



# SDOP NEWS

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## President's Note

Greetings! The experience of having served the past year as President-elect has helped me to focus on the incredible story that is SDOP. It is a story as magnificent as any told—it's a story of faith and determination verses hardship and setback. It is a story of a willingness to engage in epic events and to set into motion – wittingly or not – the series of events that settled and molded a territory into a State. You are linked to a real historic event! You have the distinction of being related to that cast of characters who traveled the Oregon Trail prior to statehood in 1859! You are a "true original" Oregonian—even if you don't reside in Oregon!

Immediate Past President Chris Meinicke took the Board around the local historical scene last year...Phillip Foster Farm, Fort Dalles and The Newell House in Columbia City were excellent locations to hold our Board meetings. The local historical guilds at these locations did well to demonstrate their individual flavor of preserving and presenting Oregon history. In sum, and there are scores of local historical societies around the state, each of the venues tells part of the story that started with your Oregon Trail tougher-than-nails ancestor!

In 1901 when the SDOP was incorporated and its members charged with perpetuating the memories of our Pioneer ancestors and their deeds to found Oregon's civil and military government, Teddy Roosevelt was the incoming President of the United States. Roosevelt would champion conservation, as it were, of lands that would become the template for our National Parks system. Setting aside and preserving as national treasures certain land masses was analogous to SDOP's second stated purpose, namely to preserve the locations and structures that have historic significance related to pre-1859 pioneer migration whether by mountain men, farmers or steamboat men, miners, adventurers or preachers.

Over the years SDOP has helped commemorate numerous historic locations with plaques or other similar methods of marking for public observance. This is good! However, it is ironic SDOP is itself a nomad...we have many places we come to seek fellowship, or meeting place or historical validation...but we don't really have a home, a

corner to call our own. We need a place to plant these roots that can trace the beginning of our journey to the 1820's, 30's, 40's and 50's. We need to arrive, at last!

What if our organization was to find a small site on or akimbo to Champoeg that would allow us to build and display a historical record of the wagon trains and names of the people who make up SDOP? Would it not be wonderful for us to give SDOP a home and a venue at which to display artifacts from the Oregon Trail as well as information on trail history and the purpose of SDOP? I am on record at our July Board meeting of having the opinion that we together, that is, the entire membership of SDOP, might find purpose and fulfillment in this challenge.

In preparation of our July Picnic at Champoeg, I was honored by my 26 year old son Ethan who wrote the invocation prayer that I spoke before we ate. Ethan really nailed the sentiment that describes the spirit of ownership and mission of SDOP that I wish to convey to all current and future members of SDOP.

Ethan wrote:

"Oh Lord God Almighty, we are gathered here in this beautiful portion of your creation; gathered as friends and as sons and daughters of those who went before us into the wilderness and carved a living from it. We are here as descendents of those who took your command literally – to go forth on the earth and to be stewards in it, carrying along and spreading your name and your precepts – and who thus travelled overland from Independence Missouri to the great and fabled unknown of 'Oregon Territory,' some even to the very land we stand on here today.

Lord, thank you for the grace you have provided us, and that we are able to gather here and remain free to invoke your name. Thank you that our ancestors were able to travel to this region and settle in it. Thank you for the blessings you have bestowed upon us in rooting us here in the Willamette Valley.

Lord, we ask that you would watch over our nation, and our state, and that you would guide our leaders to wisdom in the choices they face, and that you would bless us in our endeavor to live with peace, justice and righteousness.

Lord, we ask also that you would bless our organization – SDOP – in our attempt to commemorate and perpetuate

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# Champoeg Picnic July 2014

- Drew & Marsha Ackerlund
- Ethan Ackerlund
- Dawn Alexander
- Mary Albert
- Jolene Bean
- Reggie & Tony Burke
- Maryjane & Matt Davey
- Miranda Davey
- Dolores Egger
- Carl & Irene Emmert
- Wayne Fryer
- Mel & Minka Fuller
- Leonard & Sharon Gilson
- Judi Gregory
- Nancy Hersey
- Rachel Janzen
- Glen Jones
- Jim & Mary Laws
- Chris Meinicke
- Merle & Pat Miller
- Dick Mort
- Ellie & Noel Nelson
- Cleve & Nancy Parker
- Diane Root
- Dave & Terry Thompson
- Jim Tompkins
- Gary & Jeanie Salyers
- Anthony & Tabitha Stone
- Liadan Stone
- Lirael Stone
- Sabel Stone
- Sandra Stone
- Sianna Stone
- Tayer Stone
- Robert & Sharon Sullivan



Drew and Marsha Ackerlund cook up blackberry cobbler and beans with bear and elk sausage.



Dawn Alexander with her mother, Mary Albert, who is Crook County Pioneer Queen 2014.

Miss Pioneer Oregon Miranda Davey with future MPOs Tayer Stone and Liadan Stone



Noel and Ellie Nelson, Rachel Janzen, MPO Miranda Davey, Dawn Alexander, Marsha & Drew Ackerlund







"Oregon, My Oregon"



The many pioneer faces of William Cannon, first blacksmith of Ft. Vancouver, portrayed by Tom Laidlaw

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the memory of the undertaking of our immigrant ancestors. We ask that you would bend an ear to the needs of our organization, and bless us with the resources and the spirit to carry out our purpose.

Amen."

You see, by charter SDOP members are charged with this responsibility...namely to commemorate and perpetuate the memory of the undertakings of our immigrant ancestors. Since 1901, we have been blessed with the resources and the spirit to carry out our purpose, and yet compared to many of our sister not-for-profit organizations we lack for a larger sphere of influence and involvement.

To address this concern and to better introduce SDOP to the general public, our Roster Committee under Mel Fuller, Dave Thompson and Cleve Parker is making great progress with Membership Chair Merle Miller to bring our records and genealogical information capacity to high levels of purpose and functionality that will simultaneously assist SDOP and its members and allow us to utilize the information we have gathered over the past century.

We have also rolled out the SDOP Speakers Bureau—designed to bring the story of SDOP to the general public. We will be presenting at Rotary, Chamber of Commerce meetings and other public gatherings beginning this fall and welcome inquiries—do you have a club or group you would like SDOP to present our story to?

We need broader boundaries and greater recognition both among our current membership and the communities that we live in. In addition to regular membership, SDOP offers memberships to the general public, building friendships with our "Friends of SDOP" membership category.

As a not-for-profit corporation, SDOP can receive gifts and donations that may allow donor's to benefit from tax savings considerations under current codes. Just like other non-profits, we need to continue to receive donations to enable us to grow and continue to do the work our organization is called to do. Corporate sponsorship is a new frontier for SDOP and is a great way for a company to support the work of SDOP, receive tax benefits and get a little publicity too. If you have your own business (regardless of state of domicile) or know of a business you would consider a candidate that may be interested in supporting SDOP, please forward our name to them or their name to us!

Finally, I have a challenge question to ask you: "Who do you want in your Wagon?" I ask this light heartedly recalling the Visa advertising campaign, but I sincerely suggest that you can inspire others because of your Oregon Trail heritage. You are getting this newsletter because of your membership in SDOP. Do you have a brother or sister, cousin, uncle, niece or nephew or a parent that is not on the current roster of SDOP? Well, spread the word!! We want you and your relations to be members of the SDOP story that started with your Oregon Trail tougher-than-nails ancestor!

Sign them up! Help them to get on the trail with you; after all it is their story too!

Westward ho!

Drew Ackerlund, President

## Summary of Board Meeting Minutes June 14, 2014

*Rachel Janzen, Secretary*

The Annual SDOP Board Meeting at High Cliff Restaurant in Oregon City on June 14th from 10-12pm was another warm and friendly gathering of pioneer descendants. Twenty one members and guests attended the meeting. The luncheon was delicious thanks to the friendly and accommodating High Cliff staff.

Our President, Chris Meinicke, noted that preserving memories of our Oregon pioneer ancestors through education and preservation of important historical sites in Oregon is a main goal. Serving members, communicating via the newsletter and using funds wisely are other objectives. Accomplishments this year included: well attended meetings, improved communication with local and statewide museums, our contribution of \$100 helped with the move of the "Pioneer Mother's Cabin" to the Newell House Complex near Champoeg State Park. Stop by and see it sometime!

A new speaker's bureau has been created. Thank you to Mel Fuller. Social media/marketing is being created and implemented. Thanks to Mel and Cleve Parker for working on this project. A committee designed new brochures for distribution to historical societies and museums. Special thanks go to Nancy Parker, Diane Root, and Maryjane Davey for their commitment to this project.

Membership Chair, Merle Miller reported 1,055 members, 181 have paid dues, 8 dropped, 6 deceased, and 7 new members since January 1, 2014. \$8,624 of income from dues, rosters, and Reflections books were received. Most of this income is spent on newsletter distribution.

The Slate of Candidates was voted on.

Your SDOP new Officers for 2014-15 are:

**President:** Drew Ackerlund **President Elect:** Mel Fuller  
**Secretary:** Rachel Janzen **Treasurer:** Mary Laws

Continuing in the following areas:

**Newsletter Editor:** Diane Root  
**Newsletter Publisher:** Jake Root  
**Membership, Historian:** Merle Miller  
**Volunteer Coordinator:** Ellie Nelson

Board Members through 2017:

Reggie Burke    Cleve Parker    Dawn Alexander

Board Members through 2016:

Dolores Egger    Merle Mille    Dave Thompson

Board Members through 2017:

Glen Jones    Maryjane Davey    Amy Martin

New Business included a motion to donate \$100 to the Fort Dalles Museum – where SDOP members participated in the fascinating field trip in April. The motion carried.

Old Business included a raise in the current annual dues to help meet our conservative budget. The new annual dues rate is \$20. Any future increases in dues will be made to the annual dues cost only. The current formula for lifetime membership will stay the same: 15x the rate of a regular membership; over 60 years old will be half of that at (7.5x). The qualification of a ten year waiting requirement for lifetime membership was eliminated.

Chris Meinicke, Immediate Past President, presented gifts to the officers and board members that served during her administration. The gavel and wagon wheel were presented to the new president, Drew Ackerlund. We are thankful for the volunteers that have stepped up to serve our organization and continue the memory of our history and pass on that heritage to the next generation.

### Remembering George C. Brune

Past President George C. Brune passed away August 14, 2014. He joined SDOP in February 1998 and became a life member soon after. George was President of SDOP for the 2002-2003 term and was a board member for many years, most recently 2007-2010. He remained very supportive of SDOP attending Champoeg picnics and the February banquets. He was a descendant of the Pitman and Savage families who came to Oregon in 1849. George's memorial service was August 21st at Lincoln Memorial. Ten SDOP members & family members attended. To quote Gary and Jeanie Salyers, "He was a calm, thoughtful leader who had great wisdom in his contributions to the group."

George was born July 30, 1929 in The Dalles to Charles H. and Elizabeth Mills Harriman Brune. He graduated from The Dalles High School, U. of Portland and Portland State U. With a master's degree in social work, he became a marriage and family therapist for Multnomah County Court of Domestic Relations. George and his wife Audrey Ellen Wilson Brune had six children. He also had 15 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. His companion for many years was Mona Brock. George had a love of American Indian culture. In his memory, contributions can be made to Running Strong for American Indian Youth, 8301 Richmond Highway, Suite 200, Alexandria, VA 22309. Internment in The Dalles.

## Getting to Know Our New Board Members:

**Dawn Marie Alexander** lives in Redmond, Oregon on five acres raising Hereford cattle. She teaches 3rd grade at Tom McCall Elementary School. Her husband, Ron, works as a sheet metal technician for Cascade Heating in Bend. They have a 19 year old son, Cooper, who is also a member of SDOP, and just recently graduated from Wyo-Tech in Laramie in the Advanced Diesel Mechanics Program. He was the recipient of the SDOP senior essay award in 2013.

Dawn's three times great grandfathers on her mother's side of the family, William Heisler and Dr. Larkin Vanderpool were the first postmaster and doctor in Prineville, Oregon. They both came to Oregon in 1852, and first settled at Foster's on the Clackamas River. Also, connected to their family heritage, Dawn's mother, Mary Albert, is the reigning 2014 Crook County Pioneer Queen.

Dawn recently gave a presentation to the Crook County Genealogical Society on this side of her family. Dawn is also a member of the Crook County Historical Society and has done some work with them on their new addition to help teachers enjoy and learn about Central Oregon when they visit the museum on field trips with their classrooms.

**Amy Martin** has a lifelong interest in Oregon history having been born in Oregon City and steeped in Oregon history from birth. Visiting the Dr. John McLoughlin House was one of her favorite childhood destinations. She has a particular interest in historic preservation including structures and documents. She is a direct descendant of Mary Francis Molloy Griffin of the 1853 Lost Wagon Train, and other early Oregon ancestors. In July, Amy traveled to find an 1854 Lost Wagon Train commemorative plaque in the circle 11 area of Sun River.

Amy, her husband and children live in Vancouver, Washington. She has a married son with three children, and two college student kids living at home. She has been a board member of the NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association, and a volunteer coordinator for the local 8th grade Washington, D.C. committee.

Employed with PacifiCorp for 13 years until 2008, Amy and her husband made the radical decision to downsize their lives. The plan was a success and resulted in the family traveling historical sights all over the U.S. by car each summer over the course of the last 5 years. Amy says the appreciation her children have for history is so much more pronounced than it would have been otherwise. Amy has

recently returned to school and then plans to return to a two-income family.



## SDOP 2015 Awards Programs

All applications will be available in the November issue and will be due December 31, 2014.

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### Miss Pioneer Oregon

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. 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.

### 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. We are pleased to extend this service to our membership and hope you will consider completing an application if you meet the application requirements. To apply, members must complete an 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

### SDOP Junior Awards Program

Criteria and awards:

▶ Grades 1-4 \$50 cash

Art project depicting scene from the Oregon migration.

▶ 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.





Calendar Events

October 18, 2014 Saturday

Location: Yamhill County Historical Center (in photos)

11275 SW Durham Lane, McMinnville, OR

Time: 10-11:30 am Museum tour

11:30 am Board Meeting in the Heritage Center

Lunch will be catered in.



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.

SDOP Board members Mel Fuller and Glen Jones manned a table at the Yamhill County Historical Society Harvest Festival at McMinnville Oregon, we talked to a lot of people about SDOP and handed out brochures and membership applications. Saturday Both Mel and Glen manned the table all day, Sunday Mel and Glen split the shift, Glen brought his wife on Sunday to help out.

photos by Glen Jones

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!



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## Welcome New Members!

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

### Life Member

Christian D. Faulkner Thomas Jefferson Faulkner – 1851  
 Susan A. Jones Owen Miles & Cyrene Cary – 1843  
 Cleve E. Parker Joseph Patch Parker – 1852  
 Meredith Anne Young Renard Barbara Ann McBee – 1852

### Member

Darlene M. Bany Bond Andrew Jackson Baty – 1845  
 Joien L. Greiner Samuel Simmons – 1845  
 Bernadette M. Lulay Hammelman Samuel Simmons – 1845  
 Cheryl Lynne Hendrickson Hauntz  
 Lemuel Hendrickson – 1850  
 James L. Lemery Etienne Gregorie – 1822  
 Katie Christine Raser Jacob & Harriet Hawn – 1843  
 Frank J. Van Winkle Thomas Otis Hutchinson – 1855

### Ancestor

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## In Memoriam...

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



*Timothy Boddy  
 George C. Brune  
 William F. Geddes  
 Clinton M. Helvey  
 James P. Howard  
 Steven B. Stocker*



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

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Membership  
Roster**

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of Oregon  
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