

SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS

AND THEIR DESCENDANTS NEWSLETTER

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President's Message by John Hutchings President

new year is upon us and what a year it will be. The Southern Alberta Pioneers are celebrating our Centennial year; it was 100 years ago that the Rotary Club invited a group of "Oldtimers" to their luncheon in the Crystal Ballroom at the Palliser Hotel and convinced them to officially form an association. It must have been quite an event as the last of the attending 400 patrons left at 5:00 PM, according to the Calgary Herald.

On tap for the Centennial celebrations, we plan on having some new events and on enhancing our traditional events in order to pay tribute to the founding members of this organization.

One special project we are undertaking is the major upgrade of the Memorial Building, which is due to be completed late March or early April. Please read the separate article in this newsletter for more details.

After completion of the building upgrades hopefully at the end of March, we are planning on having a Grand Re-opening Celebration on May 23rd. Other new events this year will be

- the Centennial Train and
- Octoberfest

Further details to follow.

CENTENNIAL

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Happy New Year to all of the descendants of the Southern Alberta Pioneers

2020 Membership Fees

Members age 18 to 79: \$40/year. Gold Card Members 80+: Free Please address your cheque to Southern Alberta Pioneers & their Descendants and mail to 3625 - 4 Street S.W., Calgary, Alberta T2S 1Y3 or send in your fees by E-transfer to membership@pioneersalberta.org

President's Report continued

It has been quite busy since the October AGM

On the historical side, we had a book series presentation. Larraine Andrews told stories from her new book "Ranching Under the Arch – Stories from the Southern Alberta Rangelands".

For Grey Cup week, **Shelly McElroy** gave a wonderful presentation on the *History of Football in Calgary* to a full house that included Stampeder Historian **Daryl Slade**, and Stampeder Legend #75 **Stu Laird**.

Carolyn Preston and **Shelly McElroy** hosted the first annual book fare where local book sellers set up shop in the Memorial Building.

Kathleen Rogers, Dave Wake and yours truly, John Hutchings, went to Jennie Elliott School to present a historical slide show to the Grade 2 classes and to the Tuscany Seniors home for a similar presentation; the only difference being the demographics. Young and old, they all are fascinated by our rich history.

Our honorary member, **Rob Lennard**, along with **Francie Hagedorn** hosted about 100 Girl Guides and delighted them with stories of the "old days". These sessions help them to earn their history badge.

On the social side, **Karen Clark** served up yet another delicious lunch at the AGM using only farm fresh ingredients; can't get better than that.

The 99th annual Round Up held at the Palliser was enjoyed by all attendees and we can't wait for the big 100th celebration on November 7th in the Crystal Ballroom. Make sure you "Save the Date".

The annual Christmas Dinner was a great occasion; where else can you sing Christmas Carols in such a pristine setting. This was the last Pioneer function held in the building before the renovation.

My gratitude and an invitation to serve

I would like to thank all members for your patience and support while the building is closed. I am confident that it will be worthwhile when the building re-opens with a fresh look and fresh air flow with lots of energy.

As always we are looking for volunteers, especially when the construction is finished and we have to put the building back together. It took 150 work hours to pack up the contents; I dare say it will take considerably amount more to re-install the contents.

We also are in dire need for volunteers to fill

- the position of Vice President
- four Committee Chair positions (see page 5) and
- convenor(s) for the Stampede BBQ

Please contact me at 403-252-2428 if you are interested in putting your name forward for these positions or for any other volunteer opportunities.

Follow the money

Funding for all our initiatives comes from several sources such as:

Facility Rentals:

- Rental income goes towards the building operating costs.
- We are fortunate that we have such a beautiful facility that attracts renters.
- Without rental income the building could not be in operation.

Government Grants:

- City Grants called the Capital Conservation Grant (CCG) is available to a maximum of \$300,000 per year to cover up to 75% of capital project costs.
- Provincial Grants called the Community Facility Enhancement Funds (CFEP) is available in various amount depending on the need.

However, these funds are being rolled back due to budget cuts, plus there is a limited amount in the pool, making it very competitive to secure such funds.

These grants are used for capital improvements to the Memorial Building and Grounds.

Casinos:

- Funds raised through Casinos can only be spent on historic events that are open to the public as per regulations laid out by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (AGLC).
- This year's Casino is scheduled for April $12^{\rm th}$ and $13^{\rm th}$
- To volunteer, please contact Gene Blakley at 403-931-2264. We really depend on our volunteers.
- We can only run a Casino every two years.

Membership Dues:

• Funds are used for general everyday costs to run the business of the Southern Alberta Pioneers.

Donations:

- Donations to the Memorial Building through the Southern Alberta Pioneer Foundation are tax deductible.
- Donations made to the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants are not tax deductible.
- Donations are vital to organizations such as ours as Government Funding is very limited and Membership Dues are a very small piece of the pie.

I hope to see you at our functions this coming year.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Social Report by Maureen Hill

am extremely proud of the events that this organization has been able to host for our members. On behalf of all the members, a heartfelt thank you to those individuals who have assisted with our eight events this past year. Your help is appreciated and most welcome. Our events are successful because of YOU, and will only continue with your support.

We are all volunteers at SAPD and contribute our precious time in a variety of ways. We recognize that everyone is busy with their lives, but we are really in more need of time and support to keep these wonderful events running in 2020 and beyond.

My role as Social Committee Chair is to solicit convenors for the eight different events, as well as oversee and assist when necessary. Last year I personally convened five out of eight events. *Unfortunately, I simply* **cannot do that again this year.**

Membership Report

by Maureen Peckham, Chair, Membership

IN MEMORIUM

Cheryl Bibby, Linda Maurer, Tom Summers and Vera Nelson

NEW GOLD CARD MEMBERS

Barbara Joffe, Laurie Mader, Joan Coren and Roger Hendrickson

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

- Samuel & Marlo Lindsay, descendants of Samuel & Jane Livingston, Morley 1872
- Susan Stewart & Anne Boswell, descendants of James Robertson, Ghost River 1885
- Susan Ross Hamilton, descendant of George Wonnacott, Fort Macleod, 1889

WELCOME BACK

Sandie Hindes and Nancy Townshend

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www.pioneersalberta.org/newsletter

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And please notify me of any deaths, changes to mailing addresses, phone numbers or e-mail addresses.

Contact me via email at <u>membership@pioneersalberta.org</u> or by phone 403-271-5483 We are looking for convenors for two events in 2020:

- 1. The Stampede BBQ and Pioneer Tea sandwich making and
- 2. Tea at the Rotary House.

There are exceptional notes from previous convenors and much of the work has **already been done**. We simply need someone to lead the troupes and execute the last-minute details.

Please contact me if you are willing to convene one or both events, and maybe with the help of a friend. It is easier and more fun if you have someone to do it with. Contact me at 403-225-2397 or <u>moehillg@shaw.ca</u>.

I will show you the way by going over the entire process with whomever takes these events on.

Without convenors, unfortunately these two events may go the way of the Cochrane Christmas Parade, and be cancelled.

In advance, Thank You!

Dates to mark on your calendar

- Spring Yard Clean Up will be April 25, 2020
- Our first big event once we are open after the upgrades is the **Gold Card Tea**, May 3, 2020
- Due to the building being closed for upgrades our **International Food and Wine Event** will be held for the Grand re-opening on May 23, 2020

We will keep you informed of what is happening on our website as well as through periodic updates.

THE NOTICE BOARD

Memorial Building: If you want to reserve the hall once the upgrades are done, contact Gabrielle Leah at 403-807-0550 or sap.office@pioneersalberta.org. http://www.pioneersalberta.org

Cards & Remembering: Please notify Peggy Barr at 403-246-2843 if there are any illnesses or a death in your family, or if anyone has need of a hospital visit.

Historical Committee Meeting: With the hall closed until the end of May, ask about meeting dates, times and location from Dave Wake. Call 403-288-5545.

Newsletter: Send in your stories or articles one month in advance of publication, which is January, May and September. newsletter@pioneersalberta.org <newsletter@pioneersalberta.org>;



Annual Round Up

lovely day at plus 7 was the forecast for our 99th Annual Round Up on Nov. 2, 2019.

Ninety-two guests enjoyed the evenings' festivities in the Alberta Room at the Palliser Hotel.

Past Pioneer Gent and Lady greeted our guests in the foyer. In-coming Pioneer Gent Dave Wake and Pioneer Lady Joan Christianson were ever present with their greetings.

Dale West piped us in under the guidance of Pamela Hilton for the correct order of things. Guests made their way to the tables to get designated seating from Gwen Hanna and Maureen Hill. Gwen assisted Rhonda with table placement and seating arrangements.

Speeches and introductions were made along with many thank you's by our outgoing President, Sandy Pedlar.

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Cheryl Hendry said Grace and played the piano for God Save the Queen / O Canada prior to

dinner being served. Michele Tyrell and the Palliser staff once again ensured the venue was perfect as well as delivering a lovely Prime Rib dinner with all the trimmings.

Larry Vannetta and his band played to an enthusiastic group of dancers and to those who simply enjoyed listening and watching. The evening was enjoyed by all.

Many winners on this night

This year we did not have a silent auction but did have a few draws to present. Ticket stubs were put into the drum for a draw. Thank you to John and Rhonda Hutchings for managing the tickets purchased either by Eventbrite or traditionally.

Gene Blakely was the lucky winner for the Early Bird draw and enjoyed a free night at the Palliser. Thank you Eileen McElroy for having the tickets ready so early.

Thank you to Dave Wake for asking his son-in-law, Tim Begalke, for the donation of two hockey tickets to a Flames Game. These





by Maureen Hill Chair, Social Committee

were won by Ruth Jackson. Thank you Tim.

Anything Grows in Cochrane donated an intriguing picture. Thank you to Beryl Sibbald for making the arrangements for this. Won by a member of Joan Christenson's family.

The lucky winner of a stay at the Fairmont

Chateau Lake Louise was Charlene Lyndon's guest.

Jeff and Maureen Hill were lucky winners too ... a stay at the Fairmont Banff Springs.

Gifts were given to numerous members who have donated much to the Southern Alberta Pioneers.

Thank you so much to the volunteers who have provided so much of their time and efforts to our organization.



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Christmas Party

eather was cool at -7 degrees with snowy conditions in and around the city starting in the latter part of the afternoon of December 7, 2019. Conditions were such that some people from outlying areas did not come in for the dinner. These people were missed.

The Hall looked incredibly festive with lovely decorations and table settings. Guests were greeted by our Pioneer Gent and Lady, Dave Wake and Joan Christianson. 95 people signed up to attend however 12 people did not attend for various reasons.

Thank you, Rhonda (and John) Hutchings for managing



ticket sales for us again. And thank you Gwen Hanna for your assistance with table arranging.

Guests enjoyed mingling both upstairs and down prior to sitting down to a delicious traditional

Christmas Dinner prepared by Alpine Catering. Thank you to Don Fipke who said grace for us.

Once dinner was over, a sing song ensued upstairs. Unfortunately, the piano player missed the evening so our intrepid young singers were on their own. They took the situation in stride and did an incredible job leading us through several Christmas carols.

James Wereford (grandson of Herm and Sharon Thielan) has perfect pitch. His singalong partner, Catie Clynch (granddaughter of Jeff and Maureen Hill) sang in melodic harmony with her powerful



voice. They both sing with groups in the city. How lucky are we.

Food Bank Donations raised \$136.50. Thank you so much for everyone's assistance here.

Also, thanks goes out to others who helped with the party. Many hands make light work.

We would like to recognize Eileen McElroy for making

by Maureen and Jeff Hill Chair, Social Committee

the tickets, Rhonda and John Hutchings (selling and managing the tickets), and the following for their contributions for our successful evening:

Alan Lynus; John and Rhonda Hutchings; Kerri and Don Fipke; Gwen Hanna; Gene and Karen Blakely; Roy, Mary, Gordon and Cindy Burke; Leanne and



Wayne Bateman; Dan Shaw; and those who assisted in any capacity.

If I have missed anyone, please accept my apologies.

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Memorial Building Upgrade Report by John Hutchings President

The building upgrade project is well underway. Most of the building contents, including all the artifacts, books, archives and the animal heads, are in secure, heated storage. The pioneer pictures in the main hall were sent for digitizing by Doug Levis of Levis Fine Art Auctions and Appraisals. A big thank you goes to Doug for providing this service free of charge.

Construction Contract

Longboard Construction Inc. is the Prime Contractor, which means they have complete care and custody of the building during the upgrades and are responsible for site safety. Therefore, everybody, including SAPD members and other contractors, must abide by their rules.

The project is currently on schedule to be completed by the end of March.

Like any renovation, we found some surprises once the demolition of the basement walls and ceilings were done. For instance, windows in the basement were covered over when the front deck and the access ramp on north side were built, and asbestos insulation in the attic above the upstairs washrooms must be removed and be replaced with new insulation. Initial reports that indicated it would not affect construction turned out not to be false.

ENMAX will supply and install the upgraded electric feed (400AMP 120/240) from the pole mounted transformer on 4th Street to the tie-point on the north east corner of the Memorial building. A new pole is being installed at the north east corner of the property and the new line will parallel the Memorial trees before crossing the parking lot overhead to the building, much the same as it is now. No trees will be removed but some of them will have to be trimmed. The good news about this is the ENMAX portion of the work is well under budget.

Project Costs as of January 12, 2020 -

Incurred Costs (Spent)	\$150,180.15	
Costs To Go:		
Project Management Fee's	\$ 7,790.00	
Main Construction Contract	\$367,659.29	
ENMAX	\$ 26,891.44	
Contingency	\$ 60,258.16	
Total Cost to Go	\$462,598.89	
Total Forecast Cost	\$612,779.05	

Cost Exposure to Southern Alberta Pioneers Foundation (SAPF)

Total Forecast Cost	\$612,779.05	
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Funding to Date		
Government Grants	\$480,580.00	
Donations from Members*	\$43,500.00	
Total Funding	\$524,080.00	
Cost Exposure to SAPF \$88,699		

*Represents 33% of our goal of \$130,000. See list of donors on next page.

We have enough money in our Memorial Building fund for the projected gap of \$88,700; however, we don't want to deplete this fund, so we need to keep up our fundraising initiatives.

→ Funding and Government Grants

We were very fortunate in securing the following Government Grants:

Total Grants	\$480,580.00
CFEP 2020 Application (approved Nov 12, 2019)	\$ 75,000.00
CCG 2019 Application (approved June 11, 2019)	\$300,000.00
CFEP 2019 Application (received March 8, 2019)	\$105,580.00



The hardwood floor was refinished with a urethane coating; it looks as good as new.

Memorial Building Upgrade Report continued

Donations:

As of January 12, 2020, donations towards the Memorial Building Fund have been made by these generous people:

	Goal:	\$130,000.00	
Donor	Amount	Accumulative	% of Goal
Barb Depaoli	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	8%
Anonymous Descendant	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00	15%
Nola Rintoul	\$10,000.00	\$30,000.00	23%
Clark Farms	\$ 5,000.00	\$35,000.00	27%
Kathleen & Brian Rogers	\$ 5,000.00	\$40,000.00	31%
Rhonda & John Hutchings	\$ 1,000.00	\$41,000.00	32%
Michael Stewart	\$ 1,500.00	\$42,500.00	33%
Jan & Don Cook	\$ 100.00	\$42,600.00	33%
Catherine Foote	\$ 200.00	\$42,800.00	33%
Alice Huggard	\$ 200.00	\$43,000.00	33%
Jim McDonald	\$ 500.00	\$43,500.00	33%

Schedule:

- December 2, 2019: Mobilization
- December 22, 2019: Last building rental
- December 23, 2019: Carpet cleaned
- December 27, 2019: Building contents moved to storage
- December 30, 2020: Started demolition
- January 8-10, 2020: Hardwood floor refinishing
- January 13-17, 2020: Asbestos abatement
- End of March 2020: Finish Construction

In summary, the project is still projected to come in on time and on budget; however, projects such as this can go sideways very quickly. Longboard is diligent in keeping the project on track but are also at the mercy of the project's architect, IBI, who needs to respond to their questions promptly so as not to hold up work. All the tradesman onsite are fascinated with our building so they are taking great care in their work.

Historical Committee

by Dave Wake Chair, Historical Committee

t certainly is different not to be going to the Memorial Building every Monday for our weekly get-together. On the other hand, with the recent cold spell, it has been nice to stay home.

The Historical Committee spent every Monday in November and December working with other SAPD members packing up the contents of the vault, historical room, downstairs kitchen and storage areas in preparation for the movers to take everything to a storage unit off site. Kathleen Rogers, John Hutchings, and I did, however, take the photo display and the SAPD presentation to the Tuscany Seniors Residence on November 14, 2019. Now everything is on hold until the renovations/ upgrade is complete. We keep thinking of the enormous job awaiting us when everything returns to the building.

Francie Hagedorn will spend a half day at the Stampede School in February teaching grade three students about Alberta's Pioneer History. The Stampede School under the auspices of the Calgary Board of Education holds one-week schools at the Sweet Grass Lodge at the Stampede grounds.

Preliminary work has started on the Stampede Display 2020. Committee members Carolyn Preston, Shelly McElroy and Alan Lynas will be organizing the display this year. The feature will be Women and Children. We will start assembling the volunteer roster in the later part of April. If you have a desired time slot or if you can contribute this year let me know and I will pass the information on. I can be contacted by email at <u>dcwake@shaw.ca</u> or by phone at (403) 288-5545.

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Cookbook Story

Part 1 of the making of Pioneer Kitchens by Fern Dorsch

t all began in 1989 when we needed to raise enough money to purchase a new carpet for our Memorial Building. We were tired of being down on our knees coloring the worn areas with crayons.

So Betty Ann Schmaltz, President, suggested publishing a Pioneer Cookbook. I and thirteen other members, Helen Mackie, Edweena Mair, Anne Vincent, Dora Graham, Helen Eckford, Sally Erdman, Muriel Facey, Ruth Galloway, Vi Baskill, Gwen Hanna, Margaret Buckley, and Carole Peteherych, were keenly interested. Edweena Mair, Past President and wearer of many hats, volunteered to form and head a committee.

Where do we begin?

Edweena had the answer, having been involved in cookbook publishing before. She contacted Centax Books & Distribution in Regina, Saskatchewan, printers of the Best of Bridge cookbooks. She suggested Publishing Director, Margo Embury, attend our committee meeting. Margo agreed, giving us the ins and outs of cookbook publishing and assured us that she would assist from start to finish.

Our next and most important need was funding. Again, Edweena was the ideal person, as she had an amazing way of getting government grants and other means of funding.

Cookbook contents and look

Next we contacted members and friends for suitable recipes made from scratch. We received hundreds requiring many hours of sorting and testing. The committee met once a week in our Memorial Building carrying out this task. Willing cooks made their favorite

dishes and brought them to the meeting for keeping or rejecting by the majority.

Having collected enough for each food group, we needed an incentive to buy the book by adding necessary and interesting information. Since it was a pioneer book, Canadian historical facts were a must. These were collected and chosen by Past President Dora Graham. Poems, Canada's Food Guide, Abbreviations - Cooking Facts, Home Remedies, Quantity Cooking, Table Setting Illustrations were added. Also diagrams of beef and pork animals showing the



location of various cuts.

Art work was the next very important project, as an eyeappealing look is a great selling feature.

We were fortunate in having Helen Mackie, a well-known artist and member of our committee, offer to do the art work as well as choose suitable photos, on loan from Glenbow Museum, that we used to head food groups. The photos would enhance the uniqueness of the book.

Hurray! At last, after all the hours spent over the past year, we were ready for compiling and printing.

Compiling and printing

Helen and Edweena spent several days in Regina working with Margo, selecting paper and print in keeping with the pioneer look. The placement of food groups suggested by Margo were finalized. The name, *From The Pioneer Kitchen,* and the color scheme, brown and pink, were chosen by the committee. Having edited and corrected the sample copy, we were pleased and excited.

Our book came into existence in October 1990. Taking advantage of better pricing with quantity, 2000 books, plus overrun, were ordered.

The time had arrived to put on our sales caps and recoup our expenses and eventually make enough to complete our project.

Join us in May for Part 2 of Cookbook Story

