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President's Message

O n June 8th we will be celebrating the 70th anniversary of the 1955 dedication of the Southern Alberta Pioneers Memorial Building. I am happy that the anniversary falls on a Sunday this year so we can host an Open House for our neighbours in Rideau Towers and the community of Park Hill from 2:00 until 5:00 pm. Of course, SAP members and their families are welcome to help celebrate.

Alberta's "Golden Anniversary Year" was also in 1955 and His Honour J. J. Bowlen, Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta officially opened the \$50,000 building.





Russell Moore

President 2025 Southern Alberta Pioneers and their Descendants

The speakers addressing the audience of nearly 500 were introduced by Norman K. Luxton of Banff, president of the men's section of the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Old Timers Association.

Norman MacLeod, son of Colonel MacLeod, raised the flag on the pole while the band played the God Save The Queen.

The Calgary Herald reported that Lieutenant-Governor Bowlen paid a special tribute to the pioneer women: "It is worthy to note many writers of the early days made it clear that good, energetic pioneering women were the greatest need of the country." He added, "Without them, very little would have been accomplished by the men."

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Memorial Building 70th Anniversary

Open House

Sunday, June 8th, 2025 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm 3625 - 4th Street SW Please Join Our Celebration



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Let me remind you that the Memorial Building is open to the public on Monday mornings from 10:00 am to noon. The Historical Committee meets at this time and the archives housed in the vault in the basement are available to all members and the public for review. Pease join us if only for a morning of socializing and reminiscing. The Southern Alberta Pioneers and their Descendants are fortunate to be served by a very competent Board of Directors, Officers, and Committee Chairs and I continue to enjoy serving as your president.

Looking forward to seeing you on June 8th! Happy trails!

You can read more about the construction of the Memorial Building on page 1 of the May SAPF (Foundation) newsletter and at <u>http://pioneersalberta.org/memorial-building.html</u>.

SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS STAMPEDE BARBEQUE

Memorial Building Saturday, July 5, 2025 The fun starts at 5 PM

Traditional Barbecue Hip of Beef with all the Fixings

TICKETS

Adults: \$45 | Children 6-12: \$20 | Under 6: Free Purchase Deadline: Tuesday, July 1, 2025 E-transfer to <u>membership@pioneersalberta.org</u> or, if by cheque, make payable and send to **Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants** early enough to arrive by July 1, 2021 Tickets must be bought in advance and picked up at the barbecue

Ticket purchases MUST include names of attendees so they may qualify for DOOR PRIZES!

QUESTIONS?

Contact Dylan Viste at <u>DCViste2202@gmail.com</u> or text or call and leave a voice mail at 403-854-8978

STAMPEDE PHOTO DISPLAY

Location: Western Showcase in the BMO Centre

Dates and Times: July 4-13, 2025

- Morning shift 11 am -3 pm
- Afternoon shift 3 6:30 pm
- Evening shift 6:30 -10 pm

Contact: Angela Boyes at <u>a boyes@telus.net</u>

Guy Weadick, founder of the Calgary Stampede. c1912

STAMPEDE BREAKFAST

Location: Memorial Building Date: Saturday, July 12, 2025 Time: 9 am – 12 pm Contact:

- Jeff Hill at 403-225-2397 jeff.hill@shaw.ca
- Kyle Graham leave message at 403-589-5164 or email kyle.david.graham@gmail.com
- John Hutchings at 403-252-2428 Hutch27@shaw.ca

NOTE: Events for the Southern Alberta Pioneers and their Descendants are for members and their invited guests only

Membership Report

by Sharon Hoiland Membership Secretary

Membership update since January

Welcome to New Members

Descendant

• Keith Laurie - Descendant of James Perry, Coalbank (Lethbridge) 1884

Friend

- Lisa O'Hara
- Sheldon Smithens
- Irene Sam
- Debra McArthur
- Catherine Anne Love
- Janice Wilson

Welcome Back to Returning Members

Descendant

- Nancy Townshend Descendant of Col. James F & Mary MacLeod, Belly River, October 1874
- Brenda McQueen Descendant of George McDougall, Morleyville, 1873

New Gold Card Members

- Pat Brogden
- Lynne Marquess
- Karen Clark
- Jim Hendry

In Memoriam

- Robert (Bob) Simmering
- Mary Joyce Cameron
- Janet (Anne) Frey
- Susan McMaster
- Audrey Whiteley
- Anne Fitzpatrick

We'd like to belatedly mark the following members who passed away prior to 2024, and were not previously noted:

- John (Jack) W. Ross
- Shirley Wilds
- Dorothy McWhan

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

Membership Numbers at April 30, 2025

Descendant – 232 members with **102 in arrears** Descendant Gold Card – 107 members Associate – 29 with **13 in arrears** Associate Gold Card – 30 members Friend – 27 members with **8 in arrears** Honorary – 5 members **Total: 430**

2025 MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE ONLY \$40 PER ANNUM

Thank-you to all who have already paid your Membership Dues, but a **HIGH NUMBER of our members fees are PAST DUE!!** Are you one of those?

Send **cheques** to: SAPD 3625 - 4 St. SW, Calgary, Alberta T2S 1Y3, Attn: Membership.

Send **e-transfers** to our auto-deposit email address: <u>membership@pioneersalberta.org</u>.

Please write the names of the people for whom the fees are being paid either on your cheque or in the message space in the e-transfer. Thank you in advance.

If you are interested in joining the Membership Committee, or have ideas or time to volunteer, please contact Sharon 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), Maureen Peckham (guidance and wisdom).

Membership Management

by Sharon Hoiland **Membership Secretary**

e are actively setting up our new online Membership Management software! We chose to subscribe to Communal because of its non-profit friendly pricing structure, it's a Calgary grown company, and it best suits our Membership needs. We hope that, by the time it goes live on



June 1st, members will enjoy a host of benefits.

Right at their home computer:

Members can log in and add their membership card to their

google or apple wallet or print out a PDF version

- Members can update their contact information online through the app
- The system will send out individual membership renewal emails
- Members can renew their annual memberships online through the app
- New members can fill out a new member applications online through the app

However, there are some processes members will still need to do manually, such as renewing a membership that lists multiple family members.

Stay tuned for an email describing what you need to know to access it and use the features available.

Southern Alberta Pioneer Fund

by Shawn Hendry Fundraising Committee Chair and Brian Rogers Treasurer

\ / e are pleased to let you know that the balance in our new Southern Alberta **Pioneers Fund** with the Calgary Foundation was \$22.7k at the end of April 2025. This is great news as this endowment fund provides an in perpetuity annual revenue stream to help cover the Memorial Building expenses. Thanks to all of you who have made donations to this fund.

It is a great start to our goal to grow the fund to \$100,000. As a reminder to those that are interested in helping with this important initiative, please note that tax deductible donations are easy to make online straight to this fund by

Glen Godlonton 403.829.9500

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If you would like assistance in identifying our fund or would like to make a gift of publicly listed securities, please do call the Calgary Foundation at Tel: 403-802-7700, and they will be happy to help.

Thank you for your continued support with this initiative.



SAPD Past President, Dexter Nelson, receives King Charles III Coronation Medal



Carseland's Dexter Nelson was recognized, March 28, for his contributions and the lasting impacts he has had for his communities with the award of a Kings Charles III Coronation medal.

The commemorative medal was created to mark the coronation of The King. There are approximately 30,000 medals which were created to be awarded for the occasion.

Chestermere-Strathmore MLA Chantelle de Jonge nominated Nelson for the award and presented it to him during a ceremony hosted at The Vault Cultural Collective.

"It is intended to recognize and celebrate individuals who have built the Canada of today, who have distinguished themselves from others in their field, who have been outstanding volunteers, and who have brought credit and pride to Canada," said MLA de Jonge. "I knew when I read through who a recipient of this award should be, I immediately knew that Dexter was so deserving of this award because of the work he has done in the space – he has brought pride to his community, and he has brought pride to his county."

Nelson has previously worked as a teacher at the University of Calgary, and at Mount Royal College (prior to its redesignation). Dexter Nelson was recognized with a King Charles III Coronation Medal for his years of service and dedication to his community, and his contributions to sports medicine throughout his career.

A celebration was hosted at The Vault Cultural Collective on March 28 to mark the occasion and present him with his award.

Article and photo by John Watson Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Strathmore Times, April 2, 2025

He also founded the Canadian Pro Rodeo Sport Medicine Team and Program, the Alberta Athletic Therapists Association, and the Sport Medicine Council of Alberta.

Additionally, Nelson chaired an international task force on global practice and served on the Alberta Mission Staff for the Alberta Winter Games, Arctic Winter Games, and Canadian Medical Team at the Pan American and Commonwealth Games.

Nelson was the Chief Therapist for the Canadian Medical Team at the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary, and he has held roles with the Edmonton Eskimo Football Team, as well as the Canadian National Men's Basketball Team.

"It is rather prestigious actually. How often in your life after you look back at all the things that you have done or tried to do, to have someone actually say 'I think you did a good job.' That is what this award means to me," said Nelson. "I have always been somewhat ambitious because I think my parents, in particular my mother, wanted ... my brother and I to do well in life, and you do well by being ambitious, enjoying life and the people around you."

Going forward, Nelson fondly remarked his ongoing ambitions are to spend time with his grandkids and explore whether there are things he would be able to teach them, just as his grandparents did for him.

Volunteers needed for Stampede Events

To volunteer at this year's Stampede Events, choose your event of interest then contact the person listed. Or email <u>volunteer@pioneersalberta.org</u>

STAMPEDE PHOTO DISPLAY July 4-13

- Angela Boyes at <u>a_boyes@telus.net</u>
- Man photo display booth during times listed in ad on page 3

STAMPEDE BBQ July 5

- Dylan Viste at 403-854-8978 via text message or DCViste2202@gmail.com
- Morning set-up crew (min. 6-8)
- Afternoon set-up crew (min. 4)
- Beverage ticket sellers (4 total on 2 shifts)
- Bartenders (4 total on 2 shifts)
- Water & pop (4 total on 2 shifts, ideal for youth working with parents or grandparents)
- Meal ticket collectors (2)
- Bar runner (1-2)

• Tear-down and cleanup at conclusion of BBQ

STAMPEDE BREAKFAST July 12

- See ad on page 3 for contact info
- Morning set-up crew (min. 6-8)
- Servers
- Grill Masters
- Kitchen Crew
- Clean-up Crew



Currently delivering to Calgary & Claresholm (587) 223-4305 hello@burkecreekranch.com

History Committee Director's Report

V our History Committee remains busy.

Our Speakers Series in April was a success with a full house of 60 persons in attendance.

Thanks to Doug Coats for his talk on Calgary in the 1950s to the 1980s. It was an interactive talk as questions were often directed to the audience who were very eager to respond by telling us of their memories of Calgary as it used to be. Someone who was sitting behind me had a great memory and responded with vigor and correct answers that put my own memory to shame.

Some of your history committee members have been active participants in a number of talks at the recently named The Confluence (formerly Ft. Calgary) as it is being restructured. It is an experience as the importance of the NWMP and of Ft. Calgary is being viewed in a different light.

I will be attending two events this month. A number of our committee will also be attending a Heritage Calgary meeting on Monday June 9th.

We are entering our busiest months as we prepare for the 70th anniversary of the Memorial

Building, as well as our Calgary Stampede display and our support of Calgary History Week in late July.

by Alan Lynas, Chair, History Committee

We are looking at a salute to the NWMP and the 150th Anniversary of the founding of Calgary. These activities will keep us very busy in June, July and August.

Speaking of the Calgary Stampede, we will need volunteers to man our booth and look towards the Directors to be active volunteers. You can check times with Angela Boyes at <u>a boyes@telus.net</u> or see Photo Display ad on page 3.





Gold Card Tea

O n a blustery afternoon on Sunday May 4, 29 Gold Card members and their guests gathered for the annual Gold Card Tea. The event was graciously hosted by President Russell Moore and the Board of Directors. By all accounts, it was a great success with everyone enjoying each other's company over tea, coffee, sandwiches and desserts.

Our most senior gentleman and lady in attendance were Frank & Verna Arnold, with Kinnaird Shaw coming in a very close second as our most senior gent. Everyone was delighted that they were able to see them again this year.

One of the newest additions to the Gold Card membership tier is our own event convener, Karen Clark, who once again worked tirelessly to ensure the event ran smoothly. Thank you, Karen!

Of course, this event would not be possible without the many members who volunteer their time, effort and delicious food to make it all happen. A heartfelt thank you to:

- Everyone who made sandwiches, cookies or squares
- The talented crew who plated all the food so beautifully
- Our wonderful Pioneer Lady, Maureen Hill, and Pioneer Gent, John Douglass, for greeting members and their guests
- Lynn Marquess and Joan Christianson for manning the welcome table

by Karen Clark & Steph West

- Pamela Hilton and Nancy Thompson for making sure all Gold Card members had their corsages and boutonnieres attached
- The lovely servers who offered coffee, tea and food
- Russell Moore, Nancy Thompson, John Hutchings and Marcel Hebert for pouring tea and coffee throughout the afternoon
- Everyone else who helped with set up, clean up and keep the day running smoothly

This year, Karen has taken an apprentice under her wing to learn the wily ways of Gold Card Tea convening. Steph West gained valuable experience and insight into what it takes to host a successful Gold Card Tea.





Left: Karen Clark & Verna Arnold

Middle: Karen Clark & Frank Arnold

> Right: Kit Clark & Kinnaird Shaw









Left: Maureen Hill & John Douglass

Middle: Kyle Graham

Right: John Hutchings, polishing the silver while pouring out the tea?

> Photos by Rhonda Clark