Canada lead by Carol Duborg, who valiantly tried to keep us in tune. Kathleen Rogers introduced the Head Table and this was followed by the Rev. Theo Reiner offering a "Prayer of Remembrance" for those members who have passed on since the last Round-Up. Peggy Barr, with Stephanie piping a lament in the background, poignantly read each of their names, giving a short bio for each of our departed members. Rev. Theo Reiner then offered the time-honoured grace.

The Palliser again served a wonderful meal of the long-standing tradition of Alberta Prime Rib and fall vegetables followed by warm apple pie with hot rum sauce. With the meal enjoyed and the dishes cleared, Kathleen offered the Toast to the Queen and continued as our host for the evening. She introduced Dr. Neil Brown, MLA for Calgary Mackay-Nosehill and a Past President of the Southern Alberta Pioneers. Neil brought greeting from his colleagues at the Alberta Legislature. Kathleen then introduced Fred Stephenson from the Northern Alberta Pioneers and Descendants who brought greetings from his Association. This led into a special time of the evening when Kathleen in-

roduced our members who were receiving special recognition, namely: Joan Davis, Pioneer Lady for 2012 and Bud Vine, the Pioneer Gentleman for 2012. Each year the Nominating Committee selects Associate Members to be recognized for their valued contribution to the Association. This year's recipients were Joan Trimble, as Honorary Associate Lady, and Brian Rogers, as Honorary Associate Gentleman. Brian offered much appreciated support and counsel throughout the year as Kathleen fulfilled her duties as President. Joan is one of those volunteers who often is the first to phone to ask "is there anything I can do?" She spent countless hours planning, setting up and taking down for many of our socials, which would not happen without dedicated volunteers such as Joan. All those who enjoyed the stampede BBQ owe a big thanks to her and Gary.

In her outgoing Presidents remarks, Kathleen commented on how much she has enjoyed her year as our President. Kathleen then introduced Bill Nelson, our new President for 2013. As Bill spoke he gave some insight into his family history. It is a story worth hearing first hand, so when you see Bill at a function, get him to regale you with some of his stories. Maybe there might even be one that includes the Brewster's?

Noted historian, Bob Sanford, was our guest speaker for the evening. Bob took on a journey of "A Sense of Place". He reflected on how one's personal history merges with the larger history of a community and region. He described how

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Membership Report

Please Note: If you have not paid this years dues, you will find a coloured notice with your newsletter.

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In Memoriam:

Peter Loughheed, Helena Douglass & Jean Atkey

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Dianne Dutton, Descendant of William Lineham, Okotoks, 1882

Constance Martin, Descendant of Charles Traunweiser, Calgary 1880

Anna Rogers & Laura Alvey, Descendants of John & Edith Linton (Van Wart) Calgary 1884

Guy Cochrane, Descendant of William Ainscough, Cardston, 1890

Tiffany Nelson, Descendant of James I. Brewster, Morley 1879

Welcome to New Associate Members:

Jesse Hindle

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92nd Annual Round-Up: Door Prize Winners

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one's life is reflected in where they live, and vice versa. "Sense of place is only established when a relationship to a specific landscape or culture captures you and makes you a local by choice." He took us on a journey, humorously describing some of his travels and how they ultimately bring him back home to the Rockies.

We finished the evening with the music and songs by Russell Moore who graciously and professionally offered his music to the event. Guests moved their chairs closer so that they could enjoy. As I glanced around the room I could see toe tapping, people singing along and smiles of recognition of songs. We are very fortunate to have a membership with such an array of skills and talents.

Thank you to the Round-Up Committee and especially Gwen Hanna for again handling the ticket sales, Fern Dorsch, Pat Rodriguez and Wayne Bateman for their support at the Round-Up. I would also like to thank all those in attendance for their contribution in making the evening a success. Also a big thank-you to Rhonda Hutchings for organizing the door prizes.

Mark your calendars - November 2, 2013 is the date for the 93rd Round-Up.

Submitted by- Leanne Bateman,

Congratulations to all the winners and a big thank you to the following businesses and individuals for their continued support for making this event possible.

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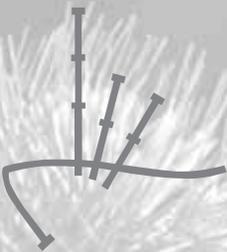
Tiffany Nelson

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Peggy Barr

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Donated by Rhonda Hutchings &
Leanne Bateman:

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Pipes for All Occasions



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- Bill Murphy



Treasurer's Report

The last three months have been busy: preparing for the 2012 audits, preparing and submitting our application for City grants, filing various regulatory reports and starting work on a "look forward" at our ongoing financial needs.

First, I'm pleased to report that due to the efforts of our social conveners and volunteers, there continues to be improvements in the financial outcomes of these events. The Round Up was at a near break-even level as was the Christmas Dinner. Many thanks to Leanne Bateman and all her volunteers.

As part of our financial look forward we are preparing a five year projection: a business plan which will show estimates of operating income and expenses which, when combined with a projection of our capital needs will give us a road map going forward. I should note that one of the requirements in the upcoming new City lease will be to provide them with five year operating plans. The first draft of the plan is nearly complete and will be reviewed by the Board in the New Year.

A very important source of funds for our capital expenditure requirements is the City of Calgary Capital Conservation Grant program. On October 1, 2012 we submitted an application for grants to support our proposed 2013 capital expenditures. I'm disappointed to report that only two of four projects were approved; the log refinishing contract and the Capital Renewal Plan. The latter is a study and report by Stantec Engineering which provides us with direction for future capital asset renewal requirement timing. It is worth noting that the two rejected projects will be re-submitted in March 2013 in some revised form in hopes they might meet the City's requirements.

In my last report I indicated that rental revenue had declined. This did not improve with the result that we fell short of last year by about \$ 4000. However rentals for the October - December period have increased and we will be ahead of last year at this time by \$ 3500. December produced almost \$ 9500 in rental revenue, the largest December in my memory.

As part of the "Look Forward" initiative, Gary Trimble, a director and retired investment advisor was asked review our investment portfolio, its returns and suitability for our needs. His initial report, although preliminary, indicates we remain on the right track, which is minimal risk with commensurate returns. Gary will continue to review this area and report to the Board.

We remain in very good financial condition with more than adequate resources to meet our foreseeable needs.

On a personal note I wish to advise that this is my last year as treasurer. It has been a very rewarding experience for me; in particular meeting and working with so many dedicated volunteers and I will treasure the friendships that have resulted. So if you are or know someone who might consider taking over this position please contact me or Bill Nelson. I would be happy explain the time requirements and duties relating to the position

Respectfully submitted
Joe Ferguson
Treasurer

How Things Have Changed In Alberta

"Tar Sands for Roads"

The High River Times, December 15, 1927

Alberta has long believed that in the tar sands deposits of the McMurray area, it possesses an asset that will prove of value to the country. For two years experiments with this material as a road surfacing agent have been conducted at Jasper Park. By somewhat crude process the bituminous sands of the north were broken down. It was transported at considerable cost to Jasper where it was used to surface some 40,000 square yards of highway. The dominion government report states that the experiment has been successful. There is confident expectation that the tar sands will prove to be a valuable resource, especially in regard to road construction.

Submitted by Jan Hawes



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Call for Convenors

We have had some great events to date. These would not be possible without our wonderful volunteer community. We are grateful for our members who have agreed to be convenors or help in some other capacity with events.

We still need to find convenors for the following events:

Int. Wine Tasting Night	Saturday, February 23/13	7:30 PM
Family Games /Pot Luck	Sunday, March 17/13	2:00 PM
Rotary House Tea	Tuesday, July 9/13	2:00-4:30 PM
Round up	Saturday, November 2/13	5:30 PM
Christmas Dinner	Saturday, November 30/13	5:30 PM

Some of these events require more planning than others. If you have been reluctant to take on an event because its size, perhaps you could partner with someone and co-convene it. Please consider one of the events above as it would be a shame to cancel an event for lack of a convenor. Many hands make light work!

Contact: Maureen Hill @ 403 225 2392 , or Linda Chudey @ 403 225 0698

2013 Stampede Parade

This year we will again be inviting all members to be part of the 2013 parade. This is a fun event that offers you the best seats at the parade. If you are willing to dress in period costumes call as soon as possible to have your name included on the 2013 wait list. Priority is given on a first come basis. We have been asked to have the lineup submitted by April 1, 2013 and therefore need an early commitment from participants. To be a part of this event call soon!

Linda Chudey 403 225 0698
SAP Parade Coordinator

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Historical Committee

A Letter by Bob Brewster

My great grandparents came from Alvinstown Ireland to Kingston Ontario where my grandfather was born and raised. As a young man he came west to the Winnipeg area and learned the trade of teamster and Ferrier in 1877. His first trip to the west was freighting to Fort Edmonton with the Red River carts. While at Edmonton he got acquainted with Reverend John McDougall. They hired him and his brother George to go south to Fort Benton, Montana to buy a herd of cattle and drive them north to Edmonton which took all summer. The buffalo were fast disappearing from the prairies and meat was required for winter food at the mission.

A couple of years later there was a silver strike found west of Banff, a bit east of Castle Mountain so all the mountain men stampeded there to stake a claim. My Grandfather staked a claim and spent the winter looking for something that didn't materialize, but he knew the railroad was coming west and got a permit to cut trees to make railroad ties. He and his brother's timber berth were on Brewster creek close to the town on Banff.

About this time the Reverend John McDougall from Morley had gone back east to raise money for the mission, where he met and married Elizabeth Boyd at Owen Sound Ontario and they came back to Morley. She was so impressed with the west she talked the rest of the family into coming here as well. They went south to the Missouri River then by river boat to Fort Benton, then by wagon to Morley. My Grandmother was just a girl and told my Dad that buffalo were crossing the river in thousands and the river boat had to stop for about two days. She said the crew roped some of the calves and pulled them aboard for fresh meat. These girls were some of the first white girls in Alberta so naturally they were a big attraction for the mountain men (my Grandfather being one of them). He met Mary Jane Boyd and they were married by Reverend John McDougall on December 14th, 1887 at Morley church.

My Grandfathers services as a Teamster and scout were called upon by the North West Mounted Police during the Riel Rebellion as he was familiar with the trails in the area.

They lived in Morley until the country was being opened up to homesteaders. My Grandfather knew the country between Calgary and Edmonton, all along the Edmonton trail so he and his two brothers all filed on land a mile and a half east of the town on Bowden. My Grandfather built a two storey log house that became known as the White House and was used as a stopping point for many weary travelers. They lived there until he built a motel in Bowden, the fall of 1897. A friend asked him to come to Golden, BC and manage his hotel for the winter. My father James I Brewster was born on March 29th 1898 at Golden, BC.

The family came back to Bowden to stay until Dad's sister Bess wanted to finish her high school and go into nurses training so they moved to Calgary (West Mount Blvd). My Dad was one of the first graduating classes from Crescent Height High School.

My father joined the army at Mewata Armories when he was seventeen, and 3 days later he was on the train east on his way to England. He had his basic training in England and on his 18th birthday was shipped to France. When the war ended he was on the out skirts of Cologne, Germany. He was a gunner and the big guns were all moved with horses up to the front lines and then the horses were moved back a few miles to a safer place. At night they were used to pack shells up to the front line. My father was an excellent horseman so when the war ended Nov 11, 1918 he had to stay and look after the horses and he didn't get back to Calgary until the following spring.

His Uncle George had a horse ranch south of Nordegg, so Dad went to work with him. The country between Banff Park and Jasper Park was being surveyed so they had a contract to pack the surveyors into the mountains, set up camp, then return to Nordegg for a months supply

of food, then back to move the camp. He had to make the trip once a month with a string of pack horses. In the winter they used teams of horses to haul mine props to the coal mine in Nordegg.

My Dad felt it was time for a permanent home so he came to Bowden to the original homestead, bought an additional half section of adjoining land through the V.L.A., met and married my Mother Jean Elizabeth McLaren and proceeded to raise a family of 6 of which I am the second oldest.

My Father raised Belgian draft horses as most of the farming was done with horses prior to World War two.

When my Uncle George died the government said Dad could have all the wild horses he could catch for the next three years so he and some local cowboys would go to his old ranch south of Nordegg in March to round up and catch as many as they could. As soon as they had then trained enough to trail they would drive them from Nordegg to the farm at Bowden. It was always very exciting when they would arrive with a herd of mustangs.

We as kids were always involved in 4H both cattle and grain clubs. I never had a bicycle but always had one of the best saddle horses in the country.

Lawson Boyd (relative) had a chuck wagon outfit so in my teens and early twenty's I got to outride at the Calgary Stampede.

When lyla and I married I moved to Calgary and have lived here ever since. We have 2 sons, four grandchildren and five great grandchildren. I've been a member of the Pioneers for about 40 years and active for a good many of them and am also a past president.

Submitted by Robert John (Bob) Brewster

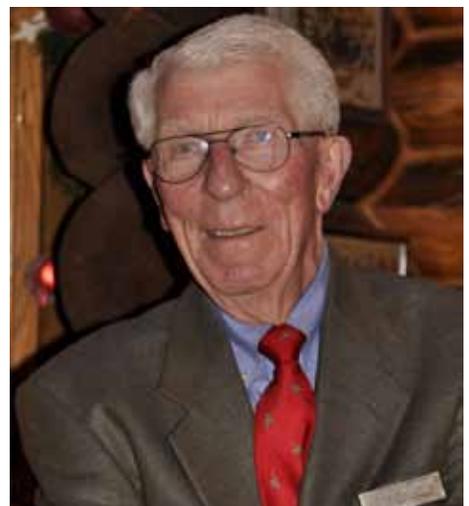
Christmas Party 2012

We had a great Christmas Party for 95 members and guests on Saturday, December 1st. There was a light dusting of snow to give that magical Christmas feel. Tara Bateman played Christmas tunes on the piano as the guests arrived. Rev. Theo Reiner said grace and the gobbling began. The turkey dinner was provided again this year by Extreme Catering and was delicious. After dinner Herm Thielen led the group through a rousing group of Christmas carols accompanied by Tara on piano.

A big thank you goes out to our behind the scene of Garry & Joan Trimble, Kerri & Don Fipke, Wayne Bateman, Dave Wake, Joe Ferguson, Barb Bateman, Darren & Tara Bateman, Iona Shaw, Bill & Barb Nelson, Agnes Rouse, Pat Rodriguez and our ticket master, Gwen Hanna.

Congratulations to our door-prizewinners. \$75 in donations was collected for the Interfaith Food Bank the year.

-Submitted by Leanne Bateman, Photos by Linda Chudey



Building Committee

The Building committee continues to do many small jobs keeping the inside in top shape. A new coat of paint and wall patching was done in the lower level kitchen. The walls around the bar and doors were also painted and new hardware added on the doors. Stoppers were also added on the bottoms of the bigger doors. All light fixtures and ceiling tiles were fixed. Grants from the city are still awaiting approval so we can go ahead in the spring and get the outside of the building redone and looking good again.

Sherry has planted over 300 Tulip bulbs in the flower beds this fall, and come spring there will be Tulips in all colors around the building.

Bob Brewster has announced he will be hanging up his hammer after many years of service on the committee. Thank you Bob for all the hours you generously donated.

Welcome David Mackie to the committee and we look forward to putting you to work.

The SAP building was decorated for Christmas and a big Thank You to all who came out to help. It is fun to do and takes such a small amount of time. Don't forget what goes up must come down and will be done Jan 5th at 10 am.

The committee would be pleased to hear of any ideas you might have to improve the building.

Thank you to all on the committee for your time and advice this past year.

Submitted by Fran Copithorne

Stampede Display 2013

Plans are well underway for the Stampede Display for 2013. We will occupy the same space in the Western Oasis, in the BMO Center as we have for the last 2 years and, again, team up with the Calgary Stampede Historical Committee.

At the present time we have booked the Stagecoach from the Remington Carriage Museum to be part of our display at the request of the Calgary Stampede. We have some new photos to add to our collection this year as does the Stampede Historical Committee. It promises to be another interesting display.

Our committee welcomes new SAPD member Sue Priel who has agreed to assist Bud with the development of the photos for the display.

Jim will also get help from another new SAPD member Joan Hampaul to formulate the volunteer roster.

The SAPD Stampede Display Committee....Bud Vine, Jim McDonald and Dave Wake welcome Sue and Joan to our committee and look forward to their assistance

Although the Stampede seems a long way off you can contact Joan at just.joanny@gmail.com or phone at (403) 282-8515 for volunteer info.

For more information, please contact:

Dave Wake
(403)288-5545, dcwake@shaw.ca

EVENTS

Sunday, January 13 Family Games /Pot Luck

Held at the SAP Memorial Building,
2:00 PM.
Hosted by Laura White 403-271-6055.

Sunday, February 10 Family Games / Potluck

Held at the SAP Memorial Building,
2:00 PM.
Hosted by Iona Shaw 403-873-1204.

Saturday, February 23 International Wine Tasting Night

Held at the SAP Memorial Building,
7:30 PM.
Host to be confirmed.

Sunday, March 17 Family Games / Potluck

Held at the SAP Memorial Building,
2:00 PM.
Host to be confirmed.

Sunday, March 24 New Member Orientation

Held at the SAP Memorial Building,
2:00-4:30 PM.
Hosted by Bill Nelson 403-478-2455
and Kerri Fipke 403-271-9581.

Sunday, April 14 Volunteer Appreciation

Held at the SAP Memorial Building,
2:00 PM.
Hosted by Bill Nelson 403-478-2455.

Saturday, April 27 Building and Yard Clean Up

Held at the SAP Memorial Building,
10:00 AM.
Hosted by Fran Copithorne
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Sunday, May 5 Gold Card Tea

Held at the SAP Memorial Building,
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Hosted by Moyra Ferguson
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Historical Committee

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Joan Davis, 403-251-4915.

Deadline

Deadline for newsletter copy and photos to be submitted in writing at monthly Board Meetings or emailed to Kathy Nelson at kathy.nelson@shaw.ca. Newsletter printed January, May and September.

Historical Committee

Regular weekly meetings will start again on September 10. Mondays, 10:00am to 2:00 pm. On the rare occasion a meeting may be cancelled if the hall is booked for another function.

Please call Dave Wake 403-288-5545 or 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.

Advertising

To place an ad in this publication, please call Beryl Sibbald, 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.

Memorial Building

Bookings phone 403-243-3580 (office)403-287-2489 (hall), fax 403-287-2485.

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