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President's Message

Your committees have all been kept busy this winter and now everyone is looking forward to spring and summer.

We had a full slate of events this winter; all were successful with the Wine and Cheese night being a sell out. We have commenced negotiations with the City regarding the renewal of the property lease. The negotiations are moving ahead quite favourably and should be completed before the end of this year.

The next big event will be the Calgary Stampede with our entry in the parade, the Barbeque, Rotary House Tea and the pancake breakfast.

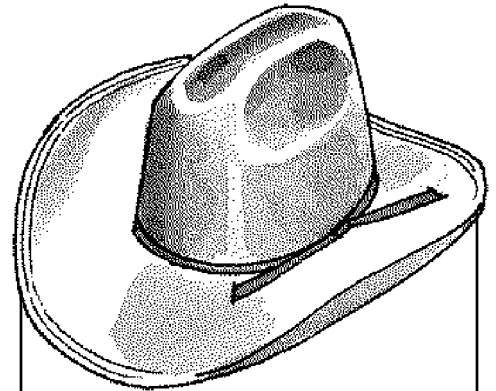
We also have the picture exhibit at the Roundup Centre that has to be

manned for the full 10 days. This exhibit gives the Southern Alberta Pioneer Association a great deal of exposure to all Albertans as well as the world. So please volunteer some of your time to this and other Stampede activities.

I would also like to say a very special thank you to Moyra Ferguson and her committee for the wonderful afternoon at the Gold Card Tea on May 6th. Each year we invite our special members who have reached their 80th birthday to tea and an afternoon of visiting.

Thank you for your continued support.

— Bob Brewster, President



THE STAMPEDE BARBECUE

Saturday, July 7/07

Memorial Building

Cocktails 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

\$22.00/person

(age 13 and over)

Children 12 and under FREE

Convenor: Laurie Jacques

Tickets must be purchased in advance. To order call:

Gwen Hanna

279-5621

Pat Rodriguez

279-6435

Catering by Downtown Rotary Club

Round-Up 2007

Saturday, November 3rd is the date to remember.

Due to increased labour costs at the Palliser a slight ticket increase is necessary to \$60.00 per person. Unfortunate but a product of our times.

Once again there will be an early bird draw for accommodation that evening at the Palliser. Call Gwen Hanna now at 279 5621 to reserve your priority seating. Also don't forget there will be a draw for a night at the Banff Springs including

brunch the next morning. This alone is worth huge bucks.

This year Staff Sgt 'Robbie Robinson', Retired Royal Canadian Mounted Police, as selected and highly recommended by President Bob, will be our featured entertainment with dancing to follow.

If this traditional event, held since 1929, is to continue it needs the support of our membership!

Convenors: Danny and Fran Copithorne



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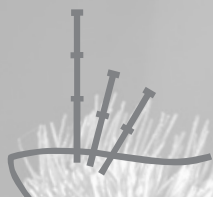
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Pipes for All Occasions



SAP Library News

A beautiful new book was donated to the library by Mrs. Fran McTaggart, depicting the history of Exshaw. Thank you very much Fran!

A book featuring the history of the Holy Cross Hospital was donated by Mr. Robert Rintoul. Thank you Mr. Rintoul!

We also recently purchased a book depicting the history of Bowness and are in the process of trying to purchase the history of Carstairs. Our library is growing, particularly in the genre of area histories.

The book *Pioneer Families of Southern Alberta* is missing from our library. If you have this book, please return it to the Memorial Building. A number of our library books were mysteriously missing this past winter. Thankfully, these books mysteriously reappeared.

Please remember, this is not a lending library, but rather an archival one, and the books are not to be taken from the building.

— Sharon Thielen

Please Note:

**Our events will be
outside, rain or shine.
This includes the BBQ,
Pancake Breakfast, etc.**

**Large tents will be set up
at the Building for the
Stampede activities
this year.**

Membership Report

The Newsletter can be read
and printed from

www.pioneersalberta.org/newsletter.

If you prefer not to receive a paper copy in the mail and read the newsletter online, please email sap.membership@shaw.ca and let me know your wishes.

In Memoriam:

Philip Bice, Nathan O'Hare, Betty Hadway, Stuart Kennedy, Donald Edge & Carmen Cook.

Welcome to New Gold Card Members:

William Toole, Betty Wyndham, Agnes Rouse & Evelyn Atkinson.

Welcome Back to Reinstated Members:

Gail Lauder, Robert A. Baptie & Brenda O'Brien

Welcome to New Members:

Russell Adderson, Descendant of Neil McCall, Calgary, 1888.

Timothy Sprung, Descendant of Philip Sprung, Calgary, July 1886.

A. Louise Hutchings, Descendant of Robert J. Hutchings, Calgary, 1885.

Welcome to New Associate Member:

John Lindsay

Thanks again for keeping me informed of Address/Phone Changes. Call me at 271-5483 or e-mail me at sap.membership@shaw.ca.

— Maureen Peckham
Membership Secretary

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Building Committee

As usual your Building Committee has been busy working to keep the Memorial Building and grounds in tip-top shape. This month should see the installation of new counter tops and sinks in both the upstairs and downstairs kitchens. In any event this work will be completed for the summer events.

We have hired Jacques Whitford Engineers to prepare a Capital Renewal Plan for the building which will detail all necessary improvements deemed necessary in the upcoming years. This report is essential to receive reimbursement, in part, from the City of Calgary for our major outlays. This report will also be ready by the end of May.

The committee has started a "Wish List" for future capital outlays. High on our priorities are such improvements as: energy efficient furnaces, handicap friendly washrooms for upstairs, new stacking chairs for downstairs, new floor tiles for kitchen areas and washrooms. The ultimate would be an electric

gate for the front entrance to the parking lot. These are but a few that have so far come to mind and if you have some improvement that you would like to see take place please let us know.

The annual work party was held on Saturday, April 28th with 30

enthusiastic individuals turning up to accomplish all that was set out to be done. A pancake and sausage breakfast was served and all the tasks were accomplished by two in the afternoon. A BIG THANK YOU to those who came out and helped.

– Danny Copithorne

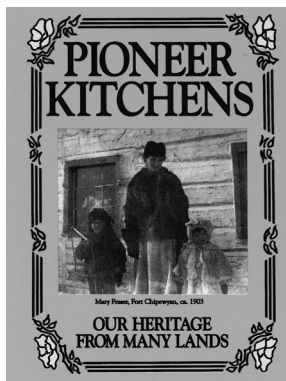


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Casino Committee Report

A huge 'Thank You' is extended to a great group of volunteers who chalked up over 260 volunteer hours (two-thirds of the shifts were 8 hours long) working at our casino on March 16 & 17, 2007.

The super group of volunteers included:

Peggy Barr	Don Fipke	Ernie Rice
Leanne Bateman	Kerri Fipke	Pat Rodriguez
Wayne Bateman	Gwen Hanna	Alice Schwieger
Bob Brewster	Virginia Holmes	Buster Schwieger
Margaret Buckley	Barbara Kwasny	Beryl Sibbald
Karen Clark	Judi LaLonde	Shirley Siddon
Lance Cooke	Fran McTaggart	Jim Smith
Margaret Cooke	Dennis Mooney	Marion Smith
George Cranston	Bill Murphy	Marie Stang
Fern Dorsch	Maureen Peckham	Herm Thielen
Joe Ferguson	Sandy Pedlar	Dave Wake
Moyra Ferguson	Audrey Rice	Greg White
		Helen White

Danny Copithorne, Joan Davis and Ken Thompson were our back-up crew, and Agnes Rouse, the Pioneer Lady for 2007, kept us supplied with 'munchies'. We had 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 2008. The funds are used primarily for the ongoing upkeep and improvements to the Memorial Building and grounds.

– Pat Rodriguez, Casino Coordinator

Parade Costuming

Have you ever wished to participate in our Stampede Parade entry with an authentic outfit? Did you feel that it was a daunting task? If so, then this session will make it easier for you!! A free information session will be offered including the basics of period clothing.

This is aimed at people who wish to construct their own pieces as well as those looking for ready-made garments.

Although more emphasis will be placed on women's clothing, men's and children's clothing will also be covered. Please call Linda at 225-0698 to reserve your spot.

Date: May 29, 2007

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: Pioneer Memorial Bldg.

Memorial Service and Tea

Sunday, July 10th – 2 pm
at the Pioneer Building

Convenor: Gwen Hanna 279-5621



Two Books from the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants Society

"Pioneer Families of Southern Alberta"

First published in 1993, now reprinted, has 1,500 short biographies telling the trials and tribulations, the joys and sorrows of those who were in Southern Alberta in 1890.

The second is the "Addendum" to our first book, which has an additional 800 stories.

If you see a name that you recognize as a family ancestor and would like more information than is printed in our books, please ask, as we have more information in our archives for most of the names.

Prices: Pioneers of Southern Alberta\$20.00

Addendum to the above\$10.00

Mailing.....\$7.00 to \$10.00

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Clarence Davis, Historical Committee – 251-4915.

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Saturday, July 14th

9 am - Noon



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Memorial Building Fund

Since October 1/06 donations to the fund have totalled \$11,200.00, which, combined with the earnings from the funds on deposit, brings the balance at Mar. 31/07 to \$203,451.67. Our thanks to the following donors:

Diana and David Ballard

The Estate of the late Ev Mayhood
Norman F Schmaultz

Reverend and Mrs. Bill Sayers

Members are reminded that contributions to the Memorial Building Fund receive a charitable donation receipt for income tax purposes.

13th Annual Wine Tasting

The 13th Annual SAP Wine Tasting night was held Saturday, February 17, 2007 at the Memorial Building. The selections of wine this year were from France, Australia and Chile. Complementing the wines were a variety of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres prepared by many willing people. Thank you and appreciation to all those volunteers who helped with food preparation, setting up and decorating. Thank you to Pat Rodriguez for printing, recording, selling tickets and also to Gwen Hanna for helping with tickets that evening. Thank you to Clarence Davis, our Pioneer Gent for welcoming people at the door. It turned out to be a very enjoyable evening. Thanks to all.

– Beryl Sibbald

Calgary Chinook Historical Society Walk Week

Wednesday, August 1st

Southern Alberta Pioneers & Their Descendants Memorial Building,
3625 - 4th Street SW (Parkhill)

This Historical log building was dedicated to the pioneers who arrived in Southern Alberta prior to December 31, 1890. The building is a true memorial used to collect and preserve information connected with the early settlement and subsequent history of the Province.

10:15 - 10:45 am – Bud Vine and David Wake will “Show and Tell” of early residences and occupants in early Calgary. These gentlemen are members of Southern Alberta Pioneers.

10:45 - 11:45 am – Linda Many Guns will tell some of the Native Rituals. Linda is a member and a descendant of Wolf Collar – Siskiska, 1853

11:45 am - 12:15 pm – A tour of the Memorial Building and Archives

12:15 - 12:45 pm – Lunch – Please bring your lunch, juice will be provided. Tables on the patio to sit and enjoy the beautiful view.

1:00 - 1:45 pm – Pat Cox will tell us about the Chautauquas in Alberta.

1:45 - 2:15 pm – Karen Gummo will tell the story of her Great Grandparents who settled at Markerville in 1889.

2:15 - 2:30 pm – Clarence Davis tell about Col. Walker and the Cochrane Ranch.

2:30 - 3:00 pm – Short walks if there is interest.

Volunteers Required for our 2007 STAMPEDE EXHIBIT.

Volunteers may view
this years display
and pick up their passes at the
Memorial Building
on Monday June 18th, 2007
from 2 - 5 pm or from 6 - 8 pm.

REMEMBER!

To volunteer your services
Contact David Wake at 288-5455
or Bud Vine at 279-4744



Parade vignette
Guess who? - what year?

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EVENTS

Friday, July 6 – Pre-Parade Breakfast for participants @ Rotary House, 6:30am. Convener: Kerri Fipke, 271-9851.

Saturday, July 7 – Stampede BBQ, 6:00pm. Conveners: Laurie & L. Jacques, 271-0138.

Sunday, July 8 – Memorial Service/Tea, 2:00pm. Convener: Gwen Hanna.

Monday, July 9 – Sandwich Making for Rotary House. Convener: Moyra Ferguson.

Tuesday, July 10 – Pioneer Tea @ Rotary House, 2:30-4:00pm. Convener Needed.

Saturday, July 14 – Pancake Breakfast, 9:00-noon. Convener: Danny Copithorne, 271-1972

Sunday, Sept 9 – Family Day / Pot Luck @ Champion Park, 2:00pm. Conveners: Danny & Fran Copithorne, 271-1972.

Saturday, Oct. 13 – Annual General Meeting & Luncheon, 12:00-3:00pm. Convener: Kerri Fipke, 271-9581.

Saturday, Nov. 3 – Round-Up Dinner @ Palliser Hotel, 6:00pm. Conveners: Danny & Fran Copithorne, 271-1972.

Saturday, Dec. 1 – Christmas Dinner, 6:00pm. Convener Needed.

Note: Games / potluck events; potluck dinner starts at @ 5:00pm.

Contact Bob Brewster or Moyra Ferguson if you can fill any of the "Convener Needed" functions.

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.

Card Night

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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