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President's Note

Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers are the living descendants of those hardy pioneers, mountain men, missionaries, and adventurers who arrived and settled in the Oregon Country before Oregon became a state on February 14, 1859.

The purpose of the organization is to perpetuate the memories of those intrepid pioneers who so founded our civil and military government and pioneered our basic industries. The aims of the organization are to preserve the historic spots and to help restore them to their original condition in so far as possible and without sacrificing any of their historical significance. You as a pioneer descendant can help in this great work by keeping your membership up, and inducing others to join your organization, and doing other voluntary services in the interest of this organization.

Quoted from the Preface found in the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers, certified June 13, 1901 these sentences really spell out who we are, the purpose of our charter and the role each of us has in maintaining our organizations viability.

Officers, Board Members and volunteer committee persons, past and present, embody the sentiment expressed by this quote. It is remarkable that so much has been accomplished by the physical efforts of volunteers over the years who have made annual events such the Statehood Banquet and Pioneer Picnic successful, or who have committed their time to get this newsletter into your hands.

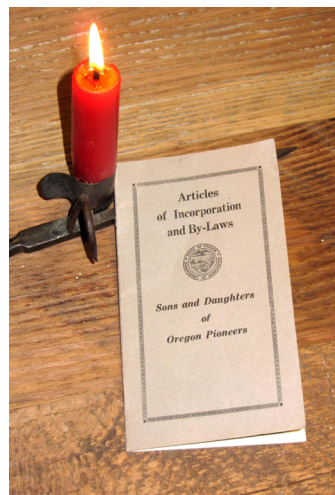
This is the time of year when fundraising kicks into high gear. If your mailbox or message machine is anything like ours, you'll likely have multiple requests for donations from all manner of worthy institutions...universities, hospitals, foundations and service organizations who offer you a place and a tax advantaged method to be charitable.

When you prioritize your charitable giving for 2014, we hope you would consider Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers. In this issue is a form you can use to support our youth and college scholarship programs and assist with our focus to perpetuate Oregon Pioneer history. As those radio ads for other not-for-profits mention, "every contribution,

no matter the amount, helps to make a difference".

Whether you choose to give cash, Required Distributions from qualified accounts or other appreciated assets, SDOP will receive your gift with gratitude and provide you with proper acknowledgement of your charitable donation for accounting purposes.

At the Board level we continue to ask how we can deliver on our objectives better and more efficiently. Seeking to reduce expenses by transitioning members to electronic mail is one way. Developing corporate sponsors and expanding the breadth of gifts that we seek and receive will help SDOP to continue and even expand our scholarship programs, offset the effects of inflation and allow us to designate resources toward long range plans centered on an interactive website, public relations and historic preservation. Your Board of Directors is fully invested in making sure that Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers will be visible, viable and venerable when the state of Oregon celebrates its 200th Birthday on February 14, 2059.



You and I may not be there to enjoy that event in 2059, but we have every opportunity to assure, with our volunteer and financial support, that the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers will be there to help lead the celebration.

-Drew Ackerlund

Membership Reminder

SDOP continues updating records—saving time and money by asking for your email address.

SDOP Newsletter is transitioning to 100% digital. If you haven't already done so, please take the time to fill out the Electronic Newsletter Request form and mail it to SDOP at PO Box 6685, Portland OR 97228-6685. If you have misplaced your form please email me1_fuller@att.net to complete the update of your records electronically.

Thank you.

Meeting Minutes

Drew Ackerlund called the October 18, 2014 meeting to order at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center in McMinnville. Prior to the meeting, those present took a tour of the Blacksmith's Shop, and other buildings which included many antique tractors and vehicles. After the meeting, they toured the schoolhouse.



Front: Ellie Nelson, Mary Laws, Dawn Alexander
Standing: Drew & Marsha Ackerlund, Reggie Burke, Mel Fuller, Diane Root, Maryjane Davey, Amy Martin, Dave Thompson, Cleve Parker, Jim Laws

President's Report: Drew announced two new recognition awards. In honor of Merle Miller's contributions to SDOP and his "incredible volunteer workload", Drew initiated the Merle Miller Trail Boss Award. There are 17 responsibilities listed in our Standing Rules for Membership Chair. First recipient is Pat Miller, who Drew characterized as "an incredible asset to SDOP".

Drew also announced The Extreme Roots Award in honor of Diane Root and Nancy Root Parker. Drew said they embraced duties well beyond what was needed for SDOP "to continue to bang and bump down the trail". He added that they set the necessary course that we are on today – a course of policy review, oversight, procedural accountability and continuity along with the purposeful design of bringing SDOP into the 21st century". The recipients of this award are Mary Laws, Mel Fuller, Cleve Parker, and Dave Thompson. He thanked Mary and Jim Laws for enabling us "to find, fix, identify, organize, compile and produce meaningful financial reports" that "pinpoint SDOP's financial status in GPS fashion". He praised the Roster Team's work in "upgrading computer hardware, developing & integrating software, and originating or adapting other specialized

components" to provide "the 113 year old SDOP wagon with better suspension and a paint job".

Banquet Report: Mel Fuller reported on plans for the February Banquet which will be at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas again this year. We will serve portions of two large Oregon's Birthday cakes this year, as the Monarch has begun charging for their individual dessert servings.

Membership Report: Merle announced he is learning to do new things on the computer with Mel's help. The membership total remains about the same. Billing for overdue dues will go out soon.

Marketing Review/Roster Report: Mel showed how the new SDOP application looks online. He also showed an example of the roster categories. He is now putting in information directly so the roster is automatically updated. It is now possible to put in unlimited ancestors, but Mel suggests we not include living family members. He also showed his SDOP Information & Data Flow Diagram flow chart which he has made to show how membership information was compiled in the past. He followed with a second flow chart of how several things are currently done: members profile, email addresses, labels, membership invoices, the roster, bank records and dues statements and payments. Mel stated this has been quite a change. For example, invoices are no longer created manually, but automated. Discussion was held on wording of invoices, and donation requests.



Chehalem Mountain Dairy Wagon

Speaker's Bureau: Mel reported on members of the Speaker's Bureau attending the Yamhill Heritage Center's Annual Harvest Fest and speaking at the Lebanon Senior Center.

Finance Committee Report: Mary Laws gave the Finance Committee's October meeting report. Members of the committee visited five financial institutions. They propose four bank accounts to deal with the contents of the Blackerby CD.

Old Business: The membership fee increase was effective June 1st. Everyone was encouraged to distribute some of the 1,500 new brochures that were printed. The next meeting will be held at Washington County Museum in Hillsboro on January 10th.



Blacksmith at work,
Yamhill Valley
Heritage Center

New Business: Drew reviewed the standing committees. Amy Martin was added to the Speaker's Bureau.

Any member interested in being our Web Master or Publicist, please contact Mel Fuller.

A letter to be included in dues billing to encourage donations was discussed. Mel prepared a chart of mailed newsletter costs vs emailed newsletter costs. Cleve suggested calling members to get email addresses.

Drew will encourage MPO 2009 Ellen Ackerlund to write about what MPO meant to her and Maryjane Davey will also encourage her three MPO daughters to write for the newsletter.

Announcement:

OHS sponsors a number of community events each month, including "Oregon History 101" generally held at McMenamens Kennedy School in Portland. Check their calendar out at www.ohs.org.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Diane Root, Maryjane Davey, & Reggie Burke

Speakers Bureau Available

The SDOP Speakers Bureau is up and running. Do you have a civic, club, social or church group looking for a presentation? SDOP's Speakers Bureau representatives are available to speak at your organizations next gathering. Our presentations range from 30 to 60 minutes in length, include a PowerPoint program and information on Oregon pioneer history and genealogical and historical societies.

To book your presentation, please contact mel_fuller@att.net or drewackerlund@gmail.com

Sponsors Wanted

SDOP is seeking sponsors for the printing of our SDOP Brochures. These informational leave behinds are distributed around the country where potential new members might become introduced to our organization. Cost for 1500 printed and folded brochures is \$200 per run. If you would like to sponsor one or more print runs, please send your tax deductible donation to SDOP Post Office Box 6685, Portland OR 97228-6685.

Mascot Needed!

Do you have a Prairie Schooner in your barn? SDOP is currently seeking a wagon to serve as mascot for our organization. If you have or know of a wagon (replica or original) in your neighborhood, please email Cleve Parker at moosegarden@msn.com Thanks!

Double Your Donations

Does your workplace corporation allow for matching gifts to qualified non-profit organizations? We'd like to talk to you about the special opportunity you have to magnify each charitable dollar you allocate. Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers can provide your HR or payroll department with the necessary information to construct this type of gift.

Please contact Mary Laws at jandmlaws@aol.com.

Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers
College Scholarship Program 2015

Rules:

1. Applicant must be a Member and in good standing with SDOP.
2. Entries are comprised of the info card below, transcript, plus the application available from Maryjane Davey (contact info below).
3. All entries must be postmarked by **December 31, 2014**, or delivered to the Chairperson by the same date.
4. Judges ruling will be final.
5. Winners will be presented at the Annual Banquet in February 2014, 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.

Criteria and awards:

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.

To apply, members must complete the info card and official SDOP Scholarship application form and send it, along with a sealed official transcript from their most recent high school, college, or university, to the SDOP Scholarship Committee.

Please mail submissions to:

Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers
ATTN: Maryjane Davey
Junior Awards Program - Selection Committee
2349 Jolie Point Road
West Linn, OR 97068

Any questions?
phone 503-657-3045
e-mail m2davey@msn.com
Must be received by December 31, 2014

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SDOP College Scholarship 2015 Info Card

Please attach this to your application.

Name: _____ Age: _____ Telephone #: (____) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School: _____ Year: _____

Name of your pioneer ancestor: _____ Year arrived in OR Territory: _____

Major: _____

Skills and talents: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sealed official school transcript included



The family of new Board Member Amy Martin was part of this wagon train.

Medford Mail Tribune 20 June 1954

HOCKERSMITHS CAME TO OREGON WITH FAMOUS LOST WAGON TRAIN

by: Mrs. George M. Robinson

(Editor's note: Mrs. Robinson is a grand- daughter of Martha Jane Gale Hockersmith, who wrote a diary of the famous "Lost Wagon Train of 1853" and the hardships through which it went between Malheur Lake and Pleasant Hill, near Eugene.)

The "Lost Wagon Train of 1853" started from Bloomfield, Iowa following the old Oregon trail as far as Ft. Boise, Idaho. There the train was met by Elijah P. Elliott of Eugene, who described a short cut, which would save the train more than 150 miles in travel and bring it into the Willamette valley over a new route along the middle fork of the Willamette river.

The diary relates that the Bloomfield train went from Ft. Boise to Malheur lake while Elliott went on to Ft. Hall, Idaho. He contacted other trains there and induced several to join the party waiting at Malheur lake. One attraction of the new route was Elliott's description of good forage for the stock and it was known to the travelers the forage along the old Oregon trail was becoming thin.

1,500 People

When the trains gathered at Malheur lake, the diary relates that there were 300 wagons and approximately 1,500 people in the group. A Capt. Miller decided to lead one section of the train westward, traveling by a more northerly route than that proposed by Elliott.

The Elliott section of the train proceeded westward across the high desert country, averaging about 11 miles a day. It was September when the start was made from Malheur Lake.

Mary Jane Gale Hockersmith records that they journeyed 75 miles without finding a source to replenish their water. In desperation they tried digging in the lava rock country. They were finally successful in finding a trickle of water no longer than the lead of a pencil. They named this Spoon Water and for 24 hours a day for seven days, members of the party spooned water from the trickle. The stock was turned loose to forage since there was insufficient water for both stock and people.

Found Water

On sighting a green patch, estimated to be about 10 miles away - it turned out to be nearer 20 miles - a small party with three mules laden with water kegs set out. When they reached the water, there they found their stock, the kegs were filled and the stock driven back to the encampment in the lava beds.

The train proceeded westward, finally striking the Little Deschutes river. In order to reach the latitude which would take them over the Willamette pass, they turned north.

They had hoped to find game but none was discovered and food supplies were running desperately low. Three men were sent ahead to notify the residents of the Willamette valley of the plight of the wagon train and to seek relief. The trio sought game, but finding none, subsisted on berries and a dead fish which they found on a bank of the middle fork of the Willamette.

They finally reached the valley, stumbling into a house at Pleasant Hill, where they were given food. A relief party was dispatched with food.

The section of the train led by Captain Miller, which followed a more northerly route, reached the Little Deschutes near Bend, and there turned south to pick up the blazed trail to Eugene.

Later Shortest Route

The Elliott route which was followed by the "Lost Wagon Train of 1853" was used again in 1854 and later was the shortest route between Boise and Eugene.

Despite the hardships which the wagon train endured in traveling from Ft. Boise to Eugene over the new and largely unmarked route, Elliott took the party through in 49 (40 ?) days without the loss of a person.

Those in the wagon train included Jackson Hockersmith, his wife, Martha J. Gale Hockersmith, and their children, among whom was John N., who was only four years old. Jackson Hockersmith took up a donation claim of 320 acres near Junction City and in 1864 spent a year in California. In 1865 he returned to Oregon, and located near Phoenix in the Fern Valley area.

Send us your Heritage Story!

Do you have a special story about your wagon train roots that you would like to share? SDOP members are welcome to contribute stories related to their family history and the Oregon Trail. Topics that come to mind are stories of arrival in the Willamette Valley; stories of heroism or incredible deeds that happened on the trail; tragic endings or incredible beginnings.



Calendar Events

January 10, 2015 Saturday

Location: Washington County Museum
Hillsboro Civic Center Plaza Building
120 E Main Street Hillsboro, Oregon 97123

Time: 12:00 pm luncheon at Elmer's Restaurant
390 SW Adams Ave, Hillsboro, OR.
1:00 pm Board Meeting at the Museum
with optional self tour after.

February 15, 2015 Sunday

SDOP Banquet
Location: Monarch Hotel
Clackamas, OR
Save the date!

April 18, 2015 Saturday

Location: Bowman Museum/Crook Cty Historical Society
246 N. Main St, Prineville OR 97754.
Lunch and tour followed by Board Meeting.

June 13, 2015 Saturday

Annual Meeting
Location: High Cliff Restaurant
Oregon City, OR
All SDOP members invited!

July 18, 2015 Saturday

Annual Picnic
Location: Champoeg State Heritage Area
Time: Board Meeting followed by
12:30 pm Potluck
Save the date!

Leave a Trail Marker for Generations to come

You can turn your gift into a legacy that will fund Oregon Pioneer Heritage for generations to come. By including Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers in your estate plans, you can provide resources necessary to keep our organization equipped to stay the course set in 1901. If you would like to include Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers in your estate plans, you can use the following language:

"I give, devise and bequeath to the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers not-for-profit organization (EIN: 23-7455151) located at Post Office Box 6685, Portland OR 97228-6685 the sum of _____ dollars (or _____% of my estate, or the residual of my estate, or otherwise describe the gift) for the general purposes and uses of the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers at the discretion of the Board of Directors."

For more information about a gift or endowment to SDOP contact Drew Ackerslund at 503-730-0930.

Help Wanted

Notice: Seeking Publicist

SDOP is actively recruiting a publicist to lead in developing and monitoring public relations activities for SDOP. Duties to include writing and delivering press releases, coordinating affiliate member calendars with SDOP members relations and posting relative news bits in newsletter. Please email drewackerlund@gmail.com for more information.

Notice: Seeking Webmaster

SDOP invites you to apply as the organization's Webmaster. Please contact Mel Fuller at mel_fuller@att.net for more information and a complete description of responsibilities.

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P.O. Box 6685, Portland, OR 97228

I am interested in:

- Membership
Volunteering
Miss Pioneer Oregon
Awards (Junior or College)
Speakers' Bureau
Serving on the Board

Please send my Newsletter via email at:
Name:

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at email:
or
at address:

Please contact me at phone:
or email:

Sons & Daughters of Oregon Pioneers is a 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit organization. Your contribution is tax allowed and you will receive a receipt for your tax records.

Advertise Here!

Not just this small space but a full column width or more! Place your business ad or announcement! Contact Diane Root, editor: familytreeroots@msn.com

Welcome New Members!

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

Life Member

Nancy K. Root Parker Reuben & Sarah Owsley Price – 1853

Member

Mary Lou Farrens

Michael L. Hill

Junior Member

Collin P. Bennett

Ancestor

Ancestor

John P. Farrens – 1853

Hanks Neville Hill – 1853

Ancestor

Caroline Minerva Sperry – 1851

In Memoriam...

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



Irene E. Crowley
Edward L. Hendricks
Helen M. Miller



A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Did you remember to pay your annual dues?

Dues were due 6/15/14.

If you haven't sent them in yet, please remit your
\$15.00 if over 60, \$20.00 if 18 to 60 and \$8.00 if under 18:

Send to : SDOP

P.O. Box 456

La Grande OR 97850-0456

Your membership is important to us and we Thank You!

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- January submissions are due by December 19th. -

Beat the holiday rush!

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**

\$15.00 (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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Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers.

Send with a written request to:

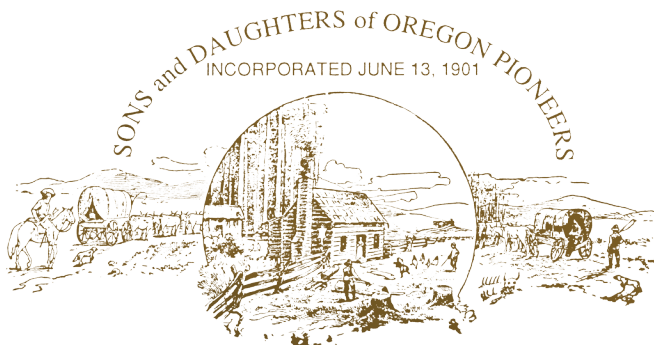
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Save shipping and handling costs! Purchase the merchandise in person at major SDOP functions, such as the Annual Statehood Banquet in February, the Annual Membership Meeting in June, and the Annual Picnic in July. SDOP volunteers will operate an information table at these functions and will sell the books for \$3 each, pins for \$3 each, note cards for \$3 a set, and the roster for \$10.

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Rules:

1. Applicant must be a Junior Member and in good standing with SDOP.
2. All entries must be postmarked by **December 31, 2014**, 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 2015, 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 \$50 cash Art project depicting scene from the migration to Oregon.

Grades 5-8 \$100 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 \$200 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: Maryjane Davey
Junior Awards Program - Selection Committee
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West Linn, OR 97068

Any questions?
phone 503-657-3045
e-mail m2davey@msn.com
Must be received by December 31, 2014

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Application for SDOP Junior Awards 2015

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: _____



Miss Pioneer Oregon 2015

Name: _____ Age: _____ Telephone #: (____) _____

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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Applications are now being accepted for Miss Pioneer Oregon 2015. 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. Two 8x10 portraits will be paid by SDOP (up to \$100) with one copy given to Miss Pioneer Oregon. The newsletter/banquet portrait needs to be sent electronically to Jake Root at jakerootgraphics@gmail.com.

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 2015. 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 2014." Fill out and send the application below with your statement and a recent photograph to:

Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers
ATTN: Maryjane Davey
Miss Pioneer Oregon Program - Selection Committee
2349 Jolie Point Road
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Any questions?
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