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President's Message

As May comes so does hope for green grass and a healthy calf crop. The winter has been easier to cope with and several events at the Memorial Building were enjoyed. The three Sunday socials; Wine & Cheese evening, New Member Day and Volunteer Appreciation Day had smaller crowds but still enjoyed by those in attendance. The display of historical photos continues to be very popular and educational.

This display will be at the Western Showcase during the Calgary Stampede and has been invited to also be on display in Medicine Hat July 22-25 during their Exhibition and Rodeo.

A big Thank You to all convenors & volunteers that keep the organization active.

There is always a need for more volunteers with July being extremely busy with the Calgary Stampede Parade, Stampede BBQ, Rotary House Tea, Pancake Breakfast, Displays at the Calgary Stampede, Medicine Hat Exhibition and Historic Calgary Week.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer and hope many will be attending our events such as BBQ, pancake breakfast and Rotary House Tea.

Sincerely,

J.R. Clark



ANNUAL STAMPEDE BARBEQUE



Saturday July 4, 2015
at the Memorial Building

Cocktails: 5:30 PM
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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.

Historic Calgary Week SAP Memorial Building

Membership Report

Southern Alberta Pioneers celebrates Historic Calgary Week

Continuing a ten-year partnership with Historic Calgary Week the Southern Alberta Pioneers once more will be involved in presenting four pioneer stories on Friday, July 24, 2015 at 9:45 a.m. at the Memorial Building. This year HCW is celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the beginnings of Historic Calgary Week --- which started modestly as a one-day celebration of the historical aspects of our city, growing to the present day 11 days ----becoming more than what could be worked into the 'week'.

To celebrate this 25th anniversary there will be a special pre-opening program featuring the 1997 PBS documentary "Remembering Calgary" followed by a panel discussion on Thursday, July 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the John Dutton Theatre located in the Central Public Library on 7th Avenue SE in downtown Calgary.

Also special this year is the return of the "History Hunt," a feature of the 1991 program. This year's hunt has 25 questions about written history you can find in Calgary without looking in a book. Participants will be looking for details in locations such as bridges, cornerstones, sidewalk stamps and address signs in some of Calgary's older communities. Watch for entry forms in July, prior to HCW. The whole family --- young and old can take part!

The old favourite, a giant Historic Calgary Crossword will once again appear in the Calgary Herald prior to the beginning of HCW, and also in PDF format at the Chinook Country website.

With over 60 events held in Calgary and surrounding districts of Okotoks, Millarville, Cochrane and High River, the HCW 2015 will be an interesting summer festival of events.

Mark on your calendar: Historic Calgary Week 2015 runs from July 24 to Heritage Day, August 3.

Submitted by David Ballard

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In Memoriam:

Giles, Goldie Shaw & John McLaren

New Gold Card Members:

Wilda Allen, Jim Eagleson, Moyra Ferguson,
Margaret Buckley,
Jim McPherson & Clyde Matheson

Welcome to New Members:

Michael Hilton & Jon Hilton – Descendants of Samuel Shaw, Fish Creek, 1883

Wyatt Howkins & Frazer Hawkins –
Descendants of John Clark Sr., Gleichen, 1883

Mary Ann McCormick & Patrick McCormick
– Descendants of Eneas McCormick,
Lethbridge 1889

Mark McMillen – Descendant of Benjamin
Franklin Woodworth, Banff 188

Welcome to New Associate Members:

Edith Morlidge, Del Huber, James Hawkins &
Heather McMillen

Thank you for notifying me of any changes
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Maureen Peckham - Membership

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Treasurers Report

The SAPD board has directed me to set up a trial of PayPal as a payment method for those who might prefer to use that option. We hope to have it available on the website in time to purchase tickets for the Stampede barbeque. You do not need a PayPal account of your own to use this method - you can use your credit card.

As the fiscal year is being adjusted, we will have another year end coming up at the end of May. I would encourage anyone who has expenses to submit for reimbursement or funds collected for the society, to please have those in to the office prior to the end of May.

I would like to thank our manager and bookkeeper, Pam Nicholls, for all her efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen E. McElroy

History Tidbits

Nanton was an early stopping place between MacLeod and Calgary. Its original name was Mosquito Creek.

Okotoks, Blackfoot for rock, was so named because of the glacial boulder located five miles west of the town.

A census taken in Calgary in January of 1884 gave the number of residents as 428. It was said that a good number of people were away at the time.

The C.P.R. built the Banff Springs Hotel in 1886, the Chateau at Lake Louise in 1890 and the Palliser Hotel in Calgary in 1912.

In 1910, in Calgary the wages of the street car conductors was 25 cents an hour.

In 1890, the first General Hospital was built; the first nurse to graduate from the General was Miss Marion Moodie, in 1895; the hospital was demolished in October of 1998.

In 1891 the Sisters of Charity established the Holy Cross Hospital; the school of nursing began in 1906 with three students and the last class was in 1979. The Grey Nuns, Sisters of Charity, operated the hospital for 88 years.

Submitted by Peggy Barr



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Calling All Rotary House Tea Volunteers

The Stampede Rotary House Tea will be held on Tuesday July 7th. Please help us make sandwiches the day before the tea on Monday July 6th 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:

Iona Shaw @ 403-873-1204 or

Joan Hampaul @ 403-282-8515

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Social Committee

Thank you to members who continue to support the ship. New conveners have come forward for some events however we are still in need of one for the Stampede BBQ. Now, most of this event is already planned for and booked. Tents and caterer are booked. Stampede details for queen and princesses, etc are booked. We simply need someone NEW to assist with the last minute details and oversee the big day. It appears as though it is always the same people coming forward, some for more than one event and it would be lovely to have some new faces to share in the experience. Convene with someone else, to lighten the load. There is always someone from the past to assist.

If you would like to help, please contact:

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

Thank you to the following members for recently stepping forward to convene:

Linda Chuday: Feb. Social/ Games and potluck

Eileen Mcelroy: March Social/ Games and potluck

Sandy and David Mackie: November 7, Round Up

The Sunday socials seem to have between 12-15 people attend and it appears as though it is the same ones from time to time. This is a great opportunity to meet new people, play games or simply socialize. The food is always a bonus. We have determined that in the future we will try to inform members closer to the actual date. If you have any new thoughts on how to get more people out we would love to hear about them.



Help! Help! Help!

We have approximately 565 cookbooks to sell, which I am willing to do and enjoy selling. I cannot do it without some help, as I can no longer drive. To enable our association to receive grants and casino funding it is mandatory we bring before the public or purpose, collecting and preserving the history of early settlers.

What better way than selling Pioneer Cookbooks. I will need eight drivers able to lift a light weight fold up wheelchair, call for me between 7:30 and 7:45 am, drive to the Millarville Farmers Market then return to bring me back at 2:30 pm.

I can handle the booth on my own, unless you would prefer to stay. The dates are as follows:

June 13, July 4, July 18, Aug 1, Aug 15, Sept 5, Sept 19, Oct 10

If you are willing to volunteer a few hours of your time, please call Fern at 403-278-2793.



Toonie Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, July 11, 2014
9am to Noon

Convener: Craig Hope-Johnson

Outdoors, rain or shine!
SAP Memorial Building

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Stampede Display 2015

Plans are well under way for the 2015 Calgary Stampede Photo Display. This year we will be featuring the NWMP from 1874 to 1920 illustrating their march west, contribution to early law enforcement and the development of Southern Alberta. Several new photos have been added to tell this story.

The Western Passenger Wagon (Stagecoach) will return compliments of the Remington Carriage Museum. It is used for photo opportunities year after year and welcomed by the Calgary Stampede.

The Stampede Historical Committee is planning on featuring the 50th Anniversary of Harry the Horse as well as photos and memorabilia of the First Nations Princesses.

A big thank you to those who have already volunteered to man the booth. Joan Hampaul has been busy telephoning and sending emails and tells me we are about 80% complete. If you would like to help please call:

Joan Hampaul - (403) 282- 8515 or Dave Wake at (403) 288-5545

In addition to the entry at the Calgary Stampede this year we have been invited to take a photo display to the Medicine Hat Rodeo from July 22nd to 25th. We are planning to take our four tri-fold display boards to mount about 120 regular sized photos as well as several easels to mount larger ones on. Our committee is looking forward to venturing out of Calgary with what we know will be a great display.

Dave Wake,
Chair,
Stampede Display

Last Homage Paid George Clift King, First Calgarian

Tribute Paid Pioneer City Postmaster by Community

Sunlight filtered through the stained-glass window of the Pro-Cathedral, grey-haired comrades of many years' standing filled the main body of the church, and flowers in rich profusion banked the chancel when George Clift King, Calgary's first citizen, received the final benediction of the church Saturday afternoon.

The beautiful and moving burial service of the Anglican Church was read by Very Rev. Dean H. R. Ragg, and Venerable Archdeacon Tims, pioneer missionary. His lordship Bishop Sherman pronounced the benediction.

The regimental colors of four battalions hung motionless in the still air as veteran mounted policemen, the city police force, old-timers of the city and surrounding district, and former colleagues of the postal service filed into the church to pay their last tribute to the old North West Mounted Policeman – the first member of the famous force to set foot on the site where the city now stands. A sigh and quiet footsteps along the aisles were the only sounds that broke the stillness as the church filled up. Men preponderated in the two centre sections, reserved for representatives of the Mounted Police, the postal associations and the Southern Alberta Pioneers' and the Old-Timers' organization and, well down in the body of the church the scarlet tunic of a Mounted Police officer was a vivid accent of color, echoed in the jackets of the six stalwart constables of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police who acted as pall bearers.

As 2 o'clock sounded the black-robed clergy, in their white surplices, preceded by the tall gold cross, left the vestry to meet the funeral cortege and the voice of the dean was heard intoning the familiar words. "For he that believeth in Me is not dead, but shall have life everlasting".

Veterans of 1874 proceeding up the centre aisle, the clergy were followed by the honorary pall bearers, a group of veteran Mounted Policemen who, like the man they had gathered to honor for the last time, has played a romantic role in western history. Three, Major Fred Bagley of Banff, Col. James Walker and John Herron of Pincher Creek, were like their dead comrade, veterans of the old force of 1874. R. W. Fletcher and "Peach" Davis, 1876, Col. G. E. Sanders and Arthur Brooke completed the small company. In their wake came the pallbearers, walking slowly in front of the bier. Close relatives followed.

The short and dignified service was over in less than half an hour. There was no funeral oration, and the two hymns chosen were "Peace, Perfect Peace", and "Abide With Me". Dean Fagg read the 90th Psalm, and Ven. Archdeacon Tims the 15th chapter of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians, in which occur the words: "and this mortal shall put on immortality and death is swallowed up in victory".

Prayers were read by the dean and the solemn benediction given by the bishop. During the singing of the closing hymn 60 letter carriers, the same number of postal clerks and 20 former employees of the postal service under leadership of J. B. Corley, district director of postal services; W. J. Cartwell, representing the post office department at Ottawa, and H. Morgan, president of the Alberta branch of the Canadian Postmasters' Association, filed from the church and proceeded to the Public Building, there to form a double guard of honor through which the cortege passed in front of the post office, closed for a brief space of time as a tribute to the man who held the office of postmaster for 36 of the 60 years he resided here.

Immediate relatives attending the funeral were Mrs. King, two sons, George of Edmonton, and Edward of Calgary, two daughters, Mrs. G. Freeman, Vancouver, and Mrs. L. S. Walker, Calgary.

Many went to the Union cemetery at the close of the church service, where internment took place in the family plot. Banked floral tributes bore mute testimony to the respect and esteem in which the pioneer was held in this community and throughout the west.

Foster and Foster funeral home was in charge.

The Daily Herald, Second Section, Monday, July 22, 1935, Page 10

Research by great granddaughter Shirley Simmering

International Wine and Food Tasting 2015

The 21st Annual Wine Event was held on Feb 21 this year to an enthusiastic crowd of about 40 to 45 people. Kathleen Rogers and Maureen Hill met in early January to research authentic recipes for California, Chile and Germany. Pairings were completed again this year by the sommelier at Co-op Spirits. In 2013, it was decided to return to the roots of the club by having the directors host the event so they could get to know the members and vice versa. As it turns out, the event this year was hosted by the Presidents, past, present and future. Members and guests were greeted at the door with a gold bubbly from Germany and the party progressed from there. As a side note, even if you do not imbibe this is a marvelous event with fabulous food and conversation. A great way to socialize.

Food was prepared by members and was, once again, fabulous. This is an event to consider a bargain at \$25.00 per person. One member noted her husband attending a beer event for 1 ½ hours for \$35.00 and no food. Something to consider.

Thank you to the volunteers who made this a success once again. Gwen Hanna, Wayne and Leanne Bateman, Gary and Joan Trimble, Pat Rodriguez, Pamela Hilton, Roy and Karen Clark, Kerri and Don Fipke, Moyra Ferguson, Kathleen and Brian Rogers and Jeff and Maureen Hill. We commandeered some members and guests the night of the event for clean- up. Thank-you Heather and friend and anyone else that we may have forgotten.





**Rob & Sandy
Heembrock**

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Trivia

In 1968 on 17th avenue S.W. at about 7th street in Calgary, when excavating for the Mona Lisa art gallery, buffalo bones and stone butchering tools were discovered - 9 feet below the surface. This indicated a butchering site over 800 years ago.

In the Hawkwood area of Calgary arrowheads have been found along with other artifacts in Parkdale, PointMacKay, BowBottom and Strathcona Park.

Twice a year the Black foot tribe loaded their pack horses with buffalo robes, dried meat and furs and made their way to Rocky Mountain House and Edmonton - they purchased knives, kettle, powder, shot and then returned to the foothills south of the Bow River.

Calgary offered one of the best river crossings for many miles and provided shelter in the winter, summer breezes were a relief from the heat as well as protection from the mosquitos.

In the late 1800's the Stoneys did not camp any closer to Calgary than Cochrane. The Sarcees were closer to Rocky Mountain House and Buffalo Lake. It was the Peigans that claimed Calgary area and then moved south to the Missouri River. The Bloods have been known to have wintered at the Bow and Elbow rivers however usually the Black foot known today as the Siksika Nation.

Submitted by Joan Davis.

2015 Stampede Parade

A big THANK-YOU goes out to all who have agreed to participate in this year's parade. Further details regarding passes, time and meeting place for parade morning will follow. If you plan to be away before please keep in touch with me. Also, just a reminder that the dress for this occasion is **PERIOD DRESS, 1870-1890's**, not western wear.

Linda Chudey
SAP Parade Coordinator
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- Bill Murphy



EVENTS

Saturday, July 4

Stampede BBQ

Held at the SAP Memorial Building, 6:00 PM.

No convener yet, please come forward

Monday, July 6

Sandwich Making

SAP Memorial Building, 12:30 PM.

Hosted by Iona Shaw 403-873-1204

Joan Hampaul 403-282-8515

Tuesday, July 7

Rotary House Tea

Held at the Rotary House,
2:00-4:30 PM.

Hosted by Iona Shaw 403-873-1204

Joan Hampaul 403-282-8515

Saturday, July 11

Pancake Breakfast

Held at the SAP Memorial Building, 9:00 AM - Noon.

Hosted by Craig Hope Johnston

403-233-6961

Friday, July 24

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 6

Family Day/Potluck

Held at Champion Park, 2:00 PM.

Hosted by Fran Copithorne

403-271-1972.

Don't miss out on the events. People who attend enjoy them!



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 Joan Davis, 403-251-4915.

Deadline

Deadline for newsletter copy and photos to be emailed to Kathy Nelson-Campbell at kathy.nelson@shaw.ca by the 15th of the month prior to publication. Newsletter is printed January, May and September.

Historical Committee

Regular weekly meetings will start again on September 14. Mondays, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. On rare occasions, 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.

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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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