



# SDOP NEWS

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## November SDOP Meeting Minutes

The November meeting of SDOP was held at the Rivershore Restaurant in Oregon City. Prior to the meeting, members enjoyed an interesting talk in the Barclay House by Richard Matthews followed by his guided tour of the McLoughlin House.

After Co-President Nancy Root Parker called the meeting to order, introductions were made, minutes approved and the treasurer's report approved.

**Old Business:** Meeting places were discussed including a former fire station in West Linn. Later, it was decided to have the January meeting at Nancy Parker's home.

**2013 Annual Field Trip:** Discussion was held on the Annual Field Trip and the decision was made to visit Astoria in April. Board members will indicate their choice of dates by e-mail, and Denise Shook volunteered to check on accommodations in Astoria over the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Newsletter:** Co-President Diane reported the e-mail newsletter is off to a good start. More addresses have been obtained and it is hoped many more members will send newsletter editor Jacob Root their email addresses. It comes faster and is very attractive in color. Nancy reported that our budget is stretched for the newsletter, and we will be conducting a review. Discussion was held.

**Fund Raising:** Nancy Parker asked the board to focus on fund-raising and to bring ideas to the January meeting. She asked for input on ideas for subsidizing the banquet. Reggie Burke will bring examples of SDOP mugs that could be sold at the banquet. Chris Meinicke suggested adding a fifty cents to the price of a ticket. Discussion was held on the fact that the membership dues were lowered in the past because of a one-time gift, but SDOP is spending membership and lifetime money in order to keep afloat. The one-time gift has several years before the CD made up of that money can be used and reinvested. There are multiple penalties for early withdrawal so that is not an option.

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*SDOP members at the McLoughlin House graves during the tour prior to the November meeting.*

## SDOP BANQUET: Sunday February 17th

Mark your calendars! The Annual SDOP Banquet celebrating 154 years of Oregon Statehood is coming Sunday, February 17, 2012. We are again marking the anniversary of Oregon's admission to the Union, February 14, 1859.

This year we will return to the Monarch Hotel, 12566 SE 93rd Avenue, Clackamas, Oregon for the banquet. It is on Highway 205 between the Sunnyside exit and the Sunnybrook overpass, the same exit as Clackamas Town Center. The registration form is an insert in the newsletter.

Come socialize and enjoy our Mt. Hood Buffet featuring salmon and sliced flat iron steak. There will be music by Heartstrings, remarks by Miss Pioneer Oregon 2012 and by our new Miss Pioneer Oregon 2013, our birthday cake cutting ceremony, and presentation of Junior Awards and Scholarship Awards. This is also an opportunity to meet your officers, SDOP Board members, and fellow members. SDOP merchandise will be available. Family artifacts for display are welcome.

Remember: Sunday, Feb. 12th from 12:30 to 3:30 pm at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas.

*See you there!*

Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers
Junior Awards Program

Rules:

- 1. Applicant must be a Junior Member and in good standing with SDOP.
2. All entries must be postmarked by extended date January 18th, 2013, or delivered to the Chairperson by the same date.
3. If applicant wins once in a category, they are ineligible to win again in that age group.
4. Judges ruling will be final.
5. Winners will be presented at the Annual Banquet in February 2013, but need not be present to win.
6. Must be entirely the work of applicant. A picture of applicant must accompany entry.
7. Any judge who has a family member applicant must abstain from voting in that category.
8. There will only be one winner in each category.
9. Work must be neat and legible--neatness counts.
10. Winner will receive an award of cash money in the following categories:

Criteria and awards:

- Grades 1-4 \$100 cash Art project depicting scene from the migration to Oregon.
Grades 5-8 \$200 cash Essay of at least 200 words telling something you have learned about the migration to Oregon that you would like to share with us.
Grades 9-12 \$500 cash to further your education Essay of at least 500 words telling what being an Oregon pioneer descendant means to you.

Please mail submissions to:

Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers
ATTN: Richelle A. Fitzgerald
Junior Awards Program - Selection Committee
P.O. Box 6685
Portland, OR 97228-6685

Any questions?
phone 503-244-4103
e-mail fitzgeraldfamily4@live.com

EXTENDED - Must be received by January 18th, 2013

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Application for SDOP Junior Awards 2013

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your pioneer ancestor: \_\_\_\_\_ Year arrived in OR Territory: \_\_\_\_\_

Your interests and hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Skills and talents: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

8-12 Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers does not discriminate on race, religion, or creed.



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**2012 Annual Banquet:** Chris reported that she and Diane will meet with the Monarch Hotel staff and decide on a menu and price per meal for the banquet. Jim Tompkins offered to sponsor one meal for a family member of an award winner and suggested others also sponsor meals.

**2013 Annual Picnic:** Chris stated that the picnic will be held at Champoeg State Park on Sunday, July 14, 2013. Reservations have been made, and confirmation has been received. Judy Van Atta from the DAR Newell House Museum will speak, and since she is not charging a fee, Chris suggested we donate to the fund to move the DAR Pioneer Mother's Memorial Cabin. Recent flooding has damaged it, and the river has moved closer, so plans are underway to move it up to the Newell House grounds by 2015 to avoid it being lost in a future flood.

Jim Tompkins asked about the meeting before the picnic and Chris said it could be held at the Newell House for a fee of \$50. Jim volunteered to make the reservations for the next annual meeting in Oregon City in June.

**2013 May meeting:** Chris has selected the Caples House Museum Complex in Columbia City, Oregon for the May 11 meeting. The complex contains a pioneer tool shed, country store, the Knapp meeting center, a dollhouse museum and the Caples House. Suggested meeting time will be 11:00 in order to tour before lunch. Lunch and museum admission is \$15. per person. The meeting will be held after lunch.

**Good of the Order:** Glen Jones reported that the Association for Gravestone Studies convention is scheduled for June 18-23, 2013 at Willamette University.

Meeting adjourned.

-By Diane Root and Denise Shook

### SDOP College Scholarship Program

Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers want to help further the education of our members. Up to \$1,000 has been budgeted per calendar year to assist up to two members with tuition, books, and mandatory fees, as they pursue their first bachelor's degree. Please save this material to be used in the future by yourself or a family member who is a member of SDOP. We are pleased to extend this service to our membership and hope you will consider completing an application if you meet the application requirements. Complete application must be received by January 25, 2013.

To get the complete policy and procedures to be used for this new program contact:

Diane Root, 12777 SE Bluff Dr., Clackamas, OR.

Phone: 503-501-0851 e-mail: familytreeroots@msn.com

*Nyna Mildred Cason Knighten*

*June 9, 1912 - September 29, 2012*

Nyna Knighten was born at Lonerock, Oregon the daughter of Willis E. and Mildred Moor Cason. She attended elementary and high school at Lonerock, where she graduated in May of 1929. She met a young man from Hardman in Morrow County Oregon, named O. Elmer Knighten, and they were married June 9, 1931, at the Community Congregational Church in Condon Oregon.

She spent many years living and working on a ranch, a World War II Red Cross volunteer, active in the Foreign Wars Auxiliary of Condon. She was a dedicated Granger for more than 60 years and spent more than 40 years working at the Gilliam County Fair and with the 4-H children and their projects.

She was a Life Member of the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a very active member of the Gilliam County Historical Society. A long time member of the United Church of Christ in Condon and was active with many other things in her life time.

She was the mother of Raymond Eugene Knighten and Margaret Hazel Stangel.

Our condolences to her family, we will all miss her.

The deadline for the  
SDOP Junior Awards  
have been extended to January 18!

Miss Pioneer Oregon 2013

Applications are now being accepted for Miss Pioneer Oregon 2013. Here is an opportunity for young women with Oregon pioneer ancestry to be selected as an official representative of Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers. The successful candidate is rewarded with the honor of being selected and monetary benefits.

Requirements:

- 1. Open to any single woman, age 16 - 21, who is eligible for membership in SDOP as a direct descendant of an Oregon pioneer. The pioneer ancestor must have arrived and settled in the Oregon Territory before statehood, Feb. 14, 1859.
2. If selected, she is required to attend the SDOP Annual Statehood Banquet in February and give a five minute speech on Oregon history or her pioneer heritage. She also is required to attend the annual SDOP picnic in July.
3. Unless unavoidable conflicts exist, she is expected to attend the Founders Day celebration at Champoeg State Park in May and the SDOP annual meeting in June. She may also volunteer to take part in festivals, celebrations, fairs, and parades sponsored by other organizations.
4. She is required to appear at all official functions in pioneer costume with the special "Miss Pioneer Oregon" sash furnished by SDOP.
5. She is required to have a studio portrait made for programs and publicity purposes. The portrait (2 -8x10s and 1 - 5x7 for the Newsletter) will become property of SDOP, and the cost of the portrait will be paid by SDOP (up to \$100). One complimentary copy of the portrait will be presented to her.

Selection Criteria:

Applicants will be judged by the selection committee based on (1) poise; (2) appreciation of Oregon pioneer heritage; and (3) willingness to represent SDOP at official functions during the calendar year of 2013. Decision of the judges is final.

Benefits:

Miss Pioneer Oregon will receive a cash award of \$500 paid in two payments, a Life Membership in SDOP with the hopes of participating in the organization in the future as a board member or officer, and the privilege of officially representing SDOP for one year.

To Apply:

Write a brief statement entitled "Why I Would Like to be Miss Pioneer Oregon 2013." Fill out and send the application below with your statement and a recent photograph to:

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

School (Attending or Attended): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your pioneer ancestor: \_\_\_\_\_ Year arrived in OR Territory: \_\_\_\_\_

Your interests and hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Skills and talents: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Parent's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## T.A. Wood, Early Oregon Pioneer and Portland Land Developer

SDOP Member Vern Budd of Redmond has brought our attention to a published article on his great-great-grandfather Thomas A. Wood (1837-1904). It was published in the History of Oregon Illustrated, Lewis Publishing Company, Chicago, 1893 by Rev. H.K. Hines, D.D. Thomas Alexander Wood accomplished a great deal in his life and the following is summarized from the 1893 article.

Born in Illinois, T.A. Wood crossed the plains to Oregon when he was fourteen. Arriving at The Dalles after a six month trip, he continued on to Portland by Indian canoe arriving November 9, 1852. He went into business opening the first fruit stand in Portland buying fruit from the Tualatin area. Following this he went to work for W.S. Ladd in his wholesale grocery. He also worked in the S.J. McCormick bookstore.

One of his most interesting accomplishments happened during a vacation in 1857, when Wood and three friends climbed Mt. Hood and discovered two lakes. One was named Wood Lake, and later was called Chitwood Lake.

Other sources confirm that the Rev. T.A. Wood along with founder of the Oregonian Henry Pittock, W.L. Chittenden, and Wilbur Cornell made the first authenticated climb of the mountain in July 1857 and reached the summit where they planted a flag. The lakes they saw from Mt. Hood were Lost Lake and Bull Run Lake, (first named Wood & then Chitwood Lake). The book WyEast THE Mountain by Fred McNeil is reported to contain Rev. T.A. Wood's complete journal of the climb. Wood's often quoted reaction to reaching the top was, "Never in all my life have I seen a grander or more impressive sight."

In 1858, Wood went East to college via the Panama Canal where he attended Wesleyan University in Ohio for one year. He campaigned for the Union cause when the Civil

War broke out and "enlisted companies for the government". He was appointed Chaplain by General Fremont until the General's officers were relieved of duty. Wood married Rhoda C. Snell in March 1862, and in April crossed the plains to Oregon a second time. Although delayed by high water and Indian troubles, the article notes that it was a faster crossing by mule team in 45 days of actual travel than his previous trip.

T.A. Wood engaged in a variety of enterprises on returning to Oregon starting with selling fruit trees in the Grand Ronde Valley, selling turpentine, and building a steam grist mill at La Grande. He entered the ministry and became a member of the Oregon Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. During nine years of ministerial work he built three churches and two parsonages and welcomed many new members before retiring in 1876.

Eighteen seventy eight saw his entry into the real estate business. He sold Cole's Addition and "a large part of South Portland". He began the Sellwood Real Estate Company purchasing 320 acres from Rev. John Sellwood. He subdivided and laid out the town of Sellwood. Other sources note that this was in May 1882, was the donation land claim of Sellwood, and the area was annexed by the City of Portland in 1893.

Wood also organized and was President of the Northwest Fire & Marine Insurance Company. Following this, in 1889 he bought 538 acres of land southwest of the city and subdivided part of it calling it West Portland. He also organized the Oregon Board of Emigration Society "to advance Portland's interests". Real estate ventures continued with the purchase of 538 acres of land southwest of Portland which he subdivided and called West Portland. This included a road built when 600 lots were sold which extended "six miles out to West Portland Park". He also added a 480 lot addition to West Portland Park.

T.A. Wood also helped in organizing the Methodist Social Union of Portland, and was active in the founding of Portland University (in 1891) including becoming vice-president of the institution. Other sources describe this as a private Methodist school formed from a split with Willamette University which closed in 1900, and the campus later became the site of the University of Portland. Wood was also a member of the Oregon Pioneers and the Indian War Veterans.

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The History of Oregon article recounts a story of T.A. Wood's foresight regarding land values as follows: "When he wished to purchase half a lot on Front street, between Stark and Washington streets, for \$370, Mr. Ladd said to him: 'Keep your money, Tom, you will never get it back again.'"

Mr. and Mrs. Wood had seven children including Vern Budd's great grandfather, William H. Wood. T.A. Wood died September 27, 1904 in Portland and is buried at Greenwood Cemetery.

### Meeting for January 12, 2013

The January meeting will be held Saturday, the 12th, at Nancy Parker's home at 10:00 am. Her address is 11067 SE Cranberry Loop, Clackamas. Lunch will be served.

Directions: Going east on SE Sunnyside Road from 1205, turn right at 122nd, go 3 blocks and turn right onto SE Mather (church on corner). Continue up the hill and turn right on SE Cranberry LOOP. (Do not turn left onto Cranberry DRIVE.) Drive up the hill. #11067 is a green split-level house on the right at the crest of the hill. Please bring a potluck item.

-By Diane Root and Denise Shook

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### Calendar Events

**Saturday, January 12, 2013:** Potluck at the home of Co-President Nancy Parker.  
11067 SE Cranberry Loop, Clackamas

**Sunday, February 17, 2013:** 12:30 to 3 pm, Annual Banquet celebrating Oregon's birthday.  
Monarch Hotel

**Spring Field Trip:** Astoria in April.

**Saturday, May 4, 2013:** Tentative date 12:30-3:30  
Champoeg State Park for Founders' Day.

**Saturday, May 11, 2013:** 11:00 am Caples House Museum  
Complex tour, lunch, and meeting; \$15.  
Columbia City, OR

**Saturday, June 8, 2013:** 10 am to 2 pm, Annual Meeting at the High Cliff Restaurant, Oregon City.

**Sunday, July 14, 2013:** 12 to 3 pm, Chris Meinicke will organize the annual picnic at the Pavilion at Champoeg State Park.



*The McLoughlin House - part of Fort Vancouver and site of the November SDOP meeting.*

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### NOTICE

Deadline for submissions of articles, stories, pictures, and information for the March SDOP NEWS will be

**Friday, February 22, 2012**

## Welcome New Members!

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

### Life Member

Arlynn C. Chimes Bottomley

### Ancestor

Thomas Jefferson Shadden -  
1842

### Junior Member

Grant Carleson Gamble

### Ancestor

William & Almira Raymond -  
1840

Katherine Grace Gamble

William & Almira Raymond -  
1840

## In Memoriam...

Our sympathy is extended to the families of the following named members who have passed:



*Frances M. Bell  
Lewis G. Jeaudoin, Jr.  
Nyna M. Cason Knighten  
Idell G. Reeder  
Willa A. Shelley  
Betty Jean Reesh*



## Digital Pioneers

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*A big thank you to members who have signed up! I am glad you are enjoying the electronic newsletter!*

## Planning a Family Reunion?

SDOP News will publish a free notice in the May issue. Please include \*Pioneer family name, \*Full name of pioneers, \*Year they arrived in Oregon, \*Date and location of the reunion, \*Contact info of contact person. Send to Jake Root at [jdrooter@yahoo.com](mailto:jdrooter@yahoo.com) or 9549 Elizabeth Ct, Thornon, CO 80229

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\$4.50 (includes S&H) This book is a compilation of 130 stories written and submitted by SDOP members.

### SDOP Cloisonné Pins

\$5.00 (includes S&H) This is the SDOP membership pin and is in the shape of the state of Oregon with light or dark blue and white background and gold trim (available to members only).

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