

# SDOP NEWS

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## Hi Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers

My report to you in this newsletter is a great opportunity for me to provide a summary to you of The Presidents Report made by me at the Statehood Banquet this past February 13th.

SDOP has telephone number. For the first time in SDOP history we have a telephone number. Without a facility or an office a phone number was not an option. But why so much to do about a phone number? Since its creation I have gotten numerous calls concerning membership by interested persons. 541-581-0378 currently forwards to my home phone but can be directed to any person the board would choose in the future.

Our SDOP membership profiles and ancestors database now resides in the information "cloud". Data is now accessible to authorized persons. This allows for sharing of information by the officers such as the president or treasurer or others as needed. This database was built on the foundation maintained by Merle Miller for many years. Our treasurer Mary Laws and her husband Jim have done a great job taking on the new database maintenance. Dues payments and membership profiles are managed by Mary keeping the board updated to the day on membership topics.

As you may have read in a prior issue of this newsletter Mary had indicated she needed to retire from her position as treasurer so our concern was who would take over her very crucial duties. After a few weeks and a bit of encouragement Dave Thompson has stepped up. Dave has a great background and will fill this position with competence.

SDOP now has a website! If you are able please take minute and visit our new website [oregonsdop.org](http://oregonsdop.org). Cleve Parker, a board member has lead this effort and the results are outstanding. It shares information about SDOP to both members and interested persons. Pictures of events, applications for membership and member only information will reside on the website. Soon you will be able to use your email address as your access key and review data from our pioneer ancestor files.

Our member's generosity was recognized and will continue to be recognized in our newsletter. These donation monies are funding our SDOP expenses in order

to keep dues at a lower level, newsletter printing expense and Heritage Projects identified by the Board as areas we want to support to meet our mission as a historical society.

Corporate donations are now in place with "smile, amazon.com" and Fred Meyer. A portion of your purchases without any expense to members and other interested persons is forwarded to SDOP. Board Member Amy Martin has lead our efforts on this important work.

The SDOP Trading Post is off and running this past year! The prices are competitive and the quality of the merchandise is exceptional. SDOP reaps a commission on each of your and others purchase. SDOP holds no inventory and does not need to have members involved in the shipping and handling of these products. It is a win for SDOP. Immediate-Past President Drew Ackerlund has done an outstanding job bringing this project to fruition.



Looking good at 157! See pages 3-5

SDOP has no facilities as I mentioned earlier but we do have our Heritage. That Heritage is in the form of family stories and documents relating their Pioneer Ancestors trip across the plains. SDOP also has documents relating these stories and early members of SDOP and SDOP activities. Marsha Ackerlund is leading the work to digitize these documents so they can be reviewed by members on the newly established SDOP Website.

Our social media is being marshaled by a retired Army Major Wes Potter. He is managing our SDOP Facebook account. For organizations Facebook is known as the poor man's webpage and he lead our first effort on the internet in reminding the public SDOP is alive and well.

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Our new secretary this past year took over mid-term due to the retirement of our secretary. Dawn Alexander stepped forward and is doing a great job. Oregon Trail Pioneer Cookbook is the brainchild of new Board Member Janet Wilson at our board meeting last September. She is now collecting pioneer recipes along with the story of the Oregon Trail Pioneer. This should be a tasty project.

Board member Diane Root was recognized for her leadership in the publication of our newsletter. Everyone looks forward to the newsletter and her work is important to assure it is timely and enjoyable.

Nancy Parker has lead the committee dealing with our organizations governess. She has been invaluable for me as a former business manager. I would lead a meeting of department heads and make a decision. Here we need to vote! I didn't need no votin' in my past positions. But we are all volunteers here at SDOP and everyone's input is important and has value to our success.

Mary Jane Davey, Nancy Parker and Diane Root continue to successfully lead our Miss Pioneer Oregon and other youth education work. The future of our historical society rests in the hands of our descendants and getting them involved is fundamental to our future. Reggie Burke was also recognized for her contribution as a board member and past SDOP treasurer.

Your Board of Directors are proud of the work done this past year and rightfully so. But the work is only a reflection of their love of our individual and combined Pioneer Heritage. All this work is done to share and educate our members and the public about the achievements of our Oregon Trail Pioneers.

Now it is your turn! We will have an opening on the Board of Directors this June. If you feel you have the passion about your Pioneer Heritage and want to contribute please contact myself or another board member. Contact information is detailed on later pages in this newsletter.

To those that attended our 2016 Banquet thank you and to those who could not we missed you. Our next meeting is the 2016 Annual Meeting in June with details forthcoming and after that our Annual Picnic in July at Champoeg Park. See you there.

*-President Mel Fuller*

## SDOP January Board Meeting Minutes

*Jan. 16, 2016 Mel Fuller's House*

There was a discussion about the need of a vice president for our group. Also about getting more members involved. It was suggested to contact Miss Pioneer Oregon's to get them more involved and helping in selecting future Miss Pioneer Oregon candidates.

Cleve reported on the website progress. There is a tab Ancestors and will have a link with pdf for members and their ancestors listed. The by-law will be in the members only section. We will invest in a chip reader for the paypal account to accept credit cards.

We now have Smile.Amazon set up. If you purchase from Amazon you can designate SDOP as your charity and Amazon will donate a portion of proceeds to us. We are still gathering recipes for a cookbook that will be put together by Janet Wilson. Merle has scrapbooks we can access for photos. 2 ladies have sent in recipes. Keep sending them in.



### Thank You Donors!

Thanks to our many SDOP members who have contributed to SDOP in December 2015 and January 2016. It is generous members those listed below who help SDOP continue to thrive since 1897 and then incorporated in 1901, with the purpose of keeping the spirit, memories and stories of our forbearers alive for future generations.

#### December Donations:

Ken and Heather Eagon	\$400.00
Viola C. Randall	\$50.00
Don & Cheryl Laffranchi	\$50.00
Betty Johnson	\$200.00

#### January Donations:

Betty Johnson	\$500.00
Michael Jenks	\$100.00
Judith A. Kelloff	\$50.00
Janis Robertson	\$100.00

## SDOP Award Winners 2016



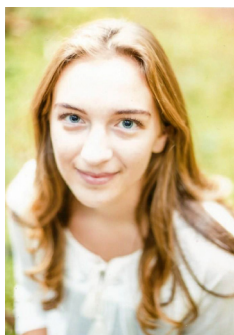
Miss Pioneer Oregon is Abigail Walker. She receives a \$250 check. Abby is a junior at Hood River Valley High School. Her parents are Eric and Trisha Walker. Her pioneer ancestor is Catherine Abbott who arrived in Oregon in 1852. Her interests are basketball, reading, art, student government and her skills/talents are writing, drawing and academics. She was our high school essay winner last year, and has recently won the Christopher Columbus American History Essay contest for Oregon State Daughters of the American Revolution.

Brandon Irving receives the scholarship of \$1000. The check goes to Oregon State University where he is a freshman. He is in the College of Business majoring in accounting, finance, or entrepreneurship. He has joined Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, the Billiards Club, and the Austin Entrepreneurship Program at OSU. He worked at Kumon, an after-school learning program for kids to gain success in math and reading during high school. He lives in Tigard. His Wilson ancestors came to Oregon in 1845.



Bethany Janzen, Miss Pioneer Oregon 2013-14, receives the runner-up scholarship award of \$300. She is a senior at Corban University. Bethany is majoring in Political Entrepreneurship and minoring in business and theology. Her skills and talents are public speaking, leadership, hiking, harp performances, writing, event planning and cooking & baking. Her four pioneer ancestors arrived in Oregon in 1842, 1847, and 1853. This award is due to the generosity of SDOP members who wish to remain anonymous.

Joanna Walker wins the Grades 5-8 Junior Award Essay contest and receives the \$100 cash award. She is a fifth grader at Mid Valley Elementary School in Hood River. Her ancestor is Catherine Abbott who came to Oregon in 1852. Her sister is our new MPO. Her interests are cooking, history, reading and writing. Skills and talents are art, basketball, lacrosse, and academics. She won the art project award last year.



Emma Lancaster is our winner in the Grades 9-12 Junior Award Essay contest and receives the \$200 cash award. She is a senior at Sunset High School in Beaverton. She is interested in singing, guitar, reading, photography, animal conservation, writing, hiking, and biology. Her skills and talents are singing, music, and writing. Her King family ancestors arrived in Oregon on 1845.



MPO 2016 Abigail Walker & MPO 2015 Miranda Davey



Merle Miller



Boy Scout Troop 611



Treasurer-Elect Dave & Treasurer Mary



Speaker Kerry Tymchuk, Executive Director, OHS



Mel Fuller



Nancy Parker



Janet and Jim Aalberg, with Barbara Wray



Mel's granddaughter, Minka



Nancy Hersey, MPO 1946



Mary introduces our SDOP accountant and new Honorary Member, Eileen Hines (OR 1859)

How has your family history, as the descendant of a pioneer, made a difference in your life and how do you plan to keep your personal history alive?

**Brandon Irving-** Being able to say that I am a descendant of an Oregon pioneer and also the son of an immigrant is a privilege. My family is diverse but very similar in their core beliefs a same time. I am blessed to have such a rich cultural experience in my own household. When I start a family, my children will be well educated and understand the heritage of both the cultures of my ancestry. No one ever looks at me and thinks I'm a descendent of an Oregon pioneer because of my physical features. My uniqueness makes me even more proud of my culture and where my family has come from.

*Bethany Janzen's answer will fit in the May issue.*



Roughly Hewn



Diane Root & Bethany Janzen



Sharon Sullivan



MPO 2016 with her sister & father



Marsha and Drew Ackerlund



**Calendar Events**

**April 16, 2016**

Board Meeting: 10:00-12:30 pm

Location: Willamette Heritage Center  
1313 Mill Street  
Salem, OR 97301

Tour: 12:30 pm We could start the tour with the pioneer buildings and if members did not want to tour the woolen mill they could go on to lunch.

Cost of tour: \$6.00 per person, includes Mission Mill Museum, Thomas Kay Woolen Mill, Jason Lee House - 1841, Methodist Parsonage - 1841, John D. Boon House - 1847, Water Power Exhibits, Mission Mill Views

Lunch after the tour: There is a very nice café at the site. I (Chris Meinicke) have eaten at it several times.

**June 11, 2016**

Annual Membership Meeting

Location: TBA

**July 16, 2016**

Annual Picnic

Location: Champoeg State Park

*Take pictures at these events and share them in the issues of SDOP News!*

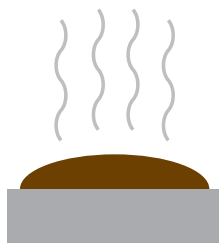
**Tasty Message to All Members.....**

In an effort to recognize and honor our ancestors, the board of SDOP would like to invite all of our members to submit old family recipes for publication in our new "Pioneer Cookbook".

This is a chance to see a cookbook come to life where all the best of the pioneer recipes can be found all in one place, one really special book that, hopefully, all of our members will help to create.

We welcome all recipes and if you have a name, date or perhaps a small anecdote to add to the recipes that would make the book all the more memorable, please include that information.

Please send recipes to  
SDOP Cookbook,  
Attn: Janet Wilson  
17659 SW Richmond Way  
Beaverton, OR 97006-360



**Thank You SDOP!**

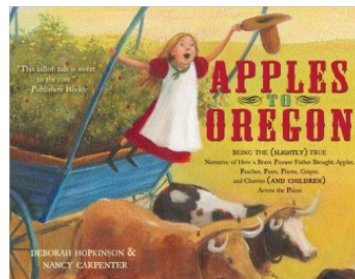
I would like to thank you and the board of SDOP for the generous \$1,000 scholarship for my son Brandon for his use at Oregon State as he studies Accounting, Finance and Entrepreneurship. As he is a 5th generation Oregon Stater in our family it's exciting to see that rich Oregon Pioneer history continue. He achieved a 3.70 GPA in his first term and is on-track for a 4.00 this winter term. With the expense of college, the SDOP scholarship has been a help for him to be able to focus on his academics and not to have to compromise that with worrying as much about the finance side. We are grateful for your support. It's a great example how SDOP is investing and is relevant to the next generation of Oregonians that will be stepping into their involvement with SDOP in the future. I'd encourage the greater SDOP membership to take advantage of this opportunity for their own kids in the years ahead.

Thanks again for the organization of the banquet and for supporting our next generation of Oregon pioneer leaders!

*-Michael Irving*

**Book Alert for Oregon Pioneers**

I'm always looking for great books to share with my 4th graders about the pioneers and one of my favorite books tells the story of Henderson Luelling (also spelled Lewelling), who traveled to Oregon in 1847. Their wagon did not have the usual items we think of that our forefathers brought with them: this wagon had 700 plants and young fruit trees! These trees became the source of fruit trees for many homestead orchards in the Oregon Territory, and his son, Seth, is credited with introducing the Bing cherry, in honor of a Chinese foreman who worked in his orchard.



This true story is told in tall tale fashion by Deborah Hopkinson, who is an Oregon author. The back of the book has additional information on the Luellings. My students love this book and I'm sure you will too.

*-Dawn Alexander*

**Welcome New Members!**

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

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
Karl W. Brown	Werner Breyman – 1850
William C. Brown	Werner Breyman – 1850
Taraleen K. Elliott	Sophia Ireland – 1852
Thomas W. Larsen	Elisha Padgett – 1852
Elizabeth J. Fuhri Mieses	Barbara Ann McBee – 1852
Deborah L. Balicki Ortega	George Webster Miller – 1853
Karen Louise Peterson	Christopher Columbus Cooley – 1845
Rachel Rebecca Wah Piazza	Ephraim Stout, Sr – 1843
Connie M. Poteet	William Styles Engle – 1845
Adelina T. Larsen Tombleson	Elisha Padgett – 1852

**In Memoriam...**

Our sympathy is extended to the family of the following named member who has passed:



*Virginia Lee Burkhart*



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**The Nominating Committee proposes**

the following slate of Officers and Board Members.  
 If you are interested in serving, please contact Mel Fuller.

Board Members:

- 2017- Reggie Burke, Janet Wilson, Cleve Parker
- 2018- Nancy Parker Amy Martin, *open*
- 2019- Drew Ackerlund, Chris Meinicke, *open*

Officers:

- President Mel Fuller
- President-Elect *open*
- Secretary Dawn Alexander
- Treasurer Mary Laws
- Treasurer-elect Dave Thompson

Positions voted on during the annual meeting in June.

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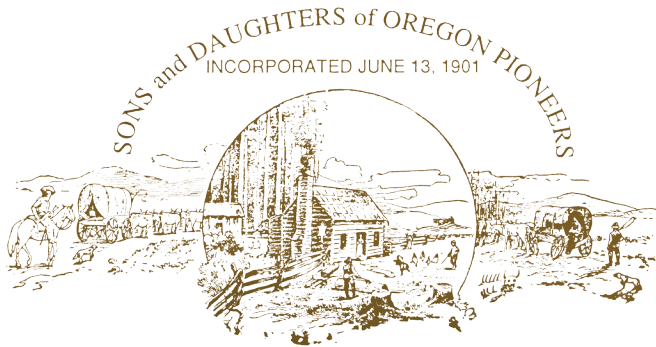
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**SDOP Merchandise Available by Mail**

**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).

**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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# Farm Fest & Plowing Competition

## Saturday, April 9, 2016

Largest Plowing Competition on the West Coast  
with Draft Animals



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**Yamhill Valley Heritage Center**  
10:00 am—4:00 pm

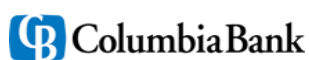
**11275 SW Durham Lane, McMinnville, Oregon**  
(Intersection of Hwy. 18 & Durham Lane)

- Rare opportunity to watch 20+ teams of draft horses & mules in a plowing competition, see demonstrations & meet the teamsters
- Plowing, Parade of Teams, Awards
- Opening Ceremonies & Flag Raising by United Veterans Honor Guard 10:00 am
- Sawmill, Blacksmith, Horseshoeing Demonstrations
- Special Exhibits & Demonstrations of Horse-drawn Equipment
- "Agriculture in Art" Photography Contest
- Pioneer Kids' Area with Hands-on Activities & Animals
- Historical Displays, Tours of Museum and 1880's Hutchcroft School
- Old-Time Music, Food, & More!
- Come back for the harvest at Harvest Fest—August 13 & 14, 2016

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