

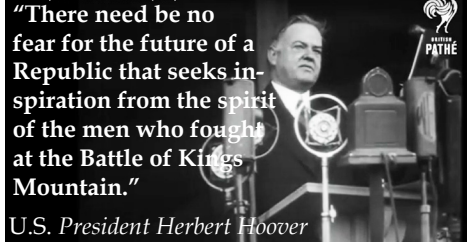


The most recent SDOP board meeting was assembled near the boyhood home of President Herbert Hoover in Newberg, Oregon. Hoover's uncle was the founder of the Quaker college now known as George Fox University where I currently attend. Following the SDOP meeting, a mighty potent contingency went toward Champoeg for a harvest dinner. Past, present, and future presidents of Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers broke bread and shared stories back and forth with the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution. Among the stories of ancestors and patriots, we thanked God for the continued ability to share and serve. The Daughters of the American Revolution efforts at national recognition of the Battle of Kings Mountain culminated in the Sesquicentennial Celebration event on October 7, 1930. Then-President Herbert Hoover delivered the keynote speech commemorating the battle and called the battle monument "a place of inspiring memories." More than 100 news organizations of the day covered the event, and 70,000-75,000 people attended.

In his speech, Hoover chronicled some basic history of America, detailing many great things about this nation, such as the rise of the American men and women. Sensitive his audience was then living through a global economic depression; Hoover rebuked the spirit of fear, saying: "There need be no fear for the future of a Republic that seeks inspiration from the spirit of the men who fought at the Battle of Kings Mountain." He reminded the audience that day, "Here less than a thousand men, inspired by the urge of freedom, defeated a superior force entrenched in this strategic position. This small band of patriots turned back a dangerous invasion well designed to separate and dismember the united Colonies. It was a little army and a little battle, but it was of mighty portent. History has done scant justice to its significance, which rightly should place it beside Lexington and Bunker Hill, Trenton and Yorktown, as one of the crucial engagements in our long struggle for independence.

He went on to suggest, "The Battle of Kings Mountain stands out in our national memory not only because of the valor of the men of the Carolinas, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Virginia, who trod here 150 years ago, and because of the brilliant leadership of Colonel [William] Campbell, but also because the devotion of those men revived the courage of the despondent Colonies and set a nation upon the road of final triumph in American independence."

Hoover Speaks At Patriots Shrine (1934)



U.S. President Herbert Hoover

"There need be no fear for the future of a Republic that seeks inspiration from the spirit of the men who fought at the Battle of Kings Mountain."

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Among the patriots "inspired by the urge of freedom" to march against heavy odds, to fight the battle of Kings Mountain were some of my kin. They heard that the Loyalist leader, Ferguson, threatened that if the western men "did not desist from their opposition to the British arms, and take protection under his standard, he would march his army over the mountains, hang their leaders, and lay their country waste with fire and sword." In other words, Ferguson threatened atrocities upon the populations in his march who did abide to his demands.

Both my great-grandfather, Thomas, and his son, John, were under the command of Col. William Campbell at the battle of Kings Mountain. They came over the rough mountain passage and traveled through the night to take up the most aggressive position ascending the hill where the Loyalists were camped. Lt. Thomas McCulloch was mortally wounded at the battle. John transported his father across the river to Virginia where Thomas wrote his will and died three days later. John, then only about sixteen, carried his father's boots home to his newly widowed mother, Isabella, as he had to bury his father Thomas before returning home.

Later a headstone was placed at Thomas' grave. Gravestone transcription - "Here lies the body of Lieut. Thomas McCullough belonging to Col. Campbell's Regiment Virginia. Who lost his life in and for the honorable just and righteous cause of liberty at the defeating of Col. Ferguson's infamous company of banditi Kings Mountain in October 7, 1780." Little Brattain Cemetery, Rutherfordton, NC

Please join me to salute those, remembered and forgotten, who have served our nation and to their families and caregivers. As a veteran (who served as the Cold War was ending) I am grateful for times that our nation's children and parents are not required to take up arms to defend their homes from invaders.



*-Joyce del Rosario, SDOP President, '22-'23
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Share their story.

As a historical organization, Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers can support the [Library of Congress American Folklife Center's Veterans History Project \(VHP\)](#) to help record and share the unique stories of Oregon veterans from all walks of life. VHP also provides free Zoom or in-person training workshops for organizations interested in learning how to conduct interviews of veterans.

The Veterans History Project was created by Congress in 2000 to collect and preserve the first-person narratives from United States military veterans from World War I through the present so that future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of military service. The collections are accessible online, and are used by millions of researchers, authors, filmmakers, students, teachers, and more each year.

To date, VHP has collected more than 114,000 individual accounts from veterans who have served our country since World War I. In addition to audio and video recorded oral history interviews from veterans and Gold Star Families, VHP accepts and makes accessible memoirs and collections of original photographs, letters, diaries, maps, and other historical documents from veterans.

How to Participate:

1. If you are an Oregon veteran, sit down and share a service story with a family member, friend, loved one, or community member and record a conversation about your military experiences for 30 minutes or lon-



On the Continental Army Road at Kings Mt.

ger, and/or donate an original collection of accepted materials from your time in service.

Gold Star Family members may also share the service story of an immediate family member lost in the line of duty of military service.

2. Volunteer to interview a veteran in your family or community. SDOP is building a team of volunteers to interview Oregon veterans around the state. VHP also provides free Zoom or in-person training workshops for organizations interested in learning how to conduct interviews

3. Collect or donate a veteran's historical documents.



Check out what VHP accepts and collects.

If you are an Oregon veteran or Gold Star Family member interested in learning more about how to participate, or if you would like to volunteer to interview or collect materials from Oregon veterans, email joyce@oregonsdop.org for more info.

Veterans Affairs list of America's Wars



- American Revolution (1775 - 1783)
- War of 1812 (1812 - 1815)
- Indian Wars (approx. 1817 - 1898)
- Mexican War (1846 - 1848)
- Civil War (1861 - 1865)
- Spanish-American War (1898 - 1902)
- World War I (1917 - 1918)
- World War II (1941 - 1945)
- Korean Conflict (1950 - 1953)
- Vietnam War (1964 - 1975)
- Desert Shield/Desert Storm (1990 - 1991)

U.S. Veterans and Dependents on Benefits Rolls as of August 2021

Non-service-connected

- 196,527 (veterans)
- 6,898 (children)
- 134,000 (surviving spouses)

Service-connected

- 5,209,957 (veterans)
- 14,781 (children)
- 3,207 (parents)
- 441,353 (surviving spouses)

Benefits Rolls include Spanish-American War, Mexican Border, World War I, World War II, Philippines, Korean Conflict, Vietnam Era, Gulf War 1, Peacetime.



MEMBERS ONLY: My Oregon Territory Page Directory

For those accessing the digital version of this newsletter, the following link allows members to go to the various pages of the [MOT Virtual Museum](#). MOT stands for My Oregon Territory. Subpage descriptions of the [MOT Genealogy Center](#) are Expanded Below

oregonsdop.org/member-and-poi-mapping/

Member and POI Mapping

Hello, this page of our website is designed to give you a quick look at our new SDOP Map to Everywhere. A sense of home. You are seeing the category for **Monuments** on this map today. There are many more categories to view for members of SDOP. They include but are not limited to **Members, Cemeteries, Pioneer Towns and Historical Sites**.

Visit our [Join Us Page](#) on this site to learn more about joining Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers.

Name	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	Category	Type	Picture
Champney State Heritage Area	7679 Champney Rd NE	St. Paul	OR	97137	Monument		
Providence Church		Solo	OR	97374	Monument		
Bazaar Memorial	197 E Scott Ave	Woodland	WA	98674	Monument		

Records 1-3 of 3

Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers

[A Map to Everywhere - a Sense of Home.](#)

Review POI and member profiles on a map with details. This page of our Virtual Museum allows members to peruse information on current and past members and SDOP-curated historical Points of Interest. Just enter a few characters of the last and first name (in the search-field tool on the page) and you will see various options to select from. (Some information, such as telephone numbers or birthdates, will not be available for viewing.)

In the Family/Group search-field enter the last name of your Oregon Pioneer or a group name such as Oregon Trail to see Points of Interest in that sub-group which have been added to the 'A Map to Everywhere' page search engine database.

In the Notes search-field you can enter "miss" and see all past Miss Pioneer Oregon or enter "pres" to view all prior SDOP presidents.

[View your ancestors Pioneer records.](#) This Ancestral page of our SDOP Virtual Museum allows members of SDOP to view any of the Pioneer Ancestors that are attached to their name. Enter the first few characters of your last and first name. Making your search criteria narrow enough and not someone who may have the same first few letters of your name will better ensure the results are most likely to be for your ancestors only. Pioneers with a picture or a grey form will have attachments on their search-record result.

[View your Pioneers descendants.](#) Our Descendants page of the SDOP Virtual Museum allows members to research descendants of Early Oregon Pioneers to determine who their descendants are when they have been registered as members of Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers. Enter the first few letters of the Surname and then the first name and Descendants search engine can become your cousin finder!

[Search the entire Early Oregon Pioneer database.](#) Early Oregon Pioneers database. This page allows you to search the entire Pioneer data file of more than 120,000 records. For some Pioneers you may see their name repeated since there may be several sources of records included in the SDOP database. Pay attention for details about a Pioneer's life which

may uniquely-separate them from another record and source even when the Pioneer name is a match. Duplicate names may exist because we have accumulated separate the records from various sources over time. You can combine the information in your research when you require. Pioneers with a picture or a grey form will have attachments on their record for you to view or download. You can download the search information into an Excel spreadsheet format if you choose. The Update button you may see on a page is only active for designated SDOP Curators. SDOP search-engine Database Information can only be changed by an SDOP MOT Curator. If you have suggestions or concerns (about information being added or corrected), please contact the Webmaster@oregonsdop.org.

[Update my personal membership profile.](#) If you have a change of address, please be sure to update your profile online so you continue to receive printed newsletters and other correspondence. Should you need help navigating the website or have any questions, please reach out by emailing membership@oregonsdop.org.

[View SDOP membership applications of past members.](#) From this page, you can search for selecting Past SDOP Applications and accompanying materials. You may see all (currently) on file by clicking on "Search" with no criteria entered. If you wish to see the applications for a past member whose name is for example Smith. You may enter "Smith" in the name search-field or enter any portion of Smith such as "s" or "sm" and you will see all the names starting with such characters.

We believe these are applications of only members who have passed away. If you find one where the member is still believed to be living, please advise the webmaster@oregonsdop.org immediately so the application information can be removed for further status-review.

You will also see the Member ID search-field on the page. This search-field does not require an ID# to be used for your search to succeed. In fact, many of our Past Member Applications may never have had an ID# assigned, as computers were not being used during that member's historic membership-era with SDOP.

Membership Fees Structure

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

Annual Dues (Year 2 and beyond)

Junior Son or Daughter (age 0 - 18)	\$8
Adult Son or Daughter (age 18 - 60)	\$20
Senior Son or Daughter (age 60+)	\$20
Friend (all ages)	\$15

Optional Annual Adjustments

Printed Newsletter Add-On	+\$10
Veteran or Disability Discount	-\$5

Initial Fees for New Members (Year 1)

Junior Son or Daughter (age 0 - 18)	\$12*
Adult Son or Daughter (all ages)	\$30*
Friend (all ages)	\$30

One-Time Fee for Life Memberships

Age 0 - 60	\$300
Age 60+	\$150

*Includes certificate and pin

Sustainability

Thank you for financially supporting our efforts to promote an interest in Oregon history with diverse audiences. As this 2022 calendar year closes, please remind your tax preparer that financial support of SDOP is 501 c 3 tax-deductible entity.

When you pay dues, please consider subscribing to our printed newsletter or sending a copy as a gift to a new senior member.

SDOP offers members who are living with a disability, or are veterans of the armed forces, a \$5 annual membership dues discount; and if you feel inclined, feel free to donate \$5 designated to honor such members. Please double-check that you paid your current year dues, since each June is when the fiscal year restarts for annual member dues.

We appreciate each and every donation & will be diligent handling all.

Donations made through the website are processed through a secure provider by using your credit or debit card, and no PayPal account is needed.

Checks or Money Orders can be made out to **SDOP or Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers.**

The mailing address is

SDOP
P.O. Box 6685
Portland, OR 97228-6685

Membership and Pioneer Report

New Member [Ancestor (State of Origin)
 Date Arrived OR Territory]

New Adult Members

Tracey McManus [Charles D. Drain Pennsylvania
 1852]

New Senior Members

Howard R. Morris [Milton E. Anderson, Tennessee
 1853]

New Life Members

Darlene Colburn Life [James C. Chitwood, North
 Carolina 1853]

Adult Memberships Converted to Life

Joyce Allegra del Rosario
 Nancy A. Hoffhines

Donor List

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

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◆ Miss Pioneer Oregon ◆

Applications are now being accepted for Miss Pioneer Oregon. Here is an opportunity for young women with Oregon pioneer ancestry to be selected as an official representative of Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers. The successful candidate is rewarded with the honor of being selected and monetary benefits.

Requirements:

1. Open to any single woman, age 16-21, who is eligible for membership in SDOP as a direct descendant of an Oregon pioneer. The pioneer ancestor must have arrived and settled in the Oregon Territory before statehood, Feb 14, 1859.
2. If selected, she is required to attend the SDOP Annual Statehood Banquet in February and give a five-minute speech on Oregon history or her pioneer heritage. She is also required to attend the SDOP Picnic in July.
3. Unless unavoidable conflicts exist, she is expected to attend the Founders' Day celebration at Champoeg State Park in May. She may also volunteer to take part in festivals, celebrations, fairs, and parades sponsored by other organizations.
4. She is required to appear at all official functions in pioneer costume with the special "Miss Pioneer Oregon sash furnished by SDOP.
5. She is required to have a studio portrait made for programs and publicity purposes. Two 8x10s will be paid for by SDOP (up to \$100) with one copy being given to Miss Pioneer Oregon. The newsletter/banquet portrait needs to be sent to Dave Thompson (dave_tek@yahoo.com) for inclusion in the program.

Selection Criteria:

Applicants will be judged by the selection committee based on 1} poise, 2} appreciation of Oregon pioneer heritage, and 3} willingness to represent SDOP at official functions during the year to the next banquet.

Benefits:

Miss Pioneer Oregon will receive a cash reward of \$1,000, paid in two payments, a Life Membership in SDOP with the hopes of participating in the organization in the future as a board member or officer, and the privilege of officially representing SDOP for one year.

To Apply:

Fill out the application on your computer and save it as a PDF. Write a brief statement (Word or .txt) entitled "Why I Would Like to be Miss Pioneer Oregon." Email both of those and a recent picture (JPG or PNG 300 dpi or better) to dmalex289@msn.com.

Any questions? Please contact Dawn Alexander (541) 581-0378 or dmalex289@msn.com

Must be received by December 15.

◆ Miss Pioneer Oregon Application ◆

Name: _____ Age: _____ Telephone #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____

School (Attending or Attended): _____ Grade Completed: _____

Name of your pioneer ancestor: _____ Year arrived in OR Territory: _____

Your interests and hobbies: _____

Skills and talents: _____

Your Parent's Names: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Statement and photo included



Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers

❖ College Scholarship Program ❖

Rules:

1. Applicant must be a Member and in good standing with SDOP.
2. Entries are comprised three parts: 1} the info card below 2} transcript 3} application questions (on page 2)
3. All entries must be received by **December 15**, or delivered to the Chairperson by the same date.
4. Judges ruling will be final.
5. Winners will be presented at the Annual Banquet in February, but need not be present to win.
6. Must be entirely the work of applicant. A **picture** of applicant **must** accompany entry.
7. Any judge who has a family member applicant must abstain from voting in that category.

Criteria and awards:

Up to \$1,000 has been budgeted per calendar year to assist up to two members with tuition, books, and mandatory fees, as they pursue their first bachelor's degree.

To apply, members must complete the info card below and official SDOP Scholarship application form from the website and send it, along with a sealed official transcript from their most recent high school, college, or university, to the SDOP Scholarship Committee.

Please send submissions to:

Must be received by December 15

dmalex289@msn.com Please submit essays as Word files or .txt, photos as .jpg (300dpi or better)

Any questions?

Please contact Dawn Alexander (541) 581-0378 or

dmalex289@msn.com

❖ SDOP College Scholarship Info Card ❖

Please attach this to your application found on page 2, or on our website www.OregonSDOP.com

Name: _____ Age: _____ Telephone #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____ Parent's name(s): _____

School: _____ Year: _____

Name of your pioneer ancestor: _____ Year arrived in OR Territory: _____

Major: _____

Skills and talents: _____

Signature: _____

Sealed official school transcript included Application questions attached



Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers

✦ College Scholarship Program ✦

The Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers offer scholarships to its members to help them achieve their goal of earning their first bachelor's degree. Please complete all parts of the application form and send it, along with a sealed official transcript from your most recent high school, college, or university, to the address listed below. If you are a previous SDOP Scholarship recipient please also include a sealed official transcript from all colleges or universities you attended while receiving the scholarship.

Attn: Scholarship Committee PO Box 6685 Portland, Oregon 97228-6685

Please read the SDOP Scholarship Policy before you begin filling out the application form. If you are awarded a scholarship you will be required to provide a valid social security number for use in crediting the scholarship funds to your college or university account. A photograph of you may be requested and will be used for publicity purposes.

Applicant's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

Most Recent School: _____ Years Attended: _____

What college or university do you plan to attend? _____

Have you applied to this institution? Yes: No: If no, by what date will you apply? _____

Have you been accepted, or are you currently attending this institution? Yes: No:

If yes, please attach your acceptance letter or proof of enrollment.

Please answer the following five questions on a separate document (Word file or .txt). Please retype the question and then add your response. Your responses to these questions will be evaluated by the Scholarship Committee primarily for content, so organization, spelling, and grammar are important.

1. What are your educational goals?
2. What do you plan to do with your degree?
3. How do you plan to contribute to a positive future for Oregon or your home state?
4. How has your family history, as the descendent of a pioneer, made difference in your life and how do you plan to keep your personal history alive?
5. What other factors would you like the Scholarship Committee to consider? (Academic achievement, SAT/ACTs cores, letters of recommendation [no more than 2], volunteer work, work experience, the overcoming of a hardship, etc.) Please attach supporting documentation if it exists.

Please read and sign, indicating your acceptance of the following statement:

I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions set forth in the SDOP Scholarship Policy: if selected as the recipient of an SDOP Scholarship, I will use the funds only in accordance with the SDOP Scholarship Policy. I certify that I have not completed the requirements to receive a bachelor's degree at any college or university. If any part of the scholarship will not be used in accordance with the SDOP Scholarship Policy I will notify SDOP as soon as I become aware of the fact. I understand that, at its sole discretion, SDOP will work with me to see that those funds are returned to SDOP. If I am awarded a scholarship, I agree to have my name and photograph used by the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers for publicity purposes.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers
* Junior Awards Program *

Rules:

1. Applicant must be a Junior Member and in good standing with SDOP.
2. All entries must be postmarked by December 15, or delivered to the Chairperson by the same date.
3. Once an applicant wins in a category, they are ineligible to win again in that age group.
4. Judges ruling will be final.
5. Winners will be presented at the Annual Banquet in February, but need not be present to win.
6. Must be entirely the work of applicant. A **picture** of applicant **must** accompany entry.
7. Any judge who has a family member applicant must abstain from voting in that category.
8. There will only be one winner in each category.
9. Work must be neat and legible--neatness counts.
10. Winner will receive an award of cash money in the following categories:

Categories and awards:

Grades 1-4 \$50 cash Art project depicting scene from the migration to Oregon.

Grades 5-8 \$100 cash Essay of at least 200 words telling something you have learned about the migration to Oregon that you would like to share with us.

Grades 9-12 \$200 cash to further your education Essay of at least 500 words telling what being an Oregon pioneer descendant means to you.

Please send submissions to:

dmalex289@msn.com

Please submit drawings and photos as .jpg (300 dpi or better), or .pdf, and submit essays as Word files or .txt

Must be received by December 15

Any questions?

Please contact Dawn Alexander (541) 581-0378 or dmalex289@msn.com

Application for SDOP Junior Awards

Name: _____ Age: _____ Telephone #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent's name(s): _____ Parent's e-mail address: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Name of your pioneer ancestor: _____ Year arrived in OR Territory: _____

Your interests and hobbies: _____

Skills and talents: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Art or Essay attached

9/19 *Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers does not discriminate on race, religion, or creed.*





America 250

www.america250.org/

2026: Semiquincentennial Anniversary of founding of United States of America

The 4th of July 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding. To observe this momentous occasion, the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission will encourage Americans to remember our past, celebrate our present, and look forward to a promising future. The U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission was established by Congress (P.L. 114-196) to inspire Americans to participate in the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. Charged with orchestrating the largest and most inclusive anniversary observance in our nation's history, the Commission will work with both public and private entities across the U.S.A. to make America250 a once-in-a-lifetime experience for all Americans.

This historic-milestone provides opportunities for Native nations to share their historic stories including new opportunities for non-Natives to learn more about the land or waters they live upon through a sharing of information on Native cultures, history, arts, and modern life experiences of many of these cultures. America250 is an opportunity to build bridges of new and renewed cultural understandings between neighbors and across the nation between communities.

Some Commission partners that which might appreciate input from SDOP members include:

*History Education Advisory Council. The History Education Advisory Council will work to deepen our shared understanding of the nation's past and broaden our understanding of each other as Americans. www.america250.org/history-education/

*Youth Engagement Advisory Council. The Youth Engagement Advisory Council will be led by professionals who have dedicated their careers to the betterment of America's youth. www.america250.org/youth-engagement/

*Veterans, Military & Family Members Advisory Council. Military service members, veterans, and their families sacrifice each and every day to protect and uphold our nation's founding ideals. www.america250.org/veterans-military-family-members/



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Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers Upcoming Gatherings

January 7, 2023

Board meeting 10 - Noon

Potluck Meal

13154 SE 197th Avenue, Damascus, OR 97089

February 11, 2023

Annual Statehood Celebration

Commemorating Oregon's 163rd Birthday

Presenting Miss Pioneer Oregon 2023

The Tumwater Ballroom

The Museum of the Oregon Territory

211 Tumwater Drive, Oregon City, OR 97045

The U.S. Census is hiring Field Representatives throughout NW Oregon and SW Washington to help with 2023 American Housing Survey. Ideal position for people who want to remote work, flexible hours and competitive pay.

Apply online at <https://www.census.gov/about/census-careers/jobs/regional-community/community.html>

or email Contact joyce.a.del.rosario@census.gov for an application.



Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers
Board Meeting Minutes – November 19, 2022
George Fox College Murdock Library

Called to Order at 10:25 AM.

Roll Call - Dave Thompson, Sherry Fuller, Debbie Pedersen, Mel Fuller, Joyce del Rosario, Reggie Burke, Priscilla Belin, Chris Meinicke, Jeanne Preston, Joy'e Willman (video), and Friends Terry Thompson and Mark Pedersen. We have a quorum.

Officers Reports

President: How was the Eugene event attendance? There were two board members, one or two members from Eugene, and 12 to 15 people from the community. One guy brought his ancestor notebook. Nice event. There's going to be some sticker shock about the Monarch prices for the Banquet. Looks like it will cost at least \$5,000 this time. Maybe try the Oregon Trail Museum, In Oregon City?

Secretary: The minutes were published in the last newsletter, with no feedback. New process is causing some problems with emailed newsletters, many are going to Bulk or Spam folders. I will send out a note when we do the next newsletters, telling folks to check their Spam. Jeanne moved to accept the minutes, Joy'e 2nd – passed.

Treasurer: Shauna not in attendance. Joyce mentioned Shauna had emailed the report, and Joyce would send out it after the meeting.

Committee Reports

Finance - Mel: We have 67 overdue members, or \$1,143.00 in outstanding dues. Our policy is supposed to be to move them to inactive, but that means they would get no more communication from us, and they would lose their access to the members only section of the website, so we can't try to bring them back. We need to continue to re-engage them. Can we appeal on social media (or whatever), pointing out that membership dues are the primary funding for our scholarships, supporting students. Students are the future of this organization. We need a team to gain and regain members. Personal contact works best, and phone calls are good, too. How about a Mail Chimp Poll? Looking to make a stronger scholarship program... what would enable you to attend our meetings? Joyce can put polls together easily. Emails from board members about specific points??

Registrar - Priscilla: Oct - 1 deceased, 1 Change to Life. Nov - 1 life, 1 Sr, 1 Adult & 1 Sr to Life. Last year we found 2 boxes in the locker. One box was full of apps (587, with 257 deceased), and the other full of histories. Apparently, histories used to be separated and filed separately. Jeanne took them home and scanned them. Fantastic job!! I've gone thru and attached the histories to their scanned application. There are about 10 histories that did not have an app to match. 982 more apps marked inactive - 191 deceased, 9 living life members. Looking for ideas: how do we know when someone dies? Any returned mail, snail or email, let Priscilla know so she can research.

Correspondence Secretary - Debbie. Met with Chris, who turned over material for the Correspondence Secretary position. Twelve donors - those letters have been written and

ready to go.

Trading Post - Reggie: Brought a check for \$15.20 from the trading Post. Reggie showed a sample of the new mug (Oregon outline made with pioneer town names).

Social Media - Janet not in attendance

Newsletter - Joyce. Second run with new printer. Exploring production details - paper weights, color, size. Option to reduce 12-page newsletter to 8. We could even do 10, with a one-page insert. Must be negotiated specially. Could be nice to put the application info on it? We have about 4 pages for variable content, the rest is really boilerplate. This year we didn't put the actual apps in the September newsletter but created a single 'Scholarships and Awards' page directing them to the web. We can put all the necessary info front and back on a single insert, making it easy to remove to send in. Could be well worth a single page insert for the Banquet registration. The board was invited to encourage submission of photos and articles for this next newsletter. Chris stated she used to ask if they would share their family story for the newsletter in her thank you letters. Priscilla asked is she could make her own Brochure/Rack card. Joyce identified some media pieces online and in print to update.

Scholarship/Awards - Remind everyone about the Dec 15 deadline.

Governance - Joyce: Will be sending some seminar & non-profit things that might be interesting to you for your board/non-profit development.

Nominating Committee - Joyce: Chris asked Jeanne if she would like to be President, then Joyce suggested she take the open President-Elect position now and move to President next year. After a little discussion Chris nominated Jeanne to be President-Elect now, Joyce 2nd - Passed.



Slate for 2023-2024:

President	Jeanne
Pres-Elect	Open
Secretary	Joyce
Treasurer	Shauna?

Solid construction. In October, the President, Secretary, and their families visited historic homes in Lane County, Oregon. After extensive renovation, the present owners of the historic Cogswell-Miller home in Eugene left a section of wall exposed. John Cogswell built the entire home with gapless solid wood Douglas Fir.

Joyce would like to explore a non-voting position on the board for Friends, to bring a different perspective to our meetings. Wants to develop the Friends membership that could manage a committee or project.

IT - Mel: Mel has been working on the Map to Anywhere / Sense of Home concept that Shauna presented at the last meeting and gave a demonstration of progress so far. Active members can go to the [M.O.T. Museum > MOT Genealogical Center](#) and look around. The idea is that we want people to have a feeling of home. How did their family come to Oregon, where the family is now, and significant points of interest on the path they took to Oregon. Shauna will be the clearinghouse for this work.

Events - Joyce: April in Astoria. June undecided.

Adjourned at 12:57

Willamette Post. This important trading post in the Willamette Valley of Oregon was located on Prairie Knoll, just southeast of the current city of Newberg Oregon. The Post was sited near the eastern shore of the Willamette river (or southern shore due to an east-west stretch of the river at this location.) A few miles west of the Post rose up the once prosperous town of Champoeg. Established in 1813 (by the North West Company a Montreal-based private concern), the Willamette Post served primarily to trade furs and receive game which (after curing) was canoed down the Willamette to the Columbia river. The cargoes were destined for Fort Astoria, then situated near the mouth of the mighty Columbia river. Built at the entrance of the Columbia River in 1811, Fort Astoria was the first American-owned settlement on the Pacific coast of North America.

The Post was influential in attracting many early Oregon area settlers to the French Prairie-Champoeg Area of the Willamette Valley. Because of its strategic location, the North West Company (later absorbed by the Hudson's Bay Company) established the Willamette Post among the bustling trade channels and food supply.

Champoeg became an important settlement in the Willamette Valley in the early and mid-1840s. Located halfway between Oregon City and Salem, it was the site of the first organizing of a provisional government for the 'Oregon Country'. On May 2, 1843, a meeting of settlers was held in Champoeg to determine whether a provisional government (aligned with the United States) should be established for the region. The measure narrowly passed by a 52-50 vote.

Subsequently, nine representatives were named to create a provisional regional government for 'Oregon Country' with Champoeg being petitioned to be designated as its territorial capital. William Gilpin (of the famous John Fremont expedition and later serving as the first governor of the Colorado Territory after the Civil War) not only helped draft the petition but was selected to carry it across the continent to present to the U.S. Congress. Gilpin presented the petition to Congress in 1845, after spreading "Oregon fever" with those he encountered crossing the continent.

The future of the Oregon Country was settled the next year by the 1846 Oregon Treaty between the U.S.A. and Britain. In 1848, when the Oregon Territory was formally organized, Salem (not Champoeg) was chosen as the territorial capital. However, the real end for Champoeg settler-dreams finally

came on December 2, 1861, as the town was washed over and away by the great flood of 1861. From December 1861 through early January 1862, the Willamette River and its tributaries raged, overflowing banks. Rain began melting snow in the moun-

tains which poured into the Willamette valleys. The Willamette river began rising at the rate of a foot per hour on December 2nd. According to an Oregon Statesman article, water was "flowing through town(s) in a channel three to four feet deep, and more than a quarter mile in breadth."

This catastrophic flood of 1861-1862 caused the remaining original buildings of the historic Willamette Post to be carried off in torrents of water. All across the valley, swaths of gushing waters from the Willamette river and its tributaries either swept away or decimated docks, steamboats, grist & sawmills, fencing & warehouses.

Flour prices skyrocketed as grain warehouses and water-powered flour mills near tributaries and the Willamette were destroyed. Only a few miles west of the Willamette Post, was Champoeg sitting inundated under seven feet of flood water. The town became an instant memory and was never rebuilt. It has been reported that original pioneer/donation-claim founder, Robert Newell of Champoeg, went nearly bankrupt in caring for the 1861 flood victims. The original town site is now preserved as Champoeg State Heritage Area.

Significance of the name Champoeg. During the charter meeting of Champoeg Chapter for DAR, Carol Ward Wilson, "In the early history of the Pacific Northwest, there was a great Indian village by the name of Champooick, which had long been established on the eastern bank of the Willamette River when the first white men saw it in 1811." There is a possible combining of the Indian word "cham" which is a common Kalapooian prefix and "poeg" which means a certain root that the Indian found there and made great use of, maybe the Indian's original basis.



Daughters of the American Revolution invites Community to Harvest Dinner at the Pioneer Mothers Memorial Cabin, St. Paul, Oregon <https://newellpioneervillage.com/>



The cabin is a romantic replica of a cabin built after the flood of 1861 by the George Aplin Family and is about four times the size of a cabin of the period. Some Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers joined a lovely meal and time of sharing served by local Daughters of the American Revolution.

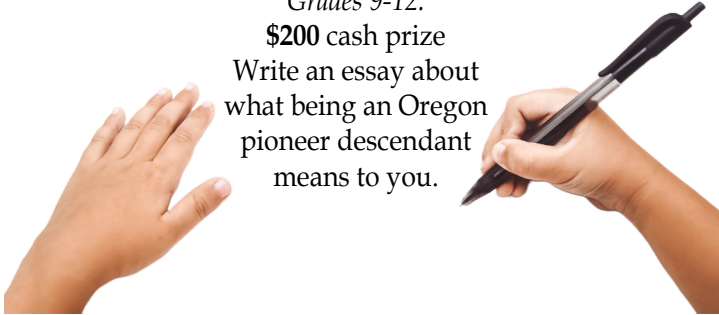


Junior Member Awards Application

Grades 1-4:
\$50 cash prize
Create art project depicting the migration to Oregon

Grades 5-8:
\$100 cash prize
Write an essay about something you have learned about the migration to Oregon that you would like to share with us

Grades 9-12:
\$200 cash prize
Write an essay about what being an Oregon pioneer descendant means to you.



Completed Applications for Miss Pioneer Oregon and the College Scholarships are due by **December 15, 2022**

All Junior Awards essays are also due by **December 15, 2022**

Miss Pioneer Oregon = Cash award of \$1,000 paid in two payments, a Life Membership in SDOP

College Scholarship = worth up to \$1,000 for up to two (2) students.

Winners of the Junior Awards, College Scholarship Contest and Miss Pioneer Oregon competitions will be presented at the Statehood Birthday Banquet in February.

Applicants must submit a recent picture of themselves.

We always hope students will join us in person at events to share their talents, though they need not be present to win.



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