



SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS

AND THEIR DESCENDANTS NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

This has been the winter that never wanted to end. During the cold winter months, we had an opportunity to visit with friends at the Memorial Building on our Social Sunday's and Potluck supper. Card games old and new, as well as sharing of historical trivia. It was wonderful to have several grandchildren join us to experience the fellowship and the sharing of memories. Thank you to Bill and Barb Nelson and Herm and Sharon Thielen for hosting.

Spring brings renewed energy and optimism. Spring cleanup at the Memorial Building was well attended. We had a great group of enthusiastic participants a combination of new members as well as old friends from as far away as Australia helping out this year. Arrival was 10AM departure was Noon! Thanks to all, especially Fran Copithorne for organizing this yearly project.

We continue to meet with the City of Calgary to finalize our lease agreement. We are in the final stages of the process; last stage is approval by City Council. Our bylaws are being reviewed this year; a revised edition will be submitted to the Board of Directors, for approval. The Board will provide a copy of the revisions to members in good standing to review prior to our AGM in October. At the AGM there will be a motion for acceptance of the revisions. To receive a copy to review please insure your email address is current with Maureen Peckham, mepeckham@telus.net.

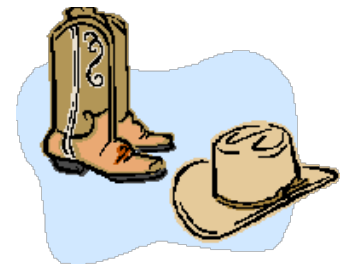
This year we have been discussing ways for our members to reach out to the community and provide opportunities to showcase our Memorial Building as well as interact with groups and discuss the history of our Province. Of great importance is the management of our historical records; library, photos, and artifacts and of the Memorial Building, which is a designated Historic Resource. Some of the initiatives we are exploring are the possibility of being a host site for the Calgary Board of Education's Campus/Open minds program. We are also hosting a group from the Hunting hills seniors to the Building in May for a visit and introduction to our facility and its resources. The Stampede display committee has a mobile photo display which is available to take on the road. We are looking for volunteers to assist us with these projects. If you would like to get involved and learn more about our heritage and family roots contact me at 403-271-9581.

July is very busy for the Pioneer Descendants; this is when we celebrate the traditions of our Pioneer families. Some of these events date back to the 1920's. We require volunteers for the Stampede Display, Stampede BBQ, Rotary House Tea and Pancake Breakfast. If you can spare a couple of hours please contact the event conveyors, contact info is available in this newsletter or on our website at www.pioneersalberta.org.

Just a reminder we are celebrating our 94th Annual Round-up on November 1, 2014 at the Palliser Hotel. This will be a special celebration as the Palliser is celebrating their 100th Anniversary. We are pleased to have Harry Sanders as our guest speaker. Harry has a special interest in the Palliser Hotel and its history; it will be a wonderful evening filled with history and humor. Hope to see you there!

Kerri Fipke, President

ANNUAL STAMPEDE BARBEQUE



Saturday July 5, 2014
at the Memorial Building

Cocktails: 5:30 PM
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Tickets may be mailed out to you or held for Pick-
up at the hall at the day of the BBQ.

The Fairmont Palliser Celebrates Centennial With Amnesty, 2014!

So bring back that fork or— better
Syet— the missing gargoyle from The
Rimrock's fireplace!

This year, The Fairmont Palliser will celebrate its centennial on June 1, 2014. To honour the countdown to the 100th anniversary, the hotel is launching an amnesty program to collect hotel memorabilia. The public is encouraged to give up* items 'borrowed' over the last 100 years with no questions asked. Starting on June 1, the hotel will host a series of events throughout the year to honour its history, alumni and community while it also invites the world to visit during the milestone anniversary.

"We're creating a 'history alley' display on the boulevard level of the hotel and also pleading for information surrounding the whereabouts of a special ornate detail belonging on top of the mantel on our famous fireplace in our Rimrock restaurant – a bird-like gargoyle," said Dan McGowan, general manager. "The missing gargoyle was originally a part of a set, and today, we begin the search to have it returned. We also hope to retrieve all sorts of Palliser memorabilia from our community to put together our display."

Memorabilia may be sent to The Fairmont Palliser, 133 – 9th Ave. S.W. Calgary, Alberta, attention: Jacqueline Tyler, Communications Manager.

*All items received will not be returned rather donated to the hotel's archives and be treasured in-house for the next century.

Submitted by Kerri Fipke

Historic Calgary Week SAP Memorial Building

Be sure to mark the date of Friday, July 25, 2014 on your calendars to join the opening day activities of Historic Calgary Week 2014. Once again the SAP will be hosting the opening ceremonies at the Memorial Building beginning at 9:45 a.m. (with four presentations to follow: two in the morning and two in the afternoon).

The theme for this year is "Reflect and Remember" and serves to provide an opportunity to celebrate Calgary and southern Alberta history. For those downtown during the week there are talks 12 to 1 pm. at Central United Church, presentations at the Calgary Public Libraries downtown, at Memorial Park and Louise Riley branches, and numerous presentations and tours. There are numerous other venues in Calgary and surrounding area: one presentation involves the pioneer cemetery at Davisburg, while others are planned at Okotoks, High River and Cochrane.

A complete program brochure will be available at Calgary libraries and bookstores, and at the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants display booth at the Calgary Stampede. Also, the program soon will be posted online at www.chinookcountry.org.

Please plan on joining us on Friday, July 25, 2014.

Submitted by David Ballard

Membership Report

Please Note: If you have not paid this years dues, you will find a coloured notice with your newsletter.

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*****If you would like to discountinue receiving the paper copy of the newsletter please send an e-mail to – membership@pioneersalberta.org *****

In Memoriam:

Arthur Snell, Margaret Kerfoot, Robert Stewart, Marion Taylor, Sue Higgins, Joe Ferguson, Irene Edge, Ralphine Locke, Dorothy Woodall & Madge Grayson.

New Gold Card Members:

Delores Woolrich, Mary Cameron, Louanne Gradisher & Guy Hamilton.

Welcome to New Members:

Wallace Shaw, Descendant of Samuel Shaw, Midnapore, July 1883

James Mckinnon, Descendant of Donald William Mckinnon, Homesteaded 3 miles south of Red Deer, 1890.

R. Claire Macdougall, Descendant of George Glasford, Calgary, 1888

Welcome to New Associate Members:

Alex Skene & Colleen Lewis.

Thank you for notifying me of any changes (address, phone #, E-mail)

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Maureen Peckham - Membership

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Clarence Davis (403) 251-4915

Treasurer Required

The Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants are in need of a Volunteer to fill the position of Treasurer on our Board of Directors.

The position requires general knowledge of accounting practices and eligibility to be elected to the Board as an Officer.

In an effort to significantly reduce the number of hours required to manage the organizations financials we have hired a book keeper as well as purchased the Simply Accounting electronic accounting system.

The treasurer will be responsible to manage the financials and work closely with the book keeper to provide financial reports to the Board of Directors and the membership.

Interested, please contact Kerri Fipke at 403-271-9581.

Building Report

Happy to report the stone work on the outside of the building has at long last been completed. This was a long process but worth the wait. The city reimburses us part of the cost and a lot of paper work was involved.

A new kitchen tap is in place in the upstairs kitchen, plumbing had to be updated in the kitchen also. Furnaces have been checked out and are now all in top running order.

Hall rentals are very busy but with that comes wear and tear on the building. Our hope is that all who rent treat it with care like it was their own.

New outside doors are top of the wish list and the committee is working on this project.

Snow removal this year was a challenge just as it was cleared, down it came again.

Spring will come and gardening around the building is already being planned. The grounds will need to be spruced up, dug up and flowers planted.

Fran Copithorne



SAP MEMBERSHIP BUFFALO HEAD LAPEL PINS

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

Calling All Rotary House Tea Volunteers

We need your help. The Stampede Rotary House Tea will be held on Tuesday July 8th. Please help us make sandwiches the day before the tea on Monday July 7th at 12:30 pm at the Memorial Hall.

We also need baking so bring your favorite squares and cookies. Tea and goodies are served at the tea from 2:00 to 4:30 pm on Tuesday and we need your assistance to serve our guests. There is always great conversation at the sandwich making. Helping out at the tea is a chance to see old friends and meet new ones.

If you can help out by making sandwiches, baking and/or serving the day of the tea, please call:

Iona Shaw @ 403-873-1204 or

Joan Hampaul @ 403-282-8515

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Social Committee

Thank you to members who have stepped forward to be conveners for our many events. Your work makes it possible for us to socialize together and enjoy a variety of activities. A special thanks goes out to Herm and Sharon Thielen for looking after the social gathering on March 16; Iona Shaw and Joan Hampaul for co-chairing the Rotary House Tea event; and Karen Clark for coming forward to do the AGM luncheon.

If you would like to assist in this event please contact:

Maureen Hill @ 403 225 2392 , or Linda Chudey @ 403 225 0698

Memorial Building Fund

The following have donated to our Memorial Building Fund in 2014.

John Hutchings, Susan Turner, Beverly Snell, Jim McDonald (in memory of Joe Ferguson)

Beverly Snell (in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Woodall)

Alice Huggard

The Southern Alberta Pioneers Foundation is a registered charity. Contributions to the Memorial Building Fund are income tax deductible. Cheques should be made payable to the Southern Alberta Pioneers' Memorial Building Fund.

In addition to donations from Individuals and bequests from estates, The Southern Alberta Pioneers Association contributes \$50.00 to the Fund in Memory of each deceased member.

Historical Committee

There is a lot of filing to complete as well as having membership for approval.

Archival information has also been received.

Joan Davis –Historical Committee.

Help! Help! Help!

We desperately need someone willing and able to assist Fern Dorsch with Cookbook Sales during the summer at the Millarville Farmer's Market.

Driving own vehicle back and forth and able to lift a fold-up wheelchair is a necessity.

Please call Fern at 403-278-2793



Toonie Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, July 12, 2014
9am to Noon

Outdoors, rain or shine!
SAP Memorial Building

MEMBER NAME TAGS (Magnetic)

Cost: \$12.00 (including GST)

The name tags will be 1" x 3", gold color with black lettering

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Your Pioneer Family Name: _____
(Last name only)

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Stampede Display 2014

Plans are well underway for an exciting picture display this year. We have acquired many new images and maps to tell the story of railroads in Southern Alberta from 1880 to 1930 starting with the construction of the main line to branch lines and the effect it had developing the growth of communities in Southern Alberta.

We have a fifteen minute video of oral histories of railroad experiences as told by retired CPR employees which will play on the TV in the booth.

The Stampede Historical Committee will display pictures of the old grandstand including the involvement of the Provincial Institute of Technology and Art (now SAIT Polytechnic) at the grandstand during World War 2. Many classes were transferred to the Stampede grounds from Sept. 1940 to Sept. 1946. Construction of the present grandstand will also be depicted.

The Remington Carriage Museum will, again, bring the Western Passenger Wagon (Stagecoach) to our location at the request of the Calgary Stampede.

A big THANK YOU to all who have volunteered to man the booth. Joan has most of the time slots filled at this time, however, we could use some standbys.

Written information pertaining to the display will be mailed out around the middle of June.

For more info call:

Joan Hampaul at (403) 282-8515 or

Dave Wake at (403) 288-5545



A Digitized Reproduction of a Southern Alberta Pioneer Heritage Photograph



Early method of laying track Canadian Pacific Railway

International Wine and Food Tasting 2014

The 20th annual Food and Wine tasting event was held on Feb 22, 2014 at the Memorial Building starting at 7:00 p.m. promptly. This event is a highlight and sold out very quickly. Food and wine were from Argentina, Canada and Italy. Kathleen and Maureen did extensive research to make the menu balanced and authentic to the country. Pairings were completed by a sommelier from Co-op Spirits. Board members made the food, managed their dishes and held station at one of the countries. This provided an excellent opportunity to meet and socialize with members. Barbara Kwasny, our Pioneer Lady this year, greeted guests at the door with a bubbly from Argentina. The hall looked incredible and guests roamed from table to table sampling a variety of scrumptious appetizers with red or white wine pairings. It was suggested by an enthusiastic guest that a cook book of appetizers be made from this event. They were that good.

In addition to our aprons with our logo on it, tote bags were made this year as well. Both were sold at this event and were widely received. Volunteers wore the black aprons and will be encouraged to wear them at future events as well. Two bottles of wine were door prizes, each of which was tucked inside a new black tote bag. Both aprons and totes will be sold at events. Aprons: \$20.00 and totes: \$10.00.

Volunteers are very much appreciated and of course our event would not be as successful without their help. A special thank you goes out to: Pat Rogriguez, Gwen Hannah, David and Sandy Mackie, Kevin and Denise MacInnes, Iona Shaw, Craig Hope, Johnson, Leanne and Wayne Bateman, Sandy Pedlar, Kerri and Don Fipke, Roy and Karen Clark, Joan and Gary Trimble. Gary took photos of the evening. Kathleen and Brian Rogers, Jeff and Maureen Hill were the events co-conveners. Thank you to members who showed an interest in volunteering for this event.

Although well attended, The Ferguson's and family were sadly missed. A bubbly was toasted in Joe's honor.

Submitted by Kathleen Rogers and Maureen Hill



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Harry M Sanders

Harry Sanders was born in 1966 in Drumheller, Alberta, where his father owned and operated the Whitehouse Hotel. Spending his early youth in and around this old hotel gave Harry a lifelong appreciation for heritage buildings, and this influenced his decision to study history and to follow a career as a local historian.

Harry was educated at the Calgary Hebrew School and Bishop Carroll High School (class of 1984). In 1988 he earned a Bachelor of Arts (First Class Honours) in History at the University of Calgary. During his university years, Harry spent his summers working as an interpreter at Heritage Park Historical Village.

Harry has worked at the Calgary Public Library, the City of Calgary Archives, the Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta, and the Glenbow Library & Archives. Since 1995 Harry has been a self-employed historical consultant, contract researcher, and freelance writer. He is the author of *Watermarks: One Hundred Years of Calgary Waterworks* (2000), *Calgary's Historic Union Cemetery: A Walking Guide* (2002), *The Story Behind Alberta Name: How Cities, Towns, Villages and Hamlets Got Their Names* (2003), *Historic Walks of Calgary* (2005), and *Calgary Transit: A Centennial History* (2009). From 1996-99, Harry continued the late Jack Peach's 'Looking Back' column in the Calgary Sun. From 2006-09, Harry appeared weekly on CBC Radio One as 'Harry the Historian'.

Harry is married to Kirsten Olson, and they have two children, Jonas and Anna

Submitted by Dave Mackie

2014 Stampede Parade

A big THANK-YOU goes out to all who have agreed to participate in this year's parade. Further details regarding passes, time and meeting place for parade morning will follow. If you plan to be away before please keep in touch with me. Also, just a reminder that the dress for this occasion is **PERIOD DRESS, 1870-1890's**, not western wear.

Linda Chudey
SAP Parade Coordinator
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403 225 0698

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The cost to insert our logo is included in the column inch charge for your loved one's obituary.

- Bill Murphy



EVENTS

Friday, July 4

Pre-Parade Breakfast

Held at the Rotary House, 6:30 AM.
Hosted by Sandy Pedlar 403-278-1334
Kerri Fipke 403-271-9581.

Saturday, July 5

Stampede BBQ

Held at the SAP Memorial Building, 6:00 PM.
Hosted by Joan and Gary Trimble
403-255-5273.

Monday, July 7

Sandwich Making

Held at the SAP Memorial Building, 12:30 PM.
Hosted by Iona Shaw 403-873-1204
Joan Hampaul 403-282-8515

Tuesday, July 8

Rotary House Tea

Held at the Rotary House,
2:00-4:30 PM.
Hosted by Iona Shaw 403-873-1204
Joan Hampaul 403-282-8515

Saturday, July 12

Pancake Breakfast

Held at the SAP Memorial Building, 9:00 AM - Noon.
Hosted by Craig Hope Johnston
403-233-6961

Friday, July 25

Historic Calgary Week- Opening Day Presentations

Held at the SAP Memorial Building, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM.
Hosted by Joan Davis 403-252-4915
and Dave Ballard 403-282-3716

Sunday, September 7

Family Day/Potluck

Held at Champion Park, 2:00 PM.
Hosted by Fran Copithorne
403-271-1972.

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Historical Committee

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

Deadline

Deadline for newsletter copy and photos to be submitted in writing at monthly Board Meetings or emailed to Kathy Nelson at kathy.nelson@shaw.ca. Newsletter printed January, May and September.

Historical Committee

Regular weekly meetings will start again on September 8. Mondays, 10:00am to 2:00 pm. On the rare occasion a meeting may be cancelled if the hall is booked for another function. Please call

Dave Wake 403-288-5545 or Joan Davis 403-251-4915.

Sick and Visiting

Please notify Peggy Barr (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 p.m. (except July & August). Members welcome.

Advertising

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