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Annual Meeting

High Cliff Restaurant in Oregon City was the site of the SDOP Annual Meeting on June 16, 2012. Prior to the meeting, members attended a private screening of the movie "Bound for Oregon" at the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center in Oregon City.

Highlights of the meeting follow:

Reggie Burke, Treasurer, introduced our new accountant, Eileen Hines, EA, LTC. She gave the group a short overview of what she has accomplished to date. We are very lucky to have such an accomplished accountant helping us.

Merle Miller reported that membership is at 1,066 and reported dues have been mailed. Discussion was held on life memberships.

Nancy Root Parker submitted a written report on the annual banquet. She is planning to make a master book on the banquet to help future President-Elects with the planning.

President Jim Tompkins submitted a timeline of events from his presidency

Nominating Committee member Diane Root passed out copies of the proposed slate of officers and board members. Diane and Nancy, as incoming Co-Presidents, asked that Chairs recruit members to their committees. Committee Chairs are listed on page 2.

President Tompkins gave a talk on quotes from pioneers telling the story of the Oregon Trail migration.

President Tompkins presented Nancy Root Parker and Diane Root with the SDOP gavel and SDOP pins with attached gavels to mark the beginning of their Presidency.

Nancy and Diane presented Jim with miniature cowboy boots, and Janet Boone McGarrigle and Carolyn Boone Grenfell with miniature wagon train candleholders as thank you gifts for their terms as President and as Immediate Past Presidents. Champ Vaughn expressed appreciation for President Tompkins' leadership and expertise in Oregon's history.

Nancy and Diane gave red and pink geraniums as thank you and welcome gifts to board members, officers and attendees.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

—Reported by Diane Root & Denise Shook

Lineage Workshop at Hillsboro Library

Janice Heckethorne organized an outreach meeting for the community to encourage membership in the different lineage societies.



Left to right: Nancy Parker, SDOP Co-President; Carol Surrency, Genealogical Society of Washington County; Chris Meinicke, President-Elect, SDOP; Bille Jo Westby, Washington State President of Colonial Dames of the 17th Century; Connie Anderson, Washington Senior State President for Children of the American Revolution; Larry Heckethorne, Sons of the American Revolution; Janice Heckethorne, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Perri Parker, Oregon State Department President for Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Toby Hurley, Treasurer for Mayflower Society; Jim Alexander, National Registrar for Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence; and Keith Anderson, Washington State President for Children of the American Revolution.



Chris Meinicke talks to Carol Surrency about joining SDOP while Diane Root looks on.

Committee Appointments for 2012-2013

The following have been appointed and have agreed to serve on or as heads of the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers' committees or projects for the business year 2012-2013. Anyone wishing to become more involved and help on projects or committees, please contact Ellie Nelson at 163 Tyee, Box 155, Tolovana Park, OR 97145; Phone: 503-803-3537 or e-mail: ellienoeln@comcast.net.

Nominating: Chris Meinicke

Finance: Reggie Burke, Jim & Mary Laws, Diane Root, Nancy Root Parker

Membership: Merle Miller

Newsletter Editor: Jacob Root

Historian: Merle Miller

Scholarship: Carolyn Grenfell

Miss Pioneer Oregon: Richelle Fitzgerald

Volunteer Coordinator: Ellie Nelson

Communications Officer: Jodi Miller

Banquet: Chris Meinicke, Diane Root, Jacob Root

Calendar Events

Saturday, September 22, 2012: Lunch at 11:30 am Farmstead Inn Pub, Arrowhead Golf Course on Hwy 213, followed by board meeting at Champ Vaughan's historic home in Molalla at 1:30 pm. The Vaughan's address is 14900 S. Macksburg Road, Molalla. All members are welcome.

Saturday, November 17, 2012: TBA

Saturday, January 12, 2013: TBA

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

Spring Field Trip: TBA

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

Saturday, May 11, 2013: TBA

Saturday, June 8, 2013: 10 am to 2 pm, Annual Meeting at 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.

July Meeting, Butteville Store

The July 14th SDOP meeting was held at the historic Butteville Store prior to the Annual Picnic at Champoeg State Park. Co-President Nancy Root Parker called the meeting to order.

Highlights of the meeting follow:

Treasurer Reggie Burke reported that Eileen Hines EA, LTC, has done a wonderful job getting the finances in order. She reported that the Finance Committee met with Eileen. Reggie gave out a spreadsheet of proposed budget for the current fiscal year and discussed the budget. Reggie also discussed banking business.

Co-President Parker asked Committee Chairs to recruit for their committees.

Co-President Diane Root noted that SDOP was listed with other Lineage Societies in the Genealogical Forum of Oregon's newsletter due to our participation in the Lineage Workshop at the Hillsboro Library in May.

Merle Miller presented his findings on life members and a lengthy discussion followed.

Dates and locations for this year's meetings were discussed. Meetings and field trips are open to all members.

Co-President Root and Merle Miller discussed deadline dates for Miss Pioneer Oregon and scholarship applications, as well as Junior Awards applications. In order to ensure the banquet program is printed on time, deadlines can not be extended. We welcome all qualified applicants and encourage them to apply ASAP after application information is given out in the newsletter.

The Board agreed to write a letter of support for the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. Interest in helping the Center was expressed at the meeting in June. The meeting was adjourned and members attended the picnic.

A very friendly, good time was had by all at the Annual Picnic. Tables were decorated with red tablecloths and blue hydrangeas. Co-President Parker welcomed participants. We enjoyed the historic re-enactors Mr. and Mrs. Hinds coming to us as Phineas & Louisa with their experiences of the Champoeg Flood of 1861. Once again, we enjoyed a delicious potluck. Afterward, some members toured the DAR Mother's Cabin near the Pavilion. The weather was beautiful!

-Reported by Diane Root and Denise Shook

FOR SALE

A new 2012 SDOP Membership Roster is for sale to the membership only. You may own one for \$10.00 (or \$13.00 with postage). Send check or money order to: SDOP, PO Box 456, La Grande, OR 97850-0456.

September Board of Directors Meeting, Non-Board Members also welcome

Saturday, September 22, 2012, is the date for the next SDOP Board of Directors meeting. To start with, everyone is welcome to attend an optional lunch at the Farmstead Inn Pub at the Arrowhead Golf Course, 28313 S. Highway 213, Molalla, beginning at 11:30 AM. Order from the menu. The actual board meeting will be held beginning at 1:00 PM at the historic home of Champ & Maria Vaughan (located 5 minutes from the Farmstead Inn Pub). The Vaughan House is located at 14900 S. Macksburg Road, Molalla. Here are the directions:

The Farmstead Inn Pub and the Vaughan House are about a 45-minute drive from the center of Portland and about 30 minutes from Oregon City. Take Exit 10 from I-205 and head south on State Highway 213 and continue past Mulino. Just south of the Molalla River, turn right at the Arrowhead Golf Course. The Farmstead Inn Pub is right next to the parking lot. To get to the Vaughan House, continue a short distance south on Highway 213 and at the Liberal Country Store, turn left onto Macksburg Road and travel 2.3 miles until you see the large white house with white picket fence on the right side of the road. If you are coming through the city of Molalla, take State Highway 211 eastbound – turn left past the lumber mill onto Macksburg Road and travel 0.7 miles until you see the Vaughan House on the left side of the road.

–*Champ Vaughan*

***i* Please keep us informed**

If you change your mailing address or name, or if a SDOP member in your family is deceased, please notify us as soon as possible so that the membership records can be kept current.

If you go south for the winter and would like your newsletter to follow you (and when you return home) please notify us as soon as possible or your newsletter will be returned as “UNDELIVERABLE” and we will not send it again until we hear from you.

Send information to:
 SDOP, P.O. Box 6685, Portland, OR 97228-6685 -or-
 P.O. Box 456, La Grande, OR 97850
 Phone: Merle Miller (541) 963-6387
 E-mail: mpmiller@eoni.com

This greatly assists us in processing the thousands of items we mail to members each year. Thank you for your help!

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Did you remember to pay your annual dues? Dues were due for membership year 6/15/12 to 6/15/13. If you haven't sent them in yet, please remit your \$10.00 if over 60, \$15.00 if 18 to 60 and \$3.00 if under 18 to:

Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers
 P.O. Box 456
 La Grande OR 97850-0456

Any member 60 years and over can buy a Life membership for \$75.00. If you are younger than 60, Life membership is \$150.00.

Your membership is important to us and we Thank You!



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| Gene Baty | Mary Ellen Hoeffner | Nancy Root Parker |
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| George Brune | Ken Jette | Diane Root |
| Reggie Burke | Glen Jones | Gary Salyers |
| Tony Burk | Jim Laws | Jeanie Salyers |
| Meghan Coles | Mary Laws | Denise Shook |
| Maryjane Davey | Chris Meinicke | Sandra Stone |
| Miranda Davey | Merle Miller | Shannon Stone |
| Dolores Egger | Pat Miller | Carol Surrency |
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| Sharon Gilson | Ellie Nelson | Champ Vaughan |
| Nancy Hersey | Noel Nelson | |
| Janell Hoeffner | Cleve Parker | |

As an introduction to Co-Presidents Nancy Root Parker, Diane Root, our newsletter editor, Jacob Root, and finance committee member Mary Laws, we offer a bit of our family genealogy. The following is an exciting find for those of us descended from Reuben and Sarah Owsley Price, and a brief summary of the trip west.

This letter was published in the "Religious Telescope", the United Brethren Church newspaper in 1854. It answers several questions, in particular whether the Price twins were born on the Oregon Trail. Reuben clearly states they were 10 months old when they started! Reuben Price was one of the lay ministers in the United Brethren wagon train. Thank you to Margaret Pritchard for her clue to look into research at Huntington University (Huntington, Indiana), United Brethren Historical Center, archives of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ.

(Vol 4, #66, 1854, p. 86)

"For the Religious Telescope

LETTER FROM OREGON

Dear Bro L.:-It is with much pleasure and delight that I take my pen to hand to inform you and the brethren of our safe arrival in this far off yet beautiful country. We have been in the Willamette valley some five or six weeks, and after considerable deliberation have settled in this beautiful little town called Albany. It is situated on the Willamette river, twenty-five miles above Salem.- We started from Fort Desmoines, Polk county, Iowa, on the 20th day of April. My family consisted of myself, wife, and eleven children. Our youngest (twins) were about ten months old when we started. We had some considerable sickness on the route, but by the blessing of God, and the prayers of the church we are all here in good health. My wife's health was so poor when we started from Iowa that I had to carry her to and from the wagon. She enjoys better health now than ever before.

In crossing the plains we lost in wagons, stock and expenses about two thousand dollars, yet what we have left is worth more than it was in the states. We have commenced the mercantile business here and are doing well. The grass is about six inches high, and as green as a meadow. It looks more like the month of May than November. We would rather be here with all our losses and crosses, and with all the perplexities in so long and perilous

a journey, than to be back in the states. I would recommend it to all persons wishing to cross the plains to start with good mares and mules, for this reason: one of my friends here started across the plains this season with horses. He suffered no loss, and made the trip in about three months, while we, with all our losses was nearly six months in getting to this place. I would recommend also, to cross the Missouri river if possible, by the 20th day of April; as the early part of the emigration did not suffer such loss of cattle, as we that were much later. As a general thing it was very healthy on the plains this season. Flour is worth \$8 per 100 lb, wheat \$2 per bushel, potatoes and oats \$1 per bshl, corn \$2 per bshl, beef is from \$10 to \$15 per 100 lb, pork is \$15 per hundred, oxen \$150 per yoke, cows \$100 a piece, good mares \$200, good wagons \$150 a piece. Goods as a general thing are about 50 percent higher here than in the states.

The prospects for a United Brethren society in and around this place is somewhat flattering. I hope you will give this letter a place in our excellent paper for the benefit of our old friends and acquaintances, and the church generally. Please direct my paper to this place.

REUBEN PRICE

Albany, Linn Co, Oregon territory,
November 7th, 1853"

Note: Reuben Price moved from Albany to take up a Donation Land Claim in Umpqua (Douglas) County, Oregon, north of Oakland, an area where the United Brethren Church was being established.

-Diane Root

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NOTICE

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

Friday, October 12, 2012

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 no later than December 31, 2012, 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

Must be received by December 31, 2012

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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: _____

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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:

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

Must be received by December 31, 2012

Application for Miss Pioneer Oregon 2013

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

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

School (Attending or Attended): _____ Grade Completed: _____

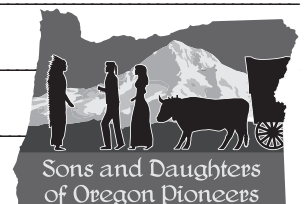
Name of your pioneer ancestor: _____ Year arrived in OR Territory: _____

Your interests and hobbies: _____

Skills and talents: _____

Your Parent's Names: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Welcome New Members!

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

Life Member

Ancestor

Cleda Marie Croft Abourezk	Charles Hancock – 1852
Linda D. Lemons Bardell	Mary Ramsey Lemons Wood – 1853
Darlene M. Shelley Branam	Walter & Catherine Fish – 1847
William J. Brooker	William E. Larkins – 1847
Steven Allen Caskey	James Davidson – 1847
Dana Barton Cress	Eusebe Benoit Fortier – 1859
Catherine M. Kent Higginbotham	John Joseph Brisbin – 1846
James Donald Imbrie	William B. Hay – 1854
Brian Dennis Jette	Joseph Laroch Brune – 1828
Nyna Mildred Cason Knighten	Fendall Carr Cason
Karen L. Metcalf	George Webster Miller – 1853
June Margaret Keys Minturn	Jonathan Perry Brown – 1854
Cleve E. Parker	Joseph Patch Parker – 1852
William W. Seehafer	Thomas Henry Umphrey – 1853
James A. Shaw	Charles Applegate – 1843
Denice Currey White	Providenze M. Currey – 1853

Regular Member

Ancestor

James C. Earl	William Earl – 1845
Sheryl Eileen Erickson	John Brown Williams – 1850
Vincent Carl Erickson	John Brown Williams – 1850
Sheryl L. Leistike Grospitch	James Bluford Coffey – 1853
Richard J. Manning	Henry Manning – 1852
Stephen Cromwell Root	Reuben & Sarah Price – 1853

Junior Member

Ancestor

Jacob R. Grospitch	James Bluford Coffey – 1853
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In Memoriam...

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



*Evelyn M. Netrick
Jimmy Dean Parker
Agnes Marie Herrle*



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\$13.00 (includes S&H) This roster lists our nearly 1100 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 with light or dark blue and white background and gold trim (available to members only).

SDOP Woodcut Logo Note Cards

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P.O. Box 6685
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