



SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS

AND THEIR DESCENDANTS NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Hello again,
Happy end of Summer.
I hope you are all well and have had some great Summer-time moments with your Families and Friends. SAPD has had a busy time since the Spring Newsletter was sent out. Since the Gold Card Tea, we have put on the following events.

July was a busy month!

The incredible **Pre-Parade Breakfast** was hosted by Sandy Pedlar (in Honor of her Sister Kerri Fipke). She did an amazing job and, all by herself, had it all in place at the Rotary House by 6:00 am! Sandy brought a large assortment of her homemade muffins with yogurt, fruit, coffee, etc. It was fantastic, so a great big thank you to Sandy for that.

See my writeup on and photos of the **Stampede Parade Entry** on page 9 of this newsletter.

The **Stampede BBQ** was a well-attended event held on a spectacular summer evening, and I believe everyone had a wonderful time. A huge thank you to the Hutchings and the Rogers for stepping up at

the last minute to be Conveners for this important event. Our M.C. and Entertainer for this event was Russell Moore who, true to form, did a fantastic job and was great as usual! Also thank you to the fairly large team of supporting volunteers who also made this event happen. You know who you are, as you are always there when we need you.

We held our **Stampede Breakfast** on an exceptionally beautiful, southern Alberta summer morning. The weather was perfect as usual. Jeff Hill convened this event, and it worked out extremely well. Refer to Jeff's summary of the event in this Newsletter. So again, big thanks to Jeff and the regular crew of dedicated volunteers that came out in support of him and this wonderful event.

Another excellent Stampede tradition was the **Pioneer Photo Display** at the Western Oasis. The display was a remarkably interesting and comprehensive collection of black and white photos of Pioneer Women and Children; people who really were



David and Sandy Mackie at the Rotary House

the foundation of the Pioneer people. It is always a terrific experience sharing our history and meeting visitors from all over the world. As one of many volunteers that staffed the display over the 10-day Stampede, I enjoyed the experience immensely and felt very impressed to see the endeavors of all the pioneer women and children. Thank you to Alan Lynas, Carolyn Preston, and the entire Historical Committee for this amazing display.

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The Historical Committee continues to meet on Mondays at the Hall and the travelling Photo Displays they create are always evolving so as to be applicable to specific audiences.

Roy and Karen Clark invited my wife Sandy and I to the 91st **Old Time Rangeman's Dinner** on Tuesday, July 11th. This was an interesting and Historic event as Roy passed on the Reins for the group. This was also the first year the Women came down from the Alberta Room to the Crystal Ballroom to be with the men. Thank you, Clarks, for the great evening!

My wife and I also attended the **Stampede President's Reception and Event** at the Stampede Grounds. At these two events we were able to connect with the Stampede President and CEO,

our Canadian Astronaut Jeremy Hansen, along with other VIPs and Stampede Volunteers. It was good to maintain and foster our close relationship with the Calgary Stampede.

Historic Calgary Week took place in late July.

Since this is my last President's Message, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve you, and for the amazing support from all of you! It has been an Honor to have been elected your President and to guide, support and promote our great Organization.

All the best,

**David Stuart Alexander Mackie, President
Southern Alberta Pioneers' and
Their Descendants
2022-2023**

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To volunteer or nominate someone for **PRESIDENT** or **VICE PRESIDENT**
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president@pioneersalberta.org or call him at 403-510-7769.

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Social Committee:

- Chair: **VACANT**

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- Chair: **VACANT**

SAPD relies on volunteers to serve its members on the Board of Directors and in its various Committees.

Maybe you are a **natural leader, or someone** who just loves to meet people, keep your focus on the goal, trigger enthusiasm in others, and prompt them to carry the team vision. Don't be shy ... your passion and ideas need a seat at the table! And we have members with decades of experience to support and train you.

SAPD requires a President and a Vice President to serve on the Board of Directors for 2023-2024. That could be you! We also have three Committee Chair positions open as noted in the box on the left.

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Annual General Meeting

Saturday, October 14, 2023 at the Memorial Building
Lunch commencing at 11:00 AM. Meeting follows at 1:00 PM

Presiding: David Mackie, President 2022–2023

AGENDA

1. Lunch served courtesy of Karen Clark
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held October 15, 2022*
3. Business arising from the minutes
4. President's Report – David Mackie
5. Treasurer's Report – Brian Rogers
6. Membership Report – Sharon Hoiland
7. Committee Reports
8. Election of the SAPD Board of Directors for 2023–2024
9. Introduction of the Incoming President
10. Incoming President's Remarks
11. Motion to Adjourn

The Southern Alberta Pioneers' Foundation meeting will follow the SAPD's AGM to appoint Directors to the Foundation Board.

There will be an early-bird draw at the 2023 AGM for the Fairmont Door Prize that will be awarded at the Round Up.

*All members are encouraged to attend the Annual General Meeting. Members must be in **good standing and not in default of their fees** in order to attend.

If you wish to renew an inactive membership, a renewal table will be set at the AGM; it will close at the commencement of the meeting (1pm) – or – Memberships can be renewed as directed on our webpage at <http://pioneersalberta.org/dues.html> in advance of the meeting. For more information, please contact Sharon Hoiland, Membership Secretary, at membership@pioneersalberta.org.

Membership Report

by Sharon Hoiland
Membership Secretary

Membership update since the last newsletter.

Welcome to New Members!

Descendant

- ◆ Leslie Gray - Descendant of William Brigham GRAY - 1883
- ◆ Beverley Cox - Descendant of Arthur E. COX - Pincher Creek 1887 and Mary E. WILLOCK - Pincher Creek 1882
- ◆ Janice Debney - Descendant of John and Sarah DEWAR - DeWinton 1889
- ◆ Theresa Hagel - Descendant of James Francis MCKEVITT - Calgary 1883
- ◆ Phillip Godlonton - Descendant of John and Hester GODLONTON - Calgary 1886

Associate

- ◆ Monica Baptie

Friend

- ◆ Cameron Grace
- ◆ Janis Grace
- ◆ Alex McInnis
- ◆ John Bessemer

In Memorial

- ◆ Barbara Kwasny
- ◆ Lorne Fuller
- ◆ Catherine Mary Kennedy
- ◆ Joyce Wilson

Welcome Back to Returning Descendant Members

- ◆ Robbin Legg - Edward & Ellen BURKE, Davisburg Sept 1889
- ◆ JoAnne Paterson - Richard COPITHORNE, Cochrane 1887

New Gold Card Members

- ◆ Shirley Begg
- ◆ Betty Wake
- ◆ Don Fipke



Gold Cards are given to SAPD Members when they turn 80.

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS AS AT JULY 31, 2023

- ◇ Descendant members – 259: Gold Card – 114
- ◇ Associate members – 30: Gold Card – 31
- ◇ Friend members – 16
- ◇ Honorary members – 5

Total: 455

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Please notify any member of the Membership Committee of member deaths, changes to your mailing or email addresses or to phone numbers. We can be reached at membership@pioneersalberta.org.

The current membership committee is made up of

- ◆ Sharon Hoiland (Chair and Membership Secretary)
- ◆ Joan Christianson (Telephone Tree)
- ◆ Lynne Marquess (Cards and Remembering)
- ◆ Megan Ballard (Administration) and
- ◆ Maureen Peckham (Guidance and Wisdom)

Thanks to everyone who has paid their 2023 Membership Dues!
BUT ... there are still **2023 Membership Fees** that are **PAST DUE**.

The 2023 Membership Fee is still a very reasonable \$40/annually.
Membership must be paid up to participate at the AGM (e.g., vote, nominate).

TWO WAYS TO PAY

1. Send cheques to: SAPD, 3625 - 4 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta T2S 1Y3, Attn: Membership.
2. Send e-transfers to membership@pioneersalberta.org and include who the membership fee is for in the e-transfer message.

New: e-transfers to membership@pioneersalberta.org now benefit from auto deposit!
No need to assign a security question and answer.

Stampede 2023 Breakfast

by Jeff Hill

The annual SAPD Stampede Breakfast was once again a popular and successful event. By being held on a bright

for the food and drink stations, lay out the tablecloths, and get the 600 sausages and pancakes under way for a 9:00 am start.



and beautiful Saturday, July 15, 2023 morning, the tents and shelters for the cookers were essential and appreciated. Air quality was at medium risk but still, we had excellent weather.

There are a ton of things to do in a very short time spell to put on an event like this, in addition to a pretty intense cleanup at the end of the event. But we had an excellent volunteer crew who started as early as 7:00 am to prepare the cookers, set up tents

To help offset the costs of the breakfast, a cowboy donation hat generated over \$600. Clean up was completed by 1:00 pm.

Despite having a fairly steady turnout, the number of guests was not as high as anticipated (somewhere in the 170 range) possibly due to the somewhat smoky air. However, all who attended were delighted with the quality and delivery of the food. It should be noted that we are unique in our presentation,

which included all of the normal fixings along with 15 lbs. of strawberries and bananas that were kept fresh prior to serving.

Once again, Russell Moore entertained the guests and acted as MC.

A big thank you goes out to our excellent crews who made this event possible.

Steve Foote, co-Convener, was not able to attend this year; however, his very concise notes were invaluable for smooth operation of the event. Thank you to the following: Dan Shaw; Brian Rogers; Kathleen Rogers; Pamela Hilton; Del Huber; Don Fipke; Russel Moore; Alan Lynas; Shawn Hendry; John Hutchings; Ronda Hutchings; Robbin, Jason, Alexis, Marcus, and Max Legg (family of the Hill clan), and Sandy Pedlar and her family.

I have no doubt missed some volunteers, for which I am sorry. Hopefully family members or friends can pass on the gratitude. To all of you, THANK YOU!

Note: Don't miss the Stampede BBQ and Stampede Parade coverage on pages 8 and 9.

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Coming Social Events

NOTE: SAPD Social Events are for SAPD Members and Invited Guests only

Volunteer, New Member, and Donor Appreciation Pub Night

BY EMAIL INVITATION ONLY

David Mackie will be hosting this new event for SAPD on Saturday, September 30th at 7:00 pm at the Memorial Building. (Invitees are asked to respond so we can have a count of how many people will be attending.)

We are expecting this Night to be fun! SAPD will provide a keg of draft beer, finger food, and soft drinks; Wine and Spirits are BYOB.

Dress is casual. Russell Moore has kindly agreed to come and entertain us for the night.

We hope to see every invited guest come out with the goal of having a really good time and getting to know each other better in a relaxed pub-style setting.

Pioneer Memorial Building Christmas Decorating

Please join us on Sat., November 18th at 10:00 am to decorate the Memorial Building and get an early start at commencing the Christmas Spirit! Extra hands always make this a fun and festive time.



Christmas Luncheon

At the Memorial Building on Saturday, Dec. 9th.

We chose this date so that our luncheon won't conflict with the Chinook Country Historical Society Christmas event.

We need YOU to be the CONVENER for the Christmas Luncheon

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101st Annual Round-Up Dinner & Silent Auction

Saturday, November 4, 2023 at the Palliser Hotel

The theme this year is “a Black & White Gala.” Therefore, please Dress in Black & White. There will be Door Prizes, a Photo Booth, the Larry Vanatta Band, and a Silent Auction.

- ◆ Tickets are \$100:
 - ◇ The non-refundable tickets must be purchased in one of two possible ways:
 - ◇ By October 20, e-transfer to membership@pioneersalberta.org. E-transfers are set to auto-deposit.
 - ◇ By October 15, drop a cheque off at the Memorial Building **OR** Mail to: Attention David Mackie, SAPD Memorial Building 3625—4 St. SW, Calgary, AB T2S 1Y3
 - ◇ When you purchase tickets, in an email or enclosed note, tell us the names of who the tickets are for, and state your seating and/or meal preferences, dietary restrictions, or allergies
 - ◇ Tickets will be picked up at the Round-Up
- ◆ 5:30 pm Cocktails
- ◆ 6:30 pm Dinner
- ◆ Post-dinner: Introductions and Speeches
- ◆ Silent Auction in the Oval Room
 - ◇ We are counting on members to find or be Donors or Corporate Sponsors for Silent Auction items
 - ◇ When arranged, contact David or Sandy Mackie in advance at 403-510-7769 or at president@pioneersalberta.org
 - ◇ **Corporate Sponsor donations must be made to the Southern Alberta Pioneers FOUNDATION to be eligible for an Income Tax Receipt**
- ◆ 8:30ish pm: Stick around to dance to the Larry Vanatta Band

President's Announcements:

1. We are always looking for extra volunteers to help run this event. Call me at 403-510-7769 to say we can count on your help.
2. Two guests at the AGM will have won the Early Bird Draw to end the night with a stay at the Fairmont Palliser.

Following the Round-Up, consider staying the night at the *Fairmont*

The SAPD has a century-old relationship with the Fairmont Palliser Hotel. Once again, this historical downtown Hotel is pleased to give guests to the SAPD Round-Up a special guestroom reservation rate for the night of November 4, 2023.

To arrange your night at the Fairmont, please use the reservation link below:

<https://book.passkey.com/go/SAPD23>



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Stampede 2023 BBQ

by Convenors Rhonda & John Hutchings
and Kathleen & Brian Rogers

For the second year in a row, it was a beautiful night weather wise; high 20s with clear skies, no worries about the traditional thunderstorm that usually occurs just when the party is in full swing. The Calgary Stampede welcoming committee greeted 217 members and guests at the entrance and “branded” them with the Stampede logo. The Stampede fiddlers were also there to entertain the folks as they arrived.

To the delight of the crowd, Harry the Horse made his rounds, drawing many photo shots and laughs.



Our Master of Ceremonies, Russell Moore, did a wonderful job in keeping the night on track and providing the music.

David Mackie, our current President, welcomed the crowd with a few words, gave grace, and

introduced the Stampede Royalty, whose appearances are always a highlight of the evening.

This year we were honoured to have the 2023 Stampede Princess, Sarah Lambros, and the First Nations Princess, Alayah Wolf Child, attend our function, say a few words to the crowd, and then mingle with everyone. Alayah and her chaperones stayed for the meal but unfortunately Sarah had other commitments and had to leave before dinner was served.

The dinner was received with mixed reactions: the meal consisted of BBQ beef, chicken, veggie burgers, baked potato, country style beans, salad, and cake and ice cream for dessert. The beef was tough and the beans were undercooked; however, the chicken and veggie burgers were given positive reviews. To make matters worse, the caterers ran out of food; about ten people did not get any beef or chicken. Our previous caterer had retired so we tried a new caterer who came with high reviews. Unfortunately, they dropped the ball on this one.

After dinner and to wrap up the evening, we had several door prizes drawn by our 2023 Pioneer Lady, Kathleen Rogers, and Pioneer Gent, Roy



First Nations Princess
Alayah Wolf Child with
Master of Ceremonies
Russell Moore

Clark, with the big prize being a season pass to Heritage Park donated by Paul Gray. A Pioneer T-Shirt was also presented to guest Dave Farner for being the furthest afar; he and his wife came from Michigan to visit his brother Steve. Thank-you to Rhonda & John Hutchings and Carla Begalke who also donated door prizes.



A huge **thank you** for all the volunteers who helped to make this event happen, and who consisted of:

Master of Ceremonies: Russell Moore.

Morning setup crew: Dan Shaw, Dylan Viste, Jeff Hill, Carla Begalke, Paul Gray, Dan Fipke, Kyle Fipke

Afternoon setup crew: Sandy & Dave Mackie, Shawn & Nicole Hendry, Robin Arthurs, Roy & Karen Clark, Kathy Clark, Brian & Kathleen Rogers, Paul Gray, Jeff & Maureen Hill, Sharon Hoiland, Dylan Viste

My apologies to any one whom I have missed.

Reception and Dinner Ticket issuer: Alex and Lark McInnis, Angela Boyes, Maureen Hill

Membership table: Sharon Hoiland, Megan Ballard

Beverage Tickets: Bev Prieur, Brian Rogers, Shawn Hendry, Nancy Thompson

Bartenders: Shayla Hendry, Dylan Viste, Dan Shaw, Lana & Martin Jones

Bar Runners: John Hutchings, Bill Jackson, Robin Arthurs

Evening Cleanup Crew: The Fipke Clan, Dan Shaw, Shawn & Nicole Hendry, Paul Gray, Brian & Kathleen Rogers, Bev Prieur, and many others.

Special Thanks to:

Maureen Hill and Shawn Lindsay for up-front planning and helping to organize the event plus secure the Stampede welcoming committee, which included Harry the Horse and the Stampede Royalty.

Dave and Betty Wake for being the official hosts for the Stampede Royalty.

James Hindle and Bradley Taylor, who helped in the morning cleanup, distributed the potato chips during happy hour, collected the dinner tickets, and helped with the evening cleanup as well as wherever else they could.

Vital Statistics:

The final head count of 217 consisted of:

- Six complementary guests (Stampede Royalty Group)
- Two children under 12

A gathering of the Three Rhondas



Rhonda Christianson, Rhonda Clark, and Rhonda Hutchings

Stampede 2023 Parade Entry

by David Mackie



The Stampede Parade Entry was well organized by Linda Chudey, with help from Brian Rogers and me. Our Entry included a Covered Horse Drawn Wagon driven by Jim Long of the Stettler area. We also had nine people in the wagon with Side Saddle Riders, one Outrider and one Stampede Trail Boss.

The wagon riders were Linda Chudey, David & Sandy Mackie, Kathleen Rogers & John Hutchings, Karen & Roy Clark, and Shawn & Nicole Hendry. The Side Saddle Riders were Lenore McLean,

Meghan McLean, and Caitlin McLean (James Garson Bews 1887). The Outrider was Jane Newbold, and the Stampede Trail Boss was Wendy Thon.

It was an incredibly fun Event with over 300,000 people in attendance, although it was also quite disappointing that the major TV Networks did not cover our local Pioneer Organization as we could use the publicity. Instead, they showed paid advertising and many other entries from Kelowna or elsewhere.



Linda Chudy, John Hutchings, Karen Clark, Roy Clark, Kathleen Rogers, David & Sandy Mackie, and Nicole & Shawn Hendry

History Committee Report

By Alan Lynas

The History Committee remained active during the summer months even though we did not have our usual weekly meetings at the Memorial Building. Our main activity was the Stampede display in the Western Showcase. This year, the theme of our presentation was **Women and Children of the Frontier**. The preparation of the display took a lot of work, and the committee wishes to thank

- Carolyn Preston for her ongoing significant effort in identifying the appropriate photographs to be displayed and
- Marcel Hebert for his efforts in preparing the chosen photographs for display.

The display was well received with an estimated 6,000 visitors over the 10 days of the Stampede. Many visitors just strolled through the display but there were a fair number who stopped and discussed various pictures with the volunteers who manned our booth.

Special thanks to Angie Boyes who arranged for the volunteers, and an added thanks to those members who volunteered their time. Our History Committee volunteers wholeheartedly supported the display, and everyone took one or more shifts.

We were not idle after the Stampede display. In August we worked studiously to prepare and present another display at the Priddis-Millarville Fair. This display incorporated the suggestion of the Millarville History Committee to concentrate on the period of 1900 to 1914. An estimated 800 persons visited the display.

I would be remiss if I did not name and thank the committee members for their efforts and support. Thanks to

- Dave Wake
- Kathleen Rogers
- Carolyn Preston
- Russell Moore
- Marcel Hebert
- Manfred Baum
- Doug Coats and
- Angela Boyes

Each member brings special talents to our group commitment to preserve, research and display the memory of the Southern Alberta pioneers. We remain active and committed.

We are exploring additional outreach opportunities and look forward to continuing to research the history of the pioneers in Southern Alberta.

The History Committee met again on September 11th to review a number of prospects that would let us present the SAPD to the Southern Alberta community. At least three presentations are planned already, with our furthest being in Cardston.

Many of SAPD's committee members were also active with and contributed to Calgary History Week by having membership on the planning committee or in doing presentations.

Special thanks to

- Doug Coats
- Manfred Baum
- Russell Moore
- Angela Boyes
- Kathleen Rogers and
- Gene Blakely



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- ⇒ Cards & Remembering: Notify the office at sap.office@pioneersalberta.org to report any illnesses or a death in your family.
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