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Location Change for the Annual Picnic

This year our Annual Picnic will be held at the
 Butteville Store's Picnic Area
 10767 Butte Street NE, Aurora, OR 97002
 This is the actual location of the first gathering the of the
 Oregon Pioneers Association.
 The date and time remain the same:
 July 15, 2017 12:00 pm

Presidents report:

Call to order,

To start let me say thanks you to all the folks who helped put on the Annual Statehood Banquet and Birthday party together. Some very nice touches this year with the SAR color guard, music from a dulcimer, great award winners including our 2017 Miss Pioneer Oregon Abbey Walker and all you wanted to know about the "Gold Man" that tops the Oregon State capitol building!

To recap my presentation at the banquet let me boil it down to the following:

- * Our member's involvement in SDOP is crucial to our success now and in the future.
- * Everyone is on the membership committee. Please look for ways that you can bring in just one member.
- * We are the "Custodians of our Heritage"! Share your families Oregon Pioneer story through the various media tools SDOP has put in place. Website, newsletter, Facebook or story telling at the board meeting or annual picnic.

* Get our children and grandchildren involved. The completion is strong in the form of TV, tablets and computers but a little story telling at family events will go a long way as they get older. Make sure they enter the SDOP youth award contests. They will like the recognition and prizes. Don't make our generation the last SDOP generation.

* The Rose Parade entry is moving forward on schedule so look for our MPO in the parade this year. Thanks for your support and I will see you down the trail.

-SDOP President
 Mel Fuller

SDOP 158th Statehood Celebration



Miss Pioneer Oregon 2017 Abigail Walker and President Mel Fuller



Happy Birthday Oregon!
 Guest Speaker
 Greg Leo



Thanks to Cleve Parker for the banquet photography



Musical Entertainment
 Kevin Hariding on the dulcimer

Ella Irving - Jr. Award winner
11 year old 6th grader at Conestoga Middle School in Tigard. Her interests and talents are writing, choir/singing, baking, sports modeling, wakeboarding and gymnastics. Her 1845 Oregon pioneer is William Lewis Wilson.



When I first read the SOOP application question, ‘Tell us something you learned about the migration to Oregon you would like to share with us’, I knew most applicants would probably take the easy way out and simply Google the question online. From my standpoint I knew that I could write about the Oregon Trail activity I experienced in fourth grade. It was a way to actually learn what could’ve happened to the real pioneers many years ago during the migration process.

Our classroom participated in a game called The Oregon Trail. My initial thought was it would be easy and fun. Boy was I wrong! The first day of the game, we were assigned families within the classroom. I was the wife of two kids and a husband. My children’s names were Violet and Levi, along with my husband Josiah. Altogether we were the Grant-O’Neill family. My name was Gretchen and I was the wagon master for our adventure across the Rocky Mountains.

Our first family task was to buy items that we thought were important for our long journey within a specified budget. Our team put our heads together and picked out what we thought would be necessary. When we finished our shopping, our teacher Mrs. Brock announced the items that were actually needed on the trail. When she announced the first five things and we didn’t choose those items, I thought it was just bad luck, until she finished the list and we only had five of the twenty things ... “But Mrs.Brock, can we choose again?” I asked. She retorted with “Better luck next time ... what did you learn from this?”

Later in the day I realized this Oregon Trail game was harder than it seemed, and this was just a virtual re-creation! I learned that the pioneers had to crucially pick out the items they needed on the journey. Not only that, but it had to be a certain weight so that the wagon wouldn’t lag during the trip. Time was also important since the passengers had to get to their destination before the cold winter came. Our first family challenge proved to be a difficult one, and just the beginning of many more.

The next day we encountered a river, the Missouri River to

be exact. The team had to make a decision about how to get across. If we made the wrong decision, we would either be out of the game because we died, or we would lose points because we delayed the trip. I learned from this that the pioneers had to make several decisions that put their lives and families at great risk.

As the game progressed, one fellow classmate on a different team couldn’t complete the journey. She was sitting on the front edge of the wagon and unfortunately fell off. The other passengers didn’t realize she had fallen until they were interrupted by a major bump. She had been trampled over by her own wagon. The weight of the vehicle was so heavy that she passed away immediately. Her family had to bury her body on the side of the trail with a grave they made from the materials they had. I learned that all along the trail were many graves of migrants who had lost their lives on the journey. It saddened me that my classmate could not participate in the game, but I was even more disheartened by the fact that incidents such as wagon accidents, dehydration, mental illness, starvation, and even conflicts with the Native Americans took lives from innocent people.

You’re probably wondering how the Grant-O’Neil family fared? We were two of five teams that successfully completed the Oregon Trail journey. My biggest take away? Although all the challenges were difficult and physically demanding, the pioneers who did finish the trail experienced a life-changing event with the hope of new adventure. It would be a moment never forgotten.



Current & Future MPOs



Michael Irving

Grace Irving - Jr. Award Winner
17 year old junior at Southridge High in Tigard. She likes reading, hiking, skiing, art and lacrosse. She is a descendant of William Lewis Wilson who arrived in Oregon in 1845.



Living in the year 2016 as a typical teenager can be filled with frustration and oppression, along with elation and joy. Today, a teenager's life is quite different than the life of an Oregon pioneer teen. Currently, social media and technology provide an outlet for today's teens to view what is happening in the world and the changes in global society. On a normal day, according the Washington Post, an average teen spends nearly 9 hours consumed by modern day technology. Here they can learn about the divisive protests regarding politics, the breaking of an all-American sports record or even what foods a celebrity has eaten for her breakfast. It's easy to be consumed with reading about other people's lives instead of living life. It's more convenient to read a Pinterest post about desserts than actually baking a cake. As a biracial teenager I don't always fit into a single mold meant for teens. I am privileged to call myself a Filipino American. My mother immigrated to the United States and from her experiences, I've learned about cultural integration, perseverance and a spirit of generosity. In addition, as a direct descendant of an Oregon pioneer I've also learned about tradition, family connection and community. Although social media tends to accentuate people's differences such as race, body image, or religion, I feel that the unique characteristics among us teenagers really make us who we are. I know that my descendants fought for a better life with more opportunities and I want to do the same in mine. The Oregon pioneers took a chance on life to begin a new adventure. They gave up everything in their lives just to achieve something better. They forded through rivers, traveled through precarious weather conditions, and even fought through the deaths of loved ones to capture a dream of a higher quality life. The Oregon pioneers fought hard for something they believed in and I'm hopeful that today's society will do the same. Most importantly, they lived and experienced life themselves, not through social media or video games or television. People should forget about the near impossible lives of celebrities that they are trying to live and start to do things in their lives meant for them. Rather than trying to be someone else,

my generation will leave that life of the past and embark on a journey toward happiness in their lives. Although the path will not be as difficult as the Oregon Trail, I still find it important that everyone is able to achieve a dream that gives them purpose. Hundreds of years ago my descendants were able to achieve this life and I'm hopeful that others will be able to achieve the same goal. I'm proud to come from a lineage of people who fought for what they believed in and did something to improve their life and their family's lives. What does being a descendant of an Oregon pioneer mean to me? It means dreaming of the future, living a life of adventure, experiencing a journey filled with suffering and success and fighting for what I believe in.

College Scholarship Winners

\$1,000 Scholarship
Ben Brandeberry *is an 18 year old senior at West Linn High School He is majoring in business and education in college next year. He is an Eagle Scout and lifeguard. Ben is a descendant of Edward Wilson Imbler who arrived in Oregon in 1853.*



\$250 Scholarship
Brandon Irving *19, is a sophomore at Oregon State University where he is majoring in accounting. He enjoys mathematics, skiing and tennis. He descends from William Lewis Wilson, 1845.*



These winners' submissions will be printed in May.



SDOP Board Meeting Jan. 21, 2017

Officers Reports:

President's Report: Mel mentioned a concern that he hasn't heard from members to share their family stories at meetings. He was hoping because of the holiday and weather may be one reason for lack of participation. Cleve mentioned about a library on the website where members can post their stories of their pioneer families. He would post photos, stories, etc. This will be mentioned at the banquet.

Treasurer's Report: Dave wondered how to handle separate line items for donations, ie: General donations, MPO, scholarship and awards, etc. Since they are listed separately on the website, should we have them listed the same way on the report? Yes, and we should also have a separate page for Paypal fees. Donations \$967.39 minus fees of \$21.58, total of \$945.81.

President's Elect Report: Janet gave appreciations to everyone for their help. Janet has talked to members of the Pittock family and several of them will be joining our group. The owner of the Restaurant on River Road is interested in sponsoring, possibly for the Rose Festival. Nancy has sent a calendar to Janet with things that needed to be done monthly.

Committee Reports:

Membership Report: Mel passed out copies of the membership report, our membership has declined. We have a number of members who are delinquent on their dues for more than 3 years and have a hold status. No more newsletters for them. An Inactive member is someone says they don't want to be a member anymore, or they are deceased. There are 54 members (\$1300 in outstanding dues) who have not paid dues from this last year.

Nominations committee: There is an opening for President elect, and a Board member 2020. Also open for a chairman of the Membership committee and Donations committee. Information Technology Committee Katie is going to start a Twitter account and twitter for us.

Awards and Scholarships committee: Dawn has sent out information about the 4th grade essay contest. It is on our website.

Cookbook development committee: Janet is going through recipes and testing (Southern Cornbread, a little sweet). Having trouble with directions that say 'bake'.

Trading Post: Reggie shared items that she has ready for sale: shopping bag, mouse pad, window decal, magnets, license

plate frames, posters, key chains, mugs, luggage tag, (she can do special orders on the tags). Reggie is looking into setting up an Etsy store. Cleve will set up a link on the website to her Etsy account. Reggie will also do t-shirts, sweatshirts. Discussed about getting the rest of the Reflection books to her also for sale. Reggie will bring some items to the banquet to sell. Contact Merle to bring some pins to the banquet.

Digitizing committee: Marsha still working on this project.

Public Relations: Drew mentioned radio station KDYK 1360 that does a program 'Washington County Today' on Fri. mornings that would be worth looking into to discuss SDOP.

Rose Parade committee: They are sending out invites the first of 2017 so Mel is waiting for an application, will be due by April 1st. Flyers will be made up and passed out during the walk in the parade. Katie and Chris brought up about having a Rose Tea Party for members and a kick off to the Rose Festival- possibly Rebecca's Tea House, end of May or first part of June.

SDOP 2017 Annual Meeting - Monarch Hotel February 11, 2017

Officers Reports:

President Elect Report: Janet commented on our new room this year for banquet. Nice job. Our annual picnic is usually held in the pavilion but it is already reserved by another group. (even though we called 7 months in advance). We are looking into holding the picnic Oak Grove One in Champoeg Park. Same direction as before when you come into the park. We may need a generator, it will be easier parking. Ellie suggested a drawing in the newsletter, email so people know. Mel asked for input from those in attendance that if we wanted to state that the 2nd Sat. in July is the annual date for our picnic, then he will meet with the park to set that up a permanent reservation for us and so that we can have the Pavilion every year, since our organization has a historical connection and involvement to that place as it is. All agreed. Nancy will see if there is documentation that something hasn't already been put in place for that, but we think Merle has researched and hasn't seen anything in writing. Drew and Mel will work on making that happen for us. Glen Jones will check at the State archives to see if something has already been recorded. (Note: Since this meeting we have secured the Butteville Store for the picnic and meeting)

Committee Reports:

Events Committee-Chris Meinicke announced that the

next meeting is in April and will be at the Newell Pioneer Village House. We will have a meeting and lunch there. This organization contributed \$100 to Save the Cabin which helped move the cabin to higher ground so it would not be subject to flooding from the river. There is a quilt there with names of donors for Save the Cabin on it. Chris read a thank you note from Dufur for having our meeting there last Sept.

Awards and Scholarships committee-Dawn will mention more about junior, scholarship and MPO contests during the banquet. Will also present more information on our new 4th grade essay contest.

Merchandise committee-Reggie has brought many items for purchase today with SDOP logo. She will ship items also. And she will take credit and debit.

Rose Parade committee-Mel, Chris, Reggie; We will be involved in the parade this year! We have a carriage and horse. Applications are in. We are working with Special T Carriage Co. Budget has been set at \$1500.00. There is a silent auction today that will support that effort. We are looking for a family that will carry a banner for SDOP in front of the carriage and horse, about 4 miles. Will be recognized on TV!

New Business:

Election of Board members and officers- Candidates for board positions were posted on the screen: Board members for 2020 Drew, Cleve. (There is one open position) The President-elect position is open. Ellie made a motion to accept the 2020 Board members. Sharon Sullivan 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Other items from the floor- Chris pointed out silent auction taking place in the back. Donald Hazelnut Parade will be on July 8th.

Point of order- Cleve said the president and secretary need to be voted on also.

President: Janet Wilson

Secretary: Dawn Alexander

Gary Sayers made a motion to elect the president and the secretary. Cleve 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

The meeting was followed by the Annual Banquet.



2016-2017 SDOP Board Members



Past SDOP Presidents



Chris Meimicke

MPO Abigail Walker

**2018 Applications for next year's
Miss Pioneer Oregon, College Scholarships, Jr. Awards
and new 4th Grade Essay Contest
are now online
www.OregonSDOP.com
Look for "Scholarships & Contests" in the black heading.**



Members of the Sons of the American Revolution



Calendar Events

Please Note all SDOP members are invited to all meetings, especially the meetings that take in historical tours and/or guest speakers.

April 15, 2017

Board Meeting and tour of Newell Pioneer Village (near Champoeg State Park)

Location: Rebecca Cottage

Time: 10:00 a.m. meeting / 12:00 pm catered lunch \$10* / Guided tour \$5: Tour of the Newell Pioneer Village which includes Dr. Newell's House, Pioneer Memorial Mother's Cabin, Butteville School and Jail.

*RSVP by April 10th to Chris Meinicke if you plan on attending so enough lunches are ordered.

chris.meinicke@frontier.com 503-645-3124

She will be collecting money for both the box lunches and tour. Total amount per person would be \$15.00.

Menu: A half sandwich (natural oven roast turkey, black forest ham or a veggie selection) plus chips, cookie, and drink.

I strongly feel all SDOP members would love touring this complex and if it is a nice day you can take your lunch outside to one of picnic tables. -Chris M.

June 17, 2017

Board Meeting

Location: Barbey Maritime Center, Astoria, Oregon (next to the Columbia River Maritime Museum, at the east end of the parking lot)

Time: 10:30 a.m. meeting

July 15, 2017

Annual Picnic

Location: Butteville Store's Picnic Area 10767 Butte Street NE, Aurora, OR 97002



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- May submissions are due by April 17th. -
Photos and articles welcome from all members!

End of the Year Contributions Made by SDOP Members

Name	Designated purpose
Patricia Adams	\$25 General Fund
Mr. & Mrs. Drew Ackerlund	\$100 General fund
Joan London	\$200 General Fund
Cleve & Nancy Parker	\$25 Membership Development
Margaret Stangel	\$100 Rose Festival Parade Fund
Colleen Daniels	\$50 General Fund
Merle Miller	\$20 General Fund in Memory of Dick Mort
Chris Meinicke	\$10 General Fund in Memory of Dick Mort
Diane Root	\$25 General Fund in memory of Dick Mort
Kathy McCurdy	\$50 General Fund
93 year old Ann Scammell	\$75 Rose Festival Parade Fund in memory of her mother who rode in the first car in Oregon in the Rose Festival Parade.

Help Our Newsletter History

The Archives Committe would appreciate receiving any SDOP newsletters that we could copy prior to 1984. Our records only go back as far as 1984 and we would love to expand our records.

Please send to Diane Root,
PO Box 1008, Clackamas, OR 97015
or scan and email to Cleve Parker, moosegarden@msn.com



Katie Jette & Marsha Ackerlund



Tony and Reggie Burke

Welcome New Members!

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

New Life Member

Penny Jean Wood Spaziani

Ancestor

Jacob Willis – 1847

New Member

Nancy Carolyn Johnsrud Dudley

Keri Deen Epperson

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Evan Dalzell White

Ancestor

Henry L. Pittock – 1853

James Flett – 1841

David Runyon Lewis – 1845

Barbara Slater – 1845

Gabriel Hardison – 1845

Hiram Rice Powell – 1947

Jesse Applegate – 1843

Thomas L. Fine – 1847

Joseph Patch Parker – 1852

Francois Plourde – 1841

John Whitney – 1847

Etienne Lucier – 1811

Aaron Purdy – 1847

Junior Member

Kamran William Mohamedy

William Hite – 1851

Friend of SDOP

Greg J. Leo

Kathleen M. Mason

Complimentary Friend of SDOP

Charles “Chuck” Dale Hornbuckle

In Memoriam...

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



*Catherine M. Higginbotham
Kenneth E. Shaver*



Miss Pioneer Oregon's Walker family



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