



SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS

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President's Message

As I sit here looking out the den window and pondering the 20 cm of fresh snow in the front yard, and realizing that the Masters golf tournament is on TV for 7 hours today, I wonder why I scheduled an Ice Cream Social for today!! The weather may have reduced our numbers but we had some very enthusiastic ice cream eaters today and a great time was had by all.

This is just one of the many great social events held since our last news letter. The Family Games/Pot luck events were well attended and a lot of fun. Thanks to Laura White, Iona Shaw and Barbara Nelson for convening these events. The International Wine Tasting event was sold out again and many thanks go to Kathleen and Brian Rogers and Maureen and Jeff Hill for hosting this very successful event.

We continue to work with the City on a number of key areas. Firstly, we continue to have some problems with their new system of approving grant applications for repairs to the Memorial Building. These grants provide significant dollars to maintain our building and are worth the extra time it may take to get on side with the new process. When we receive our new five year life cycle report we will be able to plan out several years in advance for upcoming major items and will make the grant applications flow smoothly.

The second area continues to be our lease negotiations. We have agreed with our city liaisons on the majority of the key issues outstanding. We have been advised that they will be presenting and recommending our lease terms to City Council in the fall. Fingers crossed that we can complete signing the new lease prior to the AGM.

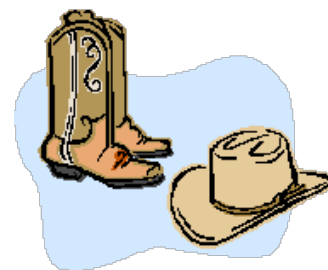
Another requirement in the new City lease is the submission of an annual plan. Joe Ferguson prepared the financial portion and I prepared the strategic portion of our plan and presented both to your board and the City.

Special thanks to Moyra Ferguson and Jim Eagleson our pioneer Lady and Gentleman who continue to attend all of our events and welcome those attending and are always more than willing to share their knowledge and love of this organization.

Please check the web site event calendar for the upcoming Stampede events and contact the conveners and offer your assistance as it is a great opportunity to meet fellow members and enjoy our organization.

- Bill Nelson, President

ANNUAL STAMPEDE BARBEQUE



**Saturday July 6, 2013
at the Memorial Building**

Cocktails: 5:30 PM
Dinner: 6:30 PM
Rain or shine, large tents

*Appearance by Stampede Royalty
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Tickets may be mailed out to you or held for
Pick-up at the hall at the day of the BBQ.

SAPD New Member Day March 24, 2013

Our third annual new member orientation was held at the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants Memorial Building on Sunday, March 24, 2013. This successful initiative was introduced by Past President, Kathleen Rogers, to provide an introduction for new members to the many activities and resources of the Association.

New members and their families were invited to enjoy ... at their leisure, the many treasures the building has to offer. The Memorial Building itself is a representation of an authentic log cabin, the pictures, artifacts and memorabilia take us back to the late 1800's, a celebration of those early pioneers.

The SAP Vault (J. & J. Taylor, mfg. 1855-1867) is opened once a year to provide the members an opportunity to view the contents and the history of their Pioneer families.

Joan Davis, Iona Shaw and members of the Historical committee were on hand to answer questions, as well as provide information about our large resource library. Bud Vine and Dave Wake provided a historical photo display, this is always very popular and can be seen in its entirety at the annual Calgary Stampede.

Tea and baked goods were served; it truly was a family affair, with members spending the afternoon with their Children and Grandchildren. Thank you to all members who attended and contributed to the afternoon.

Bill Nelson & Kerri Fipke

Historic Calgary Week SAP Memorial Building

Members of the Southern Alberta Pioneers are invited to mark the date of Friday, July 26, 2013 on their calendars and join in the Historic Calgary Week 2013 activities. There will be four presentations at the Memorial Building beginning at 9:45 a.m. (two in the morning and two in the afternoon). SAPD hosts the opening ceremonies and the sessions which follow. Plan to bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the patio and the grounds.

The theme this year is "Walking Through History" and runs from Friday, July 26 to August 5, 2013. It serves to provide an opportunity to celebrate Calgary and Alberta history through talks, walks and events for the whole family. There are many sessions scheduled, including weekday noon-hour programs at Central United Church, Tuesday and Wednesday evening programs at the historic Memorial Park Library and other activities at various venues around Calgary.

A complete program brochure will be available at Calgary libraries and bookstores, and at the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants display booth at the Calgary Stampede. Also, the program soon will be posted online at www.chinookcountry.org

Please plan on joining us on Friday, July 26, 2013.

Submitted by David Ballard

Membership Report

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

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

In Memoriam:

Isabelle Johnston, Patricia Fearey, Lillian McBride, Elizabeth Harris, Barbara Brownbill & Clarence Davis

New Gold Card Members:

George Edworthy, Anita Madill & Ronald Tebo

Welcome to New Members:

Susan Priel, Descendant of Cyril Evertt Johnson, Calgary 1888

Heather Van Hereweghe, Descendant of Thomas Ellis, Jumping Pound 1886

Kelley Abercrombie, Descendant of Elizabeth Hudson, Pine Creek 1884

Jeannette Waight & Louise Jensen, Descendants of Sage Murray Bannerman, Red Deer 1883

Rani MacInnes & Terrill MacInnes, Descendants of Malcolm MacInnes, Fish Creek Feb. 1, 1882

Thank you for notifying me of any changes (address, phone #, E-mail)

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Clarence Davis (403) 251-4915

Treasurer's Report

The Southern Alberta Pioneers remain in an enviable financial position. We have a substantial reserve of cash on hand and, as our recently completed five year forecast shows, our ongoing revenue streams will be more than adequate to meet all our operating and capital needs

However, as always seems to be the case, some setbacks occur. On March 1, 2012 we submitted an application for a grant for repair of the damaged foundation brickwork, but it was turned down because of some confusing wording in the contractors quotation. We re-submitted this request on October 1, 2012 and were again turned down by the City of Calgary; in this instance because a previously approved project, the exterior log refinishing, had not been completed. We appealed on the basis that because the logwork was only approved on December 15, 2012 the work could not be completed until the spring of 2013. The appeal was refused so we will re-submit in October 2013, and if approval is given, will complete this work by the spring of 2014. This leaves us with the eyesore of the bare foundation, however the additional cost to us of not waiting for the City grant persuaded us to wait. To not wait for the grant would cost us an additional \$ 19,000.00.

Rental revenues declined slightly year over year by about \$ 1,715.00 or 6%. Advance bookings for May and June are looking quite strong so we should be back on track by the end of the fiscal year.

Our investments have shown a nice increase over the past six months, up about 6% through a combination of re-invested dividends and increased market value.

Our social event results continue to show improved financial results, a combined net income of \$ 220.00 for the Christmas Dinner, the Round-up and the Wine event versus a combined loss of \$ 750.00 for the same events last year.

Although certain of our ongoing costs of operation continue to rise simply as result of inflationary pressures those which can be controlled are. In addition consideration will be given the question of increasing our rental rates, the same rates now having been in place for about five years. However some comparison needs to be made with rates in effect at similar facilities before any action is taken.

Respectfully submitted
Joe Ferguson
Treasurer

Calling All Rotary House Tea Volunteers

We need your help. The Stampede Rotary House Tea will be held on Tuesday July 9th. Please help us make sandwiches the day before the tea on Monday July 8th at 12:30 pm at the Memorial Hall.

We also need baking so bring your favorite 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. 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:

Moira Ferguson @ 403-249-9989 or
Iona Shaw @ 403-873-1204

Casino Committee Report

Our next casino is scheduled for Saturday October 26th and Sunday October 27th at the Stampede (Cowboys) casino.

We will need to have a full contingent of volunteers to man all the positions.

For information and to volunteer, contact Pat Rodriguez 403-279-6435 or email pat.rodriguez@shaw.ca.




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Social Committee

We wish to thank all the members who have stepped forward to be conveners. As many of our members are currently chairing more than one event, we are seeking new/young blood to assist with social functions; perhaps in a co-chair position.

Your work makes it possible for us to socialize together and enjoy a variety of activities. A special thank-you goes out to Iona Shaw for taking on the Rotary House Tea. Dave and Betty Wake have volunteered to do the Round Up this year. Leanne Bateman has done the preliminary work and has indicated she will provide assistance for this event with Dave and Betty as well as anyone else who might like to co-chair this event.

We are still in need of a convener for the following event: **Christmas Dinner, November 30**

If you could help with this event or wish to co-chair an event please call us.

As an aside. This is my first year as a member of the SAPD. I wanted to get involved but wasn't sure of what, exactly. I volunteered to help with the social committee and at the time the club was in need of an overseer of all events. I was very apprehensive to take on this role until I found out that Linda Chudey offered to co-chair with me. Co-chairing is a great way to go, with brainstorming, camaraderie, learning the ropes and having fun. I am still learning a great deal as I have not been to all of the events yet this year. Members have been most helpful, co-operative and great to collaborate with, guiding me through the process. If you are leery of coming forward we understand but please don't hesitate as there is plenty of assistance at the club. Maureen

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

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: 403-278-2793



Toonie Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, July 13, 2013
9am to Noon

Outdoors, rain or shine!
SAP Memorial Building

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Volunteers Ensure Trail's History Will Be Preserved



Bill Dunn and Gordon MacIvor beside the new Old Macleod Trail marker at Okotoks.

It has been close to 130 years since bull trains of about 130 oxen loaded with tons of goods lumbered on a trail between Fort Macleod and Calgary.

An Old Macleod Trail marker was unveiled last month at Okotoks.

"One outstanding aspect of the Okotoks marker has to be the close proximity to the still visible trail ruts in the ravine," historian Bill Dunn said. "This marker is definitely located 'on the trail'."

Dunn and other volunteers, including Gordon MacIvor of Fort Macleod, are labouring to refurbish the 15 Old Macleod Trail markers set in place in the early 1980s to commemorate the route, and add new ones. Wheel No. 1 is in Fort Macleod.

Dunn said since the trail was abandoned in the late 1880s, nothing has disturbed the ground in the ravine.

"This coulee being the only natural access to higher ground north of the Sheep Creek valley bottom, meant everything on the trail had to go through this area," Dunn said.

The arrival of settlers and the North West Mounted Police in what was then the North West Territories fuelled the growing need for supplies.

It was more economical to ship from Eastern Canada supplies for what is now southern Alberta on the Missouri River to Fort Benton, Mont.

Fort Benton was the furthest point steamboats hauling 200 to 400 tons of goods could travel on the Missouri River.

The I.G. Baker Co. in Fort Benton would assemble bull trains to move the goods north to Fort Whoop Up and then west to Fort Macleod.

Although called "bull" teams, the wagons were pulled by oxen which were powerful, co-operative and could live off the land.

The bull teams ran only in summer when grass was plentiful for the oxen to eat. Wagons were hitched three in a row with 10 to 18 oxen in front. The three wagons could carry nine tons of freight.

Bull whackers as they were known guided the oxen 10 to 12 miles a day, making slow but steady progress across the prairie. They were known for the colourful language they used to encourage the oxen.

From 1870-'85 bull trains of about 130 oxen pulling 30 wagons carrying tons of goods from Fort Macleod to Calgary every summer made their way along the Macleod Trail.

Stage coaches also followed the Macleod Trail, carrying passengers and the mail, pulling up at five strategically located stopping houses along the way.

In its heyday the Macleod Trail was a lifeline for people depending on goods and mail that had made its way along the Missouri River to Fort Benton, Mont.

Those glory days ended for the Macleod Trail with the coming of the railway.

The addition of this Macleod Trail wagon wheel marker in Okotoks brings the total to 17 wheel markers on the Macleod Trail between Fort Macleod and De Winton.

The trail marking project which was begun in the foothills in 1980 is proceeding north to Calgary with more markers to be installed in the future.

"It is very exciting to at last have the trail remembered in this way," Dunn added. "I'm very thankful for the overwhelming support of the Okotoks community in making this happen."

For information or to get involved in the project contact Bill Dunn at 403-601-0212 or dunnpat@platinum.ca.

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at (403) 279-5621.**

International Wine and Food Tasting 2013

The 19th Annual International Wine and Food Tasting Night was held Saturday, February 23, 2013 at the Memorial Building. The wines this year were selected from France, Australia and Spain. This event returned to its roots and provided a social opportunity for the board members to get to know one another and meet the members. The evening was enjoyed by all, with the friendly tone of the evening set by our Pioneer Lady, Moyra Ferguson, and Pioneer Gentleman, Jim Eagleson, who offered a warm welcome and a cold glass of bubbly to the arriving guests. Complementing the wines were a variety of hot and cold delicacies. Thank you to all those volunteers who helped with food and wine preparation, set-up and clean-up, and to the directors for hosting the tables. A big thank you to Gwen Hanna and Pat Rodrigues for managing the tickets. And a big thank you to all who came out to enjoy the evening. We tried a different format for convening this years event, deciding to try co-convenors, with the Hill/Rogers families convening. It was a delight to work together, and we encourage more of the same for future events.

-Submitted by Maureen and Jeff Hill, and Kathleen and Brian Rogers



Rob & Sandy Heembrock

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Stampede Display 2013

Plans are well under way for the 2013 Stampede Display. We will be in the same location as the previous 2 years. Several new pictures depicting early hotels in Calgary and a couple of early city maps will be added to pictures we have had in the past.. The Western Passenger Wagon (Stagecoach) will return at the request of the Calgary Stampede.

The Stampede Historical Committee are planning on featuring the OH Ranch with pictures past and present.

A big THANK YOU to all who have volunteered already to man the booth. Joan Hampaul has been busy on the phone and tells me we are about 70% complete which means we have about 40 choice positions left.

Why not team up with your son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter to introduce them to the Southern Alberta Pioneers.

Written information pertaining to the Display and your gate pass will be mailed out about the middle of June.

Call Joan Hampaul at (403) 282- 8515 or Dave Wake at (403) 288-5545 if you can help.



**Stephanie McSween
Piper**

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Pipes for All Occasions



2013 Stampede Parade

I would like to thank all members for their interest in this year's parade. At this time we have a full line-up but as changes often occur, I do keep a waiting list. If you are interested in being on the waiting list you may contact me. Because we are an historic entry and not a western entry, I would like to remind participants that the dress for the parade is period costuming NOT western wear. For participants who do not have their own costumes, there are a limited number of costumes that may be borrowed from our organization. You will need to contact our secretary, Sandy Pedlar, to arrange this at the beginning of June.

Linda Chudey, SAP Parade Coordinator
403 225 0698

SAVE THE DATE!
93rd Annual Round Up
Nov 02/2013 Palliser Hotel,
Alberta Room
Price \$75/per person
Guest Speaker: Harvey Locke

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



EVENTS

Friday, July 5

Pre-Parade Breakfast

Held at the Rotary House, 6:30 AM.
Hosted by Kerri Fipke 403-271-9581.

Saturday, July 6

Stampede BBQ

Held at the SAP Memorial Building,
6:00 PM.
Hosted by Joan and Gary Trimble
403-255-5273.

Monday, July 8

Sandwich Making

Held at the SAP Memorial Building,
12:30 PM.
Hosted by Iona Shaw 403-873-1204

Tuesday, July 9

Rotary House Tea

Held at the Rotary House,
2:00-4:30 PM.
Hosted by Iona Shaw 403-873-1204

Saturday, July 13

Pancake Breakfast

Held at the SAP Memorial Building,
9:00 AM - Noon.
Hosted by Don Fipke 403-271-9581

Friday, July 26

Historic Calgary Week- Opening Day Presentations

Held at the SAP Memorial Building,
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM.
Hosted by Joan Davis 403-252-4915
and Dave Ballard 403-282-3716

Sunday, September 8

Family Day/Potluck

Held at Champion Park, 2:00 PM.
Hosted by Fran Copithorne
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Please submit Family Histories to be entered in our archives.

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.

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