

## President's Desk

*A note from Dave Thompson*

Happy New Year, Pioneers!!! I hope your Holiday Season has been truly enjoyable, and that you've made some excellent memories!

We have lots of things to look forward to this year, including our annual Banquet in February. The speaker for this year's Banquet is Governor Barbara Roberts, Oregon's first woman Governor! Barbara has been a member of SDOP for over 25 years and is sure to provide an interesting presentation.

I do hope to see you at the Banquet. Please reserve your place by **February 7, 2020**.



## FINDING IRA HOOKER

By Rod Ashford

■ ■ Continued from the November Issue ■ ■

We stopped at one of the trailer houses to see if someone might be able to direct us to the cemetery. I got out and knocked and knocked and knocked on the door. Finally, a lady appeared. She had no idea where the Montgomery Cemetery was, but she thought there was some kind of pioneer cemetery at a little country church a mile or so down the road. We headed down the road. We found a lovely little country church, but no cemetery anywhere in sight. We drove up and down the road both ways, but no luck. We may as well give this search up.

We turned around and headed back the way we had come. A few blocks down the road we passed a street sign for "Ira Hooker Road". Now Ira Hooker was my fourth great grandfather. There was a house on the corner. My wife insisted that we should stop and ask something, anything! I made sure she knew that I was not going to knock on any more doors! Period! But, that's why they sent a woman to the moon – they needed someone who was not shy about asking for directions! I pulled up to the little frame house and my wife got out and knocked on the screen door that was in front of an open doorway. A squeaky little voice

replied "Come In." My wife opened the door to an ancient little lady who was delighted to see us.

When questioned about Ira Hooker, the lady, whose name was Alberta, said she had heard her mother mention that name before, but really didn't know any Hookers. She then told my wife who her mother was. No Luck. And who her grandmother was. Score! My wife recognized the name of her grandmother. She stuck her head out the door and told me to turn the car engine off and come in. We had hit pay dirt. Turns out, Alberta's grandmother was a sister to my great grandmother, and she was my second cousin, once removed. She invited us right in, and we told her our lost cemetery saga. She knew right where that cemetery was and would even take us there, which she did. It is located several hundred yards on the other side of the stand of trees that GPS had led us to. And Alberta is the person to call when someone wants to be buried there. She has even replaced all the old unreadable grave markers with new markers which she has hand made

Alberta also took us to the other pioneer cemetery "by the church" that we had heard of and could not find. Turns out, you have to take a turn on the road just past the church and drive to the top of the mountain to get to the cemetery! That explains why we could not see it sitting in the front of the church.

We had a lovely visit with Alberta and heard all kinds of family stories. Alberta knew everyone in the community, including many of my own ancestors.

The following year, in 2015, we made another trip to Oregon and Washington state. On that visit we made a specific detour to Pedee to see Alberta. She was just as delighted to see us again. Said she had been thinking about us. You would have thought we had just been there the week before. We were always full of questions for her, since she had lived in Polk County all her life. This little 80-some-odd-year old woman went upstairs in her house and lugged down a huge box of photos and we spent the afternoon with her going through photos, listening to her stories about all the people and scanning pictures. One of the treasures we came away with, other than getting to know Alberta, was a family photo that included my great, great grandmother Sarah Catherine Hooker whose family crossed the plains from Indiana to settle in the Willamette Valley in 1848.

## Lost Members

We've had some Newsletters returned, and we all know that no one wants to miss *those!* And we sure don't want to lose track of these members:

Iva Wallace Hill	Bernice L. Fair
Ora Hendrix Romine	Jean L. Penrose Sundborg
Ruth Elaine Williams	Kathleen McCabe Shawver

So, if you have any updated contact information for them, please send it to:

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Dave Thompson (503) 860-1308, [dave\\_tek@Yahoo.com](mailto:dave_tek@Yahoo.com).

## New Members

Welcome New Members!

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

### New junior Members

<u>Member</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
Mariana Louise Law	Henry Harrison Eccleston (1852)

### New Senior Members

<u>Member</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
Brent H James	Berry James (1852)
Kristine Lee Wennerstrom	Reuben Fletcher Claypool (1848)
Nena E. Mathews Close	Zachariah P Gard (1852)
Nancie Ann Doyle	Henry Harrison Eccleston (1852)
Jeanine A Chadburn Hellyer	Adam Stephens (1849)

### New Life Members

<u>Member</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
Lloyd Robert Brewer	John A Freeman, II (1853)

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# Upcoming SDOP Board Meetings and Events

Board meetings are open to all Members

January 11, 2020

Board Meeting

Location:

Clackamas Town Center Community Room  
12000 SE 82nd Ave  
Happy Valley, OR 97086

Time: 10:00 AM  
(Directions on Page 6)

February 15, 2020

Annual Banquet

Location:

Monarch Hotel  
12566 S.E. 93rd Avenue  
Clackamas, Oregon

Time:

11:00 - Annual Business Meeting  
12:00 - Arrive for Banquet

April 25, 2020

Board Meeting and Tour

Location:

Oregon City, OR  
*Tour @10:30:*  
The William L Holmes House, 1847 Rose Farm.  
536 Holmes Lane Oregon City, Oregon 97045  
Tour Guide: Wendall Baskins (Speaker at 2019 SDOP banquet)

**Meeting/Lunch:**

Jimmy O's Pizzeria  
1678 Beaver Creek Road, Oregon City, Oregon 97045

Time: 10:30 AM

June 20, 2019

Board Meeting and Tour

Location:

Brownsville, OR  
Meeting and Lunch – TBD  
We might join in the Linn County Parade and Pioneer Picnic

Tour:

Linn County Historical Museum and Moyer House  
One on only four remaining Oregon Trail Covered wagons is housed in the Museum.

July 11, 2020

Annual SDOP Picnic

Location:

Champoeg State Park Pioneer Pavilion

## Donations to SDOP

SDOP thanks everyone who made a donation to support our programs. We couldn't do it without you!!

Margaret Stangel	\$35 .00	General Fund
Anonymous	\$250.00	Scholarship Fund
Chuck Hornbuckle	\$200.00	General Fund
Cathy Jones	\$50.00	General Fund

### New Member Fees:

Adult [age 18-60]/Senior [age 60+]/Friend ....\$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 Member/Friend [age 18-60]: .....\$20.00  
Senior Member/Friend [age 60+]: .....\$15.00

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- Submissions for the March issue are due by February 20<sup>th</sup>.  
- Photos and articles welcome from all members!



**Newsletter Editor:** Chris noted that several people have mail returned. A list was printed in the last newsletter. She found one person on the list had passed away.

**Awards and Scholarships Committee:** Dawn mentioned some minor changes to the applications on where to send them. They are all due by Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Cookbook development committee:** Janet had made a mixed berry pie. Turned out really good. Pioneers did not put as much sugar in them, as very expensive. Janet will be giving a speaking engagement in Feb. and will be talking about SDOP and Pittock Mansion. Would like to have new brochures by then.

**Correspondence Sec.:** Chris mentioned a \$500.00 donation from Peter Scherwin and sent a thank you letter to him.

**Trading Post:** Reggie is open for business and open for new product suggestions. Her next new piece will be adding a monogram on one side of keychain.

**Digitizing committee:** Mel, Dave, Gary – Only one scanning party since last meeting. Only weekends since school has started. We are making progress, about 1/3 of the way through.

**Public Relations:** Joy gave a big thank you to Natalie and her family for all the publicity they've given to SDOP this year with all the events that Natalie has covered.

#### **New Business:**

- Dave made a motion to donate \$100.00 to Veritas for the use of the scanners. Joy 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion passed.
- Discussion to make a policy that at the discretion of the treasurer give a complimentary life membership to anyone over 85. Dave made a motion to do so; Janet 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion passed.
- Discussion about making friend dues the same as member renewals, and the ability to bestow a lifetime friend or life member on people who've made a contribution of time, service, and/or money at the discretion of the treasurer. Dave made a motion to do so; Joy 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion passed.

Motion by Janet to adjourn; Mel 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion passed.  
Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

## **Two ways to automatically donate to SDOP:**



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# January Board Meeting January 11, 2020 Clackamas Town Center

All members are welcome

This month we're meeting in the Clackamas Town Center Community Room again. This is still new, so I thought some directions might be welcome.

The easy way is to go in the North door, by the cinema, and go along the **Left** wall of the food court, to the elevator, located between Panda Express and Cinnabon:



Take the elevator to the Lower Level and turn right as you leave it. The Community room is the first door on the left:



If you're already on the lower level, take the hallway between **Buckle** and **Francesca's**. Go past the elevator, to the first door on the left.

# Other Organization's Events

## Yamhill County Historical Society

- Secrets of the Past Presentation - The Tragic Case of a Frontier Oregon Woman Tuesday, January 14, 6 pm– 7:30 pm
- Oregon's 161st Birthday Party – Saturday, February 8, 10 am-4 pm
- Potluck and Presentation – Sunday, March 8, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. Topic: Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers
- YCHS Monthly Board of Directors Meeting (2nd Wednesday of each month) January 8, 5:30 pm, Lafayette

All events take place at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center Museum unless otherwise noted; 11275 SW Durham Lane, McMinnville, Oregon, 97128 unless otherwise indicated (at the intersection of Hwy18 and Durham Lane).

## SDOP Annual Statehood Banquet

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2020**

And our main speaker will be Gov Barbara Roberts!



Gov Barbara Roberts

Please register for the banquet by February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF OREGON PIONEERS  
 ANNUAL STATEHOOD CELEBRATION  
 Commemorating OREGON'S 161<sup>st</sup> BIRTHDAY\_  
 Presenting MISS PIONEER OREGON 2020 \_  
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2020**

**SDOP  
NEWS**

11:00 am SDOP Annual Meeting  
 12:00 pm Registration, viewing displays, merchandise and visiting  
 12:30 pm Group pictures  
 1:00 pm Welcome by President Dave Thompson  
 1:30 pm Luncheon followed by Oregon's 161<sup>st</sup> Birthday Cake Ceremony and our special Guest Speaker

**LOCATION:** Join us at the MONARCH HOTEL, 12566 SE 93rd Ave, Clackamas, Oregon

**MT HOOD BUFFET INCLUDES:** Mixed Greens with Balsamic Vinaigrette, Bleu Cheese and Candied Walnuts, Fresh Fruit Tray, Petite Filet of Salmon with Lemon Butter, London Broil with Pinot Noir Demi-Glace, Baby Red Potatoes Fresh Seasonal Vegetables, Rolls with Butter, Birthday Cake, Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Tea or Iced Tea.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Barbara Roberts was elected Governor of Oregon in 1990, becoming the first woman governor in her state and one of the first ten women governors in the nation. Previously, she held public office for 24 years including as a ten-year school board member, community college board member, county commissioner, Oregon State Representative, and six years as Oregon Secretary of State.

A native Oregonian and descendant of 1853 Oregon Trail Pioneers, Roberts is a published author, active public speaker, mother of two grown sons, grandmother of two and step-grandmother of 16.

Over the past 40 years, Roberts has served on over 35 non-profit boards. She is currently serving on the Special Olympics of Oregon board. Among her many recognitions is the naming of the Department of Human Services Building in Salem in her honor, the Barbara Roberts High School in Salem, and honorary doctorate degrees from both Willamette and Portland State Universities. In 2014 the Oregon Historical Society named her an Oregon History Maker.

Following her time as Governor of Oregon, Roberts spent a decade in higher education administration focused on state and local government leadership. She served five years at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and five years at PSU's Hatfield School.

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Mail this RESERVATION FORM and check made payable to Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers directly to Mel Fuller, 31 Morningview Circle, Lake Oswego, Oregon 97035-8843. Include all names of those attending so we can prepare name tags.

**Reservations must be received by February 7, 2020.**

Name(s)

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Are you a past SDOP President? \_\_\_\_\_ Year? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a past Miss Pioneer Oregon? \_\_\_\_\_ Year?

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Number of children (13 & under) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you require a special menu, please let us know. 503-708-6894 or email: [mel.fuller@gmx.com](mailto:mel.fuller@gmx.com)

**Please no payments at the event as it creates a problem with meal counts for the hotel.**

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