

**President's Desk**

*Message from Janet*

Dear Members,

Well, if you missed this one you missed a good one! We had one of the biggest and best "Oregon's Birthday Party Celebrations" ever! Music, laughter, food, good presentations and wonderful friends. Nearly 100 people of all ages joined together for a celebration that included a silent auction which contained art, pottery, and many old volumes of books.

One journal was from 1876, and was so interesting that I shared the agenda with my audience. It was like stepping back in time. The program in 1876 lasted from 10am to 8pm. It all started with a parade and a band, with 288 people following behind on their way to the "Pavilion" at the state fairgrounds in Salem, Oregon. Now, that is a long meeting!

After a fabulous buffet we had a wonderful speaker, Wendell Baskins, whose presentation included slides given to him by Jim Tompkins, a former past president of SDOP.

Mel Fuller's presentation was extremely interesting, as he outlined how to use our new website, "My Oregon Territory!" This will advance our archives to a new era. Don't forget to gather up your family photos and stories to be included in our archives. When this site gets up and running it is going to be awesome.

Our new Miss Pioneer Oregon is a sweetheart! She would like to become a pediatrician, and she will be a wonderful doctor... I am sure! Just wait until you meet her and you will feel like I do.

Please check out the photos of our banquet on line and here in our newsletter, and don't forget to join us for more celebrations at Champoeg State Park: "Founders Day" on May 4<sup>th</sup>, and our annual picnic on

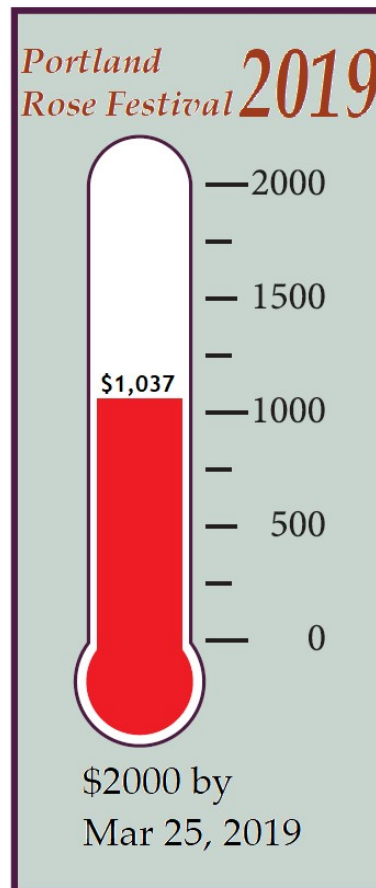


July 13<sup>th</sup>. It's going to be a wonderful summer with all the adventures that we have planned for SDOP!

And a big "Thank You" to everyone that helped to make this banquet such a success!

Janet Wilson  
President, SDOP

**Rose Parade Donations**



Over half-way there!

Donations can be made on our website:

**OregonSDOP.org**

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Checks can be mailed to:  
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97228-6685.

Let's make this happen!

## Rose Festival Parade Report

Hi SDOP Rose Parade fans!

As you know the board has approved another effort on the part of SDOP to participate in the upcoming 2019 Portland Festival of Roses Grand Floral Parade. It is great way for SDOP to show the residents of Oregon and SW Washington that SDOP is alive and well promoting our Oregon Pioneer heritage. We will feature our 2019 Miss Pioneer Oregon, Natalie Dueltgen, as well as the SDOP Scholarship Award winners.

As always this is an effort by all of SDOP to make this year's submission match our Blue-Ribbon entry for 2018 and Yellow-Ribbon for 2017. We are looking for a SDOP family who can carry the banner that precedes our entry. The only requirement is the participants dress in period costume of the 1850's. Good walking shoes are recommended, and water can be carried in the carriage. They need to meet at the assembly area, near the Memorial Coliseum, at 5:30 AM. Assembly instructions and a vehicle access permit are provided.

Remember we have a new Wagon Master this year, Michael Irving. The proud father of our 2018 Miss Pioneer Oregon Grace Irving. He needs your help to pull this wagon over the finish - not literally, but by your financial support.

Our fund-raising goal this year again is \$2000 and we are only part way there. So, if you cannot participate in the SDOP parade entry your contribution is a wonderful way for you to express your pride in the work SDOP does.

Thanks again for your support,

Mel Fuller.

## Board Positions Available

There are several board positions yet to be filled. **Please consider volunteering for a board position.** SDOP needs your help to continue our mission of preserving Oregon's history for generations to come. Call or email Janet Wilson if you would like to be a board member of this great historical organization. Janet's contact information is: 503-439-9200 or email her at [jlwilson101@msn.com](mailto:jlwilson101@msn.com).

## Our Heartfelt Thanks

As I reflect on our new year ahead, I rejoice with the promise of hope, peace and compassion. Just as our pioneer ancestors encompassed the strong spirit that forged the battles of their pursuit of the new land we stand upon, so do we all share this heartfelt love for each other. Let us embrace the hope that was so fulfilling in each of our families of so long ago. It is that striving for success that has made us who we are and brought us to this place. May we each in our hearts give thanks for this special gift and the caring that lights our way. The strength that brought our families to this new land we now call Oregon, struggling with their hardships, strife and toil enriches our daily lives today. May we continue to preserve this great land for our young. Oregon, our Oregon we salute you and give thanks for our heritage. May it shine on in each of us and our families now and always.

Joy Starr\* Eaton.

## Donations to SDOP

First, SDOP extends thanks to everyone who donated items for the Silent Auction at the Banquet.

SDOP Especially wants to thank Pittock Mansion for their Free passes to tour the Mansion and the Old Aurora Colony Museum for your free passes to your museum facility.

A special donation of Oregon Pioneer Association's (OPA) Journals from the reunions of Oregon pioneers from 1875 through 1928, the last known Journal published, were donated by Stephen B. Dudley. An amazing donation.

Lastly, a special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hutchins for their donation of antique books.

Jeanne Pulliam	\$30.00	Rose Parade
Mr. & Mrs. Merle Miller	\$70.00	Where needed
John Irving	\$200.00	Rose Parade
Phyllis Naish	\$50.00	Ad in DAR Prog
	\$20.00	Rose Parade.
Gary Smith	\$100.00	Scholarship Fund
Jayne Jergentz	\$100.00	MOT Website

*In memory of Merna Jergentz (mother of Jayne Jergentz) who died in died in November of 2018.*

## SDOP Annual Board Meeting and Banquet @ the Monarch Hotel Clackamas, Oregon February 16, 2019

### Minutes

Call to Order President Janet Wilson called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

Roll call- Board Members: Dawn Alexander, Mel Fuller, Janet Wilson, Chris Meinicke, Dave Thompson, Joy Eaton, Joy'e Willman, Ellie Nelson. Members: Suzanne McQueen, Jim Pierce, Dolores Egger, Reggie Burke, Mark Pedersen, Debbie Pedersen, Connie Selzler, Ann Marie Amstad, Mary Albert, Adele Sutton, Dawn Griffin, Patsy Wegner, Nolan Godsey, Jackson Godsey, Nancy Dudley, Phyllis Naish, Doxandra McCook, Don Cook, Eunice Johnson. Friends of SDOP: Gary Eaton.

#### Officers Reports:

**Secretary's Report:** Dawn read the minutes from the Annual Board Meeting Feb. 17, 2018. Minutes were approved.

**President's Report:** Janet will be giving her report during the program today.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dave projected the treasurer's report on the screen. 2 CD's have matured. The smaller CD was rolled over. Blackerby offered a different CD for 17 months at a 1.98% interest. Dave went over the budget for 2018-2019. Mel Fuller made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Joy'e Willman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.

#### Committee Reports:

##### **Information Technology Committee-**

Mel reported that we will have a presentation on the new My Oregon Territory Website during the banquet today. We have adopted an online version of QuickBooks. Receipts that were mailed out from ticket purchases for today's event is part of that. Membership renewals will come to you by email now. Eileen, Mel and Dave will be on the account for QuickBooks. The other change is that CaspioBridge will be sending out a welcome letter with a narrative about your membership.

Oregon SDOP website will also send out a notice to new members that they can access the member's only portion of the website.

**Social media-Face book-**Janet reported that we are on Facebook, Twitter, and our own website. Janet has been posting something every day on Facebook. Lately, postings have been from a journal of a man who is making maps.

**Events Committee-**Chris reported on events between now and the end of our year: The April meeting will be April 13<sup>th</sup> in Oregon City at The Museum of the Oregon Territory. June 22<sup>nd</sup> will be in Baker City Oregon at The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. There is an old hotel in town with accommodations to spend the night. July 13<sup>th</sup> at Champoege Park, our annual picnic. Bring your stories to share.

**Newsletter Editor** – Chris is working on the next issue. Any information needs to be in by the Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Correspondence Sec.-**Chris has been sending thank you notes for donations. Many special items have been donated for the silent auction table. Terry Thompson has spent a lot of time setting up and gathering. Money from today's silent auction will go to the Rose Parade.

**Trading Post-**Reggie has brought many items today so check out the table, and also the Trading post tab on the website. Check out her new product, a framed canvas that you can hang on the wall. You can have your ancestors names with the date they arrived and you can place county/state they came from if you'd like. You can buy just the canvas or also purchase the frame.

**Digitizing committee-**Marsha has all of the deceased member applications scanned. Also, some of the newsletters. This project is moving along.

**Public Relations-**Joy reported that she had invited dignitaries for today: the Governor sent her regrets. Also invited were Mayors of 3 different cities.

**Governance Chair-** Ellie reported that she has reactivated the conflict of interest

policy. She is looking forward to doing research to keep all of our practices fair and up to date. Anyone that has suggestions please send them to Ellie.

### Old business:

Our brochure has been updated and reprinted.

Chris has been asked by the state society of DAR to see if we would be interested in placing an ad in their program for the state conference. We would be helping another historical society. She requested \$25.00 for an eighth page ad. Phyllis Naish volunteered to donate the \$50.00 for a quarter page ad.

### New Business:

Vote in new officers: Candidates for board positions were posted on the screen. Board members for 2022: Joy Eaton, Chris Meinicke, Joy'e Willman. 2021: Mel Fuller, (2 openings). 2020: Drew Ackerland, Ellie Nelson, Priscilla Belin. President- Dave Thompson, President elect- Joy Eaton, Treasurer- Mel Fuller, Secretary- Dawn Alexander. Chris Meinicke made a motion to accept the slate of officers as put out today. Joy'e Willman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

Call for adjournment: Jackson Godsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joy'e Willman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am

## ***My Oregon Territory Update***

HI Pioneer Descendants,

Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers newest project to celebrate our pioneer heritage, the My Oregon Territory (MOT) website, is off and running. We are getting contributions from members including journals, articles and photographs. We also have our newest volunteer Curator Lindsey Hollinger. She is a wonderful addition to your SDOP MOT team committed to preserving our Early Oregon Pioneer heritage and making it available to not only today's members but future members as well.

We have now over 160,000 individual pioneers in our database with many wonderful stories about those pioneers and their struggles and triumphs in settling the Oregon Territory. We want to make the records more than just a list with dates but to humanize these

pioneers, so we can learn about who they were and to a great extent who we are.

We hope you have had a chance to visit the MOT website. If you need help with any aspect, please let me know by emailing me at [mel\\_fuller@att.net](mailto:mel_fuller@att.net). If you would like to volunteer as a Curator, please contact me as well.

To assure our MOT project keeps on growing we need your help in three ways. First, be a contributor of items for the MOT website. Second, be a contributor of time by volunteering. Third, financially – and you can do that by getting your family members to join SDOP, so they can also access the database. Or you can make a direct financial contribution to the MOT fund. It takes about \$80 per month to keep us on the web, so your help is needed.

See you down the trail...

Mel Fuller

## *SDOP Awards*

Applications are available online, at  
<http://oregonsdop.org/scholarships-contests>

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Essay**  
***due May 15, 2019***

## ***Upcoming Board Meetings and Events***

**Board meetings are open to all Members**

**April 13, 2019** Board Meeting and museum tour

**Location:**

Museum of the Oregon Territory  
211 Tumwater Dr, Oregon City, OR

**Time:** 10:00 AM in the museum library

**Lunch:** Highland Stillhouse Pub

**Guided Tour:** 1:45 \$5.00 entry fee

**June 22, 2019** Board Meeting and Museum Tour

**Location:**

Sunridge Inn and Resorts  
1 Sunridge Lane  
Baker City, OR

**Time:** 10:00 AM

**Lunch:** Same location – order off the menu

**Tour:** 1:45 pm - At the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center (BLM) Located 5 miles East of Baker city on Hwy 86

**Entrance Fee:**

Free with America the Beautiful Federal Pass

**July 13, 2019 Annual SDOP Picnic**

**Location:**

Champoeg State Park Pavilion

**Time:** 10:00 AM – Board Meeting at Pavillion

12:00 pm Pot Luck Picnic – bring a dish to share  
SDOP provides drinks, cups, plates, napkins and silverware

--- Begin arriving at 11:30 AM ---

This is our kick-off event for the coming year. Bring your pictures and your stories and get to know your fellow pioneers

We'll also be privileged to have a River Boat Captain joining us at the picnic and sharing some of his many wild stories of being a River Boat Captain on the Willamette River

## **FOUNDERS DAY at Champoeg**

Celebrating Oregon's 176<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the vote for provisional government



We Gather at Champoeg State Park Memorial Pavilion  
Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

On May 2, 1843, 52 men at Champoeg voted to form the first Provisional Government west of the Rocky Mountains.

In 1901 the sole survivor of that vote and the descendants of the 52 men, gathered for a dedication of a monument to those actions. Every year since, people gather to commemorate the two events: The vote for

Provisional Government and the dedication of the monument.



**Please join SDOP on May 4<sup>th</sup> 2019 for this event.**

Our very own Janet Wilson is one of the speakers. We need SDOP members to help with the Roll Call of the 52 names who voted YES.

And SDOP will have a display booth.

## **Reunion Information**

**Officer and Cooley ancestors.**

Hello cousins, near and far

I truly pray everyone had a meaningful and prosperous 2018, as we now move into the year 2019. It didn't seem so long ago that my vision of the millennium alone was not even imaginary. And now here we are, nineteen years into it. Where has the time gone?

My reason for this newsletter is to inform us all that we are going to skip this year for our Officer/Cooley reunion. I have had some input from cousins that it would be a good idea to forego 2019.

There are a couple reasons that weigh on our minds. One is that it seems the reunions are becoming repetitive. That does not mean we haven't had good and cheerful times gathering at Champoeg Park over the years. Our fellowship is the glue that binds. And I treasure each and every one whom I've had the pleasure of being with. Thank you so much!

Also, I think we have covered nearly everything significant concerning the 1845 Oregon Trail. I am sure there are issues we have yet to discuss, and until we discover new material with more

research, I find we are only repeating what we already know. Last July we had a very informative presentation by Steve Klugg, the Champoeg Park Archives Ranger on early Oregon, particularly Champoeg itself. I shall be in search for more guest speakers.

Perhaps we will pick it up in 2020 with new and stimulating materials. I am still doing moderate research on our early Oregon family life as I discover more online sources. It seems that we have covered so much over the years.

All said, please submit your thoughts and possible plans for future gatherings, if you wish to do so. I welcome and value comments from every cousin who holds the bloodline of Officer and Cooley ancestors. I wish you all well. Blessings.

Sincerely, and with fond memories,

Bud Officer

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**New Member Fees:**

Adult [age 18-60] and Senior [age 60+] .....\$25.00  
 Junior [birth to age 18]: .....\$12.00  
 Includes pioneer certificate and pin.

**Life Member Fees:**

Birth-18 .....\$450.00  
 18-60 .....\$300.00  
 60+ .....\$150.00  
 Includes pioneer certificate and pin.

**Annual Dues (after first year):**

*Annual dues are due in June.*

Junior [birth to age 18]: .....\$8.00  
 Adult [age 18-60]: .....\$20.00  
 Senior [age 60+]: .....\$15.00  
 Friend of SDOP.....\$25.00

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 - Photos and articles welcome from all members!

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## New Members

### Life Member

Phyllis M. Williams Naish      Asa Williams – 1841

### Member

John H. Bergman	Jeduthan Torrance – 1854
Martha Bergman	Jeduthan Torrance – 1854
Donelda M. Bernard	Timothy Barnard – 1850
William A. Carpenter	William O. Gibson – 1847
Sharon A. McClelland Freeman	George Peake Wrenn – 1850
Donald S. Guenther	William Baldra – 1839
Carole M. Long Janes	Elizabeth Ann Hardman – 1850
Gayle L. Kirk	Catherine Denny Parrish – 1852
Lynne Michelle Braud Macko	Thomas B. Banks – 1852
Matthew E. McGonegal	Lisette Walla Walla – 1811
Nancy Ann Krape Merrick	Frederick A. Horning – 1850
Elizabeth Rice Nicholson	Jeduthan Torrance – 1854
Shauna N. Bishop Noon	Simpson Wilson – 1849
Stevenson M. Rice	Jeduthan Torrance – 1854
David Curtis Wood	William Thomas Patton – 1848
Marie Charlotte Wood	William Thomas Patton – 1848

### Junior Member

Mitch T. McGonegal      Lisette Walla Walla – 1811

## In Memoriam...

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

Lois E. Houston Humphrey  
Robert Ringo  
Lewis L. McArthur  
Glen A. Jones (Former SDOP Bd Member, OCTA Member)  
Jolene Bean



Miss Pioneer Oregon and the Scholarship winners.



A good representation of Pioneer stock.



Serving the Birthday cake.

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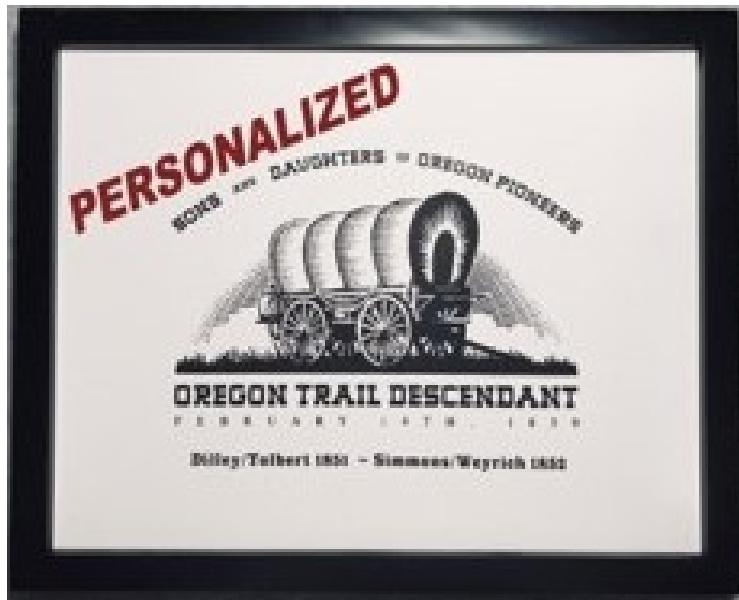
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