

# SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS

## AND THEIR DESCENDANTS NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

n the midst of so many centennial celebrations in 2012, it is worth reflecting on that period a century ago when there was so much change and growth. A group of men had already been meeting to swap stories about the old days. The early days of Fort Calgary and then the coming of the railway were becoming memories shared by fewer and fewer as the population grew. This group of men held the first Oldtimers Dinner at the Criterion Restaurant on December 4, 1901. Our beginnings were with these pioneers and eventually, under the encouragement of the Rotary Club, the "Southern Alberta Pioneers and Old-timers Association" was incorporated in 1922. It is my privilege, as your president for 2012, to continue the longstanding heritage of collecting and preserving those memories; to 'rescue from oblivion the memory of our early pioneers'.

We have had an active fall highlighted by our well attended social events. The 91st Annual Round-Up was a great success and we all enjoyed the entertainment this year. Thank you to Sharon Thielen, Dave Wake and Leanne Bateman. Judi La Londe and Pat Rodriguez hosted a wonderful Christmas dinner and Carol Duborg had us all singing along with the Christmas carols. And a big thank you to all of our volunteers and door prize sponsors who all make these events so successful. We look forward to the winter Sunday Social Potlucks. I encourage all to come by - they are great family afternoons. The International Wine Tasting is

always a sellout and I encourage you to get your tickets early!

The building is in very good repair under the capable hands of Fran Copithorne and her Building Committee. We are pleased to have received a plaque from the city of Calgary commemorating the recognition of our Memorial Building as a city-wide historic resource. This is the culmination of many years of effort started by Jim Mackie and carried on by Joan and Clarence Davis.

Thank you to Iona Shaw for accepting the Librarian position and thank you to Sharon Thielen for so many years of good attention to the library. Likewise, thank you to Audrey Rice for her years of managing the telephone committee and to Joan Christianson for taking that position.

I am grateful to be working with such a knowledgeable board of directors and committee heads. There are a few items we are working towards in the new year, including computer and IT needs assessment, the City of Calgary lease renewal and a bylaw review. We will keep you updated on these items.

But first is the upcoming Casino and we have a few spots to fill. If you haven't already volunteered please give Pat Rodriguez a call.

I hope all have had a good Christmas and New Year. I look forward to seeing you at our 2012 events.

- Kathleen Rogers, President

#### 18th Annual

## International Food & Wine Party

Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012 7:30 pm

Convenors: Rhonda and John Hutchings



Featuring a selection of Fine Wines from Canada, Italy and South America as well as delicious hors d'oeuvres!

#### Tickets are only \$20.00 per person

(includes all wines and food). Tickets available from Gwen Hanna at 403-279-5621.

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## **91st Round-Up 2011**

he Crystal Ballroom at the Palliser was once again the setting for this year's 91st Round-Up with a theme of Family & Friends. Tables were decorated with candles and greenery. The formal part of the evening began with the traditional march in of the Head Table led by our Piper Stephanie McSween, who has graciously piped our head table into the Ballroom 25 times. The program started off with a rousing rendition of O Canada lead by Carol Duborg, who tried to keep us in tune. This was followed by the Rev. Doug Powell offering a "Prayer of Remembrance" for those members who have passed on since the last Round-Up. Peggy Barr, along with Stephanie piping a lament in the background, touchingly read each of their names, giving a short bio for each of our departed members. Rev. Doug Powell then offered the traditional grace and Dave Wake introduced the Head Table.

The Palliser again served a wonderful meal of, what else but the traditional prime rib and fall vegetables followed by warm apple pie with hot rum sauce. With the meal enjoyed and the dishes cleared, Dave offered the Toast to the Queen and continued as our host for the evening. He introduced Margaret Kruse from the Northern Alberta Pioneers and Descendants and Dan Denning from High River and District Pioneers who both brought greetings from their Associations. Dave then introduced our members who were receiving special recognition, namely, Audrey Rice, Pioneer Lady for 2011 and Bill Murphy, the Pioneer Gentleman for 2011. Pioneer Lady, Joan Davis and Pioneer Gentleman, Robert (Bud) Vine for 2012 were recognized. Each year the Nominating Committee selects members to be recognized for their many volunteer contributions to the Association over the years. This year's recipients were Betty Wake and Gerald Knowlton as Honorary Associate Lady and Honorary Associate Gentleman.

In his outgoing President's remarks, **Dave** commented on how much he has enjoyed his year as our President. Also at this time, **Dave**, along with a couple of helpers, uncovered a very special surprise he had dropped off earlier in the day and had hidden beneath a cover. **Dave** had managed to secure **Colonel James Walker's** cane from the SAIT archives. **Dave** 

asked Ernie Rice to build a wooden case to display the cane. You will be able to see the cane and the beautiful display case the next time you are at Rotary House. Dave went on to explain how he came upon the cane and a bit of the history behind it. He then introduced Kathleen Rogers, our new President for 2012. Kathleen gave us a poignant

and yet at times, funny introduction to a bit of her family's history. As she spoke you could hear her father, **John Hutchings**, agree and laugh at some of her recollections. We finished the evening with the music stylings of **Reverend Elvis**. As I glanced around the room I could see toe tapping, people singing along and smiles of recognition of songs from the past.

Thank you to the Round-Up Committee and especially **Sharon Thielen** who almost single-handedly organized this event, **Gwen Hanna** for ticket sales, **Fern Dorsch** and **Pat Rodriguez** for their support at the Round-Up. I would also like to thank all those in attendance for their contribution in making the evening a success.

Mark your calendars – November 3, 2012 is the date for the 92nd Round-Up.

– Leanne Bateman 2011 Round-Up Co-Chair



## Cookbook Makes a Great Gift

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Colonel James Walker's cane from the SAIT archives secured by Dave Wake. Wooden case built by Ernie Rice.



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## Joan and Clarence Davis Receive Well-Deserved Award

Long-time members of the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants, Joan and Clarence Davis were honoured last May with the Historical Society of Alberta Award.

To be eligible they needed to qualify in one or more of these categories and that they certainly did.

- Meritorious service to the Historical Society of Alberta over a period of several years;
- 2. Meritorious service to the preservation, promotion or development of Alberta's history over a period of several years;
- Performance of a single action, deed or service which is of such significance, uniqueness, or magnitude that it ranks far above routine or regular actions, deeds or services.

For over 20 years, Joan and Clarence have volunteered with the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendents in many capacities, especially the historical committee, and have worked tirelessly to preserve our southern Alberta history. During her term as President of the SAP and after Jim Mackie had made the initial presentation, Joan was responsible for getting the Memorial Building declared

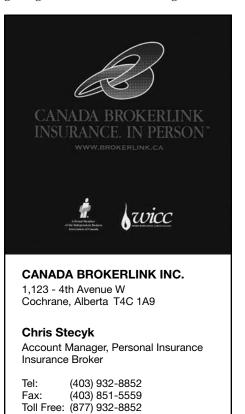
a Historic Building.

With Jay Joffe, they researched the family histories of Southern Alberta which resulted in the publication of *Pioneer Families of Southern Alberta* in 1993. They recorded the 1891 Alberta census and presented it to the Alberta Family Histories Society. As members of the Historical Society of Alberta, Chinook Country Historical Society chapter, they have helped with the planning of Historic Calgary Week, made presentations and arranged to have the Southern Alberta Pioneers partner with HSA for the past several years.

Clarence and Joan have volunteered with Fort Calgary cataloging artifacts and were docents at the McDougall Stoney Mission church that was built in 1875 near Morley west of Cochrane. They spent countless days at the site during the summer months. Both have made presentations to Calgary school students helping the children understand the rich history of southern Alberta.

Joan is our 2012 SAP Pioneer Lady and Clarence held the honour of Pioneer Gentleman in 2009.

Congratulations Joan and Clarence.





# Treasurer's Report

Well another year has come and gone; the books are with the auditors, there is money in the bank, we have no debts or major commitments and our rental operations continue to provide us with a steady and healthy cash flow.

After lengthy negotiations with Alberta Gaming we have reached agreement for the release of the casino proceeds from the June 2010 casino. These have been held up because of a disagreement over which of our two organizations, the Foundation or the Pioneers and their Descendants should be the beneficiary pursuant to the license issued for the casino. At the time of writing this report we have filed all the necessary documents and are now waiting for a letter of confirmation from Alberta Gaming. Although the delay did not create any financial hardships, it did delay some major repair and renovation projects.

In a previous report I indicated that the Evelyn Calow bequest of \$50,000 had been received. A reserve fund has been created with this money, to be used for special upgrading projects at the Memorial Building. The first of these was the new lift which was fully paid for by funds from the Calow bequest.

This past year saw a substantial improvement in the financial results from our various social events, due in large part to the efforts of the committee chairs to control costs, while at the same time ensuring no reduction in the enjoyment for all who attend. A hearty round of applause to all who contribute their time to make these events such a success.

Sales of the Pioneer Cookbooks continue at a good pace, to the point where we have nearly exhausted our inventory and will now be ordering a reprint of 1,000 additional copies.

Respectfully submitted – Joe Ferguson, Treasurer

#### SAP MEMBERSHIP BUFFALO HEAD LAPEL PINS

Gold and Blue (SAP Logo) \$15.00 each Contact Gwen Hanna at (403) 279-5621.

## Yahoo!

I uly 8<sup>th</sup> was a great day for the 2011 Stampede Parade. Along with our outriders, trail bosses and side saddle riders, we were blessed with 31 participants in conveyances. I greatly appreciated their efforts in wearing period costuming for our entry. Everyone seemed to have a good time and was well received by the crowds on the street. Even with the jets overhead and the fireworks, our drivers and outriders kept their teams and horses cool and our members safe. Thank you ALL for making this possible!

#### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Stampede Parade

We continue to search for and give priority to members who know that their ancestor was in the 1912 Stampede Parade. We had a good response from the e-mail, which gave us a few members who were sure of their ancestor's participation and several who were involved in some capacity with the event. There will be a phone fan-out and with the newsletter we should have reached all members. I have a good waiting list at this time. Thank-you for your interest in this event!

> - Linda Chudey SAP Parade Coordinator 403 225 0698

### **FAMILY GAMES AND POTLUCK DINNER**

Sunday, January 15 2:00 pm

Convenor: Laura White

Sunday, February 12 2:00 pm

Convenor: Iona Shaw

Sunday, March 18 2:00 pm

Convenor: Judi La Londe

Gather your family and join friends for a casual afternoon of games, cards and visiting. Bring your favourite casserole, salad or dessert and enjoy a delicious dinner.

## Membership Report

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES FOR 2012, YOU WILL FIND A COLOURED NOTICE WITH THIS **NEWSLETTER.** 

THIS NEWSLETTER CAN BE READ & PRINTED AT www.pioneersalberta.org.

#### In Memoriam:

Jack Hervey, Daphne Reed and John (lack) Shaw.

#### **New Gold Card Members:**

Norman Schmaltz, Audrey Petrie, Lloyd Hamilton, Ken Manning, Nola Rintoul & Ruth Sutherland.

#### Welcome To New Members:

Carol and Paula Duborg, descendants of Henry Lawrence, High River, 1882

Lorne Fuller, descendant of Lachlan McKinnon, Langdon, March 1882

Robert Stewart and Patricia Trimble, descendants of Thomas Bunce, Calgary, 1883

Richard Jull, descendant of Samuel and Margaret Hamilton, Red Deer Lake, 1884

Darrell Grant and Gina Christopher-Shah, descendants of Arthur and Ada Rowland, Aldersyde, 1884

Thank you for notifying me of any changes (address, phone and e-mail) at sap.membership@shaw.ca or phone at 403-271-5483

- Maureen Peckham, Membership

### **Something New**

To save some of the printing and postage costs as well as the environment, we are hoping to be able to email the May edition of the newsletter as an attachment to everyone who has provided us with their email address. If we don't have your email address please contact Maureen Peckham at sap.membership@ shaw.ca or phone 403-271-5483. If we have your email address but you would still like to receive a copy by mail please contact Maureen by email or phone. If you don't have an email address you will continue to receive your copy by mail.

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## A Question of Rent

t a recent SAP Board of Directors Ameeting, a question was posed regarding the amount of rent paid by the pioneers to the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede for our use of Rotary House during the Stampede. As you know, we use that facility twice during that yearly event; once for our Parade Participants' Breakfast on "Parade Day" and again for our Afternoon Tea held for our members and their guests on "Seniors' Day". The answer of zero seemed to be met with expressions of amazement.

So a guick explanation was in order.

In the early days of the Exhibition and Stampede, the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Old Timers Association (now SAP) built what was known as the "Old Timers' Shack" or "Hut" close to the northwest corner of the fairgrounds at Macleod Trail and 17th Avenue SE. This log building was used for Old Timers Meetings and events and during the six-day

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Exhibition and Stampede, a tea was held each afternoon and a pancake breakfast was hosted by the male "Old Timers" on the Saturday morning.

The Exhibition and Stampede Board had the use of the Shack at other times.

After many years of shared use by the two entities, a new log building, Fort Calgary House, was constructed in the mid 1950s by the Stampede Organization and dedicated to "the thousands of pioneers who settled in Southern Alberta".

The Shack/Hut was moved a short distance to become the kitchen of Fort Calgary House. The shared usage of this building continued during Stampede but our meetings were soon to be held at our newly acguired location on 4th Street SW.

With the advent of the south leg of the Light Rail Transit, Fort Calgary House had to be removed to accommodate construction of the line. It now serves as a residence in Alix, Alberta.

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The South Calgary Rotary Club created the present day Rotary House using hand-hewn logs from the Rocky Mountain Slopes and natural fieldstone for the fireplace. It opened December 6, 1979. The Southern Alberta Pioneers were asked to assist with the decorating of the building and some of our art and artifacts add to the homey décor to this day.

The Calgary Exhibition and Stampede recognized the years of cooperation with the Old Timers (by now the Southern Alberta Pioneers and their Descendants) by providing us, rent free, the use of Rotary House for our two events. They also provide space in the BMO Centre for our Photo Display during Stampede.

SAP does pay a nominal fee for security, kitchen supervision and linens but yes, we remain rent free.

The long and friendly association of the Southern Alberta Pioneers and the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede is a friendly and treasured one.

One can view the fireplace belonging to the original Oldtimers' Shack to this day. It is the free standing fieldstone fireplace just south of Weadickville near Rotary House and the NWMP Cabin.

Well, the answer was not so guick or so well-known and a number of directors suggested it would be of interest to the general membership.

> With thanks. - Moyra Ferguson & Peggy Barr



## **Pioneer Logo**

You may give a lasting tribute to your descendant of a Pioneer family by inserting the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants Society's logo into your loved one's obituary.

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## **Christmas Party**

We had a great Christmas Party for 75 members and guests on Saturday, December 3rd. The snow held off until after 6:00 pm which allowed a lot of folks to get there before the worst part of the storm. The turkey dinner was delicious and got the Christmas season off to a tasty start. A big thank you goes out to our set-up crew: Les Bell, Judi La Londe, Joan Trimble, Kathleen Rogers, Jesse Hindle, Laura Alvey, Dave Wake, Joe Ferguson, Carol Duborg, Bev and Jim McDonald and Pat Rodriguez.



Bob Brewster, Lyla Brewster and Betty Wake.

## **Building Committee Report**

The building committee has been busy keeping the Memorial Building and grounds in top shape. We have installed a new dishwasher downstairs. The new outside lift is finished – a wonderful gift from the E. Babe Calow estate.

Bushes and small trees have been trimmed as some were taking up more than their allotted spot in the garden. Fall cleaning on the inside has been completed and the Christmas decor was up for all to enjoy. A set of three new tables have been made and will be in place by next week. New tablecloths have been purchased for the round tables as some of the lace ones have seen better days. By the time you receive this newsletter the Christmas decor will have been taken down and we will be looking forward to a great year in the Memorial building. Work on the stones and logs are now put off until the spring.

The wish list is ongoing so please send any of your wishes to the building committee.

Thank you to all the building committee who give of their time and expertise. It couldn't be done without you.

- Fran Copithorne

In the evening Bill Jackson manned the snow shovel and tried to keep the walks clear, Ruth Jackson covered the reception desk, Bill Murphy manned the sound system and Carol Duborg led the group through a rousing group of Christmas carols after dinner.

Congratulations to our two door-prize winners who each won a bottle of wine. A cheque for \$90 will be sent to the Calgary Interfaith Food Bank to cover donations.

- Submitted by the Social Committee



Pioneer Gentleman, Robert (Bud) Vine and Pioneer Lady, Joan Davis for 2012.



Iona Shaw, Julianne Shaw and Bill Shaw



Terri Thompson, Jim McDonald and Nola Rintoul

## **Pioneer Families of Southern Alberta**

Reprint of *Pioneer Families of Southern Alberta* and the *Addendum* of 96 pages of over
800 new names.

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Pat Rodriguez and Les Bell



Eleanor Murphy, Ernie Rice and Audrey Rice



Carol Duborg

### **Stampede Display 2012**

The Stampede Display Committee has started planning the SAPD display for 2012. As last year, we will be located in the Western Oasis area of the BMO Center. Bud Vine is busy identifying some 1912 photos of Calgary and Southern Alberta to add to our collection and to coincide with the Calgary Stampede 100th Anniversary.

The SAPD will again collaborate with the Stampede Historical Committee in the display. They will have some volunteers to staff the display and add many Stampede pictures to celebrate the Anniversary as well.

Jim McDonald will assume the task of filling the volunteer spaces for the SAPD so you can expect a phone call. We would encourage anyone who wishes to volunteer in the booth and has never been asked before to contact Jim. The shifts will be approximately two and a half to three hours and we will be sure you are teamed with someone who has volunteered before.

Contact Jim McDonald by email at jaymcdee@shaw.ca or phone at (403) 282-1942.

For more information, please contact
- Dave Wake
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### **Executive and Directors 2012**



Back row L to R: Roy Clark, Director, Gary Trimble, Director, Joan Christianson, Director, Jim McDonald, Director, Sandy Pedlar, Secretary, Iona Shaw, Director, Dave Wake, Past President, Judi La Londe, Director.

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Front row L to R: Leanne Bateman, Director, Bill Nelson, Vice President, Kathleen Rogers, President, Joe Ferguson, Treasurer, Maureen Peckham, Membership; Missing: Bill Jackson, Director.

# James Andrew Norman Mackie, Q.C. October 21, 1927 – December 27, 2011

Jim Mackie passed away December 27, 2011 at the Beverly Midnapore Long-Term Care Residence in Calgary at the age of 84 years. Jim was the beloved and cherished husband of 61 years to Dora Helen Mackie (nee Stock), a devoted and loving father to four children, fourteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Born in Calgary, Jim was the grandson of James Stuart Mackie, a gunsmith who came to Calgary in 1886, later becoming the mayor of Calgary from 1901 to 1902. Jim's father Norman Stuart Mackie was born in Calgary in 1893.

Like his grandfather and father, Jim was an active member of the Southern Alberta Pioneers and their Descendents. He held the position of President in 1985 and was the legal advisor for the City of Calgary lease negotiations. He helped revise the

SAP bylaws and was instrumental in having the Memorial Building classified as a Municipal Historical Building. Jim was named SAP historian and was very involved with historical research in the organization. In recognition Jim was given an Honorary Lifetime Membership in the Southern Alberta Pioneers and was also named SAP Pioneer Gentleman.

Jim and Helen were very involved with the social events and Helen put her artistic talents to use in designing the graphics for the new note paper, the fireplace screen and window grills.

His historical interest led to his being a member of the Historical Society of Alberta, becoming president in 1988. He was awarded a Lifetime membership of the HSA in 2001.

Jim was a keen athlete and outdoors-

man. He was very involved with the Glencoe Club and the Glencoe Golf and Country Club serving as President of the Glencoe Club and becoming the first President of the Glencoe Golf



and Country Club. He practiced law for 40 years, retiring at the age of 65. During this time, one of the honors he received was his Q.C. He was a longstanding member of the Calgary Burns Club and very supportive of the University of Calgary, where he served on the Board of Governors.

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# **EVENTS**

**Sunday, Jan. 15 – Social/Pot Luck** held at the SAP Memorial Building, 2:00 pm. Hosted by Laura White (403) 271-6055.

**Saturday, Feb. 25 – International Food and Wine Party** held at the SAP Memorial Building, 7:30 pm. Hosted by Rhonda and John Hutchings (403) 252-2428.

**Sunday, Feb. 12 – Social/Pot Luck** held at the SAP Memorial Building, 2:00 pm. Hosted by Iona Shaw (403) 873-1204.

Sunday, Mar. 18 – Social/Pot Luck held at the SAP Memorial Building, 2:00 pm. Hosted by Judi LaLonde (403) 272-5675.

Sunday, Mar. 25 – New Member Orientation held at the SAP Memorial Building SAP Memorial Building, 2:00 – 5:00 pm. Hosted by Dave Wake (403) 288-5545.

Sunday, Apr. 15 – Volunteer Appreciation held at the SAP Memorial Building, 2:00 pm. Hosted by Kathleen Rogers (403) 242-1850.

Saturday, Apr. 28 – Building & Yard Cleanup held at the SAP Memorial Building, 10:00 am. Hosted by Bob Brewster (403) 225-2376, Fran Copithorne (403) 271-1972.

Sunday, May 6 – Gold Card Tea held at the SAP Memorial Building, 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Hosted by Moyra Ferguson (403) 249-9989.

### THE NOTICE BOARD

#### **Historical Committee**

Please submit Family Histories to be entered in our archives. Contact Joan Davis, 403-251-4915.

#### **Deadline**

Deadline for newsletter copy and photos to be submitted in writing at the monthly Board Meetings or emailed to Jan at mjhawes@telus. net. Newsletter printed January, May and September.

#### **Historical Committee**

Regular weekly meetings Mondays, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Contact Joan Davis, 403-251-4915.

#### **Sick and Visiting**

Please notify Peggy Barr at 403-246-2843 of any illness or death in your family or if anyone has need of a hospital visit.

#### **Board Meetings**

1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm (except July & August). Members welcome.

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