

## President's Letter

From Chris Meinicke

Greetings to all descendants of Oregon Territory Pioneer families and friends of SDOP.

I think spring is just around the corner but as I write this President's letter it is only 34° outside even with the sunshine. I decided to stay inside and work on this letter rather than work in the garden.



The Sun was also shining on the SDOP's Annual Oregon's Statehood Banquet on Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Joyce del Rosario, President-elect, basically pulled the banquet together almost single handedly. She did an outstanding job, and we all had a wonderful time, some even dancing to the music provided by the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers. It was a time to celebrate since the banquet was cancelled in 2021. We have a new Miss Pioneer Oregon 2022, Julia Richards. Julia's acceptance speech was great and very professionally given. Her speech is in this newsletter and as a video on the SDOP website. It is a must read. We had two College Scholarship Award recipients. One is Sam McCracken, a senior at Grant Union Jr./Sr. High School in John Day, Oregon. He plans to attend Montana Western and majoring in Natural Horsemanship.

The Second recipient is Grace Irving, a former Miss Pioneer Oregon, who is a senior at the University of Oregon, majoring in Product Design. There is an extensive writeup on these two

college scholarship Award winners in this newsletter. The youth of this organization are amazing and I am glad we can honor a few of them. It is the youth of this organization that are going to keep SDOP moving forward into the future.

Mr. R. Gregory Nokes was the Guest speaker who gave an excellent presentation, mostly about Jessie Applegate. Jessie Applegate's main political contribution to Oregon was assuring Oregon entered the union as a Free Slave State. Mr. Nokes also included some of his family history that included slaves. He is one of three featured authors in the book "*Eminent Oregonians*". I highly recommend this book. Mr. Nokes presentation was taped and can be viewed on the SDOP website at: <https://oregonsdop.org/video-series/>.

I grew up in the Portland area attending schools in the Portland Public School System. I learned very little about the Indians (Native Americans) who lived in the Oregon Territory before the pioneers arrived. We did study Oregon history and the great Western Expansion/migration on the Oregon Trail starting 1843 fueled by free land to anyone who settled in the Oregon Territory. My father also informed me that we had pioneer ancestors who settled in the Riddle, Oregon Area. I was aware that the word "Multnomah" was the Indian name of the Indians that mainly lived on Sauvé Island on the Willamette River. But I never heard of the Kalapuyans, the Indians of the Willamette Valley, until my girls began attending a new school named "Five Oaks". Five Oaks School was named for a location of five oak trees in the North Plains area off Highway 26 where Indians gathered for many generations as well as early



mountain men, like Joe Meek. There is only one Tree left but four new oak trees have been planted in the historical area. There is a kiosk

that explains the significance of the Five Oak Trees.

I don't think we learned much about the Kalapuyans since most of these Indians had died from various white men diseases before settlers arrived in the Willamette Valley. I might have learned about the Nez Perce Indians in Eastern Oregon, or Captain Jack and the Modoc Indian Wars in Southern Oregon.

Captain Jack was hanged on October 3, 1873 for the murder of U.S. Army General Edward Canby, along with several other Modocs. I bring up Captain Jack because in my research of the Riddle family I learned that Jack had spent time at the Riddle farm known as Glen Brook in the Cow Creek Valley. **The Riddles were on friendly terms with the Indians that lived in the Cow Creek valley and so were most of the early settlers.** The Riddle boys often played games such as La Crosse, swimming, hunting, and fishing with the Cow Creek Indians. They even cared for one Indian boy named Sam when he got the fever in the winter of 1853. Most of his band of Indians perished that winter of the fever and, in the spring, the remnants of Chief Miwalata's Band scattered to the hills. But Sam was too weak to go and was left to his own fate. The Riddles cared for him until he died and was buried on the banks of Cow Creek.

The Riddle boys also played with Jack (later known as Captain Jack) and hunted with Jack and let him use their gun. Jack's village was massacred, and he ended up on the Riddle farm.

It was the prospectors, and packers that came up from the south who did a lot of the murdering of Indians. Over the years there were many ongoing battles started by both the whites and the Indians. The white man wanted to see all Indians dead, and Indians retaliated on settlers for massacres of their villages. The Indians located in the Cow Creek Valley were part of Modoc Nation and there were conflicts throughout the whole Rogue River Basin.

Jack was moved to the Klamath Reservation along with his family, and other remnants of the Cow Creek Indians were moved to the Siletz Indian Reservation. That was basically the end of the Cow Creek Indians.



Captain Jack  
Modoc, 1837-1873

Before Jack left he asked William Riddle for the gun he had used hunting with the Riddle boys. William Riddle said no but did give him a horse.

The Modocs were treated poorly by the Klamath Indians on the Reservation and, in 1870, Jack led his remaining band of Indians back to their tribal lands at Tule Lake and the Modoc war ensued with the U.S. government.

Later Captain Jack lead his band into what is now known as the Lava Beds National Monument – Captain Jack's Stronghold, a natural maze of caves and trenches worn into the lava beds. There is still some debate on what actually transpired when Captain Canby was killed. This is a very short version of the white and Indian complicated relationships in the Rogue River Basin. I just want to show there were unprovoked attacks from both the Indians and the white man. By 1857 the war was over, and

the Cow Creek Indians were annihilated from the area with the whites as victors. But for the Riddles it did not seem that victorious.

In the next issue of the SDOP newsletter I'll focus on the Merriman's (my great-great-grandfather) who arrived in southern Oregon in 1852.

Sources:

*Early Days in Oregon, 1851-1861 History of the South Umpqua Valley* by George W. Riddle

*Cow Creek Valley Memories, the early settlers of Riddle, Oregon* by John M. Cornutt

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

Board meetings are open to all Members and their families.

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### **April 9, 2022**

Board Meeting and Tour (see pg. 4)

#### **Time & Location:**

**9:45 AM Meeting** – Multnomah Falls Lodge Restaurant

**1:30 PM Tour** - Vista House, on the old Columbia River Highway

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### **May 7, 2022**

Founders Day Celebration

#### **Location:**

Champoeg State Park at the Pioneer Pavilion (map) Marion County, Oregon

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### **June 18, 2022**

Board Meeting and Parade

Board meetings are open to all Members and their families.

#### **Location:**

Brownsville, OR, for the Pioneer Picnic

*Details to follow*

### **July 9, 2022**

Annual SDOP Picnic

#### **Location:**

Champoeg State Park Pioneer Pavilion

#### **Time:**

**10:00 AM** - Board Meeting

**12:00 Noon** - Picnic

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## APRIL 9, 2022 SDOP BOARD MEETING

### VISITING TWO HISTORICAL SITES ON THE HISTORIC COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY

**WE NEED A HEADCOUNT FOR THIS ONE!!**

**Please either call or email Chris Meinicke if you plan to attend.**

**Phone: (503) 645-3124**

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**Date:** April 9, 2022

**Location:** Multnomah Falls Lodge and the Vista House on Crown Point

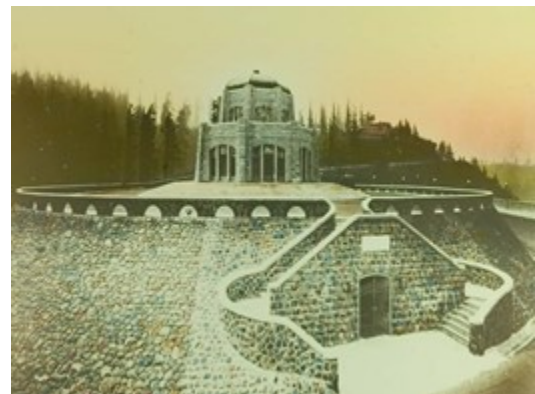
**Time:** 9:45 am to 12:45 pm for meeting and meal.



**Meeting:** Multnomah Falls Lodge for meeting and meal. (We can order off the Menu.)

**Parking:** I84 Parking Lot and walk a short distance to the Multnomah Falls Lodge

Or in the parking lot in front of the Lodge on Hwy 30- The Historic Columbia River Highway.



**Tour:** 1:30 pm at the Vista House. We'll be given a tour by the Friends of the Vista House.

As Samuel Lancaster described it, the Crown Point promontory was the ideal site for "an observatory from which the view both up and down the Columbia could be viewed in silent communion with the infinite." Such an observatory would also be a fitting memorial to "the trials and hardships of those who had come into the Oregon country." And it could "serve as a comfort station for the tourist and the travelers of America's greatest highway." He suggested it be known as the Vista House

**Majestic! It's the only word to describe Crown Point capped by its venerable Vista House**

The Columbia River Historic Highway was the first scenic highway built in the United States in 1918. Need Headcount for this one!!

**Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers  
Board Meeting - January 8, 2022  
Clackamas Town Center – Conference Room**

**Call to Order-** Meeting called to order at 10:16 am.

**Roll Call** – Chris Meinicke, Mel Fuller, Dawn Alexander, Reggie Burke, Dave Thompson, Priscilla Belin, Joyce del Rosario, Jeanne Preston. Friend of SDOP Leif Lidin-Lamon

**Officer's Reports:**

**Secretary:** Dawn Alexander read the minutes from the November 2021 meeting. Joyce made a motion to accept the minutes with 1 correction. Dave 2nd the motion. Motion approved.

**President:** Chris Meinicke- Somehow, I got a little behind with my comments to SDOP with the holidays and some extra volunteer obligations. I still need to send out the list of SDOP members who have delinquent dues. I hope to send each board member about 10 members to either call or email asking them about the delinquent dues. This will get done in January.

On December 10, 2021 I did speak to members of the Oregon's Daughters of American Colonists via Zoom. I'd never presented via a zoom call so that was very interesting.

The Sandy Historical society's newsletter had a nice long article about SDOP's visit to their location. See Page 3 and next to last page. The article also includes pictures. One provided by myself. The museum board and staff really enjoyed having SDOP meet at their location. I'll pass the newsletter around. I heard from two people that they would like us to come back and meet in their facility again.

Chuck Hornbuckle, a life friend member, had to move from his home in Washington to be Pulaski, Tenn. to be near his son for health reasons. Chuck is a life friend member of SDOP because of his generous contributions to SDOP over the last few years. His wife was a member of SDOP. I'll pass his Christmas Letter around if you'd like to read it. Chuck was at our banquet in 2020. I stay in contact with Chuck via email and Facebook. He has been a wonderful friend. Sometimes we can have the best friendships with fellow SDOP members.

**Treasurer:** Shauna Noon- not present at the meeting but did send the report. Mel gave the report. On-Point balance is \$1,470.13. \$1200.00 is being transferred to working capital from the Heritage- Life Membership Account per our bylaws. Priscilla made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Jeanne

***Donations to SDOP***

SDOP thanks everyone who made a donation to support our programs and operations such as the SDOP newsletter and the scholarship fund. One goal of SDOP is rewarding the younger generation, especially those who have an interest in Oregon History. It would be nice if SDOP received additional donations for the scholarship fund and the Junior Awards Programs.

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|-----------------------------|-------|---------------------|
| Gary Mertz                  | \$100 | General Fund        |
| Mr. and Mrs. Paul Verstrate | \$100 | Scholarship Fund    |
| Chris Meinicke              | \$50  | Scholarship Fund    |
| Chuck Hornbuckle            | \$500 | General/Scholarship |
| Chuck Hornbuckle            | \$400 | General Fund        |

(Chuck sent the second donation after viewing the video of Miss Pioneer Oregon on the SDOP website.)

2nd the motion. Motion passed. We are hoping to have a budget report at the February meeting.

**President Elect:** Joyce del Rosario- This is a season for SDOP to actively review its responsibilities toward historic preservation and cultural education. Future actions might include: 1) being registered as part of Oregon cultural trust, 2) expanding the scope of our participation in the Historical Preservation Society, 3) nurturing or leveraging our existing relationship with Oregon Historical Society.

### Committee Reports:

**Membership/Registrar:** Priscilla Belin- Nov. we had 1 new life member. In December we had 4 new members: 1 Sr., 1 Jr., and 2 life members.

**Banquet Committee:** Joyce del Rosario- postponed decision until a group consensus was achieved; The decision regarding the Banquet was to proceed. Pandemic safety protocols were reviewed and the team will follow CDC guidance. In the event of cancellation of the in-person event, video conference will be used as a contingency to host the Annual meeting. Joyce's husband will take photos. Joyce and her husband will print the programs.

**Social Media:** Janet Wilson- not in attendance.

**Newsletter Editor:** Chris Meinicke- Next newsletter needs to go out by January 9th or 10th.

**Correspondence Secretary:** Chris Meinicke- Donations from James Lewery \$10 to General Fund, and Anonymous \$250 to the Scholarship Fund.

**Trading Post:** Reggie Burke- \$41.89 in sales Nov. and Dec. \$527.70 we have made from Amazon Smile since we started. Please sign up if you have not done so

**Nominating Committee:** Joyce and Dave- Joyce will broadly market the leadership opportunities among membership for executive team members and committee volunteers. 2022 Slate: President (Joyce del Rosario), Secretary (Dave Thompson), and Treasurer (Shauna Noon). President-elect: Vacant. Dawn Alexander has been nominated to fill the board position ending 2024

**Website/IT report:** Mel Fuller- These are the website changes discussed at our recent meeting: Create Main menu page MOT Museum

Members Only page:

- MOT Home move to MOT Museum page
- MOT Directory move to MOT Museum page
- Obit of members leave
- Archived newsletter – remove as it duplicates in publications.
- Archives- move to MOT Museum

By-Laws leave. Policies and procedures- leave Board of Directors – Move access to Admin page. (Admin page is secured by a page password.)

MOT Museum menu on the main banner menu will contain the items noted above plus:

- Video Series- main banner menu will be removed and access will be from the MOT Museum page.
- Applications of deceased members (access secured by person profile password).
- Omeka, which currently displays large files like books. The applications stored there will be made private so they cannot be viewed.
- Admin page- In addition to the items in the Admin page currently and those noted above we will add the maintenance links needed to add or edit the membership applications table.

**Delinquent Dues:** Chris Meinicke and Mel Fuller- Mel will send Chris an updated list of delinquent dues for Chris to distribute to board members to either call or email. Also, Chris still needs to write a letter to members who have become inactive and see if we can get them active again.

**MPO/Scholarships:** Dawn Alexander- Our 2022 Miss Pioneer Oregon will be Julia Richards, who is from Portland. We have Scholarship winners: Grace Irving from Portland, and Sam McCracken from John Day. Janet will order the sash and Chris will order the flowers.

### Other Committee Reports:

**Old Business:** SDOP site Location: Priscilla, Jeanne, Joyce, and Dave - It was decided to remove from future agenda's the topic of finding a site location. If an opportunity presents itself to a board member about a possible site location that board member can bring it up at a meeting.

**Next Board meeting:** April 9, 2022, at the Multnomah Falls Lodge Restaurant. Tour of the Vista House on the Old Historic Columbia River Gorge Highway/Highway 30 will take place at 10:00 AM

**Annual Board Meeting:** February 13, 2022 – prior to the banquet

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:29.



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

The Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers has a *great* opportunity for 4th grade students to learn more about Oregon's history by participating in the 4th grade Essay Contest.

Share this award information with your grandchildren, great grandchildren, neighbors, and friends, especially your teacher friends. We would like to have a lot of participation this year!

### Rules:

1. Must be a 4<sup>th</sup> grade student in a public, private, or homeschool curriculum in the state of Oregon.
2. Entries must be **postmarked by May 15** or delivered to the Chairperson by then.
3. Judge's ruling will be final.
4. Winners will receive awards at the annual SDOP picnic, the 2nd Saturday in July, at Champoeg State Park. Need not be present to win.
5. Must be entirely the work of the applicant.
6. Typed essays (preferred): double spaced, 12 point font (Arial or Times preferred), 1-inch margin, max 2 pages.  
  
Handwritten essays: ink on lined notebook paper, max 3 pages.
7. Essays must have cover sheet with student's contact information.
8. A **picture** of the applicant must be included, and the **signed Photo and Essay Release Form** must be attached.
9. Entries can be sent in by individuals or in class sets by a classroom teacher, but each entry must have the required materials attached.

### Topic, Criteria, and Awards:

#### Essay topic:

"Discuss the pioneer spirit, a determination of accomplishing goals under very difficult circumstances, and how the result of that spirit has affected our lives today."

#### Judging Criteria:

- How well the topic is addressed
- Command of standard English grammar and usage conventions
- Organization of details
- Use of primary and secondary sources  
  
Sources must be cited.

#### Awards:

1<sup>st</sup> place winner receives ..... **\$150.00**  
2<sup>nd</sup> place winner receives ..... **\$75.00**

#### Please mail submissions to:

Sons and daughters of Oregon Pioneers  
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#### Any questions?

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

*Annual dues are due in June.*

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**In Memoriam**

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

Patricia Jeanne Karlas  
 Wanda I Taylor

## **Miss Pioneer Oregon 2022**

### **Julia Roberts**

If you are reading this online you can watch Julia present this at the Banquet by clicking [HERE](#).



Good afternoon! I am so excited to be here today as we celebrate Oregon's 163rd birthday and reflect on our state's amazing and complex history.

I would like to start by expressing my gratitude to the Sons and Daughters program for awarding me this generous scholarship and allowing me to take this platform as Miss Pioneer Oregon. It is an honor to represent my family, my ancestors, and all of the other Oregon pioneers that shaped the

beautiful state we call home.

My family has always been interested in learning more about our ancestors. My mom has created elaborate family trees and even traveled across the country to find gravemarkers in centuries-old cemeteries on Cape Cod. I have always been in awe of the stories we find. It is amazing to me that I am a descendant of English nobility, pilgrims that arrived in America on the Mayflower, patriots that served alongside George Washington, and pioneers that traversed the Oregon Trail. While my family's history is diverse and includes a number of great acts by men, I am most proud of the pioneering women in my family.

These women embody the independence, grit, determination, and strength that built this

country. My namesake, Julia Ann Dixon, after what, I can imagine, was a harrowing journey with three children on the Oregon Trail with the Welch-Meek party, settled in what would later become Corvallis. Julia was the first non-native woman to reside in Benton county. She had to have been incredibly strong, physically and spiritually, to have built a home in the middle of the wilderness with her husband, William Dixon, while pregnant and raising a family. The Dixon family continued to grow and they built a city from the ground up. William started a ferry service across the Willamette River, built a sawing mill, and planned out the town of what he and Mr. Avery called Marysville, now Corvallis. The Dixons donated their land for the building of a church, a schoolhouse, and Corvallis College, now Oregon State University. They created a thriving community.

One of my favorite stories involving Julia Dixon was of her neighbors, Hannah and Eliza Gorman. Hannah and her daughter, Eliza, also strong pioneering women, were African-American slaves of the Thorpe family of Missouri. The Thorpes brought Hannah and Eliza with them on the Oregon Trail. Because Oregon was not a slave state, they were eventually freed and, Hannah and Eliza chose to stay in Oregon and moved to Corvallis. They met the Dixons and Julia invited them to join them at church. These two young black women soon became a part of the community. The Dixon's sold the Gorman's two plots of land - an extraordinary act because Oregon's exclusionary laws prohibited blacks from being in the state, owning property and making contracts. William helped build their home that is still standing today. It is currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places for being the oldest residence in Oregon owned and established by black pioneers. When Eliza passed away, her obituary spoke of how she was remembered for her intelligence, modesty, kindness and devotion to community. The Corvallis Gazette wrote, "She will be missed, and her loss mourned, by nearly every family in Corvallis."

I love this story because it is a testament to the community that the Dixon's built in Corvallis. In other areas of Oregon at the time, the Gormans would have been discriminated against for their race and because they were women living on their own. But instead the community took them in and gave them a home.

This is what I believe it means to be a pioneer. Someone who is courageous enough to suffer great hardships in the effort to build a better community. And most importantly, I look up to Julia Dixon. She was a pioneer woman that didn't back down from challenges, regardless of her gender. She helped improve education and supported other women in her community. As Miss Pioneer Oregon, I want to honor Julia's legacy. I want to embody that "pioneering spirit" that allowed her to make a positive impact on Oregon history and all those around her.

Thank you.

**Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers  
Annual Board Meeting February 13, 2022  
11:00 A.M. at the Monarch Hotel**

**Welcome**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Chris Meinicke at 11:20 am.

Roll Call – Determine Quorum

Chris Meinicke, Joyce del Rosario, Shauna Noon, Dave Thompson, Reggie Burke, Mel Fuller, Janet Wilson, Priscilla Belin, Jeanne Preston, Joy'e Willman, Allyanne Farnsworth, Lyn'd Tillman, Bob Hill, Debbie Pedersen, Mark Pedersen, Ken Funk, and Connie (Revenue) Selzler.

There was a Quorum.

**Officer's Reports**

**Secretary:** Dawn not in attendance, so Dave Thompson read the minutes from the February 13, 2021, Annual Meeting. Mel moved to approve the minutes, 2nd by Priscilla; Motion carried.

**President's Report:** Chris Meinicke

Last year our annual meeting was a Virtual meeting. It is so nice to see everyone in person today. We started the year off with our Annual Picnic in Champoeg State Park and had a fair turnout considering the Covid 19 situation. I am looking forward to our picnic on July 9, 2022, and hope all of you can attend.

Our first historical site meeting was September 11, 2021, at the Sandy Area Historical Museum. We had a great turn out for the meeting, and it was a great meeting location with great food thanks to the Museum staff. After the meeting we all toured the museum and then some of us visited some of the historical sites along the Barlow Trail. We have continued to have in-person board meetings and all SDOP members are always welcome to attend the meetings. We have two more historic site board meetings planned. They are April 9th at the Vista House in the

Columbia Gorge and June 18th in Brownsville, Oregon. Please plan on attending.

As President I have spoken about the SDOP organization to two DAR Chapters and to the Oregon's Daughters of American Colonists, hoping to bring in more members. If you know of an organization that needs a speaker I am sure SDOP can provide one.

Many IT changes have been made during this past year mainly to our website thanks to Mel. Mel is going to report on some of these changes during this meeting. One of special interest is the virtual museum but we do need SDOP members to contribute their family stories/history/ pictures to be added to the museum. SDOP has been asked to participate in Founders Day on May 7, 2022 (The day Oregon celebrates the 1843 vote held in Champoeg that established the first provisional government west of the Mississippi River, leading the way to statehood). Please mark your calendar and join us in this celebration at Champoeg State Park at the Pavilion.

In closing I'd like to say it is a pleasure to serve as your president. Please remember this is an organization run entirely by volunteers and we sure do need more volunteers for small projects, board positions, and officer positions. SDOP has been around for 128 years when the Oregon Pioneer Association officially became SDOP in 1897. Let's continue to grow this organization with more active members.

**Treasurer:** Shauna Noon discussed the importance of dues, and how we are a little behind this year:

| <b>Type</b>  | <b>Expected</b>   | <b>Received</b>   |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Adult        | \$1,925.00        | \$1,350.00        |
| Junior       | \$232.00          | \$192.00          |
| Senior       | \$2,838.00        | \$2,425.00        |
| Junior       | \$232.00          | \$192.00          |
| Friend       | \$130.00          | \$90.00           |
| Sr Friend    | \$75.00           | \$75.00           |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$5,200.00</b> | <b>\$4,132.00</b> |

Shauna shared the operating statement and showed a checking balance of \$1,480.94. The total combined bank balances (checking, savings, and CD's) is \$172,951.92

Reggie moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Joy'e 2nd; Motion carried.

**President Elect:** Joyce del Rosario – Enjoy the Banquet!

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership/Registrar:** Priscilla Belin- For July 2021 to February 2022

**New Members:**

|        |    |
|--------|----|
| Junior | 3  |
| Adult  | 3  |
| Senior | 9  |
| Friend | 1  |
| Life   | 3  |
| Total  | 19 |

Members converted to Life: 2

Deaths: 10

**Information Technology:** Mel Fuller -

Welcome to the first video-recorded Banquet! The video should be on the website soon.

And, speaking of the website, please check out the recent changes and new pages available to members.

We extended Caspio Bridge for another 3 years, so the website is in good shape.

**Rose Festival Parade** Mel Fuller – The Rose Festival Association currently plans to go forward with the Rose Parade. However, the folks who had the Clydesdales are getting out of the business and have sold all the Clydesdales but one. They are trying to help us find another horse & wagon/buggy for this year.

**Social Media Janet Wilson** - Tuesday Trivia has been quite popular, with trivia questions presented most Tuesdays. And we have over 1,000 followers now.

**Events for rest of 2022:** Chris Meinicke

**April 9, 2022** - 9:30 am Meeting with breakfast or Lunch at Multnomah Falls

1:30 pm Tour provided by Friends of the Vista House at Crown Point on the Historic Columbia River Highway/Hwy 30

(All members are invited to attend)

**May 7, 2022** - Founder's Day

Champoeg State Park – at the pavilion

This event is free with your purchase of a \$5 day use or annual park pass.

**June 18, 2022** Brownsville, Oregon – Brownsville Parade

Meeting/Lunch and tour of museums

More details to follow

**July 9, 2022** – Annual Picnic at Champoeg State Park

**Board Meeting** 10:30 am in the Pavilion.

**Annual picnic** 12:00 noon in the Pavilion.

**Trading Post** Reggie Burke - Nothing to report (but the Trading Post does have some covered wagon charms and earrings now).

**Newsletter Editor** Chris Meinicke - I hope everyone is enjoying the newsletter. I am open to suggestions on how to improve the newsletter. I would love to have more stories from SDOP members about their pioneer families to put in the newsletter. Just send your information to me or Dave Thompson. Our next newsletter goes out the first of March 2022. If you have information for the newsletter, please submit the information by February 26, 2022.

**New Business:**

Election of New Officers and Board Members

Presented slate of new officers and asked for other nominations/volunteers.

**Officer Nominees:**

**President** ..... Joyce del Rosario

**President-elect ... Open**

**Secretary** ..... Dave Thompson

**Treasurer** ..... Shauna Noon\*  
(two-year position)

**Board Position Nominees:**

**Board members thru 2022**

Position 1 - Joy'e Willman\*

Position 2 - Reggie Burke\*

Position 3 - **Open**

**Board Members thru 2023**

Position 1 - Mel Fuller\*

Position 2 - Janet Wilson\*

Position 3 - Jeanne Preston\*

**Board Members thru 2024**

Position 1 - Priscilla Lowe Belin\*

Position 2 - Dawn Alexander

Position 3 - **Open**

\* Continuing member – no vote needed.

Chris made motion to accept the slate of officers and board members, Joy'e Willman 2nd; Motion carried.

President Chris Meinicke extended congratulations to New Officers and Board Members

**Next Board Meeting:** April 9, 2022- Meeting and Lunch at Multnomah Falls Lodge and tour of Vista House at Crown Point on the Old Columbia River Highway/ Hwy 30.

**Adjournment:** the meeting was adjourned by Chris at 12:01 pm.

## Scholarship Winners

It is our youth who will shape the future of this organization and we are proud to honor them with our College Scholarship Program. It is a way to help our young members with a few expenses while they pursue their first bachelor's degree. Each of our recipients this year will receive \$650.00.



This year one of our recipients is Sam McCracken. Sam is 17 years old and a senior at Grant Union Jr./Sr. High School, in John Day, Oregon. He works on his family's cattle ranch, has participated in 4-H and FFA, been a high school wrestler and 3 times National High School Rodeo Finals qualifier in boys cutting. He has plans of attending the University of Montana Western, and majoring in Natural Horsemanship, afterwards pursuing a career in training horses. Sam's pioneer ancestor is Bluford Stanton, who arrived in the Oregon Territory in 1853. His parents are Joe and Didgette McCracken. I want to share a comment that Sam wrote in response to one of his questions on his application: He stated: "Every time I go somewhere near the Oregon Trail, I think of what my ancestors did and the sacrifices they made to move to Oregon- a place that I am proud to call home. This has made a difference in my life because every time I am working outside or in a remote place, I envision myself as one of them and try to realize how hard it must have been for them. I plan to keep this history alive by teaching my kids and future generations of kids, of how the first of us came to the Oregon Territory and the sacrifices they made to do what they accomplished.

Our 2nd scholarship is awarded to Grace Irving. Grace is 22 years old and is a senior at the University of Oregon. She is studying Product Design, and loves fashion, hiking, sewing and woodworking. Grace has already designed and sewed a collection of clothing last spring! Grace's pioneer ancestor is William Lewis Wilson. Her parents are Michael and Bennette Irving. One of the essay questions is "How do you plan to contribute to a positive future for Oregon or your home state?" We loved Grace's

response to this question: "Currently, some of the world's largest amounts of waste come from the garment industry... this has become a huge issue for the world. I hope to become a part of this ever-changing industry. Already, the clothing industry is seeing changes in sustainable resources and new reusable textiles. Even the pioneers serve as inspiration when it comes to zero waste. They were in fact the pioneers of sustainability as they used scraps, waste, and more to conserve as much material as possible. They had to make things last and they had to use creativity and ingenuity to do so." Grace is already running her own sustainable clothing shop.

Don't you just admire our young members who are working hard to keep our history and ancestor's memory alive and our organization strong?

I would also like to make an announcement for our 4<sup>th</sup> grade essay contest. This is open to all 4<sup>th</sup> grade students in Oregon. As most of you know, 4<sup>th</sup> grade is the year that Oregon students study the Oregon Trail. During the unit, students learn about the challenges, hardships, frustrations, and difficult circumstances their forefathers had to endure to reach the Oregon Territory. And yet, with determination and hard work managed to settle here and help make Oregon what it is today. The contest is to write an essay discussing the pioneer spirit, that determination of accomplishing goals under those hard circumstances, and how the result of that spirit has affected our lives today. All of the details are on our website under scholarships and contests. One of our goals is to get the word out about our organization so if you know of a 4<sup>th</sup> grade student, or teacher, we would appreciate your help in spreading the word on this contest. The first prize winner will receive \$150.00 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> place will receive \$75.00. All the information is on our website and entries are due May 15<sup>th</sup>.

We would love to see our College Scholarship and Jr. awards program grow. If you would like to donate to these programs, visit the Donations and Dues link on our website.

Written by Dawn Alexander, MPO Awards and Scholarship chairman of SDOP.



The annual banquet was quite successful, with about half the usual number of folks attending. The food was good, the fiddlers were great, and there were lots of interesting stories!



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