



SDOP NEWS

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President's Message:

The Annual Oregon Birthday Celebration was a great success with 80 plus attending. Miranda Grace Davey was chosen as Miss Pioneer Oregon. If you missed the banquet, you'll have another chance to meet Miss Pioneer Oregon at our annual picnic at Champoege State Park on Saturday, July 19, 2014. The music was entertaining at the banquet, and the speaker was outstanding. Who would have thought the subject of "Mapping the West" by Mr. Robert Hamm could be so entertaining and even funny at times. Mr. Robert Hamm pointed out that Oregon was known by 29 different names from the earliest maps of the West Coast to the time it became known as the Oregon Territory. You'll find pictures of the banquet in this newsletter. The Annual Oregon Birthday Celebration is a wonderful event and reminds me of much earlier days when the pioneers used to gather to gather to share their stories and news about their families. Please plan on attending the banquet next year.

Very Important Message

Dues changes and increases approved by SDOP's Board of Directors in January 2014 are as follows:

New Members Registration \$25.00

Annual Dues to increase by \$5.00

(The dues increases will be reflected in your annual dues notices this year.)

Age 18-60 \$20.00

Age 60 plus \$15.00

Junior Members \$8.00

Life Membership

Age 18-60 \$300.00

Age 60 plus \$150.00

Rationale for the increase of life membership dues is that this category should equal a minimum of 20 years of regular dues. The following new requirement for life membership was also approved by the Board. An SDOP Member must be a member in good standing for 10 years prior to being eligible for Life Membership. Time as a Junior Member will

not count towards the 10 year requirement. The increase in Life Membership takes effect March 31, 2014.

We would like to see more pioneer family stories in our newsletter. I would encourage members to write something about your pioneer family and of course, include a photo, if desired. One of the goals of SDOP is to share our family stories. The newsletter is a great way to share your family history. Please limit your submission to 300 words.

*SDOP President,
Chris Meinicke*



Tasteful scenes from the Banquet

See pages 4-5

You are Invited to Attend the Dedication of the new DAR Madame Dorion Historic Marker

Mark Saturday, May 10, 2014 at 1:00 PM on your calendar! Champoeg Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will dedicate a historical marker for Madame Marie Dorion at the St. Louis Catholic Church. The church is located near the corner of Manning Road and St. Louis Road NE in Gervais, Oregon. The dedication marks the end of the Chapter's three year project headed by Lois Streimer, Kris Nelson and Diane Root. Jane Kilpatrick, author of the Tender Ties trilogy about Dorion, Jennifer Gobin-Bailes, a descendant of Marie Dorion, and others will speak. A bluegrass band is slated to play, and refreshments will be provided.

Marie Dorion, an Ioway woman, headed west from St. Louis, Missouri when her husband, Pierre Dorion, signed on with the Wilson Price Hunt Expedition of 1811 which founded Astoria, Oregon. After the expedition was over, she faced a harrowing ordeal when Pierre and the other men of their party were murdered. She escaped with her two young sons and spent weeks in the snowy wilderness of the Blue Mountains. After her first husband's death, she married twice to Louis Venier and Jean Toupin. She settled in the French Prairie region of the Willamette Valley near St. Louis, Oregon, and was a highly respected member of that community. The marker commemorates her life, and her burial in the original St. Louis Catholic Church.

The marker is inscribed as follows: In Honor of Madam Marie Dorion, Courageous Pioneer, Devoted Ioway Mother, Early Oregon Settler, At This Her Final Resting Place, September 6, 1850, Placed by Champoeg Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, May 2014.

-Diane Root

Remembering James Parker Howard

James Howard was a descendant of six Oregon Trail ancestors including two unrelated Parker families (1850 and 1852), who intermarried - and Bell, Umphrey, Jones, Van Buskirk. The Howards came by covered wagon in 1864.

-submitted by his sister, Maryan Howard Roe

Jim was a SDOP member, and a life-long Albany resident. He passed away in Corvallis, November 28, 2013. He was born July 13, 1919 in Albany to James F. and Mary B. Parker Howard. Jim was a University of Oregon 1941 graduate and a WW II veteran. (Information from Corvallis Gazette Times obituary.)

Summer Genealogy Fest

Registration is now open for the upcoming Genealogical Council of Oregon Summer Genealogy Fest on August 2, 2014 at Lane Community College in Eugene, Oregon.

Featured speaker is Thomas W. Jones who will speak on four topics: Planning "Reasonably Exhaustive" Research, Can a Complex Research Problem be Solved Solely Online?, Debunking Misleading Records, and Will Your Family History have Lasting Value? Twelve other classes will also be offered. There will be "Treasure Tables", vendor tables and a book vendor on site.

Co-hosts are Genealogical Council of Oregon (GCO) and Oregon Association of Professional Genealogists (OR APG). To obtain information and registration flyers, see <http://www.rootsweb.Ancestry.com/~orgco2/> or <http://www.facebook.com/orgco>.

-Diane Root

Genealogy Help

I am seeking help from Oregon genealogists in finding my great grandfather, Joseph Marion Irwin's grave. He lived in Union Oregon after his marriage to Sarah Cochran of Cove Oregon, in 1879 at Union's Centennial Hotel. They raised their children in Union and buried three of them in the Union Cemetery. The family was still in Union in 1900 according to the census. In the 1910 census I found Sarah Irwin (widow) living in Portland. She died in Newport Oregon and is buried there.

Sarah's Bible ended up in the Newport Museum and the staff at the museum was very helpful with information from the Bible and in it has the date of Joseph's death, October 25, 1907, but no mention of where he died or where he was buried. He is not listed in any Oregon death records. I would like to find out where he is buried and if need be, place a grave stone on his grave for future descendants.

I just recently found information that he died in Bandon, Coos County, OR, however their does not seem to be any information about where he was buried. He was listed in the 1905 census as working in Baker City, OR at what appears to be a poor farm. He may have been working at a poor farm in Portland before going to Coos County. His death certificate only showed his name as M. Irwin living in Randolph OR. I would appreciate any help from fellow members of SDOP.

-Jim Irwin, Life Member

2059 A.D. The 200th Oregon Statehood Celebration

Comments of Drew Ackerlund, President-Elect

This year we are celebrating 155 years of Oregon's Statehood. In the span of 5 generations we have gone from Pony Express & wagon trains to electronic data communication and all manner of speedy, convenient and comfortable transportation...isn't it remarkable how things have changed?

In my great- great -great- grandfather's day, before you made 10 feet of trail you had to gather the team, fetch a set of harness, and do countless other tasks to make sure you were fit for the trail if you wanted to continue. Jeremiah and Elizabeth Kenoyer worked hard to attain Oregon Territory in 1853, and each Sunday they spent their day in prayer, fellowship and respite from the rigors of the trail. It was pretty much the same for your ancestors too! We share that heritage of the Trail!

Your SDOP Board has spent a significant amount of time reviewing our recent trail and even more time studying the landscape ahead of us. Things have changed. We feel we have a sound and viable Wagon: SDOP and its infrastructure. However, a check of our provisions concludes that it would be prudent now, to restock in order to remain solvent into the future.

Put simply, our revenue stream is not keeping up with our expenses, mainly due to increases in the cost of print and postage. When you receive your dues notices this spring you'll see a \$5.00 increase in annual dues and also an increase in Life membership costs. While the Board is working to deliver SDOP to ourselves in the most cost effective and efficient fashion, our organization continues to need financial support that we might stay on the trail. Your support of SDOP is similar to how other Not-For Profit organizations seek funding assistance to offset expenses. As a 503(1) C organization, SDOP is available to receive your charitable contribution which can have tax benefits depending upon your filing status. As we begin the process of fundraising for SDOP, the Board can assure you that it is focused on Stewardship and setting a strong financial foundation that will allow SDOP to function at a higher capacity going forward to continue the journey started by our ancestors.

I would like to invite some of our membership from "outside areas"—north, south, west and east of Portland—to consider volunteering on the Board or other committees. Frankly the greatest numbers of members are outside the Portland area and our organization would value your input

and participation. Would you consider being nominated as President-elect or Secretary for 2015? We have several Board position openings that await your interest and willingness to serve.

In addition, our Finance Committee, MPO & Scholarship Committee, Roster Committee, Picnic Committee, Public Relations/Fundraising Committee, and Membership/Records Committee's each have room for your participation.

What does SDOP do?

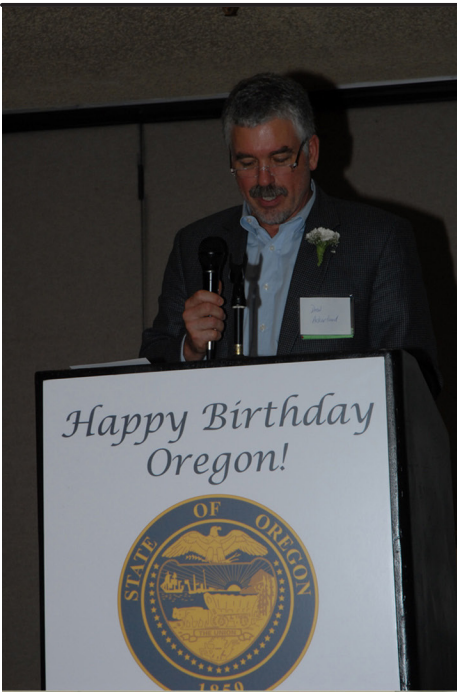
Charged with preserving the history of the Oregon Trail and those who braved it, over the years SDOP has provided financial support to various organizations such as Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, Washington County Historical Society, the McLoughlin House and The Champoeg State Heritage Area ---among others, to promote Oregon Trail history and The Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers! Each year we open for submission and search for scholarship candidates for our Miss Pioneer Oregon and our Junior and College Awards Programs... these awards recognize young members of our organization for their academic, social and creative pursuits and, importantly, their awareness of and passion for their Oregon Pioneer heritage. Perhaps you have a relation who would be a candidate for one of our award programs...getting young people involved early with SDOP is one solution for sustaining our organization.

In addition to our efforts to track and provide genealogical data, we recently began a Speakers Bureau to take the message of SDOP to the street at Kiwanis's or Rotary or your local historical society et al, announcing the unique membership opportunities available through SDOP and to inspire people with stories of the triumph's of our ancestors settling Oregon.

You will find in this newsletter a form developed to allow you to help SDOP ...you may be interested in volunteering to scan historical documents, or perhaps you would consider joining our new Speaker's Bureau or stepping into one of several Board Positions coming vacant. Perhaps you would like to make a donation to help fund current expenses.

Friends, we share the same heritage...the sweat and toil of the Trail, The Oregon Trail, and that is why we are together. You are a welcome and important part of this Wagon Train that we call The SDOP.

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Calendar Events

Saturday, April 26, 2014 at 10:30 am

Tour: Fort Dalles Museum and Anderson Homestead
500 S. 15th Street & Garrison, The Dalles, Oregon 97058

Cost: \$3.00 per person

Board Meeting & Lunch: Casa El Mirador
(fine Mexican dining-we have a seperate room)
1424 W. 2nd Street, The Dalles, Oregon

Spend the weekend in The Dalles and take in other museums and attractions such as: Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, Old St. Peters Landmark, a little further east on in Washington side, Maryhill Museum or visit the many wineries on both sides of the Columbia River.

Friday, May 3, 2014

Founders' Day: Champoeg State Park

Saturday, June 14, 2014 at 10:00 am

Annual Meeting for all SDOP members

Location: High Cliff Restaurant
602 7th Street
Oregon City, Oregon

Lunch: 12:00

Hope to see many members at both of these meetings. New Officers and some new board members are elected and installed at the June 14th Annual Board meeting.

Saturday, July 19, 2014 from 12:00-3:00 pm

Annual Picnic

Location: Pavilion at Champoeg State Park
Meeting prior to picnic at Drew's tent.

SDOP COMMITTEES 2013-2014

Banquet Committee Drew Ackerlund, Chris Meinicke, Ellie Nelson, Nancy Parker, Diane Root, Maryjane Davey

By-laws, Policy and Procedures Committee Nancy Parker

Finance Committee Mary Laws /Treasurer/ (& Jim!) Reggie Burke, Nancy Parker, Chris Meinicke, Diane Root, Drew Akerlund, and Marsha Ackerlund

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Thank you in advance for pitching in and doing your part to sustain the vitality of our organization and keep SDOP moving forward toward 2059. 2059----let's see, why I'll only be 101!

Drew Ackerlund, President-Elect

Form for Sons & Daughters of Oregon Pioneers with contact information and interest checkboxes.

Welcome New Members!

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

Life Member

Dennis "Gene" Baty
 Elizabeth A. Cummins
 Robert C. Lemon
 Thomas C. Munroe
 Roger L. Shepherd
 Jean L. Penrose Sundborg
 Dana J. Williams-Miles

Ancestor

Andrew Jackson Baty – 1845
 Francis M. Smith – 1848
 Champion Turpin Payne – 1852
 Stephen Jones – 1850
 Robert Bird – 1847
 Susan James Sawyer – 1847
 Frederick Brown Troxel – 1853

Member

David Gordon Gibbs
 Sharon Preston Slatore

Ancestor

Gabriel Hardison – 1845
 John Wyatt McGhee – 1851

In Memoriam...

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



Beth Hattan Andersson
Gerald D. Capps
Betty J. Rogers Clute
William F. Cummins III
Rena K. Waterman Dinius
James Parker Howard



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NOTICE

Deadline for submissions of articles, stories, pictures, and information for the March SDOP NEWS will be **Friday, April 25, 2014**

FOR SALE

A New 2014 SDOP Membership Roster is for sale to the membership only.

You may own one for \$12.00, or \$15.00 includes postage for mailing.

Send check to: SDOP, PO Box 456
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SDOP Merchandise Available by Mail

**SDOP 2013
Membership
Roster**

\$13.00 (includes S&H) This roster lists about 1000 current members and pioneer families (available to members only).

**Reflections
of Oregon
Pioneer
Families**

\$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 in dark blue with a white mountain and gold trim (available to members only).

**SDOP Woodcut Logo
Note Cards**

\$5.00 each set (includes S&H) Each set contains ten parchment note cards with the SDOP logo and matching envelopes.

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Send with a written request to:

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