

President's Letter

From Chris Meinicke



Greetings to all descendants of Oregon Territory Pioneer families and all the friends of SDOP.

I think spring is just around the corner, but the Portland area had snow on Thursday and Friday before the SDOP's annual Oregon's Statehood banquet on Saturday, February 15, 2025, causing a few people to miss the banquet. Just like our picnic at Champoeg State Park and Annual Statehood banquet is a long-standing tradition for members of the Sons and Daughters of the Oregon Pioneers. It is important that we keep these traditions going forward which means we need to keep our families involved in SDOP. This is why I recognized the following people at the banquet: John Irving, who has been a member for 59 years has continued to involve his family with this organization; the same goes for Brian Dueltgen who has had two daughters become MPOs. Brian was

at the banquet with his brother, Bob Dueltgen and his sister, Lynn Dueltgen. Mary Schiegelmitch has been a member for 25 years. She had planned on attending but due to the weather, she was unable to. But I am sure Mary encouraged her niece, Janet Wilson, to join SDOP. Verne Duncan, who has been a member for 48 years, also planned on attending the banquet this year but the weather kept him at home along with his daughter and other family members. It is some of these long-standing members that keep our traditions alive for the next generation. It is critical that we all stay engaged in SDOP and put out the welcome mat for new members.



SDOP's Debbie Peterson presents Miss Oregon Pioneer Makenzie Farnsworth with her certificate and check

I encourage all members and especially new members to attend our board meetings and especially our upcoming meeting at the Butteville store in Butteville, Oregon.

The store has a nice lunch menu and great homemade ice cream. After the meeting and lunch, we'll travel a short distance to the Newell Pioneer Village for a tour of the Mother's Pioneer Cabin, Butteville school, Butteville Jail, and Dr. Robert Newell's House, one of the signers of Oregon's Provisional Government document. I am sure you'll enjoy the tour. If you can't make the meeting join us at the Newell Pioneer Village around 1 pm. We continue to need volunteers. We currently are looking for an Assistant Treasurer.



Presentation of the Colors

Our next board meeting is April 12, 2025, at the Clackamas Town Center.

Look forward to seeing you at some of our upcoming SDOP meetings and events.

Christine (Chris) Meinicke
President of SDOP

Upcoming SDOP Meetings and Events

April 12, 2025: Board meeting

Time: 10:30 AM

Location: Clackamas Town Center
Clackamas, Oregon

(Directions: Go in the North door by the cinema. That door opens into the food court. Go along the *left* wall of the food court, take the elevator to the Lower Level and turn right as you leave it. The Community room is the first door on the left)

June 14, 2025: Board Meeting and Historical Tour

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Butteville Store for meeting and Lunch.

Historical Tour: 1 PM (After the meeting and lunch at the Butteville Store)

Location: Newell Pioneer Village on the corner of Champoeg State Park

The tour includes Dr. Newell's House, Butteville School, Butteville Jail and the Pioneer Memorial Mother's cabin



July 12, 2025: Board Meeting and Annual Picnic

Location: Champoeg State Park in the Pavilion Built by SDOP members

Time: 10:00 am

Arrival time for the picnic: 11:30 am to 12:00 pm

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Donations to SDOP

SDOP thanks those who donate 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.

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**.

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The road that leads to us...

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



Pioneer Women’s Cabin

By the Scholarship Committee

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.

You can help earn donations just by shopping with your Fred Meyer Rewards Card! Fred Meyer is donating \$2.5 million per year to nonprofits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, based on where their customers tell them to give.



Here’s how the program works:

- Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to SDOPwww.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You can search for SDOP by name or by our non-profit number 86878.
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New Members

#2009 Natalie Grace Keach	Junior		
Anna Elizabeth Farrier*	1845	IA	
James David Farrier	1845	PA	
Ellen Jane McCoy	1858	OT	
John McCoy	1847	KY	
#2010 Claire Elizabeth Keach	Junior		
Anna Elizabeth Farrier*	1845	IA	
James David Farrier	1845	PA	
Ellen Jane McCoy	1858	OT	
John McCoy	1847	KY	
#2021 Geoff T. Smith	Friend	Life	
#024 Elias R. Adams	Adult		
Josiah Lamberson Parrish*	1840	NY	
Elizabeth Winn	1840	NY	
Deceased:			
#1037 Dolores E. Miller Egger	Sr. Life		
Thomas Dilley*	1851	OH	

*Indicates Pioneer on certificate

Annual Registration Report 2025 (From 2/11/2024 to 2/10/2025)

New Members:

Junior	4
Adult	10
Senior	20
Life	6
Friend	7
Total:	47

Life Conversions	5
Deceased Members	11
Total Active Members	932

Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers' 4th Grade Essay Contest

Rules

1. Applicant must be a 4th grade student in a public, private, or homeschool curriculum in the state of Oregon.
2. All entries must be postmarked by May 15 of the contest year or delivered to the Chairperson by the same date.
3. Judge's ruling will be final.
4. Winners will be awarded at the annual SDOP picnic, on the 2nd Saturday in July, at Champoeg State Park, but need not be present to win.
5. Must be entirely the work of the applicant.
6. It is preferable that the essay be typed; however, an essay that is neatly handwritten in ink will be accepted. Typed essays should be double spaced, minimum 12-point font (Arial or Times New Roman preferred), 1-inch margin, and maximum length of 2 pages. Handwritten essays should be ink on lined notebook paper with a maximum length of 3 pages.
7. Essays must be submitted with the cover sheet that includes the students' contact information.
8. A picture of applicant must accompany entry. Also, the signed Photo and Essay Release Form must be attached.
9. Entries can be sent in by individuals or in class sets by a classroom teacher, but each entry must have the required materials attached.

Topic, Criteria, Awards

Essay: "Discuss the pioneer spirit, a determination of accomplishing goals under very difficult circumstances, and how the result of that spirit has affected our lives today." Judging Criteria: • How well the topic is addressed • Command of conventions of standard English grammar and usage • Organization of details • Use of primary and secondary sources • Sources

must be cited Awards: 1st place winner will receive \$150.00 2nd place winner will receive \$75.00

The required Essay Cover Sheet and Photo & Essay Release form are available here: [4th-grade-essay-contest-2021.pdf](#) or

<https://oregonsdop.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/4th-grade-essay-contest-2021.pdf>

Please mail submissions to:

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In Memoriam

Our sympathy is extended to Dolores's family



Dolores Egger passed away peacefully on Jan. 12, 2025, at the age of 96. She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Julius Egger; and daughters, Terry Egger and Kathleen (Kacie) Bedney Rossman.

She is survived by her daughters, Regina Burke and Debbie Rowland. Dolores has 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Dolores taught oil painting since the 70's, wrote four instructional books, and traveled with the Western Art Shows. Some of her best memories are of the many camping trips all over the State of Oregon. Instead of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity in her name.

FEATURED WEBSITE

Genealogical Forum of Oregon



Three members of the Daughters of the American Revolution founded the Genealogical Forum of Oregon in 1946 for the purpose of promoting genealogical research through education and providing tools, assistance, and offering expertise to its members. The name was chosen because it reflected the spirit of a roundtable discussion of family history. For the past 20 years, the GFO held meetings at the Meier and Frank building, the Portland Public Library, and other public meeting places.

For many years it held its growing library collection at a member's home. By 1955, the GFO was offering genealogical classes and working with others, such as the Oregon State Archives, to identify and catalog genealogical resources in Oregon. In 1968, the GFO moved into its first devoted

library space, a room in the Governor building downtown on Southwest Second Avenue.

Since then, the GFO has moved three more times, jumping the river to the Central Eastside in 1999. In 1991, the GFO successfully hosted the *National Genealogical Conference in the States*, the first national conference of its kind held in the Pacific Northwest. Oregon Governor Barbara Roberts proclaimed Family History Week in honor of the GFO and the conference. The GFO hosted the NGS again in 2001, and at the time was the only organization to host the Conference twice.

In 2011, the GFO moved to its present location in the historic Ford Building at Southeast Eleventh Avenue and Division Street. With 5,000 square feet of space, the library offers computers to access a suite of powerful subscription databases; a film scanner for reading, saving, and printing microfilm and microfiche records; and more than 60,000 holdings.

<https://gfo.org/>

Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers

Board Meeting Minutes

Jan 11, 2025

Mel Fuller's House, Lake Oswego, OR
Meeting was called to order at approximately 10:05 am.

Roll call was taken, quorum established.
Directors Attending: Chris Meinicke, Dave Thompson, Joyce del Rosario, Reggie Burke, Debbie Pedersen, Janet Wilson, Mel Fuller, Sherry Fuller, Richard Mason. On phone: Shauna Noon, Priscilla Belin
Members: Dina Saunders, Sophie Curley

Officer's Reports

Secretary: Only 2 typos reported on review will be published in Jan newsletter.

President Report:

Treasurer Report: No report

President Elect Report:

Committee Reports

Membership Report: Debbie Pedersen-

Since November we have 1 new Adult member, 2 new Senior members, 2 new Senior Life members, 2 new Junior members, and 1 new Friend.

4 Life members have died.

Corresponding Secretary/Donation report- No report. Chris expressed interest in helping.

Banquet Committee: Joy'e Willman

Introduce SAR Color Guard: ?

Pledge of Allegiance: Joy'e Willman

Introducing Intel Singers: Chris

Introduce Speaker: Joy'e

Invocation: Sophie

Introducing MPO/Award winners: Dawn or Debbie

Projector: Shauna will bring

Registration Table: Priscilla, Shauna, Dina

Tables needed- 1 (2?) for Reggie, 1 for SAR, 1 for Janet, 1 small table for cakes

Donations

As Mayor of Oregon City Denyse McGriff cannot accept donations, but SDOP can donate to the Rose Farm Museum on her behalf. Debbie proposed donating \$100; Joy'e 2nd, Passed.

Joy'e proposed donating \$50 to SAR for color guard, Sophie 2nd, Passed.

Rose Parade Fundraising:

Sophie proposed pursuing donations and sponsors, such as museums, Timberline, and Pendleton. Pendleton donated a blanket for auction at Banquet, Dina will create basket with wines. Sophie proposed

auction \$\$ be used for Rose Parade, Joy'e 2nd, Passed.

Slate of Officers for 2025-2026:

- President: Joy'e Willman
- President Elect: Joyce del Rosario
- Secretary: Joyce del Rosario
- Treasurer: Shauna Noon (continuing 2-year term)
- Treasurer Elect: Open
- Board Member 2027: Sherry Fuller
- Dave Thompson Dawn Alexander

Scholarship/awards committee

Chris proposed increasing cash awards for the Jr Member award winners from \$200 to \$500.

Mel suggested that the increase was too much. Debbie proposed we look at it as a line item to increase for next year, Joy'e 2nd, Passed.

3rd scholarship entry just came in – was postmarked before deadline. Chris and Dawn will discuss money distribution.

New Business

Dina mentioned the America 250 – Oregon Commission celebrating the United States Semiquincentennial.

We need to investigate how we can participate in it.

We need to change the location for the April meeting. Seven Feathers is too far and doesn't have enough affordable lodging. Chris will investigate the Chachalu Museum and Cultural Center, and Ft. Yamhill (both in Grand Ronde).

Old Business

None

Adjourned: 12:25

Prepared by Dave Thompson, Director, and Joyce del Rosario, Secretary.

**Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2025
Clackamas, Oregon**

Meeting was called to order at the Monarch Hotel and Conference Center in Clackamas, Oregon at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Voting Members in attendance: Tom Marquette, Amy Lebsock, Dave Thompson, Richard Mason, Dave Thompson, Reggie Burke, Debbie Pedersen, Chris Meinicke, Joy'e Willman, Ellie Nelson, William Wise, Sophie Curley, Mel Fuller, Joyce del Rosario.

Guests: Linda Walker, Mike Lebsock, Terry Thompson, Tony Burke, Leif Lidin-Lamon, Mark Pedersen, David Curley, Noel Nelson.

Officer Reports

President – Chris Meinicke present, no report.

President Elect – Joy'e Willman present, no report.

Secretary - Joyce del Rosario present. Joyce read the minutes from the last annual meeting. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer – Shauna Noon Reporting. Account Balance:

Life Membership	\$ 20,406
Working capital	\$ 10,322
CD	\$143,495
Checking	\$ 4,206
Savings	\$ 5

Total: **\$178,436** (includes all Heritage and OnPoint balances)

YTD Interest Earned: \$ 3,327
 YTD Net Income \$ 3,140

Committee Reports

Membership: Registrar Debbie Pederson present. Debbie reported the annual roster totals.

Active members: 933
 New members: 47
 Juniors: 4
 Adults: 10
 Seniors: 20
 Friends: 7

SDOP has been notified of eleven (11) members who are deceased since last annual meeting. Chris requested to review the policy for membership status for members who had not paid dues at April meeting.

Information Technology – Mel Fuller present, no report.

Social Media – Janet Wilson not present, no report.

Trading Post – Reggie Burke present. Reggie reported items on display are also listed online. Watch for new items and social media ads.

Newsletter – Dave Thompson present. Dave reported that the newsletter volunteers are successfully assembling articles and copies of the most recent SDOP news are available at the banquet for those who would like a printed copy.

New Business

2025-2026 Elections Results

OFFICERS

- President – Joy'e Willman
- President Elect – Joyce del Rosario
- Secretary – Joyce del Rosario
- Treasurer – Shauna Noon

Both the Treasurer and Secretary invite new applicants to join the board. Training is available.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Year appointed to Board of Directors)

Elected February 2025

Term 2025-2028

- Dave Thompson (2015)
- Sherry Fuller (2022)
- Dina Saunders (2025)

Continuing in service

Term 2023-2026

- Mel Fuller (2014)
- Janet Wilson (2015)
- Richard Mason (2024)

Term 2022-2025

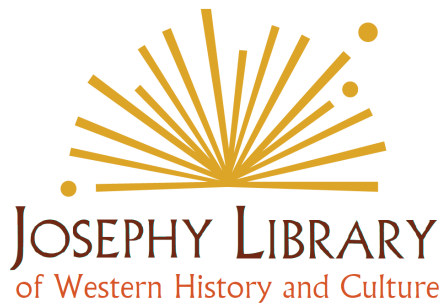
- Reggie Burke (2012)
- Debbie Pedersen (2022)
- Priscilla Belin (2016)

Bylaws Change – Changing the annual meeting date discussion was tabled.

Next Meeting: Updated location: Saturday, April 12, 2025, Clackamas Town Center Community Room

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Prepared by Joyce del Rosario, Secretary



Alvin M. Josephy, Jr. was researching a story on Idaho for Time Magazine when he met the Nez Perce. He flew from Boise to Lewiston, where the mayor toured him, including a stop at the Nez Perce Reservations office. A young Indian, seeing "Time," asked Josephy what he knew of the Tribe. Nothing. The mayor chided him, "You don't know about the Tribe that held off four American armies over five months and more than 1200 miles before capture just short of Canada?"

Intrigued, Josephy, who in 1951 was a WW II Marine combat journalist who had walked ashore in Guam with a microphone as comrades were shot, read the white accounts and searched for Indian accounts. He found them in Lucullus McWhorter's *Yellow Wolf, His Own Story*.

Armed with that account and interviewing and sweating with the few remaining veterans of the 1877 Nez Perce War, Josephy dug in and over twelve years wrote *The Nez Perce Indians and the Opening of the Northwest*. From there he went on to write more of Indians, and to advocate for them, serving finally as the founding board chair of the Museum of the American Indian. And, while working on that book and visiting Nez Perce country while still working full-time at Time, he found and bought 80 acres near Joseph, Oregon.

I came to the country in 1971, and opened a bookstore in Enterprise in 1976. Alvin Josephy became my mentor and friend. Together, with help from recent Oregon Poet Laureate Kim Stafford, we founded Fishtrap, a non-profit promoting writers and writing in the West. As Alvin aged, I toured and chauffeured him with his memoir, *A Walk Towards Oregon*, and helped coordinate with Native authors for the last book he edited, *Lewis and Clark Through Indian Eyes*.

Like many writers, and especially writers before Google, Alvin had an extensive library of books and journals about his subjects, Tribes and the West. On our book travels, we talked about finding a home for them here in the Wallowa's. And, as it turned out, we did. Alas, it was after Alvin had passed, but his children and grandchildren can and do visit the Alvin and Betty Josephy Library of Western History and Culture. Which is just part of the Josephy Center for Arts and Culture. The Center offers classes, produces art exhibits and hosts musical events.

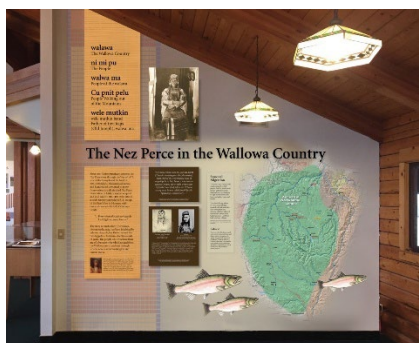
The library the "culture" part of Arts and Culture, has some 2000 books and probably that many historical journals, and a web page with links to ephemera that Alvin collected and that we continue to collect. There are also a few audio and audiovisual items archived. The web page-- <https://library.josephy.org/--will> shows a set of interviews that Alvin did of Lakota elders in 1981-82; hours of video interviews of and about Alvin; and even the recording he made going in at Guam! We have also annotated Alvin's books and now

have most of his journal articles digitized so that readers can easily access them.

In the beginning—now over a dozen years ago—we thought that we would be a non-circulating library, and in fact we do have some books valuable enough to remain here. But we have now decided, and have the staff to do this, to circulate most of the collection. The books are cataloged on the SAGE Library System-- <https://catalog.sage.eou.edu/eg/opac/home> --and a library card from any SAGE library in Eastern Oregon gives you access to interlibrary loan. For others, we can make arrangements.

The web page also contains my blog posts—there are over 200 of them now relating to local and Indian history and culture. There are also virtual exhibits drawn from several exhibits that we have curated over the years: Dams and Salmon; Nez Perce Treaties; Nez Perce Music, etc. Currently, a physical exhibit designed and built for the Oregon State Capitol, is on display at the Blue Mountain Community College library in Pendleton. It is called “*The Nez Perce in Oregon - Removal and Return.*” It will be shown at the State Capitol in September.

I, Rich Wandschneider, am library director. You may contact me at rich.wandschneider@gmail.com. Kolle Riggs is library assistant, library@josephy.org.



SDOP Award Recipients

College Scholarship Program



Ella Irving

San Diego State University.

\$1000 Scholarship

Natalie Keach

Hoping to attend Bryn Mawr or Wellesley.

\$1000 Scholarship



SDOP Junior Awards

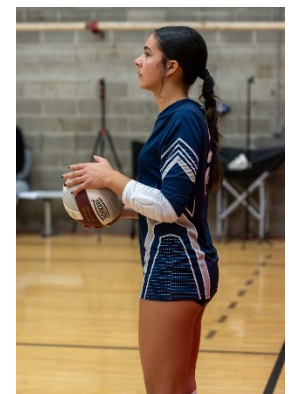


Caitlin O'Brien

SDOP Junior member
\$200 Cash Award

Shanti del Rosario

SDOP Junior member
\$200 Cash Award





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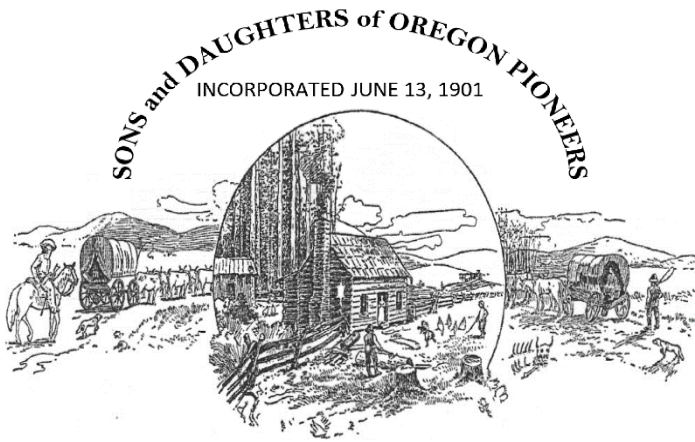
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