

President's Desk

A note from Dave Thompson

Hey, Pioneers!!

I just realized that this is my last President's note! Our new president, Joy Eaton will provide the introduction for the next newsletter.



This has been a fun year for me. Well, up until the last few months. Both the picnic last July and the Oregon Birthday Banquet in February went well, and I was glad to see how many folks came to them! (A big *Thank You* to everyone who did!!)

Then the Pandemic Pandemonium!! Oh my!! So many things are up in the air and being cancelled or postponed. Our Board meeting last week was planned to be in Oregon City, and include a tour of the Rose Farm. Instead we had our first ever *Virtual Board Meeting*!!



Quite an interesting experience, even with a few technical difficulties. Our next Board meeting, on June 20th, will be a virtual one as well instead of at the Brownsville Pioneer Picnic (their picnic has been postponed until mid-August). Would you like to join the meeting, on Zoom? Members are welcome! Just send me an email before June 18th and I'll send you an invitation with a link to it.

Happy Trails!

-Dave

Some interesting Champoeg State Park history

Our wonderful SDOP Historian, Janet Wilson, has been using some of her isolation time at home to review some of SDOP's historical files. To her amazement she found an article dated January 27, 1937, during Governor Charles Martin's administration, about the Champoeg Park Commissioners and Janet's Great, Great Aunt, Mrs. Mary Drain Albro.

It seems Mrs. Albro (a member of SDOP) and others were dismissed as Park caretakers by the Commissioners of the Park because they protested excessive removal of native trees and shrubs from the Park. (Most likely this statement refers to removal of native trees and replacing them with the grove of non-native Sequoia trees, planted along the road leading to the Monument/Pavilion.)

Mrs. Albro and others then took their protest to the Governor, Charles Martin (January 14, 1935 – January 9, 1939), asking that all the commissioners of the park resign, which was adopted. Governor Martin agreed with Mrs. Albro and her special committee who insisted that the park must be preserved as a Shrine to Oregon Pioneers. The Governor agreed, and in his letter to the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers stated: "I feel that Champoeg Memorial park belongs to the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers and I am prepared to go along with them in anything they want to do with the Park."

New recommendations were adopted, namely, that "the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers make Champoeg Park their principal mission and advise the governor, other state authority and federal administration of their desire to serve and cooperate to fullest possible extent." SDOP made several recommendations which included building a modern road to the entrance, that an arboretum be established on the now unwooded section of the

108 acre tract and a comfortable building be erected on the property, the Pavilion, and not a big auditorium originally suggested by the park Commission. Most importantly, SDOP proposed that the park be used as a means of teaching Oregon History. These recommendations along with others were filed with the governor, members of the state board of control, the Champoeg Park Commission and the State Highway Commission, and the historical distinction of Champoeg Park was filed with the Federal Government.

We can thank Mrs. Mary Drain Albro and other SDOP members that Champoeg Park is the park it is today, in its native simplicity, adorned with the flowers (Camas Lilies in the fields), shrubs, and trees of Oregon. It is a setting that draws attention to the Willamette River, the early artery of transportation and especially as a shrine to the memory of Oregon Pioneers and the vote taken in 1843 that would keep the Oregon Territory under the American Flag.

Summary of January 27, 1937 article "*Resignation Plea Climaxes, Shrine Issues*" by Marshall N. Dana.

If you want to read more about SDOP's involvement in Champoeg Park check out the book "*Champoeg: Place of Transition*" by John Hussey.

Submitted by Janet Wilson and Chris Meinicke

Rose Parade Information

HI SDOP Rose Parade fans,

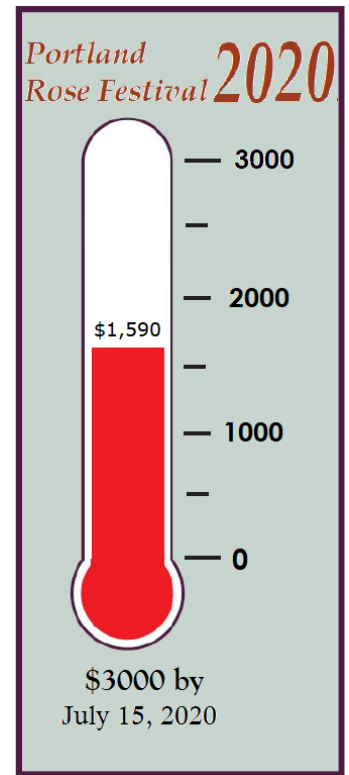
This is an update to the status of the 2020 Grand Floral Parade and our entry into that parade. As you may know the June 6th Parade has been cancelled and will be re-scheduled later this year. That date has not yet been set. Likely it will depend on a lot of variables including the progress in containing the Covid-19 virus and finding dates that will work for all.

Your SDOP board and the McInnis' Farm Clydesdales are committed to participating whenever that date is finalized. Perhaps this year more than ever we need be involved in supporting our community and sharing the story of our Early Oregon Pioneers Ancestors.

Our goal for donations to fund this year's SDOP entry is \$3000. We have now received over \$1400 toward that goal. As you can see, we are still in need of your support so we can make this entry in the Rose Parade possible. As in past years our members have stepped up and we hope that even with the economic uncertainty we can do this again.

Thank you for your support and I hope to see down the trail.....

Mel Fuller
SDOP Rose Parade
Committee chair



Lost Members

We have 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:

Gary Lee

Joien L. Greiner

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. (That's dave_tek...)

New Members

Welcome New Members!

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

New Adult Members

Member	Ancestor
Kathryn Norris	Andrew Buford Morris (1850)
Edlyn Suzanne Richards	William Fooks Dixon (1845)

2019-2020 Board of Directors

<u>New Senior Members</u>	
Member	Ancestor
Karen S Lafayette Grant	Nathaniel Gray Rice (1852)
Robert A Deck, Jr	David Ignace Dompierre (1830)
Edine Hunter Erwin	Jean Baptiste Desportes McKay(1842)
Dawn Spencer	Andrew Buford Morris (1850)
Mark R Osborn	Abraham Osborn (1853)
Stephanie J Miller	William Henry Shields (1851)

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Member	Ancestor
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Karyn Verstrate	\$50.00	Rose Parade
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- Submissions for the July issue are due by July 17th.

- Photos and articles welcome from all members!

Yamhill County Historical Society and Museums

May - June

Events Cancelled

August 15-16, Saturday and Sunday 10am-4pm

HARVEST FEST Old-time harvesting with antique farm equipment & draft animals.

Blacksmith, sawmill, stagecoach, steam engine, pioneer kids' activities, food, music, exhibits, vendors & more \$8 adults - free for kids under 12

September 12, Saturday

VINTAGE BASE BALL Cheer on our own McMinnville Gristmillers as they play a vintage base ball match using rules from the 1800's. Popcorn, peanuts and hotdogs for sale. Free - donations gladly accepted

September 19, Saturday, 10am-5pm

TREASURES IN THE ATTIC Quilt Show and Vintage Faire 120+ quilts on display, vintage & collectible vendors, antique displays, food & more \$5 admission

All events take place at the
Yamhill Valley Heritage Center Museum
11275 SW Durham Lane,
McMinnville, Oregon, 97128

SDOP Virtual Board Meeting

April 25, 2020

10 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Dave at 10:08 am

Roll call: Dave Thompson, Dawn Alexander, Mel Fuller, Joy Eaton, Priscilla Belin, Joy'e Willman, Ellie Nelson, Chris Meinicke, Karyn Verstrate,

Officers' Reports:

Secretary: Dawn read the minutes from the January meeting. Ellie made a motion to accept the minutes. Joy'e 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

President: Dave- not much to report at this time. New brochure is finished. Will get them printed up and get to Mel so he can put one on the website. Will be working on the newsletter which will be out by next weekend.

Treasurer: Mel- On Point balance is \$3,614.05. Parade fund \$1,590.78. Joy'e made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Ellie 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

President Elect: Joy- Old Time Fiddlers Assn. have cancelled for the picnic. At this time State Parks are closed. Chris recommended we still plan on the picnic but cancel the June meeting at Brownsville and just have a Zoom meeting. Ellie 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Membership Registrar Report: Priscilla Belin- February we had 4 new members, March saw 5 new members. April also brought 5 new members.

Information Technology Committee: Mel- Most of our new members have been using the online application. Quickbooks is \$75.00 per year. Biggest advantage is emailing new memberships. Mel is wanting to plan for a continuum for future treasurers. Website is being backed up on a weekly basis.

Newsletter Editor: Chris- Sent many things to Dave for newsletter.

Awards and Scholarships Committee: Dawn- if we get any essays they will be judged. Otherwise the essay contest will continue next year.

Correspondence Sec.: Chris- has received 10 donations which most have been for the parade. The Rose Parade committee is working on something for September. Chris received feedback from the Dept. of Energy concerning the powerlines. Nothing is going on with it right now and Chris can share at another meeting.

Digitizing committee: Mel, Dave, Gary- have not done any digitizing recently. Need to work on getting them to the website. Dave will work on that.

New Business:

- ORS Chapter 65 changes for non-profit organizations- Mel has been checking into this. All officers and board members conflict of interest signed document and kept by the secretary. Dawn will have new board members sign papers at the picnic in July. More information to come. Mel will report at the next meeting.

Mel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joy E. 2nd the motion. Meeting adjourned at 11:22 am.

Reunions

OFFICER / COOLEY / VAUGHAN / WYLAND REUNION:

Greetings Cousins, March 2020

This newsletter is in response to the CoronaVirus (COVID-19) that is currently affecting all of America.

As far as our upcoming O/C reunion in June, it may be too early to tell yet whether or not we will hold the event as planned. Unless our country gets a cure and life returns to normal, I am *tentatively* cancelling June 28 at Champoeg Park. I believe this is the proper reaction to a potentially dangerous social situation.

Folks, the risk might remain high enough to keep us away from crowded conditions, even three months into the future. As well, there will be cancellations by those who have already signed up. If we end up with a small number, it would just be wise to postpone the whole event until next year.

I hope and pray that we all can find peace and wellness during this time of uncertainty. I shall keep you updated at any changes. Lord willing, we will continue with our lives safely and remain close to one another as our Pioneer ancestors did on the Trail in 1845. OOPS - for now we need to stay 6 feet apart!

With fond regards,

Bud Officer

Bend, Oregon

POWELL / MCKINNEY REUNION

Dear Relatives:

So far, we are still planning to have the reunion on Saturday, June 27, 2020 at Providence Church near Scio Oregon. **We will decide whether to cancel or postpone due to covid-19 by June 13th. Please check with me after that.**

The potluck lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. in the church basement. You can bring main dish, salad, and desserts plus table service and something to drink. We will have a sharing program at 1 upstairs. Our speaker will be Finn J.D. John who is a professor at Oregon State University in Corvallis. He writes articles in newspapers about odd tidbits about Oregon history. I will share other historical news and if you have anything to share, please do so. I also want to honor our four relatives who have

passed away this last year. They are Marie Hargrave, Dona Townsend, Edna Arnold, and Betty Gentry McCowan. We will be celebrating our American Indian heritage and I will be giving away many Indian things.

I am sending out about 100 letters, over 65 e-mails, and many telephone calls, and newspaper notices. Please tell others about the reunion also so I can save on contact expenses. I hope more of you will go on the Powell/McKinney Facebook page.

I have also renewed the subscription to the Linn County Heritage Newsletter for \$15. It will have our reunion announcement in it.

Please let me know if you are coming this year and let me know of any new contact information or general information such as change of address, phone number, E-mail address, births or deaths.

Since everything keeps costing more money, I try to e-mail as much information as I can to members and newspapers to cut expenses. If you can't come this year, but would like to help out with the expenses, any contribution would be appreciated. I hope to see you soon.

Love,

Carolyn Paine Webb

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Colonel, Life Member & past Co-President of Sons & Daughters of Oregon Pioneers and a member of Wilsonville-Boones Ferry Historical Society. She was a past member of Multnomah Historical Association & Lincoln County Historical Society. Carolyn passed away following over 10 years bravely battling serious illnesses. Carolyn spent 69 selfless years putting others before herself. Her determination & clarity of mind were an inspiration to all. She was preceded in death 11 weeks prior by "the love of her life" for nearly 40 years, Rodney Bickham. She is survived by her daughter & loving caregiver Richelle Fitzgerald, grandson Payton Fitzgerald, granddaughter & husband Marijane & Zach Stafford, Rodney's 4 daughters & 10 grandchildren and her sister Janet Boone McGarrigle. A private burial at sea is planned for Carolyn & Rodney.

Remembering Carolyn Diane Boone Grenfell

You always knew when Carolyn was in the room or at a meeting by that great laugh she had, I loved it. At the meetings if she thought that you were wrong or she had a better idea she didn't mind telling you so. I have seen her and Jim Tompkins get in some great discussions. Jim usually would give up or take a recess and leave the room

I have greatly missed Carolyn at the meetings since she became sick and could not attend the meetings. Carolyn and Janet made a great team for Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers.

by Merle Miller

Carolyn along with her sister, Janet, were co-presidents when I first started attending a few SDOP meetings. It was Carolyn's enthusiasm that led me to attend more meetings. The canoes and covered wagons on the tables at the Annual SDOP Oregon Birthday banquet were given to SDOP by Carolyn and Janet sometime prior to when I started attending the banquets, so we've been using them a long time. I wish I had had more opportunity to get to know Carolyn better before she became ill but I continued to stay in contact with her.

By Chris Meinicke

In Memorium

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

Curtis Tigard	Jean Sundborg
Patricia Wheeler	Carolyn Diane Boone Grenfell

May 3, 2020, Sunday Oregonian **Carolyn Diane Boone Grenfell**

January 26, 1951 – March 29, 2020

Carolyn was a 4th Great Granddaughter of one of the first folk hero frontiersmen, Daniel Boone. She graduated from Multnomah Elementary & Jackson High School. Carolyn retired after 31 years as a Food & Nutrition Manager at Oregon Health Sciences University. She was a Charter & Life Member of The Boone Society, Inc., a Kentucky

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