

President's Letter

From Joy'e Willman, SDOP President

SDOP members visited the Baker's cabin after a board meeting at the Sandy Historical Society several years ago and thought I'd share this story for our shared love of pioneering history. I offer this story from *Reflections of Oregon Pioneer Families*, published by SDOP, that was compiled and edited by SDOP life member Jeannie Sharp Philips. ©1994:

HORACE & JANE BAKER Oregon Trail 1846



**Horace & Jane at Stone
(Carver, OR) Clackamas Co.**

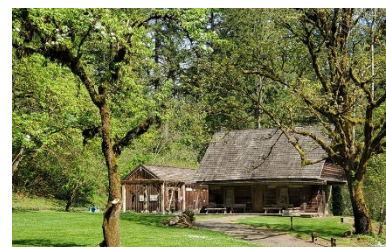
Horace and Jane Baker were on the first wagon train to cross over the newly created Barlow Trail arriving in Oregon City on October 10, 1846. The Bakers settled on the south bank of the Clackamas river near the present town of Carver, because of a mountain of basalt located there. Their Donation Land Claim, upon which they built the cabin that stands today, included the quarry. Rock from Baker's quarry was rafted down the Clackamas for construction of the Oregon City Locks, the Pioneer Post Office in Portland, the Portland Hotel, and Tillamook Light House.

Baker built a slack line ferry across the Clackamas near the site of the present bridge at Carver, thus giving the name Baker's Ferry to the area from 1872-1882. Following the loss of the ferry in a flood in 1882, a covered bridge was built across the river, and the area was then known as Baker's Bridge.

The Bakers donated a portion of their land on the Clackamas at Clear Creek to the U.S. Government for a fish hatchery which, when established in 1876, was the first in Oregon and only the second hatchery in the United States. The small settlement by the river was renamed Stone in 1896, in honor of Livingstone Stone, first superintendent of the fish hatchery. The general area pioneered by Horace and Jane Baker received its final name, Carver, in 1917 after the townsite was surveyed and platted across the river from Stone. This name honors Stephen S. Carver, who promoted the establishment of an inter-urban railroad from Portland into this area of Clackamas County in 1915.

Horace Baker died in 1882 at the age of 80, and was buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Oregon City. Jane Hattan Baker died sixteen years later at the age of 79, and at her request was buried in Pleasant View Cemetery at Logan, a few miles east of the Baker Cabin site.

The preservation of this corner of Oregon Trail history was first undertaken by the Old Timers Association of Oregon, which formed in 1937 to restore the cabin. Most of the founding association members were direct descendants of the area's pioneers, and over the course of several years, they repaired the crumbling structure. In 1978, the Old Timers Association was renamed to be the Baker Cabin Historical Society to better reflect its purpose of restoration and preservation of the historic site and to welcome newcomers to the area.



Visit the Baker Cabin Historical Society at
<https://bakercabin.org/>

Upcoming SDOP Meetings and Events



Champoeg State Heritage Area

November 15, 2025 – Changed to Zoom meeting

Zoom Board Meeting 10 AM - Noon

If you would like to participate in the zoom meeting contact joyce@oregonsdop.org and she will send you the zoom link.

January 17, 2026 – Date/Location Change

Board Meeting / Banquet Prep 10 AM - Noon

Meeting Location: SMILE Station (event venue)

8210 SE 13th Ave

Portland, OR 97202

February 14, 2026

Annual Oregon's Birthday Banquet Celebration and
Annual Meeting

Location: Oaks Park Dance Pavilion

April 18, 2026

Meeting location and tour: TBD

June 20, 2026

Meeting location and maybe tour: TBD

July 11, 2026 - Annual SDOP picnic and Board Meeting

Location: Champoeg State Park

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Submissions for the January 2026 issue should be sent by *Dec. 25, 2025*. Photos and articles are welcome from all members!



The road that leads to us...

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**.

The mailing address is:

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

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SDOP EIN# is 23-745515

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

The 2026 Miss Pioneer Oregon Contest



**1949 Miss Pioneer Oregon
Mary Elizabeth Meek
(great granddaughter of Joseph L Meek)**

Attention Junior Members! Our Miss Pioneer Oregon contest, college scholarship program and our junior awards programs are looking for entries for our 2026 contest! Read the information below and then check out the application for that contest enclosed in this newsletter and apply! Entries for all contests are due by December 15, 2025.

Scholarships and Contests

[Junior Awards](#)

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

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

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

All Junior Awards entries are due by December 15.

[SDOP Annual College Scholarships](#)

This scholarship, worth up to \$1,000, is offered to up to two SDOP members to help achieve their goal of earning a first bachelor's degree. The application packet should include written responses to five questions, a sealed copy of official transcripts from the most recent high school, college, or university, and a completed application. Due by December 15.

[Miss Pioneer Oregon Application](#)

Miss Pioneer Oregon is a contest 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 a cash award 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. The completed application is due by December 15.

Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers

◆ 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 Cham-poege 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 the email above.

Must be received by December 15

◆ Miss Pioneer Oregon Application◆

Name: _____ Age: _____ Telephone: _____

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

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

School: _____ Grade: _____

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

Your interests and hobbies: _____

Skills and talents: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____ Essay attached ☐

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 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. The judge's 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 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

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

Deadline for submission is December 15

Application for SDOP Junior Awards

Name: _____ Age: _____ Telephone: _____

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

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

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 ☐

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/ACT scores, 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.

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

Deadline for submission is December 15

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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 of three parts: 1} the info card below 2} transcript 3} application questions (above)
3. All entries must be received by December 15 or delivered to the Chairperson by the same date.
4. Judge's 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 will be awarded to qualified applicants for their 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:

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

Deadline for submission is December 15**• SDOP College Scholarship Info Card •**

Please attach this to your application above, 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: _____

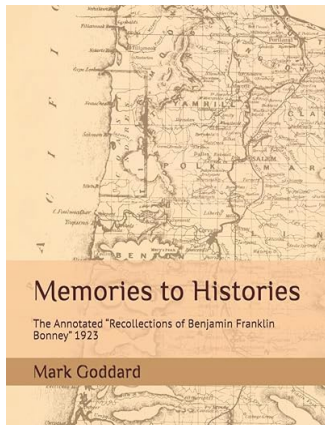
Signature: _____

Sealed official school transcript included ☐

Application questions attached ☐

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FEATURED BOOK



Memories to Histories: The Annotated "Recollections of Benjamin Franklin Bonney" 1923

October 16, 2025
by Mark Goddard

While Bonney's "**Recollections...**" itself is brief, approx. 24 pages, it contains a wealth of early western history and a litany of early explorers, frontiersmen, politicians, con men, preachers, and settlers who helped build the Oregon Territory, hidden within those few pages.

This book is an effort to tease that history and the people from between the lines of Benjamin's recollections. In short, nearly every detail he mentioned, from their journey across the Oregon Trail to the establishment of home and community, raises questions in my mind, driving me to dig deeper and learn more about their lives. For example, it contains stories about Champoege and Butteville not often told.

So, this version of the "**Recollections of Benjamin Franklin Bonney**" is not simply a retelling of his tale, but the *background* of his story.

Available at <https://oregontrailgenealogy.com/product/memories-to-histories-the-annotated-recollections-of-benjamin-franklin-bonney/> or <https://amzn.to/4qttt5l>

The Story of the "Oldest Stove in Oregon"



George C. Alpin's Stove

Article from:

The Sunday Oregonian, May 24, 1931

By Grace Bell Jones Austin

"The queer-looking heater in the memorial cabin at Champoege is probably the oldest stove in Oregon. Some years ago, a neighbor, to whom I was talking about pioneer relics, said that he grew up with a stove that was brought from Canada by Father Blancher, who came to Oregon in 1838.

It is one of four that were carried down the Columbia River for the convent at St. Paul. When you see how large it is you may question this statement; but if you look closer you will find that it is collapsible, the sides and ends being snugly fitted into the bottom and held together by the close-fitting top. My neighbor, J.G. Alpin, says it is the only one of the four now in existence.

Mr. Alpin's mother remembered seeing the box-like barges in which they reached old Fort Vancouver float down the river. She was the daughter of a German, Peter Wagner, and an Indian interpreter. She, herself, spoke and sang in four languages; jargon, French, Latin, and English, for as she said so proudly, "I married an Englishman."

In her youth she was an assistant to Father Blanchard and often told of the rows of kneeling Indian penitents she used to instruct, But she could not have been

perfect, for she also told of kneeling for punishment on the flat-topped stove (cold no doubt). His father, George Chipman Aplin, was born in Southampton, England, emigrating from there to Canada in the early days. There, he was employed by the Hudson's Bay Company and finally sent to Fort Vancouver, where he continued to trap and hunt for the company until he married and took up a claim between Champoege and St. Paul. Several of the children had arrived when he learned that the heating stoves at the convent were to be replaced. Since a stove throws out more heat than a fireplace, he was on hand in time to secure one of the four.

About 30 years ago the family moved to Woodburn. The old stove, so Mr. Aplin says, was not considered good enough for the city of Woodburn, so it was left behind. But he had glowing memories of that old stove. How comfortable it was on the winter evenings when the family sat around it popping corn, cracking hazel nuts and eating the results of their labor, along with big red apples.

The children were all eyes and ears as their parents talked about the good old days at the Fort, or told them of French Prairies before there were fields and roads, when supplies from the Fort were brought up the Willamette in bateaux. The horse with which the prairie was fairly dotted, as they grazed about on the abundant grass scattered among the shrubs and low growing scrub oaks, packed home necessities and of what ere then considered luxuries not a few.

So, Mr. Aplin went back to the farm with its log buildings set among the giants of the virgin forest and gathered up the scattered pieces of the stove and stored them in the attic of his house in Woodburn.

At one time a collector offered to exchange the finest heater to be found in all of Portland for the battered relic, but until he learned that the Daughters of the American Revolution had built a memorial to the pioneer mothers of Oregon on the exact spot where some of the family lived during the flood of 1890-91, he refused to part with one of the last reminders of his childhood.

Many of the houses in old Champoege were swept away by that gigantic overflow. The Aplins stayed in the shack that was torn down to make way for the memorial cabin, until the waters covered its floor. Not till then did they move out by boat, their cow swimming along behind it. The chickens roosted safely in the sturdy locust tree that stands on the corner where the road enters the park. They did not suffer for water, as it came up into the branches where a platform, upon which they stretched their cramped legs and ate their manna, was built.

The stove was deserted, but despite the swirling water kept its feet on the ground. For, like the deacon's one-hoss shay, it was built in such a logical way that it bids fair to serve out its 100 years.

The Daughters had it repaired by riveting together its broken sides (originally it had no rivets of any kind) and once again it is radiating good cheer in a log cabin on that slightly knoll alongside the Willamette. There, says its owner J. G. Aplin of Woodburn, its remaining years shall be spent."

James Aplin
1867-1937



Update to the 1931 article:

The old stove is still in the original cabin built by Daughters of the American Revolution and opened to the public in 1931. The cabin has been moved from the knoll alongside the Willamette River in Champoege State Park to the Newell Pioneer Village located on the corner of Champoege State Park.

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Sons & Daughters of Oregon Pioneers Board Meeting Minutes June 14, 2025 Butteville, Oregon

Attendance Record. Quorum established. Directors present: Janet Wilson, Reggie Burke, Debbie Pedersen, Joyce del Rosario, Joy'e Willman, Shauna Noon, Chris Meinicke, Dina Saunders

Members in attendance: Sophie Curley, Tom Marquette, Linda Walker

Guests: David Curley, Michael Penhorst
The regular board meeting was called to order at 11:20 a.m. in the common area of the Historic Butteville Store, St. Paul, Oregon.

Officer Reports

SECRETARY – Joyce del Rosario, Secretary, reporting.

September minutes read aloud. Correction minutes indicate \$1000 donation was for the general fund. Motion to accept April 2025 Minutes submitted by Secretary passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT – Chris Meinicke, President, reporting.

President Report read aloud and attached by addendum.

TREASURER – Shauna Noon, Treasurer, reporting.

Treasurer's Report Fiscal Year 2025. A printed Treasurer's report distributed at meeting includes most recent fiscal quarter of current fiscal year.

- Operating statement (Period ending June 11, 2024) - Ended in the negative by \$844.

- Cash Flow – Treasurer will move funds from Life Membership to Working Capital Shortage.

- Interest Income - Interest earned has increased as expected based on consolidation of CDs.

- Projected Budget with Actuals. Projected be in the black \$1,264.

PRESIDENT-ELECT - Joy'e Willman, president-elect, reporting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRAR: Debbie Pedersen, Registrar, reporting. 5 new members includes 3 new adults and 2 seniors. 1 member deceased since last report.

FINANCE: Shauna Noon, Finance Chair, reporting.

Corporate Registry – Shauna encourages the recruitment of a Treasurer, and she would like to transition to the role of Registered Agent.

Corporate Credit Card – A card has been issued to make authorized purchases.

Correspondence Secretary – Joyce del Rosario is working with Chris Meinicke and Debbie Pedersen to create a job aid for this role.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Newsletter – Dave Thompson, News Team, reporting. Dave emails the newsletter created by Mark Goddard bi-monthly.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Merchandising – Reggie Burke, owner of SDOP Trading Post, reporting. Profit from sales for period

NOMINATING: Joyce del Rosario will create job aids for positions.

EVENTS:

Annual Picnic – Joy'e Willman, chair reporting. \$200 was paid and accepted by Champoege State Park. Volunteers for the Annual Pioneer Picnic received draft of assignments by addendum. Motion to pay Newell House \$100 for tour approved unanimously. Motion to pay the State Park overnight fee for Tom Marquette approved unanimously.

Old Business

None.

New Business

1. PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Historic Building Preservation: Tigard-Rogers House is the oldest home in Portland, Oregon and is of interest to both the community at large and SDOP members.

2. EVENTS: Dina Saunders was appointed Volunteer Coordinator to assist with Field Trips, Board Meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Joyce del Rosario, Secretary, Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers on July 11, 2025

Sons & Daughters of Oregon Pioneers Board Meeting Saturday, September 20, 2025 Vancouver Community Library, Vancouver, Washington

Board of Directors: Joy'e Wilman, Dina Saunders, Mel Fuller, Sherry Fuller, Dave Thompson, Reggie Burke, Debbie Pedersen, Chris Meinicke, Shauna Noon, Joyce del Rosario

Sons and Daughters: Sophie Curley

Friends: Mark Pedersen

Guests: Representatives from Daughters of Washington Pioneers

The meeting was called to order at approximately 11:30 a.m. One member joined the videoconference link.

OFFICER REPORTS

PRESIDENT: Joy'e Willman reported that her priority is to bring other organizations into the SDOP network. She welcomed guests from the Daughters of Washington Pioneers.

PRESIDENT-ELECT: Joyce del Rosario reported that her shared priority is to bring other organizations into the SDOP fold. Joyce reported the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association accepted the

invitation to be the guest speaker at the annual banquet.

SECRETARY: Joyce del Rosario presented the July Minutes which were approved unanimously.

TREASURER: Shauna Noon joined via Zoom. Report will be given at next meeting.

DIRECTOR/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating

Joyce del Rosario invited members and directors to consider helping with the following areas:

- Officers (President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer)
 - Registered Agent, Parliamentarian, Registrar
 - Directors at Large (9 total roles serving three-year terms)
 - Ad Hoc Committee Volunteers
 - Scholarship and Awards Judges
 - Representatives to other organizations
- Events

2026 ANNUAL BIRTHDAY BANQUET:

Joyce del Rosario and Joy'e Willman reported The Oaks Park Association Dance Pavillion was secured for the Oregon's 167th Birthday Banquet to be held February 14, 2026. The reservation deposit of 50% of the total balance due will be submitted to the Treasurer for payment. The caterer, Hog Wild, was contacted. The deposit of \$300 will be submitted to the Treasurer for payment.

The President of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, Victor Leo, agreed to be the keynote speaker for the event on St. Valentine's Day 2026. Joy'e Willman will reach out to an elected official to open our ceremony. If the Sons of the American Revolution are not available, a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) color guard will be contacted by Joyce del Rosario. Silent Auction items to support the Junior Awards program can be brought to the banquet event to be added to baskets.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: Dina Saunders reported that she received the Registrar's list of recently joined members. As Volunteer Coordinator, Dina will reach out to help new members engage the operational side of SDOP for special events.

FIELD TRIPS:

a. Summer Parades: Rose Parade Committee is seeking additional volunteers. Fundraising materials for the Rose Parade will include coordinating the preparation of reports on letterhead when requested by the committee and approved by the board.

b. Future Meetings: Proposed Dates

- November 15, 2025 – Board Meeting (Clackamas Town Center, OR)

- January 17, 2026 – Board Meeting / Banquet Prep (Milwaukie Elks, OR)

- February 14, 2026 – Annual Birthday Banquet (Oaks Park, Portland, OR)

- April 18, 2026 – Board Meeting (Camp 18, Seaside, OR)

- June 20, 2026 – Board Meeting / Installation of Officers (Baker City or Portland, OR)

- July 11, 2026 – Board Meeting / Annual Membership Picnic (Champoeg, OR)

Governance

The by-laws sub-committee is seeking volunteers to assist in a review of governing documents. Joyce del Rosario pointed out that the section establishing a quorum in the bylaws needs closer review.

Motion to pursue registration of SDOP trademark and logo graphics in use was approved unanimously.

Motion to approve use of SDOP Map for print publication by an external party was approved unanimously.

Technology

MAP TO EVERYWHERE: Mel Fuller, Lindsey Hollinger, Debbie Pedersen explained how members can add points to the map.

Members are encouraged to reach out to the curating team to combine efforts

and share research techniques.

MERCHANDISING: **COMMEMORATIVE MERCH:** Dina Saunders presented two designs for the commemorative scarf. The board gained consensus on a design to go to production.

BROCHURES: Dave Thompson reported that tri-fold brochures are always available for print reproduction and downloadable online. Info on new color brochures coming soon.

REPRESENTATIVE TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS: Joyce del Rosario encouraged members to consider being a liaison to other organizations to include, but not limited to:

- Pioneer Associations
- Historical and Lineage Societies
- Museums
- Genealogy Groups
- Special Commission
- Veterans Organizations
- Fraternal Organizations
- Schools/Institutions

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRAR'S REPORT:

Debbie Pedersen reported the following Membership updates:

Friends of SDOP - 0

Junior - 0

Adult Life - 1

Adult - 1

Senior Life - 2

Senior - 0

Deceased members: 1

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

By the Scholarship Committee

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Butteville



This drawing was prepared by John Dunn and submitted to Surveyor General John B. Preston in April, 1883. Note: the side-wheeler Canemah pulled up at the Butteville Landing.

[Photo courtesy OPRD]

Butteville was the site for the first meeting of the Oregon Pioneer Association on October 18, 1873 (precursor to the Sons & Daughters of Oregon Pioneers).

In the photo below Butte Street drops down to the sternwheeler dock, known as the Butteville Landing. The ferry landing was a block to the north. See also this story in the October 1954 issue of the Capital Journal – <https://www.newspapers.com/image/94835686/?match=1&terms=Butteville>



Butteville, Oregon, 1905
(Salem Public Library, Ben Maxwell Collection)

Featured Museum



Clackamas County Historical Society has a new exhibit, *"Land & People of the Willamette Valley: A History Shaped by the River"* at the Museum of the Oregon Territory.

The Museum of the Oregon Territory is a regional treasure that overlooks Willamette Falls. Explore the history behind the land and see how Willamette Falls transformed the region's industry. MOOT is home to Native American petroglyphs and artifacts, the original 1850 Oregon City and 1851 San Francisco plat maps, a piece of the Willamette Meteorite, original belongings of Clackamas County's earliest settlers, as well as thousands of other objects, photographs, and documents that reflect Clackamas County history and culture.

The exhibit "Land & People of the Willamette Valley: A History Shaped by the River" explores the history of the Willamette Valley, highlighting the stories of various communities that shaped the region, including Indigenous, Black, Chinese, Japanese, Latino, and White populations.

The exhibit features interactive elements, such as:

- Hands-on Activities:
 - Sending messages using Morse code
 - Quizzing yourself on valley facts
 - Leaving memories on a postcard wall
- Community Perspectives: Hear from Clackamas-descended community leaders, industry professionals, and environmental stewards on the significance of the Willamette River.

The Museum of the Oregon Territory, part of the Clackamas County Historical Society, has been preserving the history of the region since 1952. Admission to the exhibit is free for Clackamas County residents.



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