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President's Message

We are into another New Year, with all the hopes and aspirations that come with new beginnings. We on the Board of Directors have hopes for another year with everyone involved, getting their family history updated for our archives, attending great social events and enjoying the company of all our friendly members.

The Building Committee has the building looking its very best. It is a very welcoming place to visit and enjoy.

When the Social Committee is holding a function we ask you to purchase your tickets early to avoid disappointment. We want to accom-

modate everyone possible, but our building holds only a limited number. At the Christmas Party we sold all available seating three weeks prior to the event. All who attended had a great time.

Our Family Games and Potluck days are lots of fun for young and older members. The food is plentiful and so good. Come out and enjoy yourselves.

We are all volunteers and when we work together we are bound to have another successful year.

Please call me if you have any concerns, or if you wish to volunteer.

— Audrey Rice



10th Annual WINE TASTING NIGHT

Saturday,
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2004 Board of Directors (L to R, front row): Maureen Peckham, Pat Rodriguez, Lionel Singleton, Jean Chugg, Bill Murphy, Audrey Rice, Moyra Ferguson, John Hutchings, Sandy Pedlar. (Back row): Laurie Jacques, David Wake.



Memorial Building Fund

The following have donated to our Memorial Building Fund since my last report in September, 2003:

Mrs. Evelyn Calow (in memory of Marjorie Crawford Frost & Marten McElroy)

Mr. & Mrs. A. Hanna (in memory of Al Fitzpatrick)

Ms. R. Sanderson (in memory of Mabel Sanderson)

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Mr. & Mrs. H. Buckley (in memory of Annie Godlonton)

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Mrs. Alice Huggard

Mrs. Olive Blain (in memory of George Godlonton Family)

Contributions to the Fund and for the memorial trees are income tax deductible. Cheques should be made payable to The Southern Alberta Pioneers' Memorial Building Fund. At December 31, 2003, the Fund stood at \$136,754.49 compared to \$119,149.81 at December 31, 2002.

In addition to donations from individuals and bequests from estates, The Southern Alberta Pioneers' Association contributes \$50 to the Fund in memory of each deceased member.

— John L. Hutchings

Banded Peak School, Bragg Creek

On 28th of November, 2003 Joan and I were asked to visit the Banded Peak School, near Bragg Creek to talk to a Grade 3 class about the changes experienced between 'then and now'. That is, from Pioneer times to present.

The differences in transportation: from horse drawn wagons to cars; radios to television; 'outhouses' to indoor plumbing; wood-burning stoves and coal furnaces to natural gas and electricity; and several other questions were asked.

We asked how many were in the Grade 3 class, and 31 hands went up! The questions were varied and intelligent. We were very impressed by the children, Mr. Zetner and the school.

Our time ran into the noon hour, then brown bags came out, questions continued, so many answers were needed.

The Grade 3 class and Mr. Zetner have invited us back in 2004.

— Clarence Davis



David White with his catch at Champion Park Family Day, Sept 14, 2003.

Membership Report

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID THIS YEAR'S DUES, YOU WILL FIND A COLORED NOTICE WITH YOUR NEWSLETTER.

In Memoriam:

Mary Dowler

Verna Haworth

Welcome New

Gold Card Members:

June Rugsven

Patricia Doutre

Frank Lloyd

Claire Hodgson

Welcome New Members:

Douglas Lott, grandchild of Herbert Stephen Lott, Elbow River, 1885.

Frances McTaggart, grandchild of Adam Baptie, Calgary, June 1888.

Darren Singleton, Kerry Singleton and Kathy Scott, great-great-grandchildren of John Gerow Van Wart, Calgary, 1883.

Pearl Laycraft, grandchild of Joseph Henry Connell, Calgary, 1889.

Robert Simpson, great-grandchild of Rev. John McDougall, Morley, 1872.

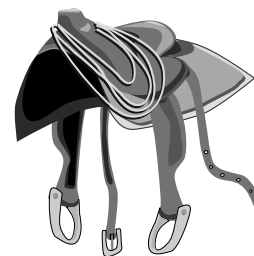
Welcome New Associate Members:

Melanie Lott

Ronald Laycraft

Thanks again for keeping me informed of address/phone changes.

— Maureen Peckham



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Memorial Building and Property Upgrades

The current Building Committee, under the chairmanship of Bob Brewster, has had a busy Fall 2003. We continue to meet the first Tuesday of each month for an hour before the regular board meeting and then report to the Board of Directors.

As of December 2003, 33 blue spruce trees have been sold to members wishing to make a dedication to a pioneer family or pay tribute to a loved one. We are planning to remove the existing trees on the north side of the parking lot and replace them with blue spruce trees in the spring. There will be about 11 more for sale to members at the same price (\$400.00). Plans are underway to have a round bronze plaque put on a low concrete post at each tree. A "lot plan" showing the Memorial Building and placement of each dedicated tree will be put in the cloakroom in the Memorial Building. A dedication ceremony will take place during our annual

Memorial Day service on July 11, 2004. The contact for trees is still Bill Murphy at 252-6565.

Stonework around the foundation of the Memorial Building was completed this past fall, thanks to the efforts of Danny Copithorne. It greatly improves the appearance of the building exterior.

A new maintenance-free deck and railing was also completed under the supervision of Bob Brewster.

Obtaining the necessary permits for paving the parking lot continues to frustrate the building committee. We are still hopeful however, that paving will commence in the summer of 2004.

Building Committee members for 2004 include: Bob Brewster, Chairman, Ernie Rice, Buster Schweiger, Danny Copithorne, Dave Wake, Herm Thielen, Laurie Jacques, Art Hanna and Bill Murphy.

— Dave Wake

Building Committee Member

Casino Committee Report

A huge Thank You is extended to a great group of volunteers who chalked up over 260 volunteer hours working at our casino on November 11 & 12th, 2003.

The volunteers included:

Leanne Bateman
Wayne Bateman
Bob Brewster
Margaret Buckley
Glenn Chugg
Roy Clark
Lance Cooke
Margaret Cooke
George Cranston
Joan Davis
Fern Dorsch
Kerri Fipke
Margaret Glasford
Gwen Hanna
Laurie Jacques
Dennis Mooney
Bill Murphy
Sandy Pedlar
Audrey Rice
Ernie Rice
Pat Rodriguez
Kathleen Rogers
Trish Russell
Alice Schweiger
Buster Schwieger
Lionel Singleton
Jim Smith
Marion Smith
Marie Stang
Herm Thielen
Sharon Thielen
Ken Thompson
Dave Wake
Greg White
Helen White

Agnes Rouse, Art Hanna and Harvey Buckley were our back-up crew. We had some new faces in the group this year, which is nice to see and hopefully they'll be back again for our next casino in the 4th quarter of 2005. It will be sometime in February before we receive our share of the pooled monies. The funds are used primarily for the ongoing upkeep and improvements to the Memorial Building and grounds.

— Pat Rodriguez, Casino Coordinator

YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS REQUIRED

Newsletters will in the future be posted on our web site (www.pioneersalberta.org) in order to save postage and the number of hard copies that don't have to be sent by Canada Post. We would appreciate those persons who have e-mail advising us of your e-mail address.

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Historical Committee Report

The Historical Committee started meeting again on Monday, January 12, 2004 and other than on holidays, will continue meeting on Mondays until May. Our hours are 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. Our primary purpose is to collect and publish the names, narratives, photos and documents of Pioneers who resided in Southern Alberta on or before December 31, 1890. Southern Alberta includes all the area South of Township 40 (which is just north of Red Deer). Our Archives presently hold over 2,000 files on such pioneers. We also collect information about the Descendants of Pioneers for genealogical purposes and for assisting approval of descendants who desire to become members of our Society. If you have descendants who would qualify please encourage or assist them in applying for membership. This is essential to

ensure the Society can continue to perform its mandate. Please call Maureen Peckham, Membership Secretary, at 271-5483 for the forms. For those of you who have access to the Internet, applications can be obtained from the Society's Web site (www.pioneersalberta.org).

In 1993, the Historical Committee at that time published *Pioneer Families of Southern Alberta*. Since then, it has been the intention of the Historical Committee to publish in 2004 a supplement to the 1993 edition. Should your Pioneer not be included in *Pioneer Families of Southern Alberta*, or if you do not have a file in our Archives of your Pioneer, please send in your Pioneer's family tree and other information as soon as possible!

It is also important for all of our members who already have a file in our Archives, to keep the information about

their families up-to-date. Almost all of the files in our Archives require some updating. Please attend at one of our Monday meetings and update your file!

David Wake, who is a member of our Committee, is presently collecting the names of Pioneers (both men and women) whose names are not included on the brass plaques presently attached to the Centennial Gate. Please visit the Memorial Building at 3625 - 4th Street SW and check out the plaques and, if any of your Pioneers are not on the plaques, contact David Wake or the undersigned and provide us with the names and the history of your Pioneer.

— James A.N. Mackie, Q.C.
Historian & Chair of the
Historical Committee

Historical Committee: What Do We Do?

Members:

Jim Mackie, Chairman	John Hutchings Mary Lynas
Danny Copithorne	Audrey Rice
Patricia (Pat) Cox	Lionel Singleton
Clarence Davis	Ted Togstad
Joan Davis	Luciele Togstad
Sandy Dean	Robert (Bud) Vine
Jim Eagleson	David Wake
Ed Hamilton	Helen White

Monday mornings, members in the Memorial Building can be found musing and mumbling and muttering over information. Everyone has a project.

Chairman Jim Mackie has established a website for our association which is continually updated. As a result, he receives many enquiries and requests for applications for membership. This project also gives the history of the pioneer. Jim has contributed extensively to both the history of our organization and to the leadership of the Historical Committee. A much appreciated chairman.

Danny Copithorne reads from Alberta history publications and Cattleman's magazines dating from 1939-1970s. His effort has contributed to our family history black books, featuring family histories and photos. Danny is now researching old newspapers.

Pat Cox has perused old newspapers dating back to 1918 and further for information relevant to pioneers deserving a place in the black books. Patricia selects stories of pioneer families to be

published in our newsletter.

Clarence Davis is writing up histories and entering them on the computer, which will be added to our books. Clarence also indexed the 1891 census. He researched the Freemason membership before 1890. There were six lodges in Southern Alberta, 1890.

Joan Davis is a lady of many interests; a past president, she has for many years, clipped obituaries from local papers, attends funerals, and keeps applications for membership in alphabetical order.

Sandy Dean assists Bud Vine putting together an addendum or sequel to the white book which contains names and a short history of members for the book, *Pioneer Families of Southern Alberta*. These new members will now be included in the original publication.

Jim Eagleson has been researching early members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows who would be possible pioneer members of our organization. His dear mother, Flora (sadly recently deceased), was a great contributor to our history committee. Flora is missed.

Ed Hamilton has been assisting Bud Vine and Sandy Dean in updating and certifying pioneers for the white book. This book contains an original account of pioneers.

John Hutchings has been working with Dave Wake researching names of pioneers not included on the original front gate.

Mary Lynas, besides doing research,

clips and files obituaries and information for the black pioneer books. Both she and Joan know all the news. Mary assists Jim with enquiries coming in and submits information and photos pertaining to our pioneers. Mary makes a good cup of team for our joyous lunches.

Audrey Rice, Helen White and John Hutchings assist Dave Wake in bringing up-to-date names to be included on the gate.

Lionel Singleton does research and helps in any capacity.

Ted and Luciele Togstad search our upstairs library books for information on early members, whose names are given to Clarence to be added to our history books. They faithfully drive in each Monday from Beiseker.

Robert (Bud) Vine is writing up histories to be entered in the new supplement of the white main book. He has collected names and profiles of pioneers not reported to date. Bud has put this information on the computer—a gargantuan work!

David Wake has been busy providing information regarding first names and names of spouses of 1891 who were not included on the original front gate. These names will be on plaques applied to the new gate.

Helen White works with David Wake restoring and adding names to the new plaques mentioned above.

— Patricia Cox

Round-Up 2003

One hundred and eighty-eight guests were in attendance for the 83rd annual Round-Up in the Crystal Ballroom of the Palliser Hotel November 1st, and a wonderful evening was had by all. The catering staff of the hotel served an outstanding four-course meal with the ceremony reminiscent of the days of our forebears. Over 50 prizes were distributed throughout the evening, much to the delight of the winners. Our special guest and speaker for the evening was Darryl Knight, author/historian and great-nephew of World Champion Bronc Rider, Pete Knight. His wife, Barb was in attendance with him. The Crystal Ballroom was resplendent with white and black linens highlighted with crystal votives and pink silk rose centerpieces. The president of the Edmonton Association and his spouse were in attendance as well as the president of the High River Association and his spouse. Music for dancing was provided by a four piece band, *Sentimental Journey*, and many of those in attendance enjoyed dancing the evening away until closing.

Recognized as Honourary Associate for 2003 was Dorothy Edge.

Pioneer Lady and Pioneer Gentleman for 2004 are Ralphine Locke and Jack Shaw

I am deeply grateful to Fern Dorsch for assisting in the selling of tickets, distribution of prizes and table assignment. Thanks also to Gwen Hanna for helping Fern at the table in the lobby, and Margaret Buckley for seeing to the purchase of the presentation gifts. Michelle Tyrell, Assistant Director of Catering Services at the Palliser, once again attended to every request which we made with the utmost attention to detail, and the staff provided their usual outstanding service. Special thanks as well to all of those who donated prizes for this event. Your generosity does not go unnoticed. Prizes and the winners are listed below.

Plans for Round-Up 2004, which will be held November 6th, are already in the works so circle your

calendar and plan to attend. Remember, in order to preserve tradition we need participation. We will do our best to make this a very special event!

– **Sharon Thielen, Convenor**

Prizes, Contributors and Winners

Door Prize Draw

Palliser Hotel Room for the evening – Priscilla Rowland

Palliser Hotel – Dinner for Two (value \$100.00) Rimrock Room – Herm Thielen

Alberta Boot – Cowboy Boots – Dan Pedersen

Riley & McCormick – \$25.00 Gift Certificate – Helen White

Riley & McCormick – \$25.00 Gift Certificate – Bill Murphy

Riley & McCormick – \$25.00 Gift Certificate – Bud Vine

Riley & McCormick – \$25.00 Gift Certificate – Pearl Laycraft

Calgary Stampede – Cowboy Santa – Peggy Barr

Heritage Park – 1 All-Inclusive Family Season Pass – Bernice Williamson

Jubilations Dinner Theatre – 2 Tickets – Ruth Jackson

Johnson & Johnson – Product Basket – Jean Chugg

Buster & Alice Schwieger – Wooden Basket – Linda Morton

Purdy's Chocolate – Yard Long box of Chocolates – Laurie Jacques

Ernie & Audrey Rice – Handmade Wooden Nut/Candy Bowl – Sandra Mackie

Ernie & Audrey Rice – Handmade Wooden Box w/Cover – Linda Jacques

Eleanor Oltean – Book of Poetry – Dorothy Wallace

Eleanor Oltean – Book of Poetry – Barb Widdowsen

Crowfoot Ford – Travel Bag – Judy Millie

Crowfoot Ford – Travel Bag – Paul Wong Ken

Crowfoot Ford – Travel Bag – Hugh McKevitt

Crowfoot Ford – Travel Bag – Gordon Leslie

Southern Alberta Pioneers – Cookbook – Ken Babiuk

Southern Alberta Pioneers – Cook-

book – David Mackie

Gwen & Art Hanna – Stovetop Grill – Mary Guichon

Gwen & Art Hanna – Nursery Lamp – Dave Wake

Boston Pizza – \$25.00 Gift Certificate – Steve Lemp

Boston Pizza – \$25.00 Gift Certificate – Barbara McHugh

Boston Pizza – \$25.00 Gift Certificate – Richard Grey

Anne Vincent – Handmade Native Doll – Ken McTavish

Pat Rodriguez – Golf Accessories – Kathleen Rogers

Fern Dorsch – Golf Accessories – Lloyd McBean

Fern Dorsch – 3 framed pictures – Buster Schwieger

Outlaws Nite Club – \$25.00 Voucher – Gina Christopher

Outlaws Nite Club – \$25.00 Voucher – Lionel Singleton

Outlaws Nite Club – \$25.00 Voucher – Joan Hutchings

Outlaws Nite Club – \$25.00 Voucher – Stephanie Chrumka

Outlaws Nite Club – \$25.00 Voucher – Sheila Bateman

Outlaws Nite Club – Bag & Shirt – Marge Wilton

Sharon & Herm Thielen – Gift Basket – Jo Wilson

Eleanor Oltean – Prints and Handi-notes – Kelli Wreford

Eleanor Oltean – Prints and Handi-notes – Goldie Shaw

Wallace & Carey – Western Shirt – Roy Clark

Wallace & Carey – Western Shirt – Hilda Onions

Wallace & Carey – Western Shirt – Glen Chugg

Wallace & Carey – Western Shirt – Brian Smith

Quinn's Hair Studios – 4 X \$20.00 Vouchers

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EVENTS

Sunday, Jan. 18 – Family Games, 2:00 pm/Pot Luck, 5:00 pm. Convenors: Jean Chugg, 255-0692 and Pat Rodriguez, 279-6435.

Saturday, Feb. 21 – Wine Tasting Night, 7:30 pm. Convenors: Neil Brown, 215-7711 and Audrey Rice, 255-4103.

Sunday, Feb. 22 – Family Games, 2:00 pm/Pot Luck, 5:00 pm. Convenors: Laura White, 271-6055 and Pat Rodriguez, 279-6435.

Sunday, Mar. 21 – Skating Party, 2:00 pm/Pot Luck, 5:00 pm, Champion Park. Convenors: Danny & Fran Copithorne, 271-1972.

Sunday, Apr. 18 – Volunteer Appreciation Day, 2:00 pm. Convenors: Bill Murphy, 252-6565 and Audrey Rice, 255-4103.

Saturday, Apr. 25 – Yard Clean-Up Day, 10:00 am. Convenor: Bob Brewster, 225-2376.

Sunday, May 2 – Gold Card Tea, 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Convenor: Moyra Ferguson, 249-9989.

Sunday, Jun. 13 – Family Day, 2:00 pm/Pot Luck, 5:00 pm, Champion Park. Convenors: Danny & Fran Copithorne, 271-1972. (Tentative)

Saturday, Jul. 10 – Stampede BBQ, 6:00 pm. Convenors: Jean Chugg, 255-0692 and Laurie Jacques, 271-0138.

Sunday, Jul. 11 – Memorial Service, 2:00 pm. Convenor: Gwen Hanna, 279-5621

Tuesday, Jul. 13 – Pioneer Tea at Rotary House, 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Convenor: Jean Chugg, 255-0692.

Saturday, Jul. 17 – Pancake Breakfast, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Convenors: Lionel Singleton, 247-0765 and John Douglass, 1-641-2563.

All events are held at the Memorial Hall, except where otherwise noted.

THE NOTICE BOARD

Historical Committee

Please submit Family Histories to be entered in our archives. We would like to feature a family history for each newsletter publication. Contact Pat Cox, 252-4220.

Deadline

Deadline for newsletter copy and photos to be submitted in writing at monthly Board Meetings or left at SAP office. Newsletter printed January, May and September.

Historical Committee

Resumes regular weekly meetings on Monday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Contact Jim Mackie, 228-4046.

Sick and Visiting

Please notify Alice Schwieger (287-0995) of any illness or death in your family or if anyone has need of a hospital visit.

Board Meetings

1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. (except July). Members welcome.

Dessert Bridge

3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. (except July, August and December). Everyone is invited, members and friends. \$2.00 per person. Contact Fern Dorsch at 278-2793.

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To place an ad in this publication, please call Moyra Ferguson, 249-9989. Deadline to place a classified ad – SAP Board meeting prior to publication.

Members are encouraged to support the businesses advertised in our newsletter.

Memorial Building

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