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President's Desk

This is my first message from the "President's Desk" so I thought I would let you all know something about me.

I have been a member of "Son's and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers" for twenty plus years, however this is the first time that I have served on the board. I feel as though I am carrying on a family tradition as two of my GG Aunties, (from the Drain side of my family) have also served as presidents of SDOP. I feel deeply honored to serve on this board an organization with so much history.

I grew up listening to my Mother telling me stories of our ancestors trek across the plains. My sister and I could hardly wait for another story about the struggles to get to Oregon. Mom was a good repeater of stories she had heard from her Great Aunties, two of the eleven children of Captain Drain.

Our earliest ancestor was Captain John Charles Drain. Captain John was the leader of the 1843 wagon train out of Iowa. The Drain family gave land for the town of Drain, Oregon to be built. They knew the train would be coming through this area soon and realized that there was possibly a fortune to be made. Captain John Charles Drain was also speaker of the house in the 1870's. There are many stories about this side of our family and all of the hardships endured on the journey to Oregon. I am proud to say that one of the old homesteads is still standing to this day, it is owned by the school district and is used as offices.

Another early settler who made the trek across the plains in 1848 was Judge Jeremiah Rowland of McMinnville, Oregon. He was a well known Judge known to be fair and just in his rulings.

Still, another ancestor was Dr. Henry Eccleston, who crossed the plains in 1852. Their hard journey was documented by my Mother in our SDOP book "Reflections," page 41. If you have not read it yet..... you have missed a good story! Wagons.... Native Americans Death..... oh my.

Because of my love for history, I have been associated with the "Pitcock Manson" for over thirty years. I served on the board for 9 of those years and after around 20 years of Pitcock family research, I was able to write a book about Mrs. Georgiana Burton Pitcock, the lady of the house. The "Queen of Portland Roses" was a book written as a labor of love. She was a grand lady she was paying it forward long before we had a phrase for good deeds.

I also am a member of the "Artichical Heritage Center " and "Clatsop County Historical Society."

In closing, I would like to emphize the importance of volunteering for organizations that are close to your heart. It is a win-win situation for both you and your personal causes. It feels good to do good... Come join our board and let's continue pay it forward....

Janet Wilson
President SDOP

SDOP Board Meeting June 17, 2017

Barbey Maritime Center, Astoria, OR

Officers Reports:

Secretary's Report: Dawn read the minutes from the April 14,2017 Board meeting. Reggie made a motion to accept the minutes, Chris 2nd. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Dave sent out the treasurer's report and went over it. Ellie mentioned that originally the Blackerby account was set up for small scholarships and other items to promote history, (plaque, small scholarships to encourage people that were studying Oregon history). We are about \$2,000.00 over budget for the year, but that is mainly due to the parade, and some of those expenses were a one time purchase, like the banners and we can use them at other events. Katie made a motion to accept the report, Diane 2nd. Motion passed.

President's Elect Report: Janet- mentioned the Oregon City Heritage Days event coming up next weekend. Janet and her granddaughter went to the Founder's Day celebration, she has asked her granddaughter to speak at it next year. The firing of the rifles was exciting (and unexpected!). The parade went really well, kudos to Mel. It was cold and wet. Glad that we did the signs and they will pay for themselves as we will be able to use them at other events. Janet did a press release for the local paper (Clatsop County news) also posted on Facebook. Janet went to the Butteville store, will need tables and cover for shade, also concerned about parking. Greg Leo is so excited to have us at this location this year for our picnic.

Committee Reports:

Membership Registrar Report: Mel passed out the member statistics report- Change of categories 5 junior to adults and 20 from adults to seniors. Dues amounts due \$5352.00. Only mailing out invoices to people not on email or if they owe for several years, about 95 statements.

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Jim Tompkins, (July 8, 1947-June 3, 2017)

Jim was SDOP President from 2010-2012. He passed away at his home in Beavercreek in June. Jim was well known as an historian specializing in the Oregon Trail and the Barlow Road. Jim earned a master's degree in Oregon history from Portland State University in 1976. He was a descendant of Oregon Pioneers Chapman Hawley, Kizi Belknap, David Hawley and Martha Freel who settled in the Alpine area of Benton County.

As well as SDOP, Jim was active in the Clackamas County Historical Society, The End of the Trail Interpretive Center and the Oregon-California Trails Association. Jim gave a tuition free lecture series at the Museum of the Oregon Territory based on his book "The City at Willamette Falls: A 3,000-Year History of Oregon City". He also wrote "Discovering Laurel Hill and the Barlow Road". In 1993, the Bureau of Land Management published his book, "The Road to Oregon: Articles about the Oregon Trail".

Jim was a past president of Oregon-California Trails Association, was named their 2001 Writer of the Year, and contributed 19 articles that can be accessed on their website. He was also the 1990 DAR History Teacher of the Year and received the 2007 Clackamas Heritage Partners Wilmer Gardner Education Award for life time achievement. Jim walked parts of the Oregon Trail between Independence, Missouri and Oregon City in the 1990's as a participant in a federal grant for teachers.

A teacher in the Gresham-Barlow School District for almost 30 years, Jim taught at Orient School. Following retirement, he taught community education classes for Clackamas Community College. He is survived by his mother, Juanita Alf and three children, Jerry Tompkins, Wendy Stimac and Nathan Tompkins, two sisters, a brother and two grandchildren.

Margaret Pritchard, (Sept. 18, 1929-July 29, 2017)

Margaret Pritchard had been a member of SDOP since 1948 and was a past treasurer and board member. She was very proud of her Mason family who came on the United Brethren wagon train of 1853 to Benton County. Her great-great-grandfather died east of Mt. Hood, but his wife and five children continued on the wagon train to Philomath and all took out donation land claims. There is so much to say about Margaret; a warm, friendly person with a booming voice; an intelligent ground-breaking woman in engineering; a one of a kind person who will be greatly missed. The last person to speak at her Celebration of Life from the local water treatment district called her a genius. Margaret and this editor bonded immediately over our descent from the same wagon train and our Welsh heritage. For the past five

years, Margaret worked on her autobiography which we hope to post soon on the SDOP website. A very interesting obituary for Margaret appeared in the August 23rd issue of the Clackamas Review. A letter to the editor was published in the same newspaper on August 30th entitled "Margaret Pritchard was inspiration for women-owned businesses". The following obituary is reprinted with permission of the Welsh Society and the author Daria Wightman.

Margaret Pritchard was born on September 18, 1929 right before the stock market crash. She had rheumatic fever and polio when she was young, and suffered from the complications of polio until her death on July 29, 2017. She lived in Milwaukie, Oregon all her life, whenever she wasn't traveling.

Her career was in consulting engineering, which was unusual for a woman at that time. She specialized in applying industry specific technologies to other industries to engineer a solution. If she ran into a problem she needed additional expertise on, she had many friends to call on for help. Her international consulting engineering firm specialized in energy, food, and wastewater. She worked in Canada, Italy, Bermuda, England, and in each of the 50 states, which resulted in her being a member of the first ever "frequent flyer" program. She was an active member of the Society of Women Engineers, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the American Society of Engineering Management, as well as several food industry societies. And, of course, she was a member of the Welsh Society in Portland.

The blood line on her father's side (the Pritchards) goes clear back to the 15th century in Wales. The family house at the time, Llancaiach Fawr Manor, is still run as a National Trust in Wales. The manor has a theatre featuring a 2-hour play about the family, as well as a blacksmith shop, a bakery, and a scullery. The whole thing is run as if it were the year 1643.

She brought a photograph of her great grandfather with her when she was traveling in Wales. The proprietor of the bed and breakfast she stayed in said, "I've got a friend named Pritchard who lives down the way. Let me call her and we can go for tea." So she went to the Pritchard house for tea and met the Pritchard lady's husband. The lady's husband, however, was skeptical, and said, "This Yank over here thinks she's part of my wife's family." Then he got up from the tea table and excused himself. When he came back he had an 8 ½ x 11 photograph which he put on the table face down. "Now, if you belong to this family," he said, "You can tell me some characteristics of this man." Margaret didn't know who it was, but she said, "Well, if he's family, he's got a cleft chin. He's

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4th Grade Essay Winners

Discuss the pioneer spirit, a determination of accomplishing goals under very difficult circumstances, and how the result of that spirit has affected our lives today.

Kaydence Falorini \$150

The pioneer spirit showed courage to most people in Oregon. They didn't just show courage to us. If they gave up or didn't even go to Oregon, there's a big chance we wouldn't be here. Oregon is a free country and I'm proud to be here.



There is a book about a family of eight. Later in the book called Stout Hearted Seven, the mom has a baby girl named Rossana. The the mom and dad die. Even though they lost parents and had to get foster parents, I trudged on. Later in the book, the foster parents die. To me it shows pioneer spirit because they never gave up. They went through hard times but still traveled to Oregon. That's how the Stout Hearted Seven came to be. (Frazier, 2006)

Cathrine, one of the Stout Hearted Seven kids, wrote a journal. In the journal it said "the motion of the wagon made them all sick." Those few words show perseverance. She is saying that they all got sick, but they didn't give up. If it wasn't for there bravery, we might not know that much about our history that we do now. (Klausmeyer, 2003)

Pioneers made history that a lot of people love learning including me. If it wasn't that big of a deal, fourth grade wouldn't do a whole project on it. Fourth grade loves learning about it and doing the Oregon Trail play. It doesn't just teach us history, it's a memorable moment for most kids.

The pioneers had many different spirits. I only showed you a few of the spirits. I how you enjoyed reading these pioneer spirits.

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Cinthya Ruiz \$75

There are many ways to describe the Pioneer Spirit. There's two words to describe the Pioneer Spirit. Those words are hard work.



First, pioneer spirit was of course something that pioneers had. Pioneer spirit is exactly how pioneers did things back then. They did it with faith and hope.

Next, on the Oregon Trail an 8 year old girl named Catherine Sager, broke her leg when she was jumping off the wagon by playing a game. On the journey it was very hard for her because her parents and siblings died. When Catherine found out that her parents and siblings died she kept on going with the Pioneer Spirit. (Catherine Sager Pringle 1860)

Last, on the journey it was hard to see people die. When Catherine lost her parents and siblings of course she was going to be sad who wouldn't. Pioneers on the journey had a hard time, but with pioneer spirit the got better and better.

Clearly, pioneer spirit was a true thing like the Oregon Trail. Pioneer spirit was mostly faith and hope, but it was actually hard work too. Remember the Oregon Trail and the Pioneer spirit were real.

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**Congratulations to both winners from
Barnes Butte Elementary in Prinville, Oregon.
Essays have been typed as written.**

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Information Technology Committee Reports: Data base On the website, Cleve is still exploring ways to upload deceased members forms in bulk. Have been working with Jake on colored brochures.

Social Media: Any suggestions or photos please send to Katie... any ideas also send. We are getting more exposure through various entities like Restore Oregon and Small Farmer journal. The Oregon Historical Society did a shout out to us.

Events Committee: September meeting will be at the National Award Winning Sherman Co. Historical Museum in Morrow Co. meeting will be 10:30-1:30 next door to the museum at the senior center. September 30, 2017. Have to bring lunch or Chris can have it catered through the senior center. We will have a guided trip through the museum 1-2 hours. \$30.00 to rent the senior center for 4 hours. April meeting will be at

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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.

SDOP Annual Picnic July 2017



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Portland Rose Parade 2017
 Photos by Cleve Parker

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got a dimple on his left cheek. He has flying eyebrows and a widow's peak, and he's supernumerary." Then the husband tuned the picture over. Margaret's great grandfather and the man in the picture, who was the Pritchard lady's grandfather, could have been twins. Everything that she had said was there: the cleft chin, the left dimple, and the extra fingers.

Now, in Wales there is a saying, which goes, "Put all your troubles in a box and sit on the lid and laugh and sing." And of course she did all those.

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the Polk County Historical Museum and Brunk House, April 14, 2018, during the Cherry blossom festival and car show. June 23, 2018, Ft. Vancouver, lunch at Grant House, tour of Marshall House.

Newsletter Editor: Diane Root- Have quite a bit of stuff for the September newsletter; Parade, 4th grade winners, Jim's memorial announcement, minutes, etc. Janet Zellner found a picture at the Champoeg pavilion Aug. 17, 1930, gave the photo to Brenda Howard, 250-300 people in the photo. Maybe put parts of it in a newsletter to see if people will identify any of the people in the photo, may not be an SDOP function. Checking with Merle to see if the date was our picnic that year. May check with the photographer Brown Studio on Liberty St. in Salem to see if archived.

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Board Meeting September 30, 2017

Moro, Oregon

This event is for all members.

Time: 10:30 AM Board Meeting
 - at the Senior Center – right next to the museum.

Lunch: 1:00 AM (or whenever we want to break for Lunch)
 at the Senior Center

Bring your own lunch OR

Purchase a Catered Lunch for \$10.00

Catered Lunch is: Sandwich makings, 2 salads, dessert.

Museum Tour: 2:00 PM (guided tour)

Tour of museum takes about 1 1/2 to 2 hours. There are 4 buildings, 15,000 artifacts used by Native American families, Oregon Trail Migration (Barlow Trail cutoff is a little North of Moro as it heads towards Grass Valley), livestock production, dry-land wheat farming, military units in area, and patriotic items.

I need headcount for catered lunch:

Please Notify Chris Meinicke if you are purchasing the Catered Lunch for \$10.00.

Phone: 503-645-3124

Email: chris.meinicke@frontier.com

Address: 18805 N.W. Illahe, Portland, Oregon 97229





Calendar Events

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

September 30, 2017

Board Meeting

Location: Moro, Oregon Senior Center and Sherman County Historical Museum (next door to each other)

Time: 10:30 a.m. meeting, 1:00 lunch, 2:00 tour

Lunch: Catered or bring your own.

Chris Meinicke needs a headcount for the catered lunch.

Please contact her at 503-645-3125 or

chris.meinicke@frontier.com

More dates to be established at the September meeting.

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Awards and Scholarships Committee: Dawn Alexander- 4th grade essay winners 1st place Kadence Fabbrini, 2nd place Cinthya Ruiz, both from Prineville. They have been notified and informed about receiving their award at the picnic.

Correspondence Sec.: Chris Meinicke- 1 donation from Ann Scammell \$70.00 for the parade fund. Betty Johnson \$300.00, general fund. Charles Hornbuckle \$200.00, in memory of his wife who was a member, for the parade fund. Diane Huber \$10.00 general fund. Cheryl McDaniel \$50.00 general fund. Janis Robertson \$100.00 general fund.

Trading Post: Reggie Burke- gave a check for \$12.31. 5 items that sold in May, 1 in June. License plate is the hot seller. Would like more posts on Facebook, trying to do through Square.

Rose Parade Committee: Mel, Chris, Janet- We got a certificate of participation. It was a lot of fun, a lot of waiting time but, had a great time. \$700.00 for carriage and horse, flowers were \$500.00, banners were \$363.00. We exceeded our budget but

the banners will be able to be used again. We will see what the exposure does for us. Cleve took great pictures.

Old Business

Color SDOP brochures: we need to re-order brochures but it is not budgeted- Would like to do color brochures. Committee selected to evaluate and see what we would like and then present to the board- Janet, Cleve, Jake and Reggie. Diane and Nancy will take a look at the language in brochure and revise.

Revisit Life membership with ten year membership requirement- Chris made a motion that we eliminate the 10 year requirement for life membership. Dave 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Historians discussion: Katie brought up the conversation from the last meeting that Jim had brought up concerning settler vs. pioneer, and that the professor at Portland State was a colleague of her sisters and we should be cordial in our conversations. Maybe invite Professor Barber to a meeting to talk with us?

New Business:

Copyright of photos: Katie is concerned about copyright with historical photos that we post and trying to figure out a way to use our logo like the Oregon historical society does to protect their photos. She will continue to check into this

Recognition and installation of new officers and board members: Everyone continuing on in current capacity. Exiting president, Mel thanked all the board for their support during 2 year presidency.... Reported on his mission of getting our name out there and that our organization is alive and well. Concerned about people fulfilling slots as time goes on, but to continue our work on increasing membership so that we have resources of people to continue our work. Mel, outgoing president installed new president Janet Wilson. Katie volunteered to be the new president elect. Janet gave Mel a captain's hat as a gift since he wore so many different hats during his presidency.

President- Janet Wilson

President Elect- Catherine Jette

Secretary- Dawn Alexander

Treasurer- Dave Thompson

Call for adjournment: Nancy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Chris 2nd Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.

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Photos and articles welcome from all members!

Welcome New Members!

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

New Life Member

Michael E. Lake
Margaret D. Hines Lewis
Debra Elayne Morrison

Ancestor

James A. Terwilliger – 1845
Thomas Madison Hines – 1848
Mary Melissa Larkins – 1847

New Member

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Haley Renee Virnig

Ancestor

Mary Ann Beaver Redding – 1847
Joab & Anna Beeler Powell – 1852
Reese Howard Sanders – 1852
Christina Jane Keiffer – 1852
Calvin Henry Adams – 1852
Caleb J. Payne – b OR 1858
Aaron Payne – 1847
Francis Marion Shaver – 1852
Peter Taylor – 1852

Junior Member

Jackson John Godsey
Nolan David Godsey
Kinley Collette Ridinger

Ancestor

Joab & Anna Beeler Powell – 1852
Joab & Anna Beeler Powell – 1852
William U. Preston – 1853

In Memoriam...

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



*Margaret Ann Pritchard
"Jim" James Merle Tompkins
Pauline Grace Buckingham Ingram*



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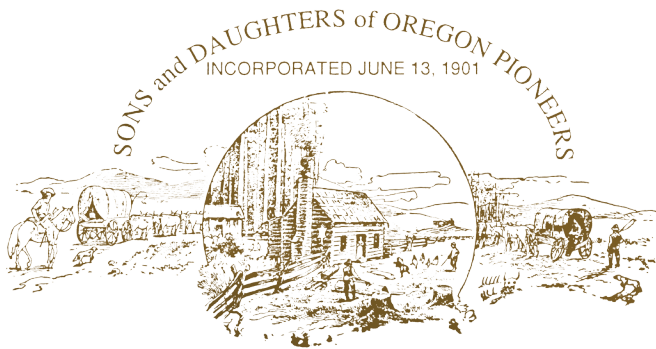
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<u>Name</u>	<u>Designated purpose</u>
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Micheal Jenks	\$100 General Fund
Shirley Viscala	\$25 General Fund
Charles Hornbuckle	\$200 Parade Fund in memory his wife who was a member
Rev. Diane Huber	\$10 General Fund
Cheryl McDaniel	\$50 General Fund
Janis Robertson	\$100 General Fund
Bernadette Hammellman	\$20 General Fund
Michael Savage	\$5 General Fund
Chris Meinicke	\$5 General Fund
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