



SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS

AND THEIR DESCENDANTS



President's Report for October 2022

Hi All

Coming up soon, we will be having our *Annual General Meeting (AGM) and 100th Annual Round-Up Dinner and Silent Auction "Return to the Roaring 20's!"* event as well as starting the planning into our Christmas events.

The Round-Up Dinner and Silent Auction is our key fundraising event and we are thrilled to be back to celebrate! We encourage you if you wish, to come dressed in 1920's period attire as they may have 100 years ago. Our event is hopeful to draw over 200 supporters and participating businesses. In addition to the dance and silent auction, we will also have a photobooth for you to get celebration pictures, and a dance with the Larry Vanetta band.

Tickets are \$95 and are required to be purchased in advance so the Fairmont Palliser can plan for the food. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Order your tickets today if you have not done so already as the deadline to purchase tickets has been moved to October 27th, 2022. Details on how to purchase tickets is available on our website. Please let us know if you have any seating preferences and we will do our best to accommodate.

A special room rate of \$149.00 has been provided by the Fairmont Palliser, please use the following link to reserve your room: <https://book.passkey.com/go/SouthernABPioneers>

IT IS GOING TO BE A FANTASTIC CELEBRATION and I hope to see you there!

We are looking for Silent Auction items and Corporate sponsorships. We do have a donor request letter that we can provide to you if you know anyone that would be interested in making a donation to our event. Please contact me @ president@pioneersalberta.com.

The Round-Up will be followed by our Christmas events:

- Christmas Decorating 19-Nov-22 Memorial Building
- Christmas Dinner 3-Dec-22 Memorial Building

Christmas dinner: we need a convenor to go ahead with the event. Please reach out to Bev or Elaine on the Social Committee if you are interested. Without a convenor, we will not be able to plan the event.

We will be looking for volunteers to help us with each of these events if you are able. Please let any of the Board know if you are interested in helping out at any of these events. Further details are available on our website. Please check out our Calendar of Events – 2022 at <http://pioneersalberta.org/calendar.html>.

This will be my last newsletter communication as President and I wanted to take the time to thank each and every of the Board members and those that I have interacted with over the past year. SAPD is an amazing group of caring people and it has been an honor to serve in this role. All Board members that I have had the privilege to work with are top notch volunteers and give a great deal to this organization. Special thank you to those that have been mentors to me, past presidents, Pam Hilton, Lynn Hoosier, John Hutchings, Kathleen Rogers and Roy Clark. Your guidance has been appreciated. Most importantly – thank you to my family and also to our membership for your continued support. Look forward to seeing you at the AGM and Round-up!!

Shawn Hendry, President, Southern Alberta Pioneers' & their Descendants

Coming Events!

Specific Dates and Jobs for Volunteers

SAPD Annual General Meeting (AGM): October 15, 2022

Location and Time: Memorial Building from 11 am – 3 pm (11:00 – 15:00)

Highlights: Year-end reports from the 2021-2022 Board of Directors and Committees; Election of the 2022-2023 Board of Directors; Vote on changes to the Bylaws

Contact: Shawn Hendry at president@pioneersalberta.org or 403-464-1737

Additional Details: [SAPD September Newsletter](#), page 2

Volunteers needed to set up and take down chairs and clean up at end of event

It is very important that there is a quorum at this meeting for business to be conducted

Round-Up and 100 Year Centennial Gala: November 5, 2022

Location and Time: Palliser Hotel's Crystal Ballroom: Cocktails at 5:30; Dinner 6:30

Highlights: Elegant venue; excellent meal; dancing to a live band; Silent Auction; "Return to the Roaring 20s" theme!

Contact: Shawn or Nicole Hendry at president@pioneersalberta.org or 403-464-1737

Additional Details: [SAPD September Newsletter](#), page 7

Volunteers needed before the event to procure prizes, donations, gift certificates (e.g., for Restaurants in Calgary, Banff, or Invermere; Accommodations in Calgary and area, such as 1 or 2 night stays at Palliser, Hyatt, Le Germain, Hotel Arts, Banff Springs, Chateaux Lake Louise, to name a few). Other desirable gifts for the Silent Auction include wine baskets, gifts of "flowers for a year", spa essentials in a nice basket.

Volunteers need at the event to set up tables, welcome guests at host table, manage the silent auction and take payments, and help with the clean up

Christmas Decorating: November 19, 2022

Location and Time: Memorial Building: TBD

Highlights: Decorating the Memorial Building while visiting other members; a time to show your friends around the Building

Contact: John Hutchings at sap.office@pioneersalberta.org

Volunteers needed to decorate our Memorial Building for the Christmas season

Christmas Dinner: December 3, 2022

Location and Time: Memorial Building: TBD

Highlights: Catered traditional Southern Alberta turkey dinner with all the trimmings and desserts; a time to celebrate with other SAPD members

Contact: Bev Prieur at bjprieur@outlook.com

Volunteers needed to set up and take down tables, set out buffet-style dishes and cutlery, welcome guests, serve guests who need assistance, replenish beverages, direct guests who need to access the washrooms, operate the main porch lift, show guests around who want to visit the Memorial Building, clean up at end of event.

The most urgent volunteer for this event is a convenor. Without you, this event might have to be cancelled!

SAPD Casino: February 10-11, 2023

Location and Time: Elbow River Casino: TBD

Highlights: Challenge your skills while raising money to support SAPD's Historical Committee budget

Contact: Gene Blakley at fshrcrk@xplornet.com or 403-931-2264 (let ring 7x to leave message)

Volunteers positions include banker; cashier; count room supervisor/advisor, sorter, counter, recorder; chip runner. Volunteers must be alert and observant, able to pass a security clearance check, be a minimum of 18 years of age, able to manoeuvre throughout and function within a busy and noisy environment

Wine and Cheese Party: February 2023

We will let you in on the details at a later date so stayed tuned for this highly popular event!

Social Events Need Volunteers

Just as with all non-profit organizations, SAPD's social events rely on volunteers to organize the event, handle registrations and/or the sign-in book, serve guests, and cook and/or clean up after the event. Our history shows that the best volunteers are SAPD Members and their family members and friends. YES! Your friends! Your time will make an impact on the events that we all care about.

Perks for Volunteers

Volunteering can be a brilliant way to show your friends what SAPD means to you and why you are involved. It can also give you opportunities

- to learn about other historically relevant events in Southern Alberta,
- to spend unique time together,
- to socialize in a meaningful and productive way,
- to educate others about your own ancestors and their lives as Southern Alberta pioneers,
- to introduce them to other Members, and
- to launch or reinforce new and/or lasting friendships.

Volunteer work is also a great addition to job search résumés.

You can also contact **Sharon Hoiland**, Membership Secretary, membership@pioneersalberta.org to talk about these volunteer opportunities.