

A Letter from the President

Chances are that we share an ancestor if we could look far enough back.

It is also likely that we have connections to the same communities within miles of each other. Marriages and migration patterns are no less dynamic than ever. And for the very diverse ways we orient our attitudes, we are even more likely to have shared values in the making. Even with global supply chain issues, there is no shortage of what we have in common.

It is my privilege to leverage a platform to uplift the legacy of Oregon Pioneers. We are grateful to be on this journey with you.

During the early days of the pandemic as digital demands increased, I responded to a call-out for tech help from members that was posted by Past-President Mel Fuller, Information Technology and Rose Parade Chair. In that volunteer capacity, I maintained website updates alongside Lindsey Hollinger and supported the email services. Soon thereafter, I joined as a member of the board during Joy Eaton's term. I was chosen as President-elect last year when Chris Meinicke entered her second term as President. '20-'21 Past-President, Dave Thompson, joined the executive team for to serve as Corporate Secretary this fiscal year. This leadership transition affords Dawn Alexander a break from that data-intensive position she continuously held for seven years. Dawn still rocks out her role as chair of the Scholarships and Awards program. Reggie Burke is keeping the Trading Post open for business. Registrar Priscilla Belin diligently handles registration and has developed a strong team with Jeanne Preston. Our newest director, Debbie Pedersen, is undertaking Correspondence Secretary and also cross referencing membership applications to our online database. Shauna Noon carries over with her second year as Treasurer bringing her strong business acumen to the team. Meanwhile Past President Janet Wilson affords



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us continuity as Historian and Social Media champion. We have a well-seasoned board bringing diverse talents to the table. Please consider joining our board or serving on a committee.

Sons, Daughters and Friends are actively recruiting, emailing and calling back members who have not been hard to reach or inactive. We are calling on you to help guide this organization into the future. Your feedback matters. When you want us to consider an idea or tradition for the membership, please reach out to anyone on the team. We will work together to lift up your thoughts, ideas and concerns. Alternately, send a note to the mailing address listed on the back page with your thoughts, pick up the phone and call, or simply show up; we love hearing about how our lives and our ancestors continue to intersect.

Friends of SDOP have been showing up in great numbers at many post-pandemic events. Sons and Daughters are honored by our Friends interest and participation. Their continued and growing presence reinforces the relevance of sharing our stories. I encourage those who think they do not qualify for regular membership, to join as a friend and see what additional research turns up.

In Service & In Spirit, Joyce Allegra del Rosario

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[Membership Fees Structure](#)

<https://oregonsdop.org/membershipjoin/>

*New Son or Daughter:

Junior [birth – 18]: \$12

Adult [18-60] / Senior [60+]: \$30

New Friend of SDOP: \$30

Annual Dues in June (only after first year):

Junior [birth - 18]: \$8

Adult Member/Friend [18 - 60]: \$20

Senior Member/Friend [60+]: \$15

*New Life Member/Friend Fees:

Junior/ Adult [0-60]: \$300

Senior [60+]: \$150

Adjustments: Printed Newsletter fee: +\$10

**Includes pioneer certificate and pin*

New Members

New Member Name: Ancestor (Date of Arrival in Oregon Territory)

New Senior Members

Christina Boverman: Ezekial Benjamin (1854)

Helen Clare Evers: Joseph Holman (1844)

Linda L. McCormick: Chas H. Johnson, MD (1845)

Karen J. Mason: Hoy B. Flournoy (1845)

New Adult Members

Nicol Brickman: John Bryant (1852)

Adult Memberships converted to Life Memberships

Dawn Alexander

Donna Chan

Sherry Fuller

Lost Mail

The following member's newsletters and other correspondence have been returned, and SDOP does not have a new address or a good email ID for them. Please help us locate:

Judy J. Coe Daily

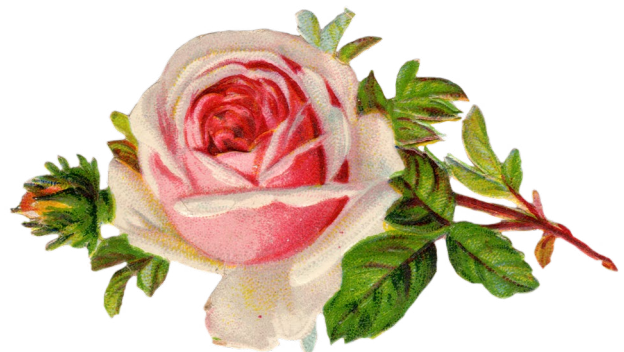
If you have any current contact information for her (address, phone #, or email ID) please contact membership@oregonsdop.org

In Memoriam

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

Grace J. Ploetz – Life Member

Sherelyn Pedigo – Senior member



M.O.T. Museum

My Oregon Territory, a Virtual Museum.

Memorialize. Telling the story of our Oregon Territory ancestors. Their accomplishments, their struggles and their vision.

Oregon-ize. Bringing together historical documents in digital form held by SDOP, Oregon Historical Society, Oregon State Archives and other private and public sources. Items include census forms, journals, and immigrant manifests.

Teach. Create access for Oregon Pioneer descendants and the public through forums and educational events to learn about the historical documents on the SDOP database.

SDOP has consolidated our historical documents and added to them records maintained by other organizations to create the premium web location for information on our Early Oregon Territory Pioneers. There are over 100,000 records on individual Pioneers in our data base and it keeps on growing.

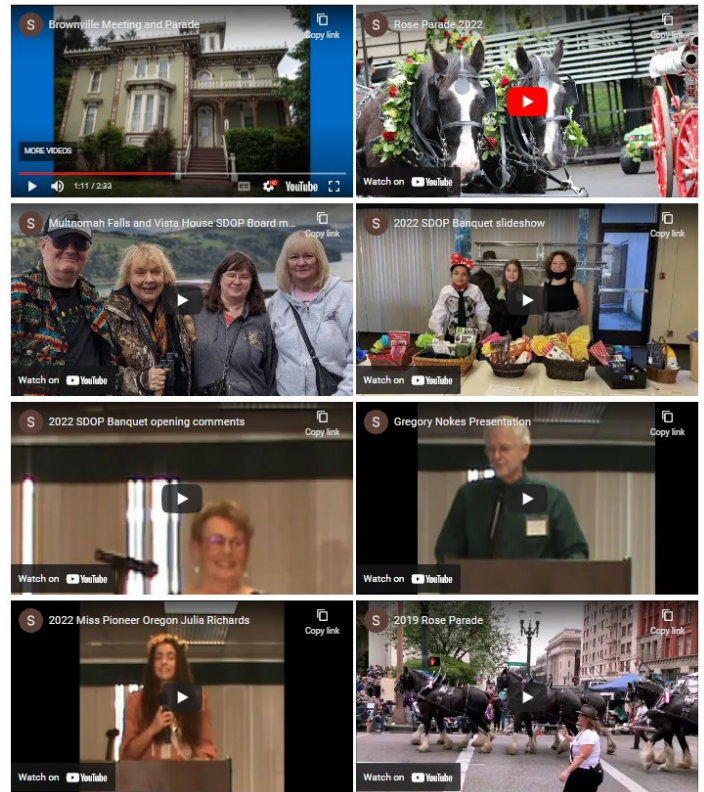
Visitors to the website are welcome to peruse all the pages including Members, Ancestors and Pioneers. All the pages under the Members tab are search only. No editing, adding or deleting can be done. As a member your profile is already in place. If you find an error in your profile please let the M.O.T. webmaster know.

A tip on the search process. Be sure all the fields are cleared before you start a new search. Any search criteria left in a field unintentionally will affect any future search outcome.

The curator tab is for members who have undergone training in the process of adding or editing any record in the members or pioneers databases. Should you want to learn more about becoming a Virtual Museum Curator again please contact the Webmaster.

If you wish as a member to add journals, pictures or other documents to the Pioneer database please forward them to the webmaster

SDOP Event Videos



<https://oregonsdop.org/video-series/>

and they will be assigned to a Virtual Museum Curator for inclusion in the pioneer records.

You will see a field called **Member Id#** or **Pioneer Id#**. You do not need this number to conduct a search. If you do know it, it will help preform a faster and more concise search in the future if you want to return to result of a prior search result. It is displayed on the details page for the member or pioneer.

We at SDOP are very proud of the M.O.T. Virtual Museum and want to see it grow with your contributions of historic or family interest.

SDOP M.O.T. Webmaster

[Mel Fuller](#)



Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers, their members and friends support this My Oregon Territory webpage with love and appreciation for the sacrifices of those who came before us.

Donations

Your gift to the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers helps to fund various programs to preserve and share early Oregon history.

Your donation is tax-deductible and will help to educate current and future generations about our proud heritage.

We encourage you to donate to our "General-Unrestricted Fund" so that the Board of Directors may use it in the area most needed at the time.

You may also choose to donate to one of the specific purposes listed online, such as:

- My Oregon Territory Fund
- Portland Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade Fund
- Membership Development
- Miss Pioneer Oregon Program
- College Scholarship Fund
- Junior Awards Fund

Donations made through the website are processed by PayPal, using your credit or debit card. *A PayPal account is not necessary in order to do so.*

Checks may also be mailed to:

SDOP
PO Box 6685,
Portland, OR 97228-6685



Donor List

SDOP thanks everyone who donates time or funds to support programs that promote interest in history of Oregon territory and rediscovering the pioneer spirit.

Scholarship fund and the Junior Awards Programs. President del Rosario has provided silent auction baskets at both the Birthday Banquet and Annual Picnic. Thank you to all who purchased baskets to support the Scholarship fund and the Junior Awards Programs.

General Fund Donors

Michael Irving
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 Rebecca Wilson

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Portland Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade June 11, 2022



The Sons and Daughters of the Oregon Pioneers had an entry, for the very first time, in the 2017 Grand Floral Parade. Based on the feedback we received, this was a very effective venue for publicising the organization and promoting membership.

Continued generosity of members allows us to make the Rose Parade an annual event and to perhaps also allow us to enter Miss Pioneer Oregon in other community parades and festivals around the State of Oregon.

Michael Irving contacted “A Country Wagon Carriage Service” of Eatonville, Washington to master our wagon. Two of their drivers mastered a team of two draft horses in a two mile parade route. The wagon hugged Lloyd Center with the route that remained east of the Willamette. Riding in the wagon was Miss Pioneer Oregon Julia Richards, President-elect, Joyce del Rosario and her husband Leif and daughter, Shanti. Watch more at the M.O.T website

<https://youtu.be/vCtTI-GpFxA>



Rose Parade 2022


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Linn County Parade June 18, 2022

We were the second line-up in the Linn County Pioneer Parade. New members traveled from Puget Sound to join us and walked with the President-elect and family. SDOP was given a seat on the mule wagon for our honored guest who had watched the parade with her grandma many years back before cars were common.

After a walk through Brownsville, along the bridge in the film "Stand by Me",



The change of guard occurred at the June Board meeting on location in Brownsville. Joyce was then in receipt of the President's Notebook and began reviewing materials. The gavel and wagon wheel sounding block are gifts of Clackamas Historical Society and member, Melvin Dunmire. He carved two sets of gavel and sounding block from a limb that fell from a broadleaf maple tree at Tollgate Number 5 on Barlow Road, planted by the gatekeeper, Daniel Parker.



we were hosted at the Bramble House.

There was a well-attended meeting and lovely lunch. Many members also visited the museums downtown and had the most interesting tour of the John Moyer house, built in 1881.



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It is possible to financially support the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers when you shop!

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Fred Meyer's Community Rewards Program. Link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to SDOP by visiting www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. Search for SDOP by name or by our non-profit number 86878.



SDOP Trading Post
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Many more items available on the site

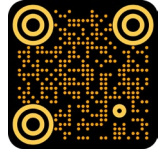
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and Pink
now Online

Upcoming Events, Board Meetings

All meetings are open to Members including the Sons, Daughters, Friends and their families. We also invite prospective members to join us and see what community exists here out west. More details to be released online and by email. Please let us know if you will be joining us at a board meeting by calling Joyce or emailing president@oregonsdop.org Board Meeting date & locations are open for suggestions. Ideas welcome.

Saturday, September 24, 2022

Board Meeting and Tour of Philip Foster Farm
(See Back Page of Newsletter for details)



Saturday, October 29, 2022

High Tea hosted by President Joyce 4:00-5:30 pm

Includes Tour of [Shelton McMurfhey Johnson House](#)
303 Willamette Street, Eugene, Lane County, Oregon 97401

RSVP by Monday, October 24, limited to 30 persons
Suggested Lodging at [Campbell House Inn](#)

Saturday, November 19, 2022

Board Meeting 10:00-11:30 am

[George Fox University](#), Room to be announced by email
414 N. Meridian Street, Newberg, Yamhill County, Oregon 97132

Local Tour: [Hoover-Minthorn House](#)

11/19 Suggested Harvest Dinner 1:30-4:30 PM

[Newell Pioneer Village](#)

8089 Champoeg Road NE

St. Paul, Marion County, Oregon 97137

Ticket Price: \$50 per person

RSVP info@newellpioneervillage.com or (503) 678-5537

December

Holiday Break - No meetings scheduled

Saturday, January 7, 2023

Board meeting 10:00-11:30 AM

Hosted by Debbie Pedersen

Damascus, Clackamas County, Oregon

Email or Call Debbie for Directions (Info on Page 2)

Saturday, February 11, 2023

Annual Membership Meeting 10:00-11:30 AM

& Birthday Banquet Noon

Proposed location Monarch Hotel

Clackamas, Clackamas County, Oregon

March - June

Please send suggestions

Saturday, July 8, 2023

Board Meeting 10:00-11:30 AM & Pioneer Picnic at Noon

Champoeg Pioneer Pavilion

St. Paul, Marion County, Oregon



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Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers
Board Meeting - June 18, 2022
DRAFT Minutes
Bramble House - Brownsville, Oregon

Call to Order: Chris called the meeting to order at 12:18 pm. Roll Call - Chris Meinicke, Mel Fuller, Dave Thompson, Priscilla Belin, Jeanne Preston, Shauna Noon, Joyce del Rosario, Dawn Alexander, Connie Selzer, Debbie Pederson, Christina Boverman, Grace Bell, Karen Englund, Tom Marquette, Linda Walker. Friends: Terry Thompson, Sherry Fuller, Minka Fuller, Jeremy Franklin, Mark Pederson.

Officer's Reports:

Secretary: Dawn Alexander- Read minutes from April 9, 2022 meeting. Dave Thompson made a motion to accept the April minutes. Priscilla 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

President: Chris Meinicke- President's Report: I've enjoyed my journey as your President of SDOP this past year. All of our meetings have all been in person meetings and three at historical sites. The three historical sites are: Sandy Historical Society Museum with a short tour to some of the pioneer sites along the Barlow Trail. Second one at Multnomah Falls and Vista House along the Historic Columbia River Highway and lastly, here in the Historic Pioneer town of Brownsville, Oregon. About 10 SDOP members attended Founders Day at Champoeg State Park. We've increased our membership but have also lost a few mostly to their deaths. Some of our members, including Miss Pioneer Oregon, Julia Richards, represented SDOP by riding in a wagon in the Portland Rose Festival Parade. Thank you, Michael Irving for organizing the Rose Parade activity this year.

Unless you are a Life Member you should have received your annual dues statement. Please pay your SDOP dues as soon as possible. Additionally, SDOP operates with volunteers only. Please consider being a member of the SDOP board. You do not have to live in the Portland Area. Also, we need a candidate to fill the President-elect position.

I think another highlight for SDOP is Mel Fuller's work with the SDOP database, mainly the M.O.T. museum that includes videos of our meetings, tours of historical sites and the banquet. With these videos all SDOP members can view our activities even when that can't be present. Thank you, Mel, for all your hard work behind the scenes. You are totally appreciated.

I am handing off the reins to the very capable Joyce del Rosario. With Joyce as President and our very active SDOP board I am sure we'll have an exciting year ahead of us with plenty of new adventures. The first event of the new year (2022/2023) is the SDOP Picnic. Please plan on attending our annual Picnic starting at 11:30 on July 9, 2022 at the Pavilion in Champoeg Park. This is always a great event and this year the Old Time Fiddlers will provide the entertainment. The Board members meet at 10:00 am prior to the picnic. The picnic is a potluck so bring your favorite dish to share. Thanks for letting me serve as your SDOP President

for the year 2021-2022.

Treasurer: Shauna Noon - Treasurer's report. Cash report, about \$171,000. Operating statements- \$6,000 loss, still half of June to report. Record amount of donations especially for the Rose Parade. The donations for May and June are listed below. Collected \$1985. Expenses for the Rose Parade was \$2712. \$2600 was left over from last year that we didn't use. Connie made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Debbie Pederson 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

President Elect: Joyce del Rosario - President-Elect's report; Founder's Day event was very fun and the state park ranger, Dan Klug, was very excited that we might do more next year, such as some living history presentations. Joyce attended the Oregon Heritage conference and discussed research tools with the Oregon Black Pioneers. '22-'23 Miss Pioneer Oregon Julia Richards has made all her engagements, is a pleasure to work with and will see us in July at the picnic.

Committee Reports:

Membership/Registrar: Priscilla Belin; June 1 application processed. At least a half of a dozen pending. 1 member changed to Life. 1 death reported. Dave has updated membership forms available.

Awards and Scholarships: Dawn Alexander- Results of 4th grade contest. Eliana Alimin, from Dundee, was selected as our 4th grade essay contest winner. She will be attending the picnic and will read her essay and be presented with her award.

Newsletter Editor: Chris Meinicke- Next newsletter comes out after this meeting. The deadline for submissions is July 15th. It will be filled with parade pictures and information, picnic pictures and two sets of minutes.

Correspondence Secretary: Chris Meinicke- donations report below:

Donations to SDOP for May and June 2022

Parade Fund: \$1,425.00 Parade Fund (Shauna \$1985, little more updated); Other Funds: \$560.00; General Fund: \$50.00; Awards/Scholarship Fund Total Donations: \$2035.00

Website/IT report: Mel Fuller -Website/IT updates and owning the web domain

Myoregonterritory.org/.net/.com IT side: 1) We have taken the domains- .org/.net/.com so if you search with any of those ours will come up. The Fuller family donated the first year's fee. (\$25.00). Thank you, Mel and Minka. 2) The PC that we own has been upgraded to Windows 10 and a card. We would like to sell it. Let Mel know if you are interested. Janet will post it on Facebook also. 3) Topic of Videos on website: working on some new videos to be posted on the website. 4) The Rose Parade costs for next year are being estimated at about \$3300. Also, thank you, Michael and John Irving for all of your hard work and dedication to our events. Discussion about not participating in the parade every year. Will also look into some lesser cost options. 5) Debbie Pederson has volunteered to help us with applications on the website.

Other Committee Reports: None

Old Business:

We need to be thinking about printing our new brochures. Dave will check on costs of printing and report back.

New Business:

Annual picnic – July 9, 2022 Discussion about volunteer roles and supplies. Registration handled by Priscilla and Minka. Joyce arranged Volunteers to set up.

Misc.-

- 1) Read an email from Shirley Sipler
- 2)OHS –provides us with 2 membership cards. Let Joyce know if you are wanting to attend.
- 3)Thank outgoing officers and board members- Chris thanked the officers and board members. Joyce for taking the reins as president position. Dawn will be stepping down as secretary after 7 years. She will remain on the board and the MPO and Scholarship Chair. Shauna as the treasurer, Priscilla as the registrar. Dave as editor of the newsletter and taking over as secretary. Mel as board member, past president twice and IT guy. Jeanne as assistant to registrar and board member. Reggie as board member and Trading Post. Joy'e board member. Janet as board member, two times president, Facebook manager.
- 4) Welcome new officers and board members- Chris turned the gavel over to Joyce del Rosario our 2022-2023 President. She also received a President's pin.
- 5) Priscilla nominated Debbie Pederson to become a board member. Dave 2nd the motion. Dawn will update the roster.

Next Board meeting: July 9, 2022 at Champoeg Park.

Adjournment: 1:35 pm.

Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers

July 9, 2022 Board Meeting

DRAFT Minutes

Champoeg State Heritage Area, Pioneer Pavilion

Called to Order at 10:20 AM, Roll Call – Determine Quorum (7 required for Quorum),

Attending (alpha by last name) Reggie Burke, Joyce del Rosario, Mel Fuller, Chris Meinicke, Debbie Pederson, Dave Thompson, Janet Wilson.

Officer's Reports

President: Now in receipt of the President's Notebook, reviewing materials. The main purpose of the board meeting in July is to set out potential dates and meeting places for the upcoming year having received feedback from multiple members including the Events chair. For the Annual Pioneer Picnic: Oregon Old Time Fiddlers will perform. We will hear a first reading from the winner of the 4th grade essay contest, Eliana Alimin. Also a speech from MPO Julia Richards. Judy Goldman's keynote address topic is "Methodist Meeting House" in Hillsboro, Oregon. A mule team with a covered wagon is giving rides. The potluck meal will be set up down the middle row and auction baskets for the Junior Awards and Scholarship Program are placed along the sides. This officer will be heavily relying on members of the board to execute important tasks for the public portion

of the day.

Secretary: Deferred reading June minutes to next meeting
Treasurer (excused for July): Shauna absent, deferred to the following meeting.

President-elect (vacant)

Committee Reports

Trading Post Retail Store: Reggie Burke reported that sales made Apr – Jul 8 resulted in \$67.42 in profit to SDOP. The Trading Post has only a handful of membership pins on hand and Reggie will need to see the Registrar for resupply. The Board expressed no intent to reprint the "Reflections" book.

Correspondence Secretary: Chris Meinicke reported she received no new donations since June. Chris hasn't handed off to Debbie yet, and is still working on Thank You letters.

Newsletter Layout: Dave Thompson reported a large issue is coming up. Please have inputs to Dave by next Friday, 15Jul22. Clarification that we use Permit for Non-profit #720

Social Media Manager: Janet Wilson reported a positive trend of a few new likes and a few new followers each time checked. People get questions answered by contacting moderator. Email address membership@oregonSDOP.org is monitored. It is used on other websites as our contact info.

Registrar: Priscilla Belin (excused), Jeanne Preston (excused) Report was emailed in advance. Discussion about how to acknowledge deceased members.

Scholarships and Awards: Dawn Alexander (excused for July) Report was emailed in advance. The presentation of the award to the 4th grade essay winner was reassigned to Debbie Pederson.

Technology/Media Coverage: Mel Fuller reported Debbie's doing a great job with the copy/paste project linking records in the Database. Museum of Oregon Territory videos up & running. Mel paid \$145 for another year of Caspio, and will pay for the next two years as well. Encouragement from Board to use QR Codes on apps, brochures, business cards, etc. Lots of opportunities to ask "How do we draw people to the website?" We can put pictures of items (even of Books). Reach Mel to share any content.

Nominating: Joyce del Rosario, No Report

Governance: Joyce del Rosario, No Report

Finance: Shauna Noon (excused for July), No Report

Public Relations/Membership: Joyce del Rosario

Community Outreach: Chris Meinicke

Ad hoc: None

Proposed Meeting Schedule (See SDOP News Page 7 of this issue)

New Business: None

Next Board Meeting: September 24, 2022 at Sandy Historical Museum

Adjournment: 11:30 p.m.

For corrections or additions to these sets of minutes, please let us know before September 14th, ten days prior to the board meeting on September 24, 2022.

Call, write or email president@oregonsdop.org

Pioneer Picnic July 9, 2022

Dozens gathered for the Annual Pioneer Picnic at Champoeg State Heritage Area. The board meeting and annual picnic event were both held at the Pioneer Pavilion, the building erected by the Sons and Daughters near the Founders' monument in the old townsite. The Oregon Old Time Fiddlers performed on the main stage. Attendees heard a first reading from the winner of the 4th grade essay contest, Eliana Alimin, a student from Veritas School in Dundee, Oregon. Eliana's was with her family, Isaac and Shirley Alimin and younger brother. Miss Pioneer Oregon 2022, Julia Richards, spoke about her ancestors. Keynote Speaker Judy Goldman discussed the Methodist Meeting House in Hillsboro, Oregon. After the presentations, friends and family took spins around the lane with the mule team on a covered wagon. The potluck meal was plentifully spread down the middle row. Each table held auction baskets placed along the sides for silent auction. Proceeds from the silent auction went to the Junior Awards program. Many volunteer and members of the board divided up important tasks to make this opportunity to celebrate fellowship.



What if You were a Pioneer?

by *Eliana Alimin*

What if you were a pioneer? If you were a pioneer, you would be travelling west for the good soil over there. In the 1840's, people would think of Oregon as a place full of adventure and opportunity. Soon they would be packing up their belongings in a covered wagon, ready to travel west.



Eliana Alimin

daughter of Isaac and Shirley Alimin
Student at Veritas School
Dundee, Oregon
4th Grade Essay Contest Winner

What would your life be like? If you were one of the many children going west, you would have many chores. These are the chores you would do: You would milk the cows, fetch water from the river, watch the cattle, assist their parents with cooking, wash dishes, help skin or prepare wild game, collect wood, shake out quilts, and hang the beef jerky to dry. Some of this work was easy, and there are hard ones too. There was also fun things to do. During the day, you could explore around the area, as long as you didn't go too far from the wagon. But at night, many interesting things can happen. Usually there was someone in the wagon camp who could play the harmonica or fiddle. Then everyone would gather around, sing songs, and dance. Sometimes you would sit by the campfire and listen to a story, possibly a ghost story.

If you were a pioneer, you must be very brave and confident to travel west. Pioneers must have been very brave to take the risks of...Catching cholera, malaria, or both (common and deadly diseases on the trail). Drowning while crossing a river (a very difficult thing to do and one of the greatest

dangers of the trip). Running into too much dust (it could sting your eyes, get into your mouth, and go up your nose). Getting their wagon wheels stuck in mud (if you couldn't get it out, you'd have to abandon your wagon and ride in another family's wagon or turn back.

Pioneers would have to think twice about going to face difficulties of the journey, but they decided to take them. They had to have a determined spirit in order to take the risks, but they get re-warded with land; only a dollar an acre, for accomplishing the

goals.

Long ago, England and America had made a deal that Oregon would belong to the country that could get more people living in the new land. So, to make Oregon part of this country, many Americans had to go there to live. And because the pioneers established land in Oregon, it is part of our country today. Oregon became a state in 1859, which is the result of how that pioneer spirit has affected us today.

Winning Submission of Eliana Alimin Sources used: "If You Traveled West in a Covered Wagon" by Ellen Levine



Board Member
Debbie Pedersen
presenting
the award to
Eliana Alimin,
author of the
winning 4th
Grade Essay
Contest for
2022

NEXT OPEN GATHERING

Saturday, September 24, 2022

Board Meeting, 10:00 AM

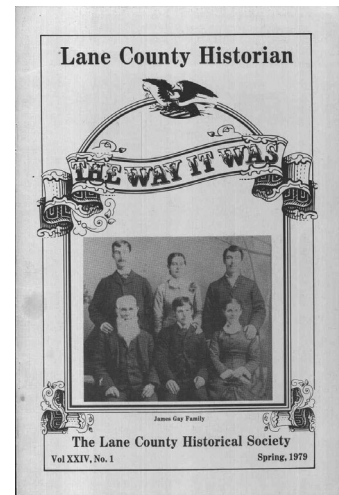
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39345 Pioneer Blvd, Sandy, Oregon When
driving eastbound on Hwy 26, on the left

Pre-order Box Lunches by emailing
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Philip Foster Farm Farm Tour
Estimated 1:00 PM
Eagle Creek, Oregon

Mr. Philip Foster helped fund, build, and operate the Barlow Road at the Toll gates between 1848 and 1865. When pioneers arrived weary at the end of the Barlow Trail, Foster and his family would welcome them, feed them, resupply parties, and repair their wagons.

“We arrived at the Fosters and camped at that haven for the weary emigrants” stated a member of the Gay family group. At this site, Joyce del Rosario will read her family’s account of being received by Phillip Foster after her ancestors Martin Baker Gay and his wife Johana Evans Stewart completed the Barlow Trail in 1852 with their eleven children, a daughter-in-law and a hired man. A full article is in the Lane County Historical Society Voume XXIV, Issue No. 1 written by Mary Rodman in 1979. It is titled “The 1851 Trail Diary of James Woods Gay and The Sunset Trail - Reminiscences of Martha Gay Masterson”.



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