

President's Letter

From Jeanne Preston

It was great to see all of you who attended our Annual Banquet which was held at the Monarch Hotel on February 10, 2024. This is SDOP's way of celebrating Oregon's birthday. Big thank you to Chris Meinicke and her crew for putting the birthday party on!!! We had 61 attendees from all over.

Our new Miss Pioneer Oregon, Bailey Dueltgen, was introduced. We were also introduced to the 2024 scholarship winners, Ella Irving, Bailey McCracken, and Jackson Godsey. They all received \$1,000.

As we are nearing the end of SDOP's year I want to thank all of you for your support. Without your continued support, we could not offer the scholarships that we do.

We are looking for someone to fill the corresponding secretary's position. If you think you would be interested but would like more information, please contact Debbie Pedersen.

If you have not had a chance to visit the Trading Post, I would encourage you to do so. Not only does Reggie have some awesome products but it is another way to support SDOP.

Our next Board Meeting will be held April 6, 2024, at the Bowman Museum in



Prineville. Meeting starts at 10:00 and all members are welcome to attend.

Happy trails to you!!

Upcoming SDOP Board Meetings and Events

Board meetings are open to all Members and their families.

April 6, 2024 - Board Meeting and Tour

Location:

Bowman Museum, Prineville, OR
See *Bowman Museum* on page 3.

Address:

246 North Main Street
Prineville, Oregon 97754

Time:

10:00 AM for the meeting and lunch at the Museum

12:45 PM for the museum tour

Cost:

TBD – Lunch cost probably \$10 to \$15

HEAD COUNT PLEASE:

We must have a head count for this meeting by April 3, 2024.

If you plan to attend, please call or email President Jeanne Preston at:

(503) 575-6502 or

presidentsdop@gmail.com.

Dave Thompson (dave_tek@yahoo.com) or Shauna Noon (shauna@oregonsdop.org).

May 4, 2024

Founders Day Celebration

Location:

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

June 1, 2024

Installation of Officers and Board Meeting

Time & Location:

10:00 Meeting at William Holmes House (Rose farm), Oregon City
Meeting and lunch will follow the tour. Location TBD.

July 6, 2024

Annual SDOP Picnic

Location:

Champoeg State Park Pioneer Pavilion

Time:

10:00 AM - Board Meeting
12:00 Noon - Picnic

Lost Mail

The following members' newsletter and other correspondence was returned and SDOP does not have a new address or a good email ID. Please help us locate:

- Debra Elayne Morrison
- Greg Tompkins
- Linda Cornutt Sindt
- Terry Lee Wells
- Catherine Underbrink
- Marilyn Korte
- William Crabtree
- Tracey McManus

If you have any current contact information for any of them (Address, phone # or email ID) please send that information to:

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Bowman Museum

Crook County values its history and how the community's cow-boy heritage and Western roots have formed what the community is today. The museum offers an abundance of resources and exhibits and safely preserves Crook County's rich history. Built in 1910 using stone from a quarry just west of the Ochoco Viewpoint, the building was donated by the Bowman family and operated as a bank for 22 years. When the Bowman family gave the building to the people of Crook County, the Historical Society assumed its operations, and volunteers went to work transforming it into the A.R. Bowman Museum. In 1991, the Bowman Museum was entered on the National Register of Historic Places. In 2008, a campaign was conducted to raise the money to purchase and renovate a contiguous building. The History Center includes exhibits covering Native American neighbors to homesteaders, and from farming and ranching to logging and Les Schwab's story. It also includes a history and genealogical research library and a large community event room. In late 2017, a City of Prineville Railway caboose exhibit opened on the site. The caboose display honors the railway's 100th anniversary in 2018, and the railway's impact on local history. In mid-March 2024 the Crook County Historical Society is again adding a new building, The Belknap Exhibit Center, a replica home front of one of the first doctors in Prineville. This building will house traveling and changing exhibits, as well as, become a place where small groups can meet. We are proud of the little corner on 3rd and Main in Prineville, Oregon where we honor our heritage and keep local history alive.

SDOP News is published six times a year (Jul, Sep, Nov, Jan, Mar, and May) by Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers. Send inquires and submissions to Chris Meinicke: (chris.meinicke@outlook.com). Submissions for the May issue are due by *Apr 24th*, 2024. Photos and articles are welcome from all members!

Donations to SDOP

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

James Duncan	\$40	General Fund
Sherry Fuller	\$600	General Fund
John Sherman	\$15	General Fund
Michael Rich	\$50	Scholarship
Kroger	\$50.35	General Fund
Grace Sanders	\$10	General Fund
Linda M. Wiley	\$500	\$450 General Fund \$50 Scholarship
Gray & Jane Mertz	\$100	\$90 General Fund \$10 Scholarship
Tom Marquette	\$300	Rose Parade
Anonymous	\$250	Scholarship
Chris Meinicke	\$100	Scholarship
Debbie Pedersen	\$500	General Fund
Debbie & Mark Pedersen	\$10	Newsletter
Joan B. Kelly Walker	\$29	Banquet
Sherry Fuller	\$10	Scholarship
Chris Meinicke	\$30	Scholarship
Mary E. Peacock	\$100	General Fund
Chris Meinicke	\$160	MPO Flowers/ Banquet

Sustainability

Thank you for financially supporting our efforts to promote an interest in Oregon history with diverse audiences.

Donations made through the website are processed through a secure provider by using your credit or debit card, and no PayPal account is needed. We appreciate each and every donation and will be diligent handling all.

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

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Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers Annual Membership Meeting minutes –

Monarch Hotel, Clackamas Oregon
February 10, 2024

Active Members on Roster: Karen Grant, Shauna Noon, Reggie Burke, Janet Wilson, Julia Wilson, Sherry Fuller, Dave Thompson, Susan Kauth, Priscilla Belin, Joyce del Rosario.

Members observed in attendance, not listed on the sign-in: Chris Meinicke, Jeanne Preston, Debbie Pedersen, Minka Fuller.

Friends of SDOP: Mark Pedersen, Ken Funk, Tony Burke, Terry Thompson.

Honored Guests: Chris Ferguson, Janelle Graham, Wayne Grant, Amber Kauth, Leif Lidin-Lamon, Eric Noon, Aviella Noon

Quorum established. Called to Order approximately 11:05 am

Officer's Reports:

Secretary:

Joyce del Rosario read the Minutes from February 11, 2023 Annual Membership meeting submitted by Corporate Secretary 2022-2023, Dave Thompson. Having accepted a minor spelling correction, minutes were unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

Correspondence Secretary:

Debbie Pedersen reported four (4) new donations: one (1) Banquet, two (2) scholarships, one (1) general. Ongoing financial support is very appreciated.

Membership/Registrar:

Debbie Pedersen reported 3 new members: one senior, Sandra S. Silva, one adult life, Kirsten N. Witter, second Senior, Dianna M. Aguilar. All with pioneer ancestors in 1852. Since last meeting in 2023, at this annual, gained eight (8) adults, ten (10) seniors, four (4) adult life, four (4) senior members, gained twenty-six (26). One (1) life conversion, total nine hundred twenty-five (925) active members. Seven (7) are pending; they either still need to pay application fee or provide more information. Inactive members have been identified. SDOP continue to hear about deceased members. If anyone knows of someone who has been a member and passed away, please let SDOP know to update our records.

Website/IT:

Jeanne reported that Mel was not able to be here to share Website or IT report. Jeanne asked if Shauna could share about IT. Shauna reported on the Map to Everywhere project. The technology for Map to everywhere is setup on table in the back. For those interested in seeing the map or making plans to get some interesting historical points on the map. Shauna and Joyce will be back there to show people how it works and remain available for questions. All SDOP members are on the

map with coordinates based on family address of record and interesting points. This project is designed to help SDOP members find a sense of place and make more connections. Interesting note, if SDOP ancestors rode on the wagon train together, their donation land claims might be near each other as well. Members can find out on the map and possibly connect families and histories. Please visit the SDOP booth in the back of room.

Treasurer's Report:

Shauna Noon, reported last December, a couple months ago, more is available to view closer on a large screen tv. Bank Balances Checking and Saving and CDs one hundred seventy-two thousand (\$172,000), of that five thousand four hundred nine dollars (\$5,409) in checking. Overall, income statement (income vs. expenses) dues are being collected for FY 2024 began July 1, dues are down nine hundred five 905. However, most are paid in June falls in last FY. Dues are down 905, but donations are up 966. Expenses are down 952, positive net income \$391. Budget. Projected actual through December projected for rest of budget Jan to June. According to plan net income 5500. No questions from audience.

Social Media:

Janet Wilson reported social media is going well. Facebook is a big hit. Everyone is invited to join and take a look once a week and see what new info might be up there. The content is fun when you don't have anything else you want to do; lots of information there.

Trading Post

Reggie Burke reported all things displayed on her tables were personalized by her business just for SDOP. The link to purchase items is on the SDOP website. The QR code displayed can be snapped. Everything brought to the banquet is also listed online. She reminded the audience it is

nice to see items in person versus on the computer.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Jeanne became informed that Oregon Historical Society listed us as an affiliate. No follow-up is required.

Nominations/Approval of Slate of Officers and Directors:

Chris Meinicke opened the elections. No ballot was available, but Chris presented the slate of officers in the following order. No nominations came from the floor for any of the positions on the slate. The slate was presented as:

President Chris Meinicke

President-elect Joy'e Willman

Treasurer-elect None

Treasurer Shauna Noon

Secretary Joyce del Rosario

Debbie Pedersen made the motion to accept slate of officers as presented, Sherry Fuller seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The slate as approved will take office on June 1 at Board Meeting in Oregon City.

Old/New? Business: Sites for next year's banquet were solicited by Jeanne. Time to take ideas from the floor was limited, but at least five were heard. The ideas from the floor included the Monarch Hotel, McMenamins Edgefield, Ft. Clatsop, Milwaukie Elks, or a local American Legion. Chris suggested the Monarch for convenience. Shauna suggested McMenamins Edgefield in Troutdale. Priscilla suggested Ft. Clatsop at the end of Oregon Trail when rainy season is concluding. Shauna suggested the Milwaukie Elks where she has membership. The Milwaukie Elks would need to know by April. Joyce suggested an American Legion facility, but she needs target zip code to complete the search for the kitchen contract and

catering support. Jeanne felt a good variety had been brought up and asked for volunteers to help with planning next year's banquet. Chris suggested Jeanne send these to Joy'e Willman, President-elect.

2024 Events

Saturday, April 6: Board meeting, Bowman Museum, Prineville

Saturday May 4: Founders Day Celebration, Champoeg State Heritage Area, Pioneer Pavilion (First Saturday of May)

Saturday, June 1: Board Meeting, Holmes House Museum, Oregon City, Installation

Saturday July 13: Annual Picnic, Champoeg State Heritage Area, Pioneer Pavilion (Traditional date Second Saturday of July)

Comments

The Sandy Historical Society had a booth with books of Barlow Road, Sandy area, posters. Ken Funk mentioned that one book on display was written some years ago, and Connie Revenue Selzer could be one of the last surviving members of the contributors of the that book. SDOP members are encourage to ask questions from the team.

Chris Meinicke let the audience know the Lunch buffet will open at 12:35

Meeting Adjourned at 11:35.

After the meeting was adjourned, Jeanne asked Joyce to include in the official minutes that the treasurer and president are authorized signers on all accounts.

In Memoriam

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

- Dorothy Fine Jefferies
- Jacqueline Meece
- James Leon Humphrey

New Member Fees:

Junior [birth — 18]:	\$12.00
Adult [18-60] / Senior [60+]	\$30.00
Includes pioneer certificate and pin	
Friend of SDOP	\$30.00

Life Member/Friend Fees:

Birth - 60	\$300.00
60+	\$150.00
Includes pioneer certificate and pin	

Annual Dues (after first year):

Annual dues are due in June.

Junior [birth - 18]:	\$8.00
Adult Member/Friend [18 - 60]:	\$20.00
Senior Member/Friend [60+]:	\$15.00

Adjustments

Printed Newsletter fee:	+\$10.00
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4th grade Essay Contest Due Date May 15, 2024

The 4th grade essay contest is open to ALL 4th graders in Oregon. Members, Parents, grandparents and great grandparents please tell your family members and/or neighbors and friends (especially any teacher friends) about this very exciting essay contest.

4th graders who apply for this scholarship do *NOT* have to be youth members of SDOP.

SDOP would like to see lots of applications this year. Here is the website for the 4th Grade Essay contest: <https://oregonsdop.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/4th-grade-essay-contest-2021.pdf>.

Awards:

- 1st place winner receives..... **\$150.00**
- 2nd place winner receives **\$75.00**

By the Scholarship Committee



SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF OREGON PIONEERS

BOARD MEETING

January 6, 2024

18805 NW Illahe Street
Portland, OR 97229

MINUTES

Called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Attendees: Jeanne Preston, Joyce del Rosario, Chris Meinicke, Shauna Noon, Debbie Pedersen, Mel Fuller, Sherry Fuller, Janet Wilson. Quorum established. Guests: Connie Selzer-Revenue, Leif Lidin-Lamon.

OFFICER REPORTS

SECRETARY: Joyce reported Minutes were published in SDOP News.

PRESIDENT: Jeanne asked Chris and Shauna to be on the panels for meetings at the genealogical groups.

TREASURER: Shauna reported SDOP is projected to be in the black this fiscal year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP: Registrar Debbie provided a membership report. There was discussion about why people do not renew and possible solutions.

NEWSLETTER: Costs were reduced and less copies were printed. President Jeanne confirmed there are no funds to produce the SDOP News outside what is paid by members who ask for a printed copy. Joyce completed her tenure as editor in December 2023 citing current lack of support and funding for the project.

IT WEBSITE: Mel discussed retiring the desktop machine; it can be donated to a member or volunteer.

FACEBOOK: Janet reported Facebook members are concentrated Salem, Eugene, Astoria, Prineville, Bend, Beaverton, Corvallis. There are opportunities to boost content to members, local and distant.

BROCHURES: Dave distributed the new brochures and provided prints to the board. Suggestions for improving the next version were shared.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS: Chris reported Bailey Dueltgen was chosen as MPO 2024. Two scholarship winners from the prior year reapplied and received awards.

BANQUET: Chris completed assigning volunteer positions for 2024 Banquet. Intel Choir will perform as volunteer entertainment. It was moved and seconded to pay \$50 to the Sons of the American Revolution for serving as color guard in the ceremony. Motion passed unanimously. The board agreed to solicit ideas for the 2025 banquet location.

EVENTS: Jeanne announced the April meeting is going to be in Prineville at the Bowman historical museum run by Crook County Historical Society.

NEW BUSINESS

The board recommended Joyce submits the application for membership to the Oregon Cultural Trust.

Jeanne advertised that the position of SDOP news editor is open for volunteers.

It was moved and seconded to send birthday cards to members. There was discussion about how to put birthday notices in the SDOP News. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 12:11 pm.

Miss Pioneer Oregon

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. We would also like to say thank you to 2022-23 Miss Pioneer Oregon, **Julia Wilson**, for representing us this last year. She was our representative at several events and was always gracious and well spoken.



MPO 2023-24
Julia Wilson



MPO 2024-25
Bailey Dueltgen

Bailey Dueltgen is 17 years old and the daughter of Brian Dueltgen and Amy Davis. She is a descendant of Edward Burris Waters, who arrived in the Oregon Territory in 1853. She lives in Portland, Oregon, and is currently a Junior at Westview High School. She enjoys photography, poetry, dance, writing, and art.

Scholarship Winners

It is our youth who will shape the future of this organization and we are proud to honor them with our College Scholarship Program. It is a way to help our young members with a few expenses while they pursue their first bachelor's degree. Each of our recipients this year will receive \$1,000.



Ella Irving

For 2024 our first recipient is **Ella Irving**, a freshman in San Diego State University's nursing program with a goal of becoming a Registered Nurse. She looks forward to pediatric or surgical nursing opportunities during clinical rotations. Ella hopes to work as a nurse for some time, then get a

master's degree so she can train others to become nurses. Ella is a pioneer descendant from 2 lines: The Irving's, 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 Bennette Irving. Congratulations Ella on your accomplishments.

Our second scholarship is awarded to **Jackson**

Godsey. Jackson is 20 years old and is a junior at Southern Oregon University. He is majoring in Computer Science. After obtaining his bachelor's degree he is interested in getting a master's degree

and work in data analytics. He is a member of the AI club, and 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.



Jackson Godsey

And this year, thanks to the level of donations, we are offering a third scholarship, which goes to **Bailey McCracken**, daughter of Joe and Didgette McCracken. Bailey's Pi-

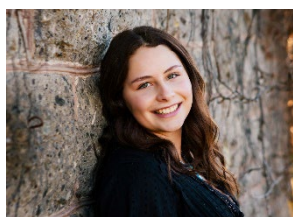
ioneer ancestor is Bluford Stanton, who came to the Oregon Territory in 1853. She

is a senior at Grant Union High School and wants to major in Animal Science and Nutrition in college. She does high school rodeo, works on her family's ranch, and works part time at a coffee shop.

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

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

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



Bailey McCracken

Gouge Eye / Drewsey, Oregon



Oregon has a few unusual city names, such as Drain, Boring, and Zig Zag. Did you know that back in 1883 there was a town named Gouge Eye? It was apparently named Gouge Eye to “commemorate the frontier method of settling disputes”, with a punch in the face.

SDOP member Sharon Ward Sullivan’s pioneer ancestors, the Wards, settled in the town of Gouge Eye around the early 1880s. Originally the land around Gouge Eye was the Malheur Indian Reservation for the Paiute tribes. However, they were later relocated to other Western reservations, opening up the land for homesteaders. This is an area along the Middle Fork of the Malheur River, about 40 miles northeast of Burns, Oregon

Mr. Abner Robbins opened a store in this area and gave the place the name of “Gouge eye”. When Mr. Robbins applied for a post office to be located in his store, the postal authorities would not accept the name of “Gouge Eye”, so he changed the name to “Drusy”.

But, when the Post Office was established in 1884, it was registered under the name “Drewsey”. There is some dispute about how the name got changed from Drusy to Drewsey, but that remains the name of this little community. The town grew rapidly in the late 19th century, from a population of 40 in 1889 to about 200 in 1907, with farming and sheep ranching as its economic base.

Today the town consists of a small number of homes, a tavern, a restaurant, two churches, and an elementary school. Drewsey is located about 45 miles East of Burns, OR, about 2 miles North of HWY 20 on Drewsey Rd.

New Members

Member’s Name,

Ancestor (State of Origin) Date Arrived in Oregon Territory

Senior

Sandra S Silver

William R. Ingram (TN) 1852

Dianna M. Aguilar Ferguson-Serr

Amy Elizabeth Syron (IA) 1852

James Reed Syron (NJ) 1852

Elizabeth Simmers (Ont. CA) 1852

Life

Kirsten N. Witter

Amer Wood (OH) 1852

Rhoda Grier (OH) 1852

Aaron Patrick Frechette

John Moore (OH) 1852

Friend

Sophie Flett Richmond Curley



The annual Oregon Birthday Banquet was a rousing success! The Color Guard was provided by the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), who also had a display table of revolutionary era artifacts. Entertainment was provided by the Intel Choir, who also got us to sing along on a couple of songs. Our speaker was Darrell Jabin, Oregon's Traveling historian, who gave a quite interesting presentation about early railroad development in Oregon. Sounds like quite a competition!



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