



# SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS

## AND THEIR DESCENDANTS NEWSLETTER

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### *President's Message*

**O**ur winter season of parties, family games and potluck Sundays are over for this year. They were all well organized and a lot of fun and a great time for visits. It is now spring and time to look forward to outdoor activities.

First a credit to our hard working Building Committee—there is a lot going on around our building. This year the exterior logs will be refinished, and maybe a new roof. This is thanks to all of the volunteers who worked at the casinos, as the money received has to be used for the maintenance of our facilities. We have been in constant contact with the City, and hopefully the parking lot will see some hard surfacing by the time you read this. A very generous Southern Alberta Pioneers member and more hard work from the Building Committee have made this project possible. We are hopeful that it will be ready for Stampede week when we will be dedicating the many new trees at the Memorial Service.

The organizing part of our busy Stampede week has been underway for some time now. The events are listed on the back of this newsletter. What a fun-filled week we have planned, starting with the Stampede Parade, the BBQ held at the Memor-

ial Building and the Memorial Day service with the dedication of the trees. The Social Committee does a great job on all these events, so don't forget to attend the Rotary House tea, and end off the week at the pancake breakfast.

We need volunteers to man the carriage display for three-hour shifts, for the full 10 days. To get in on all the fun, start by volunteering for whatever activity interests you, and then you're in on the ground floor. The fun starts there. We need all the input and talents of our members to keep going in the right direction.

A thank you goes out to the Historical Committee who faithfully work on our history. This year, along with their ongoing historical documentation, they are putting copies of the pictures from our walls onto a disk, as a permanent record.

We have a great group of dedicated Board and Committee Members, who do their jobs, work very hard, and contribute so very much. We invite all of you to come out and join in the activities of this friendly organization.

— Audrey Rice

### *Volunteers Required*

## **STAMPEDE EXHIBIT 2004**

Orientation presented by  
Remington Alberta Carriage  
Centre and Reynolds  
Alberta Museum  
**June 14, 2004**

2 sessions to choose from –  
4 pm or 7 pm  
Memorial Building

*Contacts:*

David Wake – 288-5545  
Lionel Singleton – 202-1206



# Memorial Building Fund

The following have donated to our Memorial Building Fund since my last report in January:

- Mrs. Mary Lynas (in memory of Flora Eagleson)
- Mrs. Joan Davis
- Mr. & Mrs. A. Rugsven
- Mr. & Mrs. A. Maier (in memory of Flora Eagleson)
- Mr. Jay Joffe
- Ms. Ruth Gomer (in memory of Ruth Galloway)
- Ms. Margaret Luft (in memory of Ruth Galloway)
- Mrs. Marilyn Harke (in memory of Ruth Galloway)
- Ms. Denise Cunningham (in memory of Ruth Galloway)

Mr. James Eagleson (in memory of Flora Eagleson)

The Southern Alberta Pioneers' Foundation is a registered charity.

Contributions to the Memorial Building Fund and for the Memorial Trees are income tax deductible. Cheques should be made payable to The Southern Alberta Pioneers' Memorial Building Fund. At May 5, 2004, the Fund stood at \$141,337 compared to \$121,522 one year ago.

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

# Membership Report

## In Memoriam:

Flora Eagleson, Dorothy MacBean, Mary Quinton, Ruth Pearce, Mary Barnett, Alfred Pettit, Ruth Galloway, Edna Copithorne, Dr. Leona Paterson, Mabel Smart, Norman Lewin, Gertrude Copithorne, Robert A. Campbell, Gerald Doutré and May Carlson.

## Welcome New

### Gold Card Member:

Allen Collins

## Welcome New Members:

T. Lynn Edge, Grandson of William Edge, Calgary, 1887

Larry McDonald, Great Grandson of Angus McDonald, Cochrane, 1881

Ronald Staines, Great Grandson of Thomas John Searle Skinner, Calgary, 1883

Catherine Laycraft, Great Granddaughter of Joseph Connell, Gladys, 1889

Kara-Lynn Scott, Great Granddaughter of James Mooney, Shepard, 1885

Anita Alexander, Great Granddaughter of Alex & Margaret Alexander, Medicine Hat, 1885

Donald Johnson, Great Great Grandchild of Samuel Lucas, 1886

Cam McDonald, Elaine McDonald, Alec McDonald & Alana Paterson, Grandchildren of Alex Nesbitt, Nanton, 1890

Mary Belle Kenny, Great Granddaughter of Arthur & Ada Rowland, Aldersyde, 1883

Monica Viste, Scott Viste & Calton Viste, Great Great Grandchildren of Henry Samuel Casey, Lethbridge, 1889

Linda Many Guns, Great Great Granddaughter of Wold Collar, Siksika, 1853

## Welcome New Associate Members:

Judith Edge, R. Harry Viccars, Buster Schwieger & Gwen E. Johnson

Thanks for calling and sending notes with all changes (address, phone, name, etc.).

My phone number is 271-5483 and my email is

SAP.membership@shaw.ca.

— Maureen Peckham

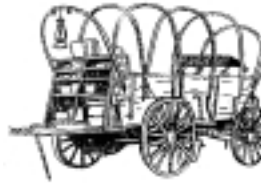
## 2004 Gentleman Pancake Breakfast

This year's Annual Stampede Pancake Breakfast will be held on **Saturday, July 17, 2004 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Memorial Building.**

There will be plenty of coffee, juice, pancakes and ham for all to fill the ole feed bag. Some country music

will be in the air and who knows — maybe even a line dance or two.

Price is \$3.00 per family. Half of the proceeds will go to the Food Bank. Any questions contact Lionel Singleton at 202-1206.



The newsletter is now available on the Website: [www.pioneersalberta.org](http://www.pioneersalberta.org) (click on Newsletter). You may read or print a copy.

If you have access to the web site and would like to stop receiving the newsletter by Canada Post, please send an email to [sap.membership@shaw.ca](mailto:sap.membership@shaw.ca).

We will send an email advising when the newsletters are available for viewing.

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# Leaves of the Medicine Tree

The High River Pioneers' and Old Timers Association has recently decided to reprint their original history book, *Leaves of the Medicine Tree*. The book was first published in 1960—that has since been recognized as the first, and at that time the best community history book in the province. There were only 1,000 copies printed of the first edition, which were quickly purchased by families who had roots in Medicine Tree country. Copies of the book have not been available for decades and those that have been sold at auction sales more recently have brought prices, in some cases, of nearly \$1,000.

During 1955, a committee of self-appointed historians, all members of the Association, undertook the project of publishing a book with some early history of southern Alberta, without realizing the magnitude of the task. The aims of the committee were to record the life, industry and development of an area east and west of the old trail from Fish Creek south of Calgary to Claresholm. The purpose was

to trace the history of everyone as far as possible, who lived or worked in this area before 1900.

The new edition will be an exact duplicate of the first book, containing the same information, pictures, maps and illustrations, which will be a hard copy version. It will sell for \$65.00 a copy, and is anticipated that many descendants of the area's pioneer families will be the first in line to make a purchase. Those who pre-order the book will receive a \$5.00 discount, but that offer will end as soon as the new book is released in September or early October. This second printing promises to be a best-seller, as only 500 copies will be printed.

Anyone interested in pre-ordering may contact the association's treasurer, Betty Garstin, at P.O. Box 141, Longview, Alberta T0L 0H0 or telephone 558-3990.

— Hank Pallister (403) 652-5643  
President, High River Pioneers' and  
Old Timers Association

# Memorial Building and Property Update

Saturday, April 24 was a perfect day for the annual spring clean-up, both indoors and out. Thanks to Danny Copithorne, volunteers were treated to a pancake breakfast before getting the various tasks underway.

Since our last newsletter, patience and persistence have paid off, and all hurdles are cleared for paving the parking lot. In particular, our appreciation is expressed to Herm Thielen, Bill Murphy, and Danny Copithorne. Before paving commences, however, the City will install a storm sewer.

Sale of memorial trees continues, with 7 of the 12 new blue spruces already sold. These will be located on the north side of the property line, now that the existing poplars have been removed. Please contact Bill Murphy at 252-6565; cost of each is only \$400. A bronze plaque to be placed at the base of the tree, a certificate suitable for framing, and a charitable donation tax receipt are included.

Restoration of several exterior logs is well under way and, as part of the process, a new coat of oil will be applied to all exterior log surfaces. Inside, we have new Venetian-style blinds replacing the curtains on the main floor, and a new public address system, complete with superior loudspeakers, compact disc player and a cordless remote microphone.

Concluding our summary of the first four months of 2004, Bud Vine is assisting our Building Committee with his digital photography skills. Each of the historical photos lining the walls on both floors of the building will be photographed without needing to be removed from their frames.

— Laurie Jacques  
Building Committee Member

## Phoning Committee

Thank you to our ladies who make the phone call to our members reminding them of 'upcoming events'.

We are gradually obtaining email addresses from those with computers, so hopefully we will be able to keep in touch as well as by phone.

A phone call to our shut-ins is very important to them and we do not want to miss the personal contact.

One of our faithful phoners has recently died, so we are in need of a person to replace her. My phone number is 251-4915, should you have any questions.

We missed you at our Volunteer Appreciation a few weeks ago, We do appreciate the time and talents that you share with us.

— Joan Davis

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Hall .....287-2489

# EVENTS

**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.

**Saturday, Oct. 16** – AGM & Luncheon. Convenor: Kerri Fipke, 271-9581.

**Saturday, Nov. 6** – Round-Up Dinner. Convenor: Sharon Thielen, 282-1302.

*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.

### Advertising

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

Bookings phone 243-3580 (office) 287-2489 (hall), fax 287-2485.

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<http://www.pioneersalberta.org>

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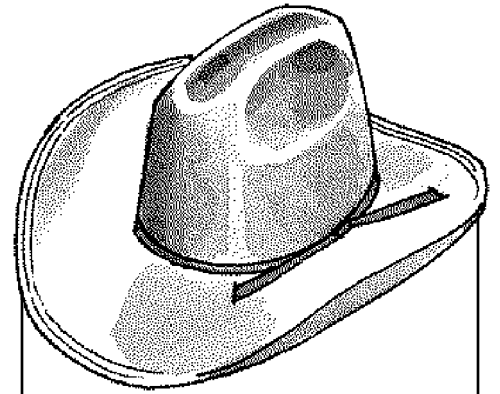
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## ***Cookbook Makes a Great Gift***

Looking for an inexpensive, good quality gift for a bridal shower, birthday or anniversary? Our cookbook, *Our Heritage From Many Lands*, is ideal. The ethnic recipes are a little different and not found in other cookbooks.

The use of herbs and spices is becoming more popular so the section on their history and uses is a great addition to the book.

Call Fern at 278-2793.



## ***Historical Committee***



*L to R: Jim Mackie, Joan Davis, Dave Wake, Mary Lynas, Patricia Cox, Sandy Dean, Helen White, John Hutchings & Clarence Davis.*



*L to R: Bud Vine, John Hutchings & Danny Copithorne.*

# **THE STAMPEDE BARBECUE**

**Saturday, July 10/04**

### **Memorial Building**

Cocktails 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

**\$18.00/person**

Convenors – Jean Chugg

Laurie Jacques

Tickets must be purchased in advance. To order call:

**Gwen Hanna**

**279-5621**

**David Wake**

**288-5545**

## ***Champion Park Pot Luck***

**Sunday, June 13, 2004**

**2:00 - 7:00 pm**

*Fly Fishing, Kite Flying,  
Family Fun Day*

***Join the Spirit of the Pioneers and Volunteer for one of the many functions of the Southern Alberta Pioneers this Stampede. Contact Jean Chugg at 255-0692.***