

## 2020 PICNIC CANCELLED

With regret, the board has cancelled this year's picnic due to concerns about Covid-19

### President's Letter

From Joy Eaton

It is my honor to send greetings to all of you – the distinguished descendants of Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers. A timeless organization that was incorporated 119 years ago in 1901, comprised of individuals who came to the Oregon Territory prior to statehood in 1859, more than 161 years ago. This territory was comprised of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, parts of both Montana and Wyoming and the Province of British Columbia in Canada up to the latitude of 54 degrees, 40 minutes.



What stories we have today of these gallant and brave men, women and children who blazed these trails through the wilderness. Their hardships and struggles are amazing to reflect upon and as we look back it is difficult to imagine what they endured. Yet their fierce determination and strong pioneer spirit forged the way for all of us to make a better life in what is now Oregon.

We each have valuable stories to tell and it is vital that these cherished anecdotes are written and saved so they may be passed down to future generations. I know that as I look back on my Starr family's history in Oregon, I am proud of their chronicles and to have them survive today.

SDOP has made enormous steps in preserving our heritage to share with your families for all posterity. We are so thankful for your contributions and assistance in keeping our success alive. Our forefathers would be so pleased to see the love and care we share – our family of Pioneers. I know that I am.

As we take on today's new world with the technology that is available, we keep alive the visions of our past and, interestingly, these two are intertwined. The chaotic COVID-19 pandemic has caused us, out of concern and safety, to cancel our Picnic for this year. Unfortunately, even the spectacular Grand Floral Rose Parade will not be happening in 2020. Yet with this technology age, SDOP will be able to convene our board meetings via Zoom, and you are welcome to join us!

I am sure that as my ancestors gazed out at the beauty that is all around us in this magnificent land – seeing the towering trees, rushing rivers and streams, lofty mountains, fertile valleys with lush green grasses and flowers blowing in the breeze, they felt a sacred kinship to this land we now call home. Their fortitude overcoming the ever-changing challenges found around each bend was astonishing. As we ponder our world today and connect our stories, we realize that the strong positive spirit that brought them to the Oregon Territory is deeply embedded within us all. We too shall persevere through this most unusual time. For that special gift that they bestowed in each of us will safely guide our courageous journey and we shall persist with resilience firmly in our hearts. We step forth just as our ancestors did to make this land we call home our best, our Oregon.

May your journeys be safe, and the wind be always at your back!

Joy★Eaton

### Rose Parade Information

Hi SDOP members and Rose Parade fans,

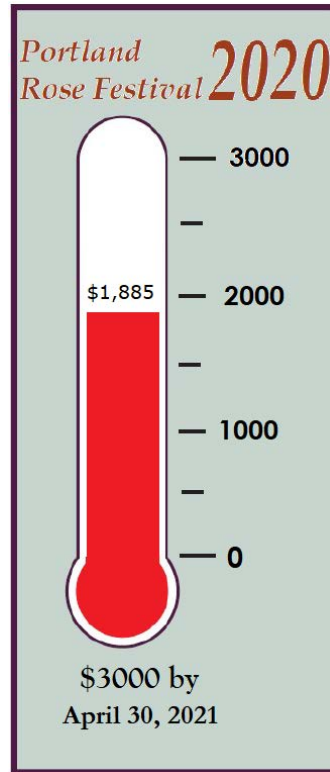
This year's Grand Floral Parade has gone from postponed to cancelled for 2020 due to COVID-19

virus concerns. The board wants to thank each donor and supporter of the SDOP parade effort for their generosity. We have collected over \$1880 in donations to date. While short of our needed \$3000 it makes a giant step up for the 2021 parade effort. As your SDOP Treasurer I have set aside these donations to carry over into 2021.

Thank you again,

Mel Fuller

Parade committee chair/  
Treasurer

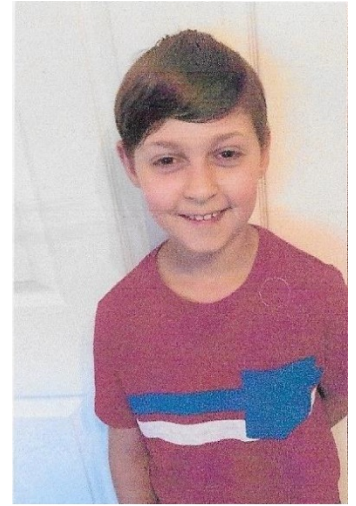


This year, the winners are:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Andrew Halderman,  
Imlay Elementary, Hillsboro**

Pioneer Spirit  
By: Andrew Halderman

Pioneer spirit is helping fight Covid-19, a worldwide pandemic. The world is showing Pioneer spirit by being adventurous and trying new things despite the challenging circumstances brought about by the virus. Pioneers lost many family members on the journey, but they never gave up. Today we are facing the same problem. Coronavirus has taken many lives, but the world will never give up until the disease is obliterated. The world has come together like never before. This is evident in three keys areas: the medical community, neighborhood communities, and the business community.



## 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:

Robert M. Cummins  
Therese J. Sams Sannar

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

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Essay Contest

Every year SDOP has an essay contest for all 4<sup>th</sup> grade students in Oregon. They must write a short essay on pioneer spirit, and how that has affected our lives today.

1<sup>st</sup> place is awarded \$150.00

2<sup>nd</sup> place is awarded \$75.00

Doctors and nurses are fighting a new enemy they have never fought before. Doctors are working hard to get vaccines ready for Coronavirus. Doctors and nurses are going out of their usual fields in healthcare and to help to treat covid-19 patients. They are showing bravery and courage just like the Pioneers on the Oregon Trail.

Communities are banding together to reduce the spread of the virus. One example of this is social distancing. People are staying in their homes, avoiding large crowds, canceling special personal events, and missing their relatives, all to fight the virus. Schools have found a way to keep in contact with students using online schools. The Pioneers used to protect their communities by circling the wagons but nowadays we're protecting each other in these ways.

Businesses are changing their operations to defeat this evil foe. Companies are having employees work at home to reduce people coming to the work and getting stuff infected. A lot of companies like Target are doing same day delivery and offering new ways to get products like food out to homes. They are refusing to be defeated and are adapting to a new way of business, just like the Pioneers had to adapt to a new environment. Pioneer Spirit is going out and

doing new things.

Doctors, communities, businesses, restaurants, and stores are all great examples of pioneer spirit for what they're doing. Pioneer spirit is the reason coronavirus is slowly but surely leaving our world.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Makenzie Farnsworth, Hollydale Elementary, Gresham

### Oregon Trail History

Hello, my name is Makenzie Farnsworth. The year is currently 2020, now we use cars to go places but in the 1800's they used waggons to get around. Joab Powell actually married Anna Beeler Powell about 203 years ago you see I'm related to them both, they had 14 kids, in the 18<sup>th</sup> century that would be a normal amount of kids, but here in 2020 that would be a huge family. Joab Powell actually crossed the Oregon Trail with his 14 kids and his wife from mazery to oregon in 1852. Joseph Powell, also known as Joseph the fighting quaker Powell, Joab Powell's Father had around 9 kids, once again Joab Powell was raised in a huge family so now that I think about it no wonder he had so many kids. Since they only had a waggon to be in and have all of their belongings in there can you imagine how much struggle they had to go through to get so many blankets and their belongings with all of them in there. I've also recently found out that they also brought over 2000 pounds of bacon. Could you think about how hard it might be to carry themselves, the 14 kids, their belongings, and ALL THAT BACON. I mean seriously why do they need so much bacon, I mean maybe to eat but only eating bacon, anyway back to the subject. Joab Powell did go across the Oregon trail which is history. I just wanted to talk a little about the history of the Oregon trail and the history of a couple of people that passed the Oregon trail thank you.



## New Members

### Welcome New Members!

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

### New Adult Members

<u>Member</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
Susan Kim Jardine-Dickerson	Samuel Cooper (1847)
Christine Marie Isaac	Joab Powell, Sr (1852)
Kristi June Reynolds Hammond	Arthur Vance Saltmarsh (1847)
Janice Pearson Salsbery	John Patrick Blalock (1851)
Joyce Allegra del Rosario	Susan Ann Callison (1852)

### New Senior Members

<u>Member</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
Deborah L. Shelton Lee	Haman Shelton (1847)
Leanne Ritchey	Matthew Dill Ritchey (1853)
David Allen Utzinger	Michael Nowlen (1851)
Jeannette C. Roberts Courtain	Alvin Brown Roberts (1853)

### New Life Members

<u>Member</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
Thomas A. Chambers	Reactivated
Alice A.Walker Carlson	Haman Shelton (1851)
Nicholas A. Greer	Freeman Edward Eldridge (1847)
Kelly L. Greer	Anna E. Cosgrove (1847)
Dale A Davidson Harguess	Converted from Senior
Belinda J. Evenson-Alnassar	Converted from Senior
Darlene F. Ward	Converted from Senior
Priscilla Lowe Belin	Converted from Senior

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- Submissions for the September issue are due by August 21<sup>st</sup>.

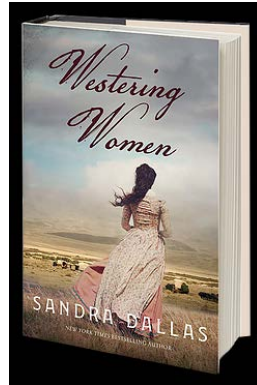
- Photos and articles welcome from all members!

## Book Reviews

Here are some historical book recommendations by SDOP members:

*Westering Women* by Sandra Dallas  
published January 2020

I just finished reading a new book from author Sandra Dallas. It is her latest book, and if you haven't heard of her, you might want to check out this book and others she has written.



Even though this is not a story that takes place on the Oregon Trail, it is a pioneer story none the less, and tells the story of sisterhood on the perilous wagon-trail west. The story begins in February 1852, where the main character, Maggie, sees these postings soliciting "eligible women" to travel to the gold mines of Goosetown, California. "If you are an adventuresome young woman of high moral character and fine health, are you willing to travel to California in search of a good husband? Maggie is a young seamstress with a small daughter and several painful secrets. She joins 43 other women and 2 reverends on the dangerous 2,000- mile journey west. Through hardships, and triumphs these women get to know each other, and Maggie finds that she is not the only one with secrets to hide. What will these women do to protect their own?"

I thought this was a good read, as it tells the story from women's point of view, one which we rarely come across when reading about our pioneer ancestors. The story mentions historical landmarks along the trail and I found the book to be full of action as when it seemed like one travesty was overcome, another one took its place.

By Dawn Alexander

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### Blizzard Of 1862 Chronicled by Lenora Whiteman

During the summer of 1861 thousands of Oregon men rushed to the newly discovered gold fields of Idaho. By December those same men were trying to get home in time for Christmas.

How could a simple stagecoach ride from Walla Walla, Washington Territory to Dalles City, Oregon become a nightmare? How could men who each carried a fortune in gold end up walking through a blizzard? And how did a brave pioneer wife bring her young son and her nephew safely through isolated weeks on scant rations and with a dwindling firewood supply?

The answers are to be found in the newly released fact-based book *Snowbound Stagecoach* by SDOP life member Lenora Whiteman.

Members of the following families take part in this real-life drama - Riddle, Corbett, Mulkey, Jagger, Jeffries, Nichols, Niles, Wellington, James, Scott, Allphin, McClain, Glover, Moody, Gay, Stephens, Miller, Thompson, Blackmore, Davis, Graham, Johnson, Irvin, Stocking, Wilson, Bolton, Day and others.

*Snowbound Stagecoach* is published by Moonglade Press. It is available now through Amazon.

Thank you for this chance to spread the word about my new book!

Submitted by:  
Lenora Whiteman, SDOP Life member

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### \*\*\*CALLING ALL SDOP AUTHORS\*\*\*

The SDOP board approved to contribute a gift basket to the Old Aurora Colony's annual, "Celebrate the Colony" dinner and auction scheduled for August 29, 2020. If the dinner can't take place due to COVID-19 there will be an online Auction only.

#### The basket theme is: "Reading about Oregon History".

Books written and donated by SDOP members would be greatly appreciated plus books contributed by SDOP members. Items will be added to the basket such as wine, SDOP Mugs, popcorn, and other items one needs for a cozy reading time. Contributions through PayPal are also welcome.

If you can contribute please send items by August 11,2020, To:

Chris Meinicke  
18805 N.W. Illahe  
Portland, Oregon 97229

## Upcoming SDOP Board Meetings and Events

Board meetings are open to all Members

### July 11, 2020 Annual SDOP Picnic

10 am ..... Virtual Board Meeting  
 Noon ..... **Picnic Cancelled**

### July 10, 2021 Annual SDOP Picnic

Details to be provided

#### 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/Friend 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

#### Donations to SDOP

SDOP thanks everyone who made a donation to support our programs and operations, such as the newsletter. We couldn't do it without you!!

Judith Goldman	\$25.00	Rose Parade
Sharon McElroy	\$100.00	Rose Parade
Kay Mannion	\$100.00	Rose Parade
Kathy McCurdy	\$25.00	Rose Parade
Joni Walker	\$57.00	Rose Parade
Brian Ridley	\$30.00	Rose Parade
Karyn Verstrate	\$50.00	Rose Parade
Debra Arivee	\$10.00	Rose Parade

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## OTHER ORGANIZATION'S EVENTS

**Due to Covid-19, please check with organizers to ensure events are still scheduled!**

### Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Oregon Chapter

**July 25 1:00 PM**

#### Celilo Park on the Columbia River

**Picnic:** Pot luck – bring your favorite dish to share

**Speaker:** Colin Fogarty from “Confluence”

**Subject:** The Confluence project at Celilo Falls designed by Maya Lin

**Information:** Larry McClure (503) 476-4882

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### Yamhill County Historical Society and Museums

**July-November  
Events Cancelled**

**December 5, 10 am – 5 pm**

**December 6, 11 am – 4 pm**

*Handmade Holidays Bazaar*

50+ vendors, local artists, silent auction, & food  
Food drive for YCAP

Free - donations gladly accepted

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

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### SDOP Virtual Board Meeting

June 20, 2020

10 a.m.

Minutes June 20, 2020

Zoom Meeting

The meeting was called to order at: 10:04 am

Roll call:

Mel Fuller, Dave Thompson, Chris Meinicke,  
Eleanor Nelson, Janet Wilson, Reggie, Burke,  
Joy Eaton, Priscilla Belin, Joy'e Willman, Dawn  
Alexander

**Members:** Eileen Hines and Gary Eaton

#### Officers' Reports:

**Secretary:** Dawn read the minutes from the April meeting. Chris made a motion to accept the minutes, Ellie 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.

**President:** Dave thanked everyone for the work accomplished this year. Dave has an SDOP mug for each board member. He will get the brochures to Mel to be posted on the website.

**Treasurer:** Mel's report- Summary of Rose Parade- \$1884.84. Rose parade reserve prepaid for next year's Rose Parade. Sent out dues statements in the amount of \$6,245. 119 were mailed of the 374 statements. \$2,000 sent in already. Budget meeting will be forthcoming. Ellie made a motion to accept the report, Joy E. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.

**President Elect:** Joy E. Received a letter from Dave and Lisa Pogue. They suggested some things for the picnic, name tags with first name, pioneer family and date of arrival. More activities like a square dance demonstration, and/or a fiddler, or a pie eating contest.

#### Committee Reports:

**Public Relations:** Joy E. nothing to report

**Membership Registrar Report:** Priscilla Belin reported that May/June saw 4 new adults, 4 senior, 3 life members. 2 seniors changed to life memberships. 1 rejoined and became life. 4 reported deceased. Priscilla contacted Elaine Sawyer with Oregon Archives and she is reporting to her, they are updating their files for future use. Priscilla is enjoying being the registrar. She needs a filing cabinet. Eileen has a couple, but it would be good to have a fireproof one.

**Information Technology Committee:** Mel- IT is working good, new member application online is working out really well. Mel will start working on videos to help people through the different processes.

**Rose Parade:** Mel- Has been in contact with the Belgian horse guy and the florist. Letting them know that we are on stand by for next year as the parade was canceled this year.

**Social media:** Janet- Everything going well- over 2,000 hits last month. Did 50 entries in May.

**Events Committee:** Chris- nothing to report

will plan for meetings at the picnic

**Newsletter Editor:** Chris- have enough material for the next newsletter. Will publish the 4<sup>th</sup> grade essays, and a couple of book reports, and an article on the Barlow Trail.

**Awards and Scholarships Committee:** Dawn- 4<sup>th</sup> grade essay winners 1<sup>st</sup> place Andrew Halderman, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Mackenzie Farnsworth

**Cookbook development committee:** Janet- reorganizing where to put the recipes. Adding in the historical part to the book.

**Correspondence Sec.:** Chris- sent out 8 thank you notes for Rose Parade

**Trading Post:** Reggie- New coffee mugs in the store!

**Digitizing committee:** Dave- have not met and gotten together. Will check with Marsha to see if the school is open for us. Active files have been scanned through the end of K.

#### Old business:

- Upcoming meetings/locations- Picnic discussion- it was decided that with the rules and regulations it would be safer to cancel the picnic for this year. Joy'e W. made a motion to cancel the picnic until next year. Ellie 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed. July we will be a Zoom meeting. Will select dates and places for next year's meetings. Joy E. will check with Gerry to see if he will speak at the banquet.

#### New Business:

Chris asked if SDOP would purchase a couple of mugs from the SDOP store to donate to the Aurora Colony fundraiser they will have in August. Chris will put together a reading basket and put some Oregon history books. She will put something in the newsletter asking for donations.

Discussion about the current state of events going on with Black Lives Matter and Oregon Pioneer monuments being destroyed. No action taken but the board feels like we need to learn from our past.

#### Officers

- Introduce officers for 2020-21-:
  - President:** Joy Eaton
  - President Elect:** Chris Meinicke
  - Secretary:** Dawn Alexander
  - Treasurer:** Mel Fuller.

**Board members:** Eleanor Nelson, Joy'e Willman, Reggie Burke, Pricilla Belin, Janet Wilson, Dave Thompson, Karyn Verstrate.

- The gavel was virtually passed to Joy Eaton
- Chris made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ellie 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 12:09 pm.
- Next meeting July 11<sup>th</sup> Zoom 10:00 am.

### Donate to SDOP automatically:



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## In Memorium

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

Gloria Carter  
 Forrest J. Pohgman (Life Member)  
 Gerald L. Hadley  
 Mary Ann Ambler Boehlke

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