



# SDOP NEWS

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## President's Note

"Good afternoon Mr. Phelps, if you choose to accept this mission.....this tape will self-destruct in five seconds".

A common phrase from a movie showing in local theaters as I write this note. Its popularity is one of many things in modern culture we compete with to tell the histories of our Oregon Trail ancestors. You have accepted this mission because you are a member of Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers. Movies, video games, television and the mall are all competition to our Oregon descendants' time and attention. SDOP membership remains stable over the past few years but without continuing interest by families in remembering and sharing their histories, SDOP will become an organization of the past.

It is all too common for today's generation to feel they did it all by themselves and owe nothing to the prior generations. The reality is as they look in the mirror they should see the shadows of those who came before: parents who sacrificed to guide and provide, grandparents who supported and nurtured, great-grand parents survived the depression and fought a war to put down unbelievable threats to humanity, and back to those who through the force of will and personality trekked the Oregon Trail and founded a state out of the Oregon Territory. Today we should be asking ourselves not that we did it ourselves but did we do enough to earn the success we enjoy today compared to the sacrifices of those who came before us.

So what can you do to help keep SDOP a viable historical organization focused on our mission? Three items:

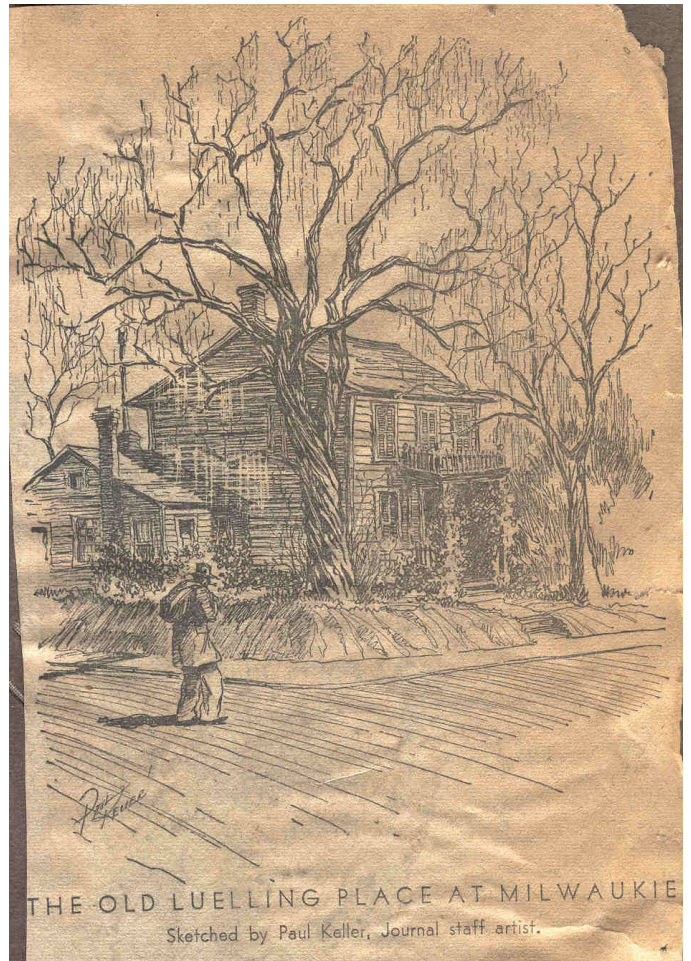
1. Tell your family history to your children, grand-children and more. Use family pictures and genealogical charts. Be sure they know their Oregon Trail history because at some point they will have to share those stories with their children.
2. Be active in historical organizations like Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers. Your efforts are needed and will demonstrate by example how important your family history is to you. Example is the best way to show our kids what is important.

3. Be a membership salesperson for SDOP. Your family and friends are the best candidates for membership in our historical organization. Without continuing membership growth we will not overcome the reality of time.

Thanks every one for your support and we hope to see you at the September SDOP Board meeting in Hood River at the Museum.

Below is an article on my forefather, Henderson Luelling, from the Oregon Journal with sketch by Paul Keller, Journal staff artist.

-Mel Fuller



REMINISCENT of an old manse with moss-hung trees and ivy grown stoop is the quaint Luelling home at Milwaukie.

The place is rich in historical background, the story being that General Grant once slept within its walls, and the beginning of the great horticultural industry of the Pacific

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### Elmer Edward Buschert

Elmer Edward Buschert died on his 93rd birthday, July 17, 2015. He was born in LeDuc, Alberta, Canada. His wife of 72 years is SDOP Past President (2007-2008) & former SDOP board member, Arlene Curry Buschert. After retirement from 38 years with Pacific Northwest Bell, the Buscherts followed their interest in history and traced the Oregon Trail from Missouri, and researched Eddie's Canadian roots meeting many Buschert relatives.

Eddie came to Portland with his family when 2 years old. He attended Peninsula Grade School and graduated from Benson High School. He served in the Navy during WWII. Arlene and Eddie made their home in Salem until moving to Tualatin in 2002. He was an active member of the Lutheran Church. Eddie is survived by wife Arlene, three children, Julia Doughty (Steve), Timothy (Sandy) and Matthew (Bev), 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held in Tualatin on July 22nd and internment will be at Willamette National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Living Savior Lutheran Church, Tualatin.

### Biography of New SDOP Board Member: Don Tombleson

Born 9:06 P.M. Thursday February 3, 1949

Portland, Oregon

Raised in Condon, Oregon attending primary and high school there. Graduated from Blue Mountain Community College in police science in 1969.

Served in the United States Army for eight years, and the Army National Guard for thirteen years. Retired from the Army National Guard and United States Postal Service.

Enjoys reading, walking, relatives, people, going south for the winter. A leisurely archery hunter, avid season ticket holder of the University of Oregon Duck football team. Also, a shade tree historian of family and American history, Don volunteers Fridays at the Pendleton Salvation Army Kitchen helping serve lunch, along with being on the Pendleton Red Cross Disaster Services Team. Starting this fall, will begin helping with the Smart Reading Program in the Pendleton area.

Has been to Turkey, Burundi Africa, Gaza and Israel, and a couple military posts state side.

Don joined Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers in 2011.

Don is connected to SDOP through his mother's side. His great great grandfather Thomas Lyttleton Knox with wife Sarah Ellen Oglesby and son Franklin Alexander arrived by covered wagon train in 1853.

A great joy this Memorial Day was showing Don's son and daughter-in-law the school built by Franklin Alexander Knox in about 1869 at Lower Pine Creek whose daughter-in-law, Don's grandmother and (?) perhaps Grandfather went to. The school now stands in Fossil, Oregon.

Since 1929 on Don's father side, the family has been attending a family reunion in the same place every year at Rainier, Oregon.

-Don Tombleson

### Check Out our Website:

[www.oregonsdop.org](http://www.oregonsdop.org)

Take a moment and see what our Web Master, Cleve Parker, is working on. He is doing a great job getting us online with our site and on Facebook. See his photos under Officers and Committees, and under Photo Gallery with pictures from our Champoeg picnic. It is a work in progress with more to come.

If you need an SDOP Application for friends and family, it is on the website along with the membership costs and dues which are also listed below:

**New Members:** \$25, includes pioneer certificate & pin

Annual dues: Age 18-60 = \$20.00

Age 60+ = \$15.00

**Junior New Member:** Under age 18 = \$12.00 includes pioneer certificate & pin

Annual dues: \$8.00

**Life Member:** Age 18-60 = \$300.00

Age 60+ = \$150.00

An Adult Member must be a member is good standing for 10 years prior to being eligible for Life Membership.

**Pioneer Certificate** for current members.

Adult age 18+ = \$10.00 - Junior under 18 = \$5.00

Pin only \$5.00

If you have old printed application forms, please discard.





## Newsletter Summary of July 18, 2015

### Board Minutes

The July 18, 2015 SDOP Board Meeting was held before the annual picnic near the Historic Pioneer Pavilion of Champoege Park. Drew and Marsha Ackerlund had set up a traditional canvas hunting tent for the Board. Many were dressed in traditional 1840's pioneer costumes in honor of our pioneer heritage. Marsha graciously served the Board her fabulous Blackberry cobbler!

The meeting was called to order at 9:41pm by Mel Fuller, President.

The Secretary and Treasurers report were accepted as written. The Nominating committee reported that the position of President Elect is still open to be filled. Our SDOP Board Positions are volunteer positions. We welcome members to visit our meetings and consider joining us to make our organization better. Every person has unique skills to offer to our organization. If you have further questions and would like to be a board member, please email our President, Mel Fuller at [mel\\_fuller@att.net](mailto:mel_fuller@att.net).

The Registrar, Merle Miller reported that there are 22 new members this year with 15 applications pending. The policies and procedures as written by the Governance Committee were adopted as written and corrected.

### There are exciting things happening in our SDOP regarding Technology!

**Data Base:** Jim Laws has volunteered to do data entry for our Access Data Base for membership, updating addresses, financial information, billings in and out ,etc. This has facilitated revenue coming back in on a timely basis.

**Website Update:** Cleve gave an update and passed around an electronic tablet with our new website – [www.oregonsdop.org](http://www.oregonsdop.org). Great work and special thanks to Cleve our webmaster. The last ten newsletters are now published online. We will work on getting as many newsletters as possible immediately going to the private emails of the specific board member. Discussions ensued of scanning Reflections to publish online as well as old newsletters.

**Photo Gallery:** Please send all photos to Cleve for the website photo gallery.

**Members Only Benefits of SDOP:** The website will facilitate the following as "Members only Benefits" demonstrating the value of our SDOP membership. This will help our marketing and membership recruitment efforts.

- 1) Access to the current roster (emails only and perhaps phone numbers for those without emails)
- 2) All Genealogy information in our collection
- 3) List of original ancestors, biographies and photos

- 4) Reflections (to be scanned)
- 5) Financial statements and budgets to demonstrate transparency to our members.
- 6) Board meeting minutes ( please, old secretaries send old pdf of minutes to Cleve)
- 7) An SDOP pin, certificate of membership, and small card.
- 8) Newsletters
- 9) an extensive link section connected to affiliated historical societies, museums, and organizations
- 10) Access to active member blogs
- 11) Awards, MPO, and high school and college essay contests.

**New brochures:** The next printing of brochures will need to list the new website domain name as well as reflect the SDOP marketing logo.

**Social Media** We thank Wesley Potter for his work on our SDOP facebook page. Mel reminded folks to friend and share the SDOP facebook site.

Future meetings will be announced as available. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10pm.

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Northwest goes back to the Luelling family.

Henderson Luelling and William Meek in 1845 at their home in Salem, Iowa conceived the idea of planting an orchard in the Oregon Country. To that end they started a nursery of some 700 fruit trees in shallow boxes, which they loaded into their wagons when they pulled out to cross the plains in 1847.

At The Dalles they carefully unloaded their precious wee fruit trees from the wagons onto a boat for the rest of the 2000 mile journey their destination—Oregon City and the fertile fields at what is now Milwaukie.

The young trees were set out and prospered. And from the Oregon stock Luelling later planted considerable California acreage, and be-came the West's first nurseryman.

It is related also that in the gold boom days of '49 Luelling sold Oregon apples to California miners at \$1 apiece.

An interesting little sidelight on Mr. Luelling development of the fruit industry in Oregon is that he had a Chinese servant named "Bing."

And for "Bing" was named the cherry renowned as such. (*The site of the Luelling home and orchard is now Waverly Country Club.*)





### 81 Attendees of the 2015 SDOP Champoeg Picnic

Drew Ackerlund  
 Emily Ackerlund  
 Ethan Ackerlund  
 Marsha Ackerlund  
 Mary Albert  
 Dawn Alexander  
 Jolean Bean  
 Kathryn Bennett  
 Vic Bennett  
 Reggie Burke  
 Tony Burke  
 Erin Davey  
 Maryjane Davey  
 Matt Davey  
 Miranda Davey  
 Iris Dunn  
 Larry Dunn  
 Gary Eaton  
 Joy Eaton  
 Allyanne Farnsworth  
 Wayne Fryer  
 Mel Fuller  
 Minka Fuller  
 Sarah Fuller  
 Leonard Gilson  
 Sharon Gilson  
 Eric Godsey  
 Jackson Godsey  
 Noland Godsey  
 Zoe Godsey  
 Judy Goldman  
 Beth Gray  
 Bernadette Hammelman  
 Nancy Hersey  
 Tommy Hockett  
 Mary Hutchens  
 (Mrs. Pittock)  
 Mike Hutchens  
 (Mrs. P.'s chauffeur)  
 John Irving  
 Sue Ann Irving  
 Minka Jackson  
 Rachel Janzen  
 Melinda Jette  
 Catherine Jett

Diane S. Natt-Kelly  
 Hallie Lahti  
 Rob Lancefield  
 Caleb Larson  
 Mary Laws  
 Chris Meinicke  
 Merle Miller  
 Pat Miller  
 Dick Mort  
 Ellie Nelson  
 Noel Nelson  
 Cleve Parker  
 Nancy Root Parker  
 Diane Root  
 Gary Salyers  
 Jeanie Salyers  
 Mary Schlegelmilch  
 Barbara Sely  
 Beverly A. Service  
 Daniel Service  
 Avender Stone  
 Liadan Stone  
 Lirael Stone  
 Sabel Stone  
 Sandra Stone  
 Sianna Stone  
 Tabby Stone  
 Robert Sullivan  
 Sharon Sullivan  
 Carol Surrency  
 Dave Thompson  
 Terry Thompson  
 Lyn'D Tillman  
 Don Tombleson  
 Jim Tompkins  
 Joy'e Willman  
 Janet Wilson  
 Kerry A. Wymetalek











Calendar Events

September 26th, 2015

Location: Hood River History Museum

Time: 10:00 - 12:00 Board Meeting

Museum tour following meeting (\$5)

1:00 Lunch at Betty's Restaurant

816 Oak St., Hood River

November 14, 2015

Location: Old Aurora Colony Museum

January 13, 2015

Location: The Fuller's House

February 13, 2016

Banquet

Location: Monarch Motor Hotel

April 16, 2016

Location: TBA

June 11, 2016

Annual Membership Meeting

Location: High Cliff Returant

July 16, 2016

Annual Picnic

Location: Champoeg State Park

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



Thank you Chevron Company for matching Gary Saylor's \$250 donation to SDOP.

Thank you to author Melinda M. Jette for bringing her book, At the Hearth of the Crossed Races, A French-Indian Community in Nineteenth-Century Oregon, 1812-1859, to the Champoeg picnic, and to Janet L. Wilson for bringing her book, The Queen of Portland's Roses - The Life of Georgiana Burton Pittock.



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## Welcome New Members!

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

### Life Member

Elizabeth Anne Pittman Gray    William Noble Boyles – 1852  
 Judith K. Vice Kennedy        Samuel Ramsom Slayton – 1852  
 Ross E. Poppleton                William G. Poppleton – 1853  
 Elaine G. Robertson Schuller    William R. Robertson – 1852  
 Jonathan Wayne Tombleson    Thomas Lyttleton Knox – 1853

### Ancestor

### Member

Mary A. Sigman Albert        William & Martha Heisler – 1852  
 Kandie V. Brown                Silas & Anna Miller Brown – 1857  
 Melvin Lee Brown                Silas & Anna Miller Brown – 1857  
 Larry A. Frostad    Sarah Emmeline Carey Hinkle–b. OR 1854  
 Judith E. Gates Goldmann        Joseph L. Meek – 1840  
 Linda J. McKenney Haddock        Hanks Neville Hill – 1853  
 John W. Klinker                    James Powell – 1853  
 Mary D. Mayfield                    Eli Hubbard – 1853  
 Adele Baker Sutton                    Robert Bird – 1847  
 Gloria D. Smith Wright                William Perry Bruce – 1852

### Ancestor

## In Memoriam...

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



*David R. Fouts*  
*Iris C. Bozarth Fuller*



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*Photos and articles welcome!*

**SDOP Merchandise Available by Mail**

**SDOP 2015 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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