



# SDOP NEWS

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## President's Corner

Happy New Year !

2018

Here's hoping that everyone had a wonderful holiday season and made many happy memories. Now, that the holidays are over and we all start to settle down, seems like, some of us want to make New Year, resolutions. We have all done it. I am going to go to church more often, I am going to exercise everyday, and watch the diet.

Somehow, the thought of volunteering does not always come to mind. We say, oh I'm just too busy ... maybe next year. However, this is the year that we need you to join our board. We want your fresh ideas and enthusiasm. Fill up your bucket list.

We are looking for people that like to have a fun, among friends, with like-minded goals. Men and women with a desire to help further the education of school children. People with a pioneer spirit and a love for our organization.

We do not meet every month and when we do have meetings, it is always on a Saturday. Please join us everyone is welcome to come to our meetings and to enjoy our 'out-of-town' adventures. Come see what you are missing.

Lets keep the wheels rolling and the home fires burning..... it's time for you to take 'your turn' to keep, SDOP viable and strong.

Janet Wilson

President SDOP

## Rose Parade

*This is the last issue for the thermometer and we are three quarters there! The deadline is February 28!*

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*OregonSDOP.org*

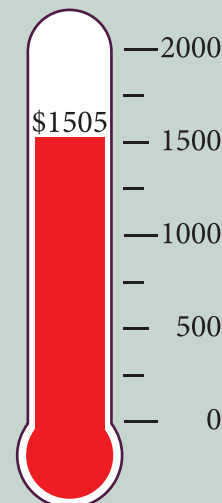
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Rose Festival 2018



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## Slate of Officers for Term of Office

June 2018-June 2019

### Officers

**President** - Catherine Jette

**Immediate Past President** - Janet Wilson

**President Elect** - Open

**Secretary** - Dawn Alexander

**Treasurer** - Cleve Parker

**Registrar & Historian** - Merle Miller

### Board Members

**Governance Chair** - Nancy Parker (2018)

**Technology Chair** - Mel Fuller, also Past President

**Newsletter Editor** - Diane Root

**Board Member** - Jo'ye Willman (2019)

**Public Relations/Development** - Joy Eaton (2019)

**Trading Post** - Reggie Burke (2019)

**Webmaster** - Cleve Parker (2020)

**Board Member** - Ellie Nelson

**Board Member** - Drew Ackerlund (2020)

**Board Members** - Open Positions: 3 positions for 2021



SDOP Annual Banquet

February 17, 2018

Registration on page 4

Happy 159th birthday Oregon!

Come and learn about all the flags that have flown over this beautiful territory!

Meet up with friends and add to your social group!

Great food, music, and awards!

Submissions for next issue due Feb. 23rd.

# 175 Years of Oregon Trail History

*End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center*

2018 will be the 175th anniversary of the Oregon Trail. We will celebrate by hosting several events, collaborating with many heritage organizations and sites throughout Oregon.

June 2018 - "From Time Immemorial" - Native Americans and early fur trappers tell the stories of traditional lifestyles in Oregon City area before the Oregon Trail through a variety of cultural displays and demonstrations.

July 27, 2018 - Get ready to celebrate with "The Trail Band" as they perform Songs of the Trail. Presented by the Willamette Falls Heritage Area Coalition. Sponsored by the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive & Visitor Information Center and Oregon City Parks and Rec.

Aug 25 & 26 2018 - "That Long-looked for Place" - Pioneers Arriving in Oregon. Pioneers at the end of the trail sharing their experience of the journey and restarting their lives in Oregon - displays and demonstrations of pioneer wagon encampment.



2018 will be a year of celebrations for our Oregon Trail community, so please check our website for forthcoming events and details.

If you have an event or want to join us please contact:

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We would love to promote your event and invite you to participate!

End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center  
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[www.HistoricOregonCity.org](http://www.HistoricOregonCity.org)

## SDOP Board Meeting Nov.18, 2017

### Old Spaghetti Factory

#### Officers Report:

**Secretary Report:** Minutes were read and accepted.

**President's Report:** Janet and Chris attended the Affiliates meeting last month. There was some good info on grants. Janet was approached by the head ranger at Champoege Park informing her of Founders Day on May 5th, celebrating 175 years. He is asking to use our newsletter to advertise events for it. Come in costume.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dave reviewed the treasurer's report that had been sent out. Cleve had a question on how numbers were recorded on membership for the budget. Mel explained. Cleve made a motion to split membership dues into 2 line items: New member dues and recurring dues. Mel mentioned the right off portion of dues split into 2 phases. 1st phase individuals will be written off. 2nd phase: make them inactive. Treasurer's report accepted.

**President Elect Report:** Catherine reviewed the banquet budget. Discussion about making things go quicker, separate events with meeting and banquet, maybe younger members are not interested in the meeting portion.... Pictures need to be quicker and people ready. Post the schedule with meeting agenda on it... classroom style setting instead of the whole room. Catherine thanked Diane and Jake for putting the banquet registration form in the Nov. newsletter. Joy had sent out letters to dignitaries for banquet. Mel asked about technology needed for the banquet. Cleve made a motion for spending up to \$250.00 for a mixer and a wireless mike for sound equipment. This is a non-budgeted item coming from capital. Catherine 2nd. Motion passed.

#### Committee Reports:

**Membership:** Mel reported having a slight increase in membership. 5 more memberships came from Merle with a few more on the way. Dawn and Mel sent out a 2nd run of statements. Feel like this was a good thing to do.

**Membership Registrar Report:** Merle not in attendance, but had sent a new members list out.

**Nominations Committee:** will be meeting on the phone soon

**Social Media:** Catherine needs photos. She has resources to get photos from archives and websites of other places.

**Newsletter Editor:** Diane had received a manuscript from Nancy Hersey and will work on getting it to Cleve to post online.

**Awards and Scholarship Committee Report:** Dawn reported the donation of the anonymous donor towards a second scholarship award.

**Cookbook:** Janet said this is on the back burner for now.

**New Business:** Cleve made a motion that all unrestricted donations between now and February and the donation from Chuck Hornbuckle go towards the Rose Parade fund.

**Mel made a report on the Rose Parade:** Carriage will be available again for this year. Let Mel know if you would like to join him on the Rose Festival Committee. Mel suggested that the Current MPO and oldest living MPO be riders this year. Cleve mentioned that this time of year is when organizations are requesting donations asking if we should send out a request asking for donations. He will put together a flyer.

## Historic Firsts

- Merle Miller

The following information was taken from the *Native Sons and Daughters of Oregon Magazine* May 1932 – Vol. 1 – No. 1

The first steam railroad in Oregon was at the portage between the Lower and the Upper Cascades. It was begun in 1861 and completed the following year. The first train to run over the road was on April 20, 1863. The engine was built in San Francisco, and shipped to Oregon on the steamer Pacific. It was taken to Lower Cascades on a wharf boat. Colonel J. S. Ruckle, Captain J. C. Ainsworth, S.G. Reed, Wm. S. Ladd, Captain J.M. Gilman, all wearing tall white hats and white vest, went over the road a little while prior to the above with Theodore A. Goffe, engineer, and had their immaculate "store clothes" spoiled by the escape of steam and soot.

The first passenger train to leave Portland was in September, 1870. It started from "East Portland," and the southern terminus of the line was "Waconda," near the present town of Gervais.

The first great fire in Portland was in August, 1873. Twenty-five blocks were burned. Loss, \$1,000,000.

The first bridge--that on Morrison Street--was thrown open to the public April 11, 1887.

Driving of the last spike on the Northern Pacific Railroad, which connected Portland with the East for the first time, was on September 8, 1883, in Deer Lodge County, Montana, 1198 miles west of Lake Superior.

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See next issue for  
**Evelyn Darleen Floyd Brown's article**  
**My Oregon Trail Family**  
**- 1845 -**

INFORMATION & RESERVATION INSTRUCTIONS  
**SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF OREGON PIONEERS ANNUAL STATEHOOD  
CELEBRATION commemorating OREGON'S 159th BIRTHDAY**  
Presenting MISS PIONEER OREGON 2018  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2018**

11:00 am SDOP Annual Meeting

12:00 noon Meet & Mingle: registration, viewing displays/merchandise and visiting

12:30 pm Group Picture Taking

1:00 pm Program with Welcome

Location Join us at the **Monarch Hotel, 12566 SE 93<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Clackamas, OR**

**MT. HOOD BUFFET INCLUDES:** mixed greens with balsamic vinaigrette, blue cheese and candied walnuts, fresh seasonal fruit tray, petite filet of salmon with lemon butter, London broil finished with Pinot Noir demi-glace, baby red potatoes, fresh seasonal vegetables, rolls with butter, birthday cake and coffee, tea and lemonade.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Cleve Parker, Board Member of SDOP, Member of SAR and photographer extraordinaire will give a talk about the fascinating history of NW Territorial Flags entitled, "Flags Over Oregon".

**SILENT AUCTION:** Members are encouraged to bring items for the silent auction held during the banquet. All proceeds will go to SDOP's participation in the Rose Parade.

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Please mail this RESERVATION FORM with your check directly to Chris Meinicke. We must have your reservation and payment by **January 20, 2018** so the final head count can be given to the Monarch Hotel.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

(Please include all names that are attending so we can prepare name tags.)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a past SDOP president? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what year? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a past Miss Pioneer Oregon? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what year? \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify the number of reservations you are making

Number of adults \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45.00= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children (13 & under) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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(If you need a special menu, please let us know by *January 20, 2018*)

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## Excerpt from the diary of Victoria Starkweather - 1879-1880



*SDOP member Nancy Hersey's aunt Victoria Starkweather was a young girl when she decided to write a journal of her life in Oregon in 1879. Nancy edited the journal and has given permission for SDOP to publish them on our website. As an introduction, we are beginning the 1880 journal in this newsletter. Victoria was the daughter of William A. Starkweather and his wife, Eliza Gordon. The Gordons arrived in Oregon in 1846. William*

*Starkweather arrived in 1850 and purchased 220 acres in 1865 in what is now the Concord area of Milwaukie. The nearest neighbors were the Oatfields and the Risleys. Victoria died young and is buried in the Clackamas cemetery but left a legacy of a view into the early days of the area between downtown Milwaukie and Oregon City.*

1880

Rutherford B. Hayes was president. Modern amenities like telephones, television automobiles and computers were in the unforeseeable future, but there was a train, which stopped both in Milwaukie and Oregon City. Meanwhile the neighbors banded together to share the news and help one another as needed. The principal activity of the Starkweather family, and most of the others, was agriculture, raising chickens and gathering eggs, as well as raising onion grain and shipping it by boat down the Willamette River to Portland.

After the California Gold rush of 1849, there was a reliable outlet in San Francisco for Oregon lumber and wheat, which helped Portland to develop into a major shipping port.

As you may have noticed, chickens and eggs played a vital part in the economy of the Starkweather family. The following is an excerpt from the Oregon Journal of November 1922, which explains how the business enterprise began. The speaker is Marianne Hunsaker. "You asked me how the early settlers earned money before the discovery of gold in California. In the winter of 1846-47 we lived in a double log cabin on the Molalla. The Gordons lived in one room and Mother and Father and we five children lived in the other room. Mother made soap, which she took to Oregon City and sold, and with the money she bought a hen. Together with Eliza Gordon, who later married Mr. Starkweather, she bought a rooster. They raised chickens, taking the little

chickens' from the hens as soon as they were hatched so the hen would go to laying sooner. We never ate an egg. They were all saved to be hatched. Mother raised 102 chickens the first year from her hen and the daughters of the hen. Mrs. Gordon raised nearly 100. This gave them money to buy cloth to make dresses for themselves and their girls." (Information courtesy of Shirley Graham.)

Thursday January 1

Jim came back this forenoon. He brought us some firecrackers and me a red handkerchief. Willie Oatfield was down, intends to go to a party at Mr. Rinearson's tonight. Ella and I went to the party last night. Mr. Whipple came up in the evening and told us the wagon would be here later. We started about 7:00. John Risley and I went together; Mr. Whipple and Ella; Mr. Hobart and Emma Bullock; Charlie Risley and Maggie Johnston. I enjoyed myself very well. I think I danced eight sets, 4 times with John, once with Mr. Whipple, once with Peter Rinearson, once with Molan Rhoads, and a Virginia reel with Mr. Hobart. There was quite a large crowd there. The party was for Wil Grand (sp?). He was married in the afternoon at Portland and came up on the train. We got home little after 5:00 this morning. I went to bed and lay till noon. Pa and Ella went to Oregon City. She got 2 dresses and some shoes.

Dr. Thessing called today on business.

Pa said he would pay \$5.00 if I got up every morning at 6:00. I intend to try, but I think it will be hard. Day cloudy with rain. I got up at 6:00 this morning. Pretty good for a beginning.

Mr. Neal down. Dr. Thessing here. Ed Magone and Johnnie Jennings gave us a call this afternoon; Johnnie played the organ some.

I got up at a quarter to seven this morning. Mr. Neal and George came down. George spent the day and Mr. Neal came down for him this evening. Pa went to Milwaukie and got the mail. Ma, Ella, Willie, Harvey and I went to church. Charlie and John Risley came up this afternoon.

Mr. Oatfield was here.

Pa and Grandpa went to Oregon City today.

Willie and Ella went to Mr. Tompkins. They are going to stay all night.

Victoria continues to play the organ. Mr. Neal came down to borrow our horses. He went down the Ridge Road and came down the other road. (Ridge Road, maybe Oatfield?) Ella and Willie came back this afternoon. Pa and Willie cleared out the road between here and Mr. Oatfield's.

*"Starkweather" continued on page 6*



## Calendar Events

*Please Note all SDOP members are invited to all meetings, especially the meetings that take in historical tours and/or guest speakers.*

### January 2018

Board Meeting

**Location:** Mel Fuller's residence

### February 17, 2018

Annual Banquet and Oregon Birthday Celebration

RSVP form on page 4

**Location:** Monarch Hotel, Clackamas, OR

**Time:** 11:00 am Meeting

12:00 pm Banquet

### April 14, 2018

Board Meeting

**Location:** Polk Co. Historical Museum and Brunk House during the Cherry Blossom Festival

### June 23, 2018

Board Meeting

**Location:** Vancouver with lunch at Grant House and tour of Marshall House

### July 2018

Annual Picnic

**Location:** Champoege State Park

There is a birthday party on February 17th  
and you are invited!

(It's not every day you turn 150!)

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- March submissions are due by Feb. 23rd. -

Photos and articles welcome from all members!

*"Starkweather" from page 5*

They went up there and got the wagon. The Neals and the children came down.

Victoria continues trying to get up early to get that \$5.00. Willie went to Milwaukie to get the mail. Grandpa got a letter from Mr. Lister. (his granddaughter Sally Gordon married a man named Lister.)

Albert Walling and Johnnie Conley came to get onions.

Albert tried the organ. Mr. Whipple came up and spent the evening.

Ella and Ma washed. Annie Magone came over and spent most of the day. Mrs. Neal came down.

Snow is 3 inches. Mr. Oatfield here this morning. Pa went to Oregon City to see if Mr. Houf's folks could come down. They couldn't.

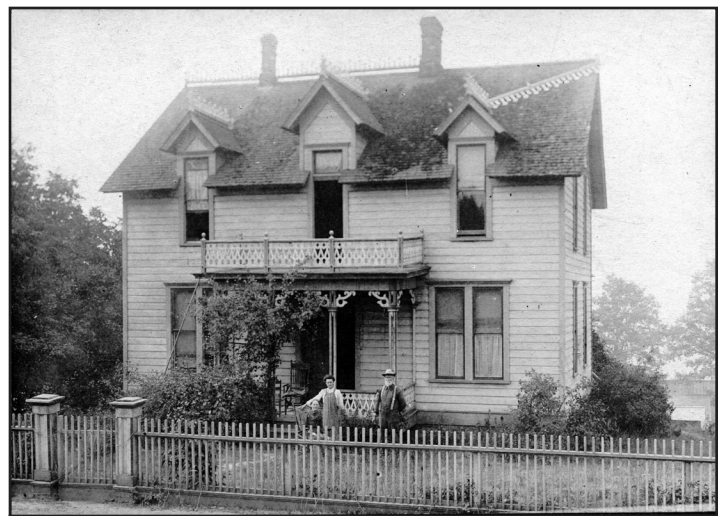
Day pleasant, little sunshine. Mr. Ford worked today.

Pa went to Mr. Risley's this afternoon.

Mr. Neal down this morning. Because it was slippery, Pa didn't go to Portland.

Mrs. Risley, John, Elmer, Alice and Mrs. Bunnell and her baby came over this afternoon.

Mrs. Risley brought up a paper with a list of the passengers sailing from San Francisco for Portland. They started the 27th. I guess we'll go to Portland to meet them. Pa and Ella went to Portland today. Pa was at the wharf when the steamer arrived, but he didn't see Nellie (Lister) I wish we could see her. (I wonder what happened to her!) Pa thinks she went to Mr. Storrel's. Got back at 8:00 this evening.



The house Victoria lived in when she wrote this diary.

To read more family histories and (coming soon) more of Victoria's life, continue on our website:

[OregonSDOP.org/family-histories](http://OregonSDOP.org/family-histories)

## Welcome New Members!

We are proud to have you in our growing pioneer family!

### New Life Member

Mark T. Huffstutter

### Ancestor

Samuel Ward Shannon – 1847

### New Member

Lee H. Ruffner Bouchard

Andrew P. Rapp

Andrew Tobin Rapp

Misty Dawn Gardner Schulz

Jeanette I. Bouchard Wurpes

### Ancestor

Peter Ruffner – 1852

David Putnam Porter – 1852

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Samuel Judd Gardner – 1844

Peter Ruffner – 1852

### Junior Member

Andrew Brydon Rapp

Anna Elizabeth Rapp

Pearson Baker Rapp

Jacob M. Schulz

Justin W. Schulz

### Ancestor

David Putnam Porter – 1852

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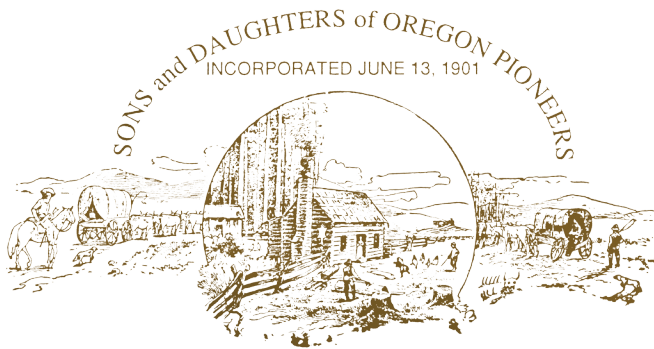
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Baron Mathews	\$500.00 Rose Festival Parade
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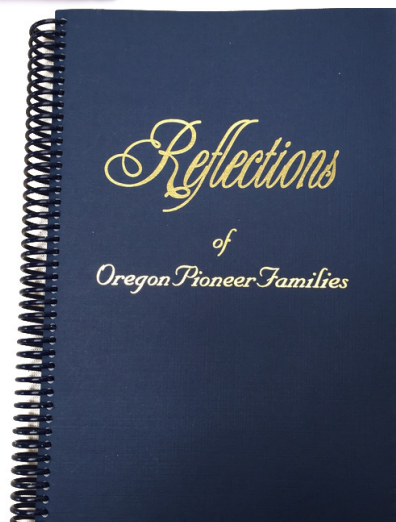
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