

## Oregon's Statehood Birthday Banquet, February 11, 2023

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## Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers Upcoming Gatherings

**April 15, 2023 10 a.m. - Noon**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88397437075?pwd=Qj-d0OURGV0xSTHhkjJNY2RBUEpldz09>

**Meeting ID:** 883 9743 7075 **Passcode:** 668598

**One tap mobile:**

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*All members encouraged to attend by Zoom.*

**April 29, 2023**

Champoeg State Heritage Area

Founder's Day Celebration

**June (To Be Determined)**

**July 8, 2023**

Annual Picnic

Champoeg State Heritage Area

## [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+)	\$15
Friend (all ages)	\$20

### 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

## Membership and Pioneer Report

### New Senior Members

Cynthia L. Foster (Robert Martin Gurney, 1853)

### New Adult Member

Pamela Anne Miller (Martin Baker Gay, 1852)

### New Life Members

Beth W. Sandberg (John Bond, 1853)

Julia Wilson, Miss Pioneer Oregon 2023-2024

### Deceased Members

Kathleen Wheeler Brownell

Roger D. Wallingford



## All Call for Family Reunions

Please let us know about your upcoming reunions. We would be happy to post them online or print them in our newsletter. Email your reunion plans, dates and locations to [editor@oregonsdop.org](mailto:editor@oregonsdop.org)

SDOP News is published six times a year

(July, September, November, January, March, and May). We welcome submissions. Please email story ideas or photos to [editor@oregonsdop.org](mailto:editor@oregonsdop.org)

**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.

- o For donations to the Scholarship fund, thank you Betty Johnson, James Shaw, Priscilla Belin and anonymous donors.
- o For contributions to the General fund, thank you to Brian Dueltgen and anonymous donors.
- o For contributions to support SDOP events and parades, thank you to Betty Johnson, Linda Wiley, Mark and Deborah Pedersen and anonymous donors.
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Willamette Falls, Oregon City, Oregon

**President's Letter**

As the cover illustrates, SDOP hosted a birthday party for our beloved Oregon. Oregonians celebrated one hundred and sixty-four (164) years of Statehood this past February. Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers and many good friends gathered at the Museum of the Oregon Territory in Oregon City, Oregon for a lunch meal and guest speaker. SDOP is deeply honored that Kimberly Moreland, President of Oregon Black Pioneers, accepted our invitation to be the provide a keynote address to our diverse audience. Her topic "450 years of Black Pioneer History" inspired those in the room to keep discovering and expand access to our archives.

Coming out of the pandemic, banquet attendance was up nearly 150% from the prior year. Post-COVID banquet prices costs and ticket prices both increased, and SDOP did not break even. However, even more important than the financial performance of a single event, are the matters of the heart that were conveyed when we gathered. Many of the attendees shared a piece of their story that brought them to Oregon City 164 years after statehood. What a blessing to bestow on the fellow attendants! The brave young people who accepted their awards each had a pioneer spirit of their own that is an honor to see emerging. Each of us was touched by the hope manifested in our youngest leaders.

As an emerging leader, I am encouraged by the bravery of our youth. I am also concerned that our descendants are not receiving the encouragement from us that is their inheritance. Being the junior member in a group can feel intimidating, and that is why I made it my goal as a President to make the atmosphere even more welcoming to young people and new members and new ideas for begin relevant to our membership. From 2021-2024, SDOP will have enjoyed three new and different volunteers serving as President. Our team should be proud that we have made an environment where new members are encouraged to share their gifts and where our longevity is matched by our grace. Please join me in prayer for the health and wealth of our descendants. That they may have wisdom and discernment. That we have compassion for them, realizing that we too were fumbling in our faith at times. Let us speak well of them behind their backs. Affirming their giftings and strong character. Let us come together again to advance our organization and increase our relevancy as a historical resource.

*In service and with great faith, Joyce A. del Rosario*



President Elect, Jeanne Preston, and President Joyce del Rosario (from left)

**Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers  
Annual Board Meeting Minutes  
February 11, 2023  
Museum of the Oregon Territory  
Called to Order at 10:10 a.m.**

**Roll Call** – Dave Thompson, Jeanne Preston, Joyce del Rosario, Mel Fuller, Shauna Noon, Lyn'd Tillman, Joy'e Willman, Susan Kauth, Sherry Fuller, Debbie Pedersen, Chris Meinicke, Julia Wilson, Susan Owen, Bruce Daniels, Beth Duval, Connie Revenue Selzler, Reggie Burke, Janet Wilson, and Priscilla Belin. Friends Terry Thompson and Mark Pedersen were here as well. Quorum met.

**Reports**

**Secretary:** The January minutes have been emailed to the board for review and published in the newsletter with no comment or correction offered. Jeanne made a motion to accept the minutes, 2nd by Joy'e. Motion passed.

The annual minutes from February 13, 2022 have also been emailed to the Board and published in the newsletter with no comment or correction offered. Mel made a motion to accept the minutes, 2nd by Joy'e. Motion passed.

**Treasurer:** Shauna presented the Operating Statement, which included some early February activity. Looking good so far, and in the black. Debbie made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Mel 2nd, Motion passed.

**Correspondence:** Debbie said we've received nine (9) donations since the last report and thank-you letters have been sent to all.

**Events:**

April 15th Board meeting in Astoria. We should send a mailer to reinforce dates/times.\*\*\*

Founders Day No info from park yet. \*\*\*

June meeting Not yet scheduled.

July 8th Board meeting and picnic at Champoeg.

**Governance:** Joyce passed out folders to the board with many of the forms the board needs to access. She will also email the board with our EIN number so we have that available when fundraising.

**Technology:** Map to Everywhere (Sense of Place) Shauna and Mel gave a presentation about the Map to Everywhere/Sense of Place project. We linked Google Maps with our own database to

populate a map with information from your membership record. Significant places from your history that you've entered into your record will be pinpointed on the map.

There are several curators who can help (or even do the work for you), but they need the information to work from. Please reach out to a curator and begin to get your info into the database.

GPS entries need to be converted, see a curator for help.

**Interesting Fact:** Folks that were in a wagon train together often got their Donation Land Claims near one another, too.

**Archives:** A table full of notebooks against the wall. Lots of information.

We reach over 1200 viewers now on social media, and more every day. I've decided to include more Native American info and pictures. I think this is a proper place for that.

Connie- has a Grande Ronde connection who can provide info if we want. Suggests we look up the Story of Little Jane Johnson - Little girl who had been kidnapped, then rescued along the trail. Buried in the Oysterville Cemetery.

**Registrar:** In January we had two new Adult and one new Life members, one Senior to Life conversion, and a couple of deaths.

**Scholarship and Awards:** We have a new Miss Pioneer Oregon, and three Scholarship winners.

**Election:** Chris volunteered for President Elect at the last minute. Joy'e moved to nominate her, Dave 2nd. The updated 2023-2024 slate is:

President	Jeanne Preston
President Elect	Chris Meinicke
Secretary	Joyce del Rosario
Treasurer	Shauna Noon

Motion to accept slate made by Debbie, 2nd by Connie. Motion passed.

**Gratuity:** Our banquet price does not include any gratuity for the staff who provided all the food. Jeanne moved we provide a 20% tip of \$80 to the staff, Chris 2nd. Motion passed.

**Adjourned at 10:57**

*Minutes Prepared by Dave Thompson*

**\*\*\*Updates to Members: April meeting was changed to Zoom (see link on Page 2).**

## **Trail Family Writing Prompts**

*Feel free to use this guide for discussions and writing projects*

Describe the life of a pioneer.

Describe a time you have seen people overcome difficult circumstances.

Identify physical and mental demands they might have endured.

Describe the pioneer spirit.

List some goals they set to help them along the path toward success.

How could exhibiting a pioneer attitude help you in something you are facing today?

Who would be on the team to ensure a safe passage?





## 4th Grade Essay Contest Due by May 15

This is open to all 4th grade students in Oregon. Fourth 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. One of our goals is to get the word out about our organization so if you know of a 4th 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 2nd place will receive \$75.00. All the information is on our website under scholarships and contests.

## Junior Awards Annual Contests Due by December 15

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

Grades 5-8: \$100 cash prize –  
essay: *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: *what being an Oregon pioneer descendant means to you.*

## Miss Pioneer Oregon Award Recipients

Miss Pioneer Oregon started in 1901 as a way for the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers to have a representative at our events and other special activities around the state. Miss Pioneer Oregon attends our annual picnic in July, other fairs and festivals throughout the year, including the Portland Rose Festival Parade. Any young ladies that are 16-21 years of age are encouraged to apply. There is a cash award and a Life Membership in SDOP. Anyone interested can find more information on our website, or ask any of the board members.



MPOs: Julia Richards '22-'23,  
Julia Wilson '23-'24 (from left)

We would also like to say thank you to 2022 Miss Pioneer Oregon, Julia Richards, for representing us this last year. She was our representative at several events and was always gracious and well spoken. Miss Richards' speech set the stage perfectly for Kimberly Moreland, our keynote speaker at the Banquet.

## *MPO '23-'24, Julia Wilson*

Julia Wilson is 16 years old and the daughter of Tiffany Johnson, who has joined her here today, as well as, her grandmother, Janet Wilson. She is a descendant of John Charles Drain, who arrived in the Oregon Territory in 1852. She lives in Beaverton, Oregon, and is currently a sophomore at Westview High School. Julia keeps busy, swimming and skiing. She wants to be a Vet Tech Assistant.



### College Scholarship Contest Award Recipients

By Dawn Alexander

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.

For 2023, one of our recipients is Ella Irving. Ella is 17 years old and a senior at Mountainside High School in Tigard, Oregon. After sustaining an elbow fracture dislocation in a gymnastics accident, she discovered a love for the nursing profession and plans to become a registered nurse. She is interested in studying abroad and becoming a traveling nurse to help rural US and struggling countries globally. Because of dual credit courses, Ella will have the opportunity to take the OSBN boards exam to earn a Certified Nursing Assistant license this coming June! Ella is an educator, a coach, a business owner; Ask her about Depop. She volunteers to support memory care and assisted living residents. Ella is a pioneer descendant from 2 lines: The Irvings, who arrived in 1843, and the Wilson's, who arrived in 1845. Her grandfather's great uncle, Ephraim Stout, served as the SDOP president in 1966. Her parents are Michael and Bennete Irving. Congratulations Ella on your accomplishments.



Ella Irving

Our 2nd scholarship is awarded to Jackson God-



Jackson Godsey

sey. Jackson is 19 years old and is a sophomore at Southern Oregon University. He is majoring in Computer Science. He was selected to the Dean's list and is the vice president of the rowing team. After obtaining his bachelor's degree he is interested in getting a master's

degree and work in cybersecurity. Jackson volunteers for events such as beach clean-ups. Jackson is the son of Eric and Zoe Godsey. Jackson's ancestor, Joab Powell, arrived in the OR Territory in 1852.

Our 3rd scholarship recipient this year is **Tobi Marie Johnson**. Tobi is 17 years old. Tobi will attend college to obtain a degree in biology. She also loves to crochet, play the violin, and sing. Another goal she has is to travel and learn about the authentic cultures of other countries. She mentioned in her application that her great grandmother's great grandma wrote a book on their ancestors' lives that she treasures and looks forward to passing down in the family. Her parents are Tobin and Sandy Johnson. Her pioneer ancestor is Daniel Cooper Matheny who arrived in the OR Territory in 1843. Besides her parents, Tobi is here with her 2 brothers, Sam and Avi. Congratulations Tobi on your accomplishments. We are proud to present this scholarship to you and wish you the best in



Tobi Marie Johnson

your academic endeavors.

Marcus Garvey said, "A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots." Our young scholarship recipients are well rooted. We appreciate your hard work in keeping your history alive, and our organization



2023 Banquet Attendance was up 150%! (Photo credit: Shanti del Rosario) Send your favorite photo to [editor@oregonsdop.org](mailto:editor@oregonsdop.org) and be entered for \$25 Amazon gift card.



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**MEMBER CHALLENGE:**  
Make a post about your pioneer family on the "Map to Everywhere".



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