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Happy New Year! We are excited to host Oregon's Birthday Banquet at the Oaks Park Dance Pavillion. The structure was built in 1905, even John Philip Sousa played there once. We hope to record elements of the meeting and banquet for those who cannot join in person. We are all looking forward to our exciting year ahead together!

-Joy'e Willman

Slate of Officers and Directors 2026-2027

President: *Joyce del Rosario*

President-elect: *Dina Saunders Miller*

Secretary: *Joy'e Willman*

Treasurer: *Shauna Noon*

Registrar: *Debbie Pedersen*

Board Director Voting Positions:

3 year terms. All terms have openings.

Returning Directors:

Terms ending 6/2026:

Mel Fuller & Janet Wilson

Terms ending 6/2027:

Sherry Fuller & Dave Thompson

Terms ending 6/2028: Wide open for nominations.

Nominations for board volunteers may be taken from the floor. Contact president@oregondop.org with a statement of interest.

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Upcoming SDOP Events
Saturday, February 14, 2026
[Annual Membership Meeting & Banquet](#)

Oaks Amusement Park, 7805 SE Oaks Park Way,
Portland, OR 97202 [Parking Directions](#)
Click image below to [view online Map](#)



Additional details and specific times will be published online at oregondop.org/events as they become available. We are trying to offer **hybrid** meetings (hybrid meetings are held both in person and simultaneously offer both dial-in or Zoom options). When we can offer these accomodation, please go the website to find the link to join.

Saturday, April 18, 2026
Board Meeting (Hybrid)
Camp 18 Tour, 42362 US-26, Seaside, OR 97138

Saturday, June 20, 2026
Board Meeting (Hybrid)
Location TBD

Saturday, July 11, 2026
Board Training (In Person) & Pioneer Picnic
Pioneer Pavilion, Champoeg State Heritage Area,
St Paul, OR 97137

Saturday, September 19, 2026
Board Meeting (Hybrid)
Location TBD

Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers
Board Meeting Minutes
Saturday, November 15, 2025

Roll call: Board of Directors: Joyce del Rosario, Dave Thompson, Debbie Pedersen, Reggie Burke, Mel Fuller, Shauna Noon, Chris Meinicke. Sons and Daughters Voting Members: Wes Potter.

Online meeting was called to order approximately 10 a.m.

OFFICER REPORTS

TREASURER: Shauna Noon report submitted.

DIRECTOR/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating: Nominations for the Board are open. Email president@oregonsdop.org with candidate names.

Finance: Fundraising: Policy for fundraising will be addressed by the Governance Committee. Correspondence Secretary Job Aid is being updated.

Events:

2026 ANNUAL BIRTHDAY BANQUET: Joyce del Rosario reported that the Volunteer Coordinator has access to the Google Sheet used in prior years to manage the banquet budget and event-related tasks. Prior registration teams were requested to forward registration records to Secretary. Any volunteers who did something in the past to help with the banquet, are asked to write up a summary of duties and how long it took. Please send those to president@oregonsdop.org in preparation for the banquet.

Photographic Exhibits being organized through Oregon Historical Society. Treasurer has received contact deposit information for venue and caterer. Oaks Park Dance Pavilion has been rented. Hog Wild BBQ is catering. Menu includes Pulled Pork and Beef Brisket, Macaroni and Cheese, BBQ Beans & Cole Slaw, Rolls & Cookies.

2026 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PICNIC: Joyce del Rosario reporting. If you have done something in the past to help with the picnic, please do a short write up about your duties and how long it took. Please send those to president@oregonsdop.org at your soonest opportunity, ideally by year end. Deposit Check will be mailed to State Park by Treasurer.

FIELD TRIPS:

Future Meetings: Regarding ADA access at our meet-

ings. We take this very seriously and additional inspections are being done to ensure we are compliant with our public meetings in accordance with state and federal law.

AWARDS COMMITTEE:

The board supports the concept of the Awards committee adding a new category for young men. Suggested Award title could be "Wagon Master". It would potentially be a \$1,000 cash award for young men who are active members of SDOP age 16-21.

Governance: Bylaws Committee is meeting monthly by zoom.

Public Relations and Membership Development

MERCHANDISING:

TRADING POST: Reggie Burke reported SDOP earned a profit of \$31.90 from last three months of sales.

COMMEMORATIVE MERCH: Oregon Trail 250 Scarfs are ready for purchase. Email Joyce@oregonsdop.org to preorder.

NEWSLETTER: Dave Thompson reported the deadline for January 2026 edition is December 25.

SOCIAL MEDIA:

Facebook Page: Janet Wilson will direct her daughter and grandson to make SDOP members including Wes Potter and Joyce del Rosario admins on the page that was recreated.

BROCHURES: Dave reported updated brochures can be downloaded from the website.

HISTORIAN: Janet Wilson asked to be relieved of official Historian duties and nominated Chris Meinicke to take over her role citing that Chris is already in possession of other archive items gifted to SDOP.

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRAR'S REPORT

- a. Friends of SDOP - New: 0
- b. Junior - New: 0
- c. Adult Life - New: 1
- d. Adult - New: 3
- e. Senior Life - New: 1
- f. Senior - New: 2
- g. Deceased members: Unknown

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Prepared by Joyce del Rosario, Secretary



NEW MEMBERS

Member's Name, Ancestor (Place of Origin) Date Arrived in Oregon Territory

ADULT

Grace McManus, John Charles Drain (IA) 1852
Nicholas McManus, John Charles Drain (IA) 1852
Monica Joy McKirdy, Jesse Applegate (KY) 1843

SENIOR

James Allen Spagle, John Stauffer (Switzerland) 1852
Julie Park Kraemer, John Scheurer (Germany) 1852

LIFE

Amy Renee Ferguson, Davis Divers (VA) 1852
Pam Wirkkala, Martin Baker Gay Sr. (VA) 1852

LEADERSHIP ROSTER

Officers

Joy'e Willman, President

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Reggie Burke, Director

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Sherry Fuller, Director

541-619-7907, shercan2828@gmail.com

Lindsey Hollinger, Website Support

Wes Potter, Social Media/Facebook Support

Seeking Finance/Technology Intern, paid position. Email president@oregonsdop.org with statement of interest to serve as a paid intern for SDOP.

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**. The mailing address is

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

Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers operates as a 501(c)(3) entity. Donations are tax-deductible. SDOP EIN# is 23-7455151.



Oregon 250 Silk Scarfs
\$25 (plus \$2 shipping)
Order by emailing joyce@oregonsdop.org

Membership Fees Structure

<https://oregonsdop.org/membershipjoin/>

Annual Dues (Year 2 and beyond)

Junior Son or Daughter (age 0-18)	\$8
Adult Son or Daughter (age 18-60)	\$20
Senior Son or Daughter (age 60+)	\$15
Friend (all ages)	\$20

Optional Annual Adjustments

Printed Newsletter	+\$10
Veteran or Disability Discount	-\$5

Initial Fees for New Members (Year 1)

Junior Son or Daughter (age 0-18)	\$12*
Adult Son or Daughter (all ages)	\$30*
Friend (all ages)	\$30

One-Time Fee for Life Memberships

Age 0-60	\$300
Age 60+	\$150

*Includes certificate and pin

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026

10:00 am All-member Business Meeting
11:30 am Lunch Buffet and Displays
12:00 pm Program

Reservations must be received by Friday, February 1, 2026.

Please pay in advance for meals on website [donation page](#) or by check.

Questions? Contact joyce@oregondop.org

**SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF OREGON PIONEERS Annual Statehood Celebration
Commemorating OREGON'S 167th BIRTHDAY
2026 Event Registration Form**

Online RSVP Option here	Name(s)  <i>Please include all names in party and membership status (guest, friend, life, junior, adult, senior)</i>	
	<i>Is a member of your party a past SDOP President?</i> Yes/No	<i>Is a member of your party a past Miss Pioneer Oregon?</i> Yes/No
Telephone		
Address		
Email	<i>Please specify the number of reservations you are making:</i>	
Early Bird Pricing (ticket prices increase \$5 each after 2/1/26)	Number of adults @ \$40.00 before 2/1	\$
	Number of minors @ \$25.00 before 2/1	\$
	TOTAL Enclosed	\$
Check/money order should be made payable to: Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers Mail this form and payment directly to: P.O. Box 6685, Portland, OR 97228-6685		



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[Oregon History Essay Contest](#) open to all students in the 4th grade: 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. Due May 15, 2026

