

President's Letter

From Joy Eaton

Greetings Pioneer Families,

Our ancestors travelled a long distance, enduring immense hardships to reach this beautiful land that we call home. When I recall my family's difficult journey, a warmth of pride fills me to realize what they did in search of a better life. And to that end, I am so incredibly grateful to Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers for preserving their courageous travels.

It seems only befitting to make a place to, in turn, thank them.



The stories of my Starr family have found a protected place to be preserved in history. After extensive research and conversations with relatives, my father wrote a thesis many years ago that I am pleased to share on My Oregon Territory. Your pioneer stories are just as important, and I hope you will share them too. Even if they are lengthy, as my father's paper was, just let us know and they can be easily added. I hope that you will be able to honor your families and find the same comfort that I did in knowing that their stories will be available to future generations. Even if they are just handwritten notes, there is no better time than the present.

We have a dedicated team of diligent board members that strive to make SDOP the best it has ever been. Interestingly, SDOP is one of the oldest organizations in Oregon. Possibly some of you will feel the calling to add your input to help us to carry on. We hope you will be able to join us on the board! When I look back, I want to be able to say that I have done all that I can for the sake of others. This will brighten the very roots of my being.

Our next board meeting will be held via "Zoom" on Saturday, September 26th at 10am. It will begin with a presentation on the Sandy Historical Museum and the

Barlow Trail which should prove interesting for all. Please let us know if you and your families would like to attend, so that we may send you an invitation.

Although life was quite different when our families arrived in this pristine land, their lives definitely were challenged. And as their descendants, in reflecting where we find ourselves today amidst these distinctly unusual times, I feel it is those same strengths and resilience that will carry us safely through the days ahead. Our past gives us inspiration and strength for today and tomorrow. And that, my friends, is in the very heart of each of us, a true gift given to us by our beloved ancestors.

May your days be bright, and the sun warm you as we make this journey together. I know we will be successful!

Wagons Ho!

Joy★Eaton

Newsletter Note:

Each year, while budgeting, the SDOP finance committee looks at all expenses with an eye on saving where possible while still providing members the most benefit for their membership dollars. The single largest expense each year is the cost of printing and mailing our much coveted SDOP newsletter. Currently the cost of printing and mailing a newsletter by US Postal Service is \$8.00 per year. With annual dues at \$20 for Adults, \$15 for Seniors, and \$8 for Juniors, the newsletter cost takes a large share out of our organization's income.

So, what to do? Raise dues? Hopefully not. Charge extra for newsletters in our dues for those that want them? We work to keep the dues as stable as possible, so for now those options are not under consideration. If you *do* have computer access, though, then the best option is to take your newsletter by email. Why should you take the newsletter by email? First, the quality of the newsletter is much higher with color pictures and other graphics in color as well. It can be viewed on

the screen or you can print it on your printer. Then your own printed version can come out in color! To be sure for those members who need a printed version for whatever reason it will still be available, and you need to take no action to have it continue.

What else do you get? We do occasionally send additional articles and announcements out to members who receive their newsletters by email. These materials are often too large and expensive to send by regular mail, but they do add to your SDOP membership experience.

Your SDOP Board is asking you to consider upgrading to email delivery if possible. Save a tree, save a stamp, and get more SDOP.

Mel Fuller
Treasurer

BARLOW ROAD/TRAIL THE FIRST WAGON ROAD BUILT OVER THE CASCADE MOUNTAINS.

Many of our pioneer families probably traveled over the Barlow Trail to get to the Willamette Valley. Traveling along the Barlow Road/Trail from The Dalles or Dufur to Eagle Creek (Philip Foster Farm) is a wonderful way to experience some of what your pioneer families endured.

The SDOP website has a self-guided driving tour of the Barlow Trail/Road (<http://oregonsdop.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Barlow-Road-Book-text.pdf>). I recently traveled a portion of the Barlow trail locating the 4 new signs installed this summer at 4 significant sites by the U.S. Forest Service and Oregon California Trail Association, shown here:

Toll Gate:



Laurel Hill:



Unknown Pioneer Woman's Grave:





A board member usually champions various SDOP focus needs from the Rose Parade entry, webmaster, Historian, events like the picnic and banquets, finance and so on depending on the members interests and skills.

Our mission is to educate todays population about the Early Oregon Pioneers, your ancestors, and their struggles and triumphs as they settled the Oregon Territory.

So, we need you! I do hope to hear from you.

Mel

Mel Fuller

Treasurer and past President

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Barlow Summit Pass:



Enjoy your journey along the Barlow Road/Trail.

Submitted by Chris Meinicke

Brother/Sister, can you spare some time?

HI SDOP member,

I wanted to reach out to you to make a request. That request is for your help in keeping Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers a vital and growing organization. We have had excellent growth in membership, however there are a few core individuals who keep SDOP moving. So, what we need is not your donation financially but your donation of time. That of course is not to preclude your financial assistance.

We have several opportunities including Board of Directors positions open as well as committee chairs and members needed. The time is not excessive in that we have about seven board meetings each year that last about 2-3 hours. We meet at historic locations about the state of Oregon and SW Washington. After the meetings we have a tour and lunch.

Lost Members

We have had some Newsletters returned, and we all know that no one wants to miss *those!* Neither the phone number, the email id, nor the address in our records is current for these members:

D. W. Wilson

Aliene Redding Bell

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

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SDOP News is published six times a year (Jul, Sep, Nov, Jan, Mar, and May) by Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers. send inquires and submissions to Chris Meinicke: chris.meinicke@frontier.com
 - Submissions for the November issue are due by *October 21st*.
 - Photos and articles welcome from all members!

**A special request from
Janet Boone McGarigle
(2009-2010 SDOP co-president with her
sister, Carolyn Boone Grenfell)**

To Sons & Daughters of Oregon Pioneers Members,

Jesse Boone (great grandson of Daniel) and his family were instrumental to the establishment of the Boones Ferry and the building of Boones Ferry Road, both critical transportation links in the history of the Northern Willamette Valley. Yet he and most of his family lie in unmarked graves in the local Butteville Cemetery. The Wilsonville-Boones Ferry Historical Society and the Butteville Pioneer Cemetery Association are working together to provide them with appropriate cemetery monuments.

Recently we were awarded grant money from the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries. To help us meet our grant match for creation of cemetery monuments for Jesse Boone, his wife, and his young children, who all are in unmarked graves in the Butteville Cemetery, please consider making a tax-deductible donation of any amount to:

Wilsonville-Boones Ferry Historical Society
(or WBFHS)
c/o Wilsonville Public Library
8200 SW Wilsonville Road
Wilsonville, Oregon 97070

(Please note in the memo line on your check that the donation is for the Boone Marker Project.)

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>
Lagea Mull	Jane Logan McNary (1847)
Ryan Scott Brisbin	William Pointer (1850)

New Senior Members

<u>Member</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
Sherrod A Blackburn Hoefel	Almorán Hill (1843)
Linda A McQuade Coleman	Matthew Dill Ritchey (1853)
Janet L Schlegel Nelson	Dennis Harty (1847)
Kelly Calhoun McGrew	John William Shaw (1851)
Larry P Hull	Asa Able Hull (1852)
Fern M (Aure) Westcott Albert	James Patrick Toney Sr (1847)

New Life Members

<u>Member</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
LeAnn Hershman Abrahamson	Converted from Adult

Upcoming SDOP Board Meetings and Events

Board meetings are open to all Members

September 26, 2020

Zoom Board meeting with Speakers

Time: 10 am Virtual Board Meeting
Location: Email Joy Eaton, SDOP President, joy.eaton1@gmail.com, stating you want to join the meeting and she'll send you the link a few days before meeting.

Speakers: Ken Funk, Director of Sandy Historical Society Museum and Connie (Revenue) Selzler, her Family settled the town of Sandy, Oregon

November 14, 2020

Zoom Board Meeting
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Email Joy Eaton, SDOP President, Joy.eaton1@gmail.com stating you want to join the meeting and she'll send you the link a few days before meeting.

January 9, 2021

Location and Time to be determined

February 13, 2021

Annual Oregon Birthday Celebration Banquet

Location:

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

Time:

11:00 am Annual Board Meeting
12:00 am - Arrive for banquet

More details forthcoming

April 24, 2021

Board Meeting and Tour

Location:

Oregon City, Oregon
Meeting and Lunch: TBD

Tour:

The William L. Holmes House, 1847 Rose Farm.
The Holmes House is the American home in Oregon City, Oregon. The First Territorial governor, Joseph Lane, gave his 1849 inaugural address from the balcony of the Holmes House.

Time: 10:00 am at the William L. Holmes House

June 20, 2021

Board Meeting and Tour

Location:

Brownsville, Oregon
Meeting and Lunch: - TBD

Tour:

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

July 10, 2021

Annual SDOP Picnic

Location:

Champoeg State Park at the Pioneer Pavilion

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

**SDOP Awards applications for 2021
are now available online at**

<http://oregonsdop.org/scholarships-contests/>



*Due by December 15, 2020
(Must be an SDOP member to apply)*

- Miss Pioneer Oregon
- College Scholarships
- Junior Awards



*Due by May 15, 2021:
(Open to **all** 4th grade students in Oregon)*

- 4th Grade Essay Contest

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Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers

Virtual Board Meeting July 11, 2020

Minutes

Zoom Meeting

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:17 am by President Joy Eaton.

Roll Call: Joy Eaton, Mel Fuller, Dave Thompson, Karyn Verstrate, Eleanor Nelson, Chris Meinicke, Janet Wilson, Priscilla Belin.

Members: Glenda Walsh, Lori Charbonneau, Dave and Lisa Pogue, **Honorary Member:** Eileen Hines

Officers' Reports:

Secretary: Dawn read the minutes from the June meeting. Dave made a motion to accept the report. Eleanor 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

President: Joy welcomed everyone and spoke about our current state with zoom meetings and how our ancestors would react to our situation. Joy mentioned that she will be working on a President's book and asked that each board member write a few sentences about themselves and email them to her so she can put them in the book.

Treasurer: Mel reported \$4,325.02 in the checking account. Accounts receivable: \$3,459. Mentioned that we have income for Rose Parade, but no expenses because it was cancelled for this year. The funds will be held over. Ellie asked about liability insurance. Mel said, Yes, we are covered. Lori asked about splitting the CD into smaller CD's to get better rates? Some of the members would like to see it kept as an endowment. Eileen will look at the original documents and see what options we might have. Budget meeting: August 1st, 10:00 am. Ellie made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Priscilla 2nd it. Motion carried.

President Elect: Chris M. - no report

Committee Reports:

Public Relations: Joy invited Gerry Frank to speak at the banquet or the picnic in 2021.

Membership Registrar Report: Priscilla gave an updated membership report: added 1 adult membership. 1 new senior member. 1 changed from yearly to life. Priscilla found a 4-drawer file cabinet. Wondered if we needed a hard copy of life members, and honorary members. Some of the original papers have yellowed. They should be ok on the computer and they are backed up on the cloud. Mentioned that the storage unit needs to be reorganized.

Information Technology / Rose Parade: Mel had sent out an article with the link mentioning that the parade had been cancelled. Technology report: no outstanding issues. Is working on 2 videos to be put online in the next month that will explain how to fill out a membership application online, and logging into the members only section of website.

Social Media: Janet- everything is going well. Having computer challenges, working on social

media from her cell phone. Suggested that the computer in the storage unit be given to Janet and upgrade to Windows 10. Mel will check into that.

Events: Chris- nothing to report.

Newsletter Editor: Chris- went out last week.

Awards and Scholarships: Dawn- nothing new to report

Cookbook Development: Janet- still working on it. Making sure an entry for each section. Mentioned that the medical part is a joy to research

Correspondence Secretary: Chris- nothing new to report

Trading Post: Reggie-not in attendance. She did send an email that she has the certificates for the essays ready. Mel will send the checks to Reggie and she will send the checks and certificates to the two winners. Sales are slow.

Digitizing Committee: Dave-sent Marsha to ask about school - sounds like they are still figuring opening process out.

Historian: Janet- A lot of original applications, wondering if they have been scanned? Need to coordinate giving to Dave or Priscilla so they can be checked.

Old Business:

- Dates & Locations – Chris feels that the September and November meetings should be Zoom. September 26th. November 14th. January 9th- Dave will check will to see if the Clackamas Town Center room can be used for the Jan. meeting. February 13th is the Banquet. April 24th Rose Farm in Oregon City, Wendall Baskins will speak. June 19th going to Brownsville picnic and parade. July 10th is the picnic.
- Aurora Colony Fundraiser- Chris put a request in the newsletter asking for donations. Needs any donations for it by August 14th.

New Business:

- Zoom Fee- Joy proposed that we pay the monthly fee so we have unlimited time for a Zoom meeting. We budget to give money to museums when we meet there, so the Zoom fee would cover under that.
- Oregon Pioneer Statues- Suggestions of what

we can do about the situation of our statues being ripped down and burned. Reach out to the state historical society? Think about our mission of educating. PSA on radio, TV...??

- What can we do to make up for missed opportunities for MPO and our essay winners. Suggested that we think about options. Mel mentioned giving this year's MPO another year's reign. This year's essay winners and current MPO ride in the 2021 Rose Festival parade.
- Dave and Lisa Pogue mentioned that there are quite a few people that would like to be involved in the organization. That was the reason they came up with suggestions for things to do at the picnic, thinking that if there were more things to do and treat the event more as an outing for the family, we would get a larger attendance. There was a young lady that was at the picnic last year and mentioned that she would like to be involved in writing and graphics. We have put notices in newsletters asking if people would like to be involved to contact a board member, but we will make it more of a point in the future.

Chris mentioned a meeting on Celilo Falls and the confluence. Please let Chris know if you are interested.

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ellie 2nd the motion. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 12:24 pm.

In Memorium

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

Mary Baker Bay

Glenn A Eaton, Jr.

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