

SDOP News

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Proud to be SDOP! Our members joined Tom Marquette and his team for multiple parades during the lovely June season. MPO Julia Wilson rode in the Grand Floral Parade in Portland (See above). Tom's son joined our board volunteers in Brownsville for the

longest running pioneer parade in Oregon. (See below) The roses traveled to three separate events making the wagons continuously pop with color. The centerpiece was still blooming when he and Linda Walker joined the Annual Picnic at Champoeg Park, July 8.













President's Message
It is with great honor I
will be serving as your
2023-24 SDOP President. I joined SDOP in
1999 at the insistence of
my aunt, Freida Dennis, who was a long
time member of SDOP.

I became a life member in 2008 and a board member in 2020. My line comes from my ggg-grandfather, Wil-



liam Breeding who came over the Oregon Trail arriving in Oregon in 1847 and settling in what is now Lane County.

When I read the history of the Oregon Trail and what hardships our ancestors had to go through it amazes me that we are even here. I think it is a testimony to our ancestors that we have survived and will continue to endure hardships but that pioneer fortitude will carry us through.

As we travel the State this year at various locations – it is my hope that you will join us when we are in your neighborhood. Without your support and dedication to preserving our heritage we would not be the organization we are today. Thank you for helping us keep our history alive.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about serving on the board, please reach out to any of the board members who would be happy to answer your questions.

I look forward to seeing many of you this year!!!

-Jeanne

Past Presidents Janet Wilson, Joyce del Rosario

SDOP President 23-'24 Jeanne Marie Preston







Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers Board Meeting Minutes - June 3, 2023 Clackamas Town Center

Called to Order at 10:11 a.m. by Joyce del Rosario.

Roll Call -Members Dave Thompson, Joy'e Willman, Debbie Pedersen, Joyce del Rosario, Jeanne Preston, Shauna Noon, Sherry Fuller, Mel Fuller, Chris Meinicke, and Friend Terry Thompson. We have a quorum.

Officer Reports

Secretary: The May minutes were emailed to the board for review with no comment or correction offered, and then published in the newsletter.

Treasurer: Still a couple of outstanding checks. One was for a 4th grade essay, and the other was to the Old Time Fiddlers. Shauna will follow up on the 4th Grader, and Joyce will check with the Old Time Fiddlers.

Shauna presented the Operating Statement, which is still in the black and looks good. There was some discussion about new memberships and dues trends.

Dave made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report, Joy'e Willman 2nd. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Donations and Correspondence: Donations for Rose Parade were up substantially. There are 32 Thank You notes in-process for donations.

There was some discussion about possibly creating focused donation campaigns for Rose Parade and Scholarships, and maybe sending donation requests just before the end of the year and just after tax season.

Trading Post:

Reggie not in attendance - no report.

Technology

Mel talked about Tech Soup (www.techsoup. org), which can provide SW at a good discount; like MS Office for ~\$30, and many more. This is for non-profits, so Board Members can make use of it. Contact Mel for code.

Jackie and Lindsey will be the curators for POI map help. Mel has updated it so members can now input their own info directly into the dB, instead of entering it into a form that one of the curators had to work from and reenter the info to the dB. The map is ready to go! Spread the word!!

Events

June 10, Rose Parade

The rose festival org accepted Tom Marquette and his mules. MPO Julia Wilson and her mother(?) will ride in the wagon. There is room for 2-4 more if interested.

June 17, Brownsville Parade Tom Marquette will be the Grand Marshal.

July 8, Annual Picnic, Champoeg State Heritage Area, Pioneer Pavilion. Next year's meeting schedule will be planned at the July meeting. Tom Marquette and Linda Walker will give short mule wagon rides from their Mountain Man camp. Darrell Jabin, Oregon's Traveling Historian, will give a presentation on early settlers in French Prairie. Old Time Fiddler Truman Price will provide musical entertainment, and his wife, Suzi, will be with him.

Installation of Officers

Joyce passed the gavel to our new President, Jeanne Preston. Our slate of officers for 2023-2024 is:

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

President Jeanne adjourned the meeting at 12:07.

Prepared by Secretary Dave Thompson.



Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers Board Meeting - July 8, 2023 Pioneer Pavilion, Champoeg State Heritage Area

Called to Order at 10:15 a.m. by Jeanne Preston. Quorum established.

Present: Jeanne Preston, Joyce del Rosario, Dawn Alexander, Priscilla Belin, Debbie Pedersen, Janet Wilson, Reggie Burke, Dave Thompson, Chris Meinicke, Tom Marquette.

Officer Reports

Secretary: Joyce, No report; June and July Minutes will

be published in the next issue of newsletter.

President-elect: Chris, No report **President:** Jeanne, No report

Treasurer: Shauna not present, No report.

Registrar: Priscilla, reported that New Membership applications have dropped off, only two new members in July. Priscilla shared she loved serving as Registrar but must resign the position effective immediately. She loves doing genealogy, and greatly enjoyed the team effort to get everything scanned. Jeanne accepted Priscilla's resignation and immediately appointed the position of Registrar to Debbie Pederson effective July 8, 2023. As Debbie assumes Registrar duties, there is an opportunity for another member of the board to do the job of Correspondence Secretary currently held by Debbie. Volunteers, please let Jeanne know about willingness to serve as Corresponding Secretary.

Committee Reports

Newsletter: Joyce expects the next issue themed, Poetry and Song, will be out next week. Coverage of both parades and the picnic will be included. Please send any photos or copy to editor@oregonsdop.org

Correspondence Secretary: Debbie Expects donations to be reported by Treasurer this month. Upon receiving spreadsheet report, Correspondence Secretary will prepare donation receipts and thank you letters.

Technology: No report, Mel not present.

Social Media: Janet reports Facebook is going great. Dave put in a post that was pasted and copied to promote the day's events. Platform is under control and worked on daily.

Trading Post: Reggie Nothing to report, but one sale since banquet. Overall, sales are slow to nonexistent. One strategy is to post ads on Facebook. Regarding the order of charms, Reggie asked who orders pins and who do we get pins from? Priscilla will forward the information. Dawn suggested also using search terms for images with an Oregon state theme or western motif. A good example is the new SDOP necklaces with wagon. To order go online at: https://sdop-trading-post.square.site/

Scholarship committee: Dawn reported that despite eight classroom presentations, zero entries were made in Junior Awards. The board brainstormed potential audiences to include institutional schools, home school groups, public libraries, school libraries, writers' conferences, historical societies, family gathering spaces. Joyce volunteered to help design flyers with MPO feature stories written at a 3-5 grade reading level.

Old Business:

New Brochures will be shared by Dave Thompson

New Business

Conflict of Interest forms for those who have not previously signed will follow.

Upcoming SDOP Events

September 23: Board Meeting

Sandy, OR. Sandy Historical Society. Connie Selzer Revenue will read a letter about a young Indian girl. Box Lunches and Baker Cabin field trip will be set up by Chris.

November 18: Board Meeting

Clackamas, OR. Clackamas Town Center. Dave will take care of coordination with mall.

January 6: Board Meeting

Location to be determined. Potluck at the home of either Chris Meinecke or Debbie Pedersen.

February 10: Statehood Birthday Banquet and Annual Membership Meeting. Location to be determined, Speaker Darrell Jabin.

April 6: Board Meeting

Prineville, OR. Crook County Historical Society or Elks Lodge.

June 1: Board Meeting and Installation of Officers Oregon City, OR. William Holmes House aka "Rose Farm".

July 13: Board meeting and Annual Picnic (Second Saturday).

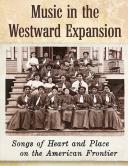
Future Site Suggestion: Debbie provided research on the Benton County Historical Society. Philomath College Building, Corvallis Museum, Horner Collection which includes Docent Tour. She noted that there are charges for using the meetings when making a reservation.

President Jeanne adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Prepared by Secretary Joyce del Rosario.



Check out: Music in the Westward Expansion: Songs of Heart and Place on the American Frontier. "Over 400,000 people moved their families in search of a better life in the American West during the Westward Expansion. The pioneers made room for musical instruments with their guns,



LAURA DEAN

food, and tools, while taking only the minimal necessities that would fit into modest wagons. During what seemed like an interminable dusty journey, music was often the sole source of light and happiness for these exhausted travelers. This book examines the roles of music in the Westward Expansion and the diverse cultural landscape of the Old West, including northern Cheyenne courtship flute makers, fiddle-playing explorers, dancing fur trappers, hymn-singing missionaries, frontier flutists, girls with guitars, wagon-driving balladeers, poetic cowboys, singing farmers, musical miners, and preaching songsters."

Face to Face

Composed by Grant Colfax Tollar Written by Carrie Brecht

Face to face with Christ, my Savior, Face to face — what will it be, When with rapture I behold Him, Jesus Christ who died for me? Refrain:

Face to face I shall behold Him, Far beyond the starry sky; Face to face in all His glory,

I shall see Him by and by! Only faintly now I see Him, With the darkened veil between, But a blessed day is coming, When His glory shall be seen.

What rejoicing in His presence, When are banished grief and pain; Death is swallowed up in vict'ry, And the dark things shall be plain.

Face to face—oh, blissful moment! Face to face—to see and know; Face to face with my Redeemer, Jesus Christ who loves me so. Carrie Elizabeth (Mrs. Frank) Breck was a homemaker and mother of five in Portland, Oregon, who wrote hymns in the midst of housework, " I penciled verses under all conditions, " she once explaned, "over a mending basket, with a baby on my arm and sometimes even when sweeping or washing dishes, my mind moved in poetic meter."

"Then Sings My Soul: 150 of the World's Greatest Hymn Stories" by Robert J. Morgan, page 245.

Sacajawea by Kathleen Wiley

Sacajawea, a lovely Shoshonean maid....

Never knew of her contribution

To all of the people whose lives she would save
Going with Clark and Lewis......

Seeking a way to the Pacific Ocean

She traveled by horse and by foot and by boat and
She never complained
Though her body and soul ached
For her family....

Sacajawea Shoshonean princess.... kidnapped
From her father, a chieftain
Sold as a slave to a young Minitari brave....
Then sold once again
To her husband, Charbeneau, then met the tall white men
Lewis and Clark and they wanted to find then
The Pacific Ocean and needed Shoshonean
horses to ride on.....

Sacajawea and her baby, Pomp, were the guarantee
Of protection
As they would travel through Indian territory
In their strange procession.....
Indians, knowing they never took women and
children to war
When they saw the two men and the woman and child
They would know they were traveling peacefully....

So as they traveled along they met many tests...

But answered the call

And pursued and traveled and then
finally opened the West

Where they surmounted all....

With Sacajawea, the lonely first woman

To open the West.....

She would always be known as the

Guide and the famous explorers' protection and
good friend!!!!

Sacajawea Statue in Washington Park, Portland, OR

Pioneer Songs

Oregon, My Oregon! Lyrics by John Andrew Buchanan Updated by <u>Amy Shapiro</u>

Land of Majestic Mountains, Land of the Great Northwest; Forests and rolling rivers, Grandest and the best.

> Onward and upward ever, Forward and on, and on; Hail to thee, Land of Heroes, My Oregon.

Land of the rose and sunshine Land of the summer's breeze; Laden with health and vigor, Fresh from the Western seas.

> Blessed by the love of freedom, Land of the setting sun; Hail to thee, Land of Promise, My Oregon.

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The Handcart Song

Ye Saints who dwell on Europe's shore, Prepare yourselves for many more To leave behind your native lands For sure God's judgements are at hand. For you must cross the raging main before the promised land you gain, then with the faithful make a start to cross the plains with your handcart.

Chorus:

For some must push and some must pull, As we go marching up the hill. For merrily on our way we go, Until we reach the valley-O

The land that boasts of so much light We know they're all as dark as night Where poor men toil and want for bread and rich men's dogs are better fed. The land that boasts of liberty You ne'er again would wish to see When you from England make a start To cross the plains in your handcart. But some will say it is too bad, the saints upon the foot to pad, And more than that, to pull a load, As they go marching o'er the road. But then we say it is the plan, To gather up the best of men,

And women too, for none but they Will ever travel in this way.

As o'er the road the carts were pulled, 'Twould very much surprise the world To see the old and feeble dame Thus lend a hand to pull the same And maidens fair will dance and sing, Young men more happy than a king, And children too will laugh and play, Their strength increasing day by day.

And long before the valley's gained, We will be met upon the plains With music sweet and friends so dear And fresh supplies our hearts to cheer. And then with music and with song How cheerfully we'll march along And thank the day we made a start To cross the plains with our handcart.

When you get there among the rest,
Obedient be and you'll be blessed,
and in God's chambers be shut in
While judgements cleanse the earth from sin.
For we do know it will be so;
God's servant spoke it long ago.
We say it is high time to start
To cross the plains with our handcart.

All Call for Family Reunions

A two-sided stake brought to the annual picnic listed nine family names including Toney, Metker, Thornton, Payne, Agee, Sager, Helm and Parrish. Multiple guests noticed their ancestral lines interwoven on that creative networking tool in 2023.

In 1854, a Sager daughter who survived the Whitman massacre wrote her Uncle Frederic in Ohio, "We want to know how our kin folks look. I want you to write of how many aunts and uncles we have and their names. Have you any children? What are our cousins and how many of them? What is grandpa's name and what is grandma's name? How old was father when he died and where was he born? Also what was mothers age?" (Letter of Catherine Sager Pringle https://www.jstor.org/stable/20611020) SDOP is gathering questions inspired by curiosity that crosses continents and spans centuries. Email your ideas for networking, reunion plans, dates and locations to editor@oregonsdop.org



Resources for Veterans, Disabled Persons

Independence Day celebrations around the nation highlight for each of us that others have given up their sense of personal freedom so we can enjoy our American rights and sovereign expression. A count from less than five years ago found that Oregon has over two hundred seventy thousand veterans, placing it in the nation's top 20% of veterans per capita. To honor their service and acknowledge their sacrifices, SDOP offers membership discounts to veterans.

Oregon women veterans are younger than men veterans with the average age of a male veteran being 60 and the average age of a female veteran being 43.6. Nationally, women veterans are more likely to be black or Hispanic than are male veterans. (https://www.oregon.gov/odva/Connect/Documents/FinancialReports/2016%20ODVA%20Women%20Veterans%20Health%20Care%20Study.pdf). Organizations like the Minority Veterans of America (minorityvets.org) and Disabled American Veterans (dav.org) have been reaching out to these often-overlooked veteran



https://youtu.be/2gjqeAjJ4q4

groups. To learn more about the intersection of military service, trauma and housing instability troubling Oregonians check out "The Eyes of Portland" by John Cougar Mellencamp (2023) and "4300, a short film by and for Veterans" shot on location in Portland by "I Was There Films", a project of Gen. Patton's grandson.

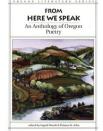
Hope will not depart the defenders of this great nation. As life circumstances change, families caring for vets and veterans can learn about veteran benefits and services or locate a local county or tribal veteran service office online at www.oregon.gov/odva. Now thanks to the PACT Act (Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022), millions of Veterans who were exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances are now eligible for VA health care and benefits. File for disability compensation with VAFORM 21-526EZ

Please let your pioneer spirit of endurance and restoration encourage a veteran family in your local community today.



https://youtu.be/bkeKg_Ogy58

Check out: "From Here We Speak: An Anthology of Oregon Poetry" (1993), edited by Ingrid Wendt and Primus St. John. Franca Hernandez, a Stateman Journal reporter, notes "the first English-language poems came from pioneers like Anna Maria Pittman Lee, whose words outlasted her



too-brief life. John Minto, Frances Tyler Victor and Henry H. Woodward put to verse poignant narratives of the settlers. Valiant women like Minnie Myrtle Miller wrote of suffrage and suffering."

"At the Land's End"

by Minnie Myrtle Miller

"I am conscript—hurrid to battle With fates—yet I fain would be Vanquished and silenced forever And driven back to my sea. Oh! to leave this strife, this turmoil, Leave all undone and skim Wth the clouds that flee to the hill tops And rest forever with Him."



First Oregon Poet, Anna Maria Pittman, first wife of Rev. Jason Lee

Anna Maria Pittman came to Oregon as a missionary in 1837. Soon afterwards she married Reverend Jason Lee. At least nine of her poems have been preserved. One poem is comprised of sixteen lines accepting Jason Lee's proposal of marriage,. One is titled "Anna Maria Pittman's Composition." Three are respectively inscribed to her parents, her brothers and sisters and Henrietta, her future sister-in-law. Three others are acrostics. And finally, her good-bye poem printed here.

"March" was written in farewell to Lee in While through dangers you may go. March, 1838, and was placed in his hands just before he started East. In September, a courier from Dr. Mc-Loughlin reached him in Missouri and informed him of the death of Mrs. Lee in childbirth in June. "One of the letters from Oregon bore a black seal, a fearful omen to his eye. He broke it with trembling hand only to read in the first line that his Anna Maria and his infant son were numbered with the dead. She was the first white woman to die in Oregon and is buried in the Lee Mission cemetery in Salem." (https://en.m.wikisource. org/wiki/History of Oregon Literature/Chapter 4)

"March"

by Mrs. Jason Lee

Must my dear companion leave me, Sad and lonely here to dwell? If tis duty thus that calls thee, Shall I keep thee? no; farewell! Though my heart aches As I bid thee thus farewell.

Go then, loved one, God go with thee To protect and save from harm: — Though thou dost remove far from me The article claimed Thou art safe beneath His arm. Go in peace then, Let thy soul feel no alarm.

Go, thy Savior will go with thee, All thy footsteps to attend; Though you may feel anxious for me,

Thine and mine he will defend; Fear not husband, God thy Father is, and Friend.

Go and seek for fellow laborers; Tell them that the field is white; God will show them gracious favors While they teach the sons of night. Bid them hasten Here to bring the gospel light.

Though thy journey may seem dreary While removed from her you love; Though you often may be weary, Look for comfort from above. God will bless you, And your journey prosperous prove.

Farewell husband! while you leave me Tears of sorrow oft will flow; Day and night will I pray for thee Oh remember

Her who loves you much. Adieu.



I am a single person. This I will always be. No matter what my status, There is only one of me.

Bobbie Christianson, Eugene, OR

"In March 1833, the Christian Advocate and Journal published a front-page article describing a purported meeting of four upper Columbia River Basin Indians with William Clark, co-captain of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. that the four men had requested that Christian missionaries be sent to minister to Native people west of the Rocky Mountains. Responding to the call from his mentor Wilbur Fisk, president of Wesleyan University, Jason Lee (below) and his nephew Daniel Lee volunteered to serve the Methodist Episcopal Church as missionaries in the interior Northwest."





Further Reading: Gay, Theresa. Life and Letters of Mrs. Jason Lee: First Wife of Rev. Jason Lee of the Oregon Mission. Portland: Metropolitan Press, 1836. Also see: https://oregonpoets.org/

Membership and Pioneer Report

Member (Ancestor, Origin Date Arrived)

New Adult Members

Robert Kyniston (Julia Ann Miller, 1854) Christopher Wallingford (Solomon H. Smith, NH 1832)

New Senior Members

Mark Goddard (Nathan W. Fisk, OH 1852)

New Life Members

Robert Rector (Wayman C. Hembree, SC 1843)

Senior to Life Members Becky Lee Merrell Sands

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Annual Dues (Year 2 and beyond)

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Optional Annual Adjustments

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MEMBER CHALLENGE:

Make a post about your pioneer family on the "Map to Everywhere".

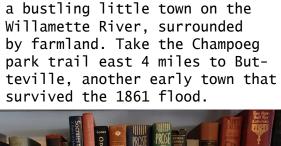




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by farmland. Take the Champoeg butteville.org survived the 1861 flood.



Back in 1863, Butteville was



of poetry or prose, can find a selection of old fashioned flavors avail able for consumption at the Historic Butteville Store.





New SDOP merchandise! https:// sdop-tradingpost.square.site





The Butteville Store was opened as a general mercantile, and has stood the test of time for the last 153 years as a welcoming community shop, deli, and gathering place. The sternwheels that once decked the Pioneer Memorial Pavillion dedicated at Champoeg State Heritage Area in the Old Townsite now rest inside the restaraunt parlor in nearby Butteville.



Match the Artist with their Songs about Oregon:

a)	Blind Pilot		. 1)	"Back to Oregon"
b)	Broadway Calls		2)	"Better Company"
c)	Dolly Parton		3)	"Coming Home"
d)	Elliot Smith		4)	"Doom Town"
e)	Esperanza Spalding		5)	"Down by the Water"
f)	Greg Brown		6)	"Eugene, Oregon"
g)	Helio Sequence		7)	"Everyone Knows Everyone"
h)	Horse Feathers		8)	"I Must Be in Oregon"
i)	Johnny Cash		9)	"Leave Oregon"
j)	Loretta Lynn and Jack White		10)	"Light Rail Coyote"
k)	Mat Kearney	CHE S	11)	"Lumberjack"
1)	Person People	W. 12.	12)	"Oregon Girl"
m)	Shawn Mullins	San B	13)	"Oregon Trail"
n)	Sleater Kinney		14)	"Oregonize"
o)	Someone Still Loves You Boris Yeltsin	ALL PLE	15)	"Portland, Oregon"
p)	The Ataris	The state of	16)	"Portland"
q)	The Decemberists	Nine .	17)	"Rose Parade"
r)	The Replacements		18)	"So Long, Astoria"
s)	The Wipers		19)	"The City of Roses"
t)	Tyler Stenson	1000	20)	"The Story I Heard"
u)	Woody Guthrie	1	21)	"Twin Rocks, Oregon"
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