



SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS

AND THEIR DESCENDANTS NEWSLETTER



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Nicole and Shawn Hendry
First Lady & President, SAPD
2021-2022

Hi All

Our seasons are once again converging, and we are nearing the end of summer with some tremendous weather that we have been blessed with. Hopefully you have been able to enjoy the summer.

Over the summer we have had a number of what I would consider as successful events. At our Stampede BBQ, Pioneers Tea, Stampede Breakfast and Western Showcase at the grounds (over 60 volunteers!) we had the chance to celebrate with many of you. We hosted the first Southern Alberta Historical Societies gathering in June to increase collaboration. Thank you again to all of the convenors and volunteers

President's Message

that we had at each of the events. Our association relies on all of you as volunteers and we could not have these events without your participation. A special thank you again to our youngest volunteers, Ethan and Nate Hilton, and Tom and James Hindle at the BBQ and Breakfast — perhaps one of our future presidents helping out! Thank you to all!!

I also had the pleasure, along with John Hutchings and Brian Rogers, to be the guests of Honor at the 90th Annual Rangenman's Dinner, invited by Roy Clark, as well as I represented SAPD at the Stampede Presidents' Reception where I was able to connect with the Stampede President and Premier Kenney. One thing, everyone loves the Pioneers!

We are looking to top the success of each of these events with our 100th Annual Round-Up Dinner and Silent Auction
"Return to the Roaring 20s!"
event on November 5th, 2022.

As this is our most important event, and a 100 year celebration occurs only once, we are hoping that we are able to have many of you join us as we are in the large Crystal Ballroom and looking at increasing our attendance.

We will have the dinner, dance (with live music) and a silent auction for fundraising. We encourage you if

you wish, to come dressed in 1920s period attire as they may have 100 years ago. We are hoping to have a photo booth that you and your group can get some classic pictures of the celebration! **IT IS GOING TO BE A FANTASTIC CELEBRATION!**

If you have a donation for our Silent Auction that you can contribute to help SAPD and our programs, it would be very much appreciated. Your donation can be a gift certificate, a product, cash donation or other. We are also looking for Corporate Sponsorship which would provide prominence to the Sponsor in our flyer and event program. If you are interested in helping with donations or sponsorship or if you know someone who may be interested in providing a Silent Auction item, please reach out to me directly.

Finally, we will be looking for volunteers for the Round-Up. Again, please let me know.

On the business side, we have updated our bylaws to meet the requirements for AGLC Charitable Groups eligibility requirements. A special notice is included in this newsletter for approving the updated bylaws at our Annual General Meeting on Saturday, October 15th, 2022 at 11:00 am.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our AGM and Round Up. Further details on how to get tickets for the Round Up are provided in

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and THEIR DESCENDANTS

Annual General Meeting



Saturday, October 15, 2022

Commencing at 11:00 AM

Presiding: Shawn Hendry, President 2021—2022

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Oct. 16, 2021
2. Business arising from the minutes
3. President's Report — Shawn Hendry
4. Treasurer's Report — Brian Rogers
5. Membership Report — Sharon Hoiland
6. Committee Reports
7. Election of the SAPD Board of Directors for 2022—2023
8. Special Resolution: Vote on proposed SAPD Bylaw changes (see Highlights on page 3)
9. Introduction of the Incoming President
10. Incoming President's Remarks
11. Motion to Adjourn

The Southern Alberta Pioneers' Foundation meeting will follow the SAPD's AGM to appoint Directors to the Foundation Board.

*Be the lucky
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*A night at the Fairmont Palliser for the
November 5th Annual Round-Up!
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SAPD members who attend the AGM.*

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Highlights of Proposed Bylaw Changes

Members will be asked to vote on proposed SAPD Bylaw changes at this year's AGM. The changes in the bylaws are needed to meet the AGLC (Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Commission) charitable group eligibility requirements so we can maintain a significant source of funding for our historical programs. The following are highlights of key changes. Proposed new text is red and proposed deleted text is struck through.

Article I. DEFINING AND INTERPRETING THE BYLAWS

Voting Privilege - Any Descendant, **Associate or Friend** Member can vote at any meeting of the Society with the exception of:

- Members who have withdrawn from membership
- Members who are in arrears in payment of annual fees
- Members who are currently suspended
- Members who have been expelled

Article III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 3.02—Associate Member

(b) Rights and Responsibilities

- Has voting privileges on all matters pertaining to the Society**
- May be elected to the Board of Directors**
- May be elected (or appointed) to the Executive following being an elected member of the Board of Directors for 12 prior months**
- May sit on any standing committee
- Agrees to abide by the Objects of the Society
- ~~No voting privileges~~
- ~~May be nominated to the Board of Directors, and if elected, will have the full rights of a Descendant member during the Associate's tenure as a Director including holding office in the Society, except for the office of President or Vice President. The combined number of Associate Members and Friend Members on the~~

~~Board of Directors shall not exceed 3 at any time.~~

Section 3.03—Friend Member

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Article IX. BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Section 9.01

- The Executive Officers of the Society shall consist of the Immediate Past President and the following elected members: President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom shall be Members in good standing of the Society. **One Executive Officer of the Society (to a maximum of 25% of the Executive) may be appointed by the elected Directors.**

SAPD Bylaws can be viewed at <http://pioneersalberta.org/bylaws.html>.

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Past & Current President: John Hutchings, Lynn Hoosier and Shawn Hendry

SAPD Stampede Week Events by Shawn Hendry & Lynn Hoosier

SAPD President Shawn Hendry and his wife Nicole attended the **2022 Calgary Stampede President's Reception** on behalf of the Southern Alberta Pioneers in July. While there, Shawn and Nicole had a chance to meet with Alberta Premier Jason Kenney.



R-L: Past President John Hutchings, President Shawn Hendry, and future President (hopefully) Tom Hindle, one of the young helpers at the **SAPD Stampede Breakfast**.



President Shawn and First Lady Nicole at the **Calgary Stampede Display Western Showcase**, July 7 - 16. The SAPD display focussed on Disasters and Recovery. This event is supported by our Historical Committee: Carolyn Preston, Kathleen Rogers, Dave Wake, Marcel Hebert, Russell Moore, Doug Coats and Alan Lynas.

We reduced the number of hours in manning the display this year by 2 hours and went from 4 shifts per day to 3 shifts, and were able to have at least 2 volunteers on each shift except for 3 shifts. Approximately 60 persons volunteered over the 10 days with some taking up to 3 shifts.

We kept an approximate log on numbers attending and can confirm that at least 2000 persons visited the booth over the 10 day period.



Shawn Hendry with Stampede President Steve McDonough at the **Stampede Grandstand Show**.

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SAPD Stampede BBQ

After a two-year absence due to COVID, the annual Pioneer Stampede Barbecue was resurrected with a bang.

It was a beautiful night weather wise: 30 degrees under a clear sky, and no worries about a torrential thunderstorm, which traditionally occurs just when happy hour is in full swing.

Our Master of Ceremonies, Russell Moore, did a wonderful job in keeping the night on track and providing the music. Russell usually sings himself, but a recent injury prevented him from serenading us. Hopefully his vocal cords will make a full recovery.

To the delight of the crowd, Harry the Horse made his rounds, drawing many photo shots and laughs.



L-R: Tearin Hunter, Janice Carrey, Harry the Horse, Barb Robinson, Kelsey Hunter, Linda Davies

Shawn Hendry, our current President, welcomed the crowd with a few words and then gave John Hutchings the opportunity to introduce the Stampede Royalty whose appearances are always a highlight of the evening.

This year we were honoured to have the Stampede Princess, Jenna Peters, and the First Nations Princess, Sikapinakii Low Horn, attend our function and say a few words to the crowd before mingling with everyone.



Jenna Peters, Sikapinakii Low Horn

The Royalty and chaperones were fed a fabulous meal before they departed to carry on their numerous duties.

Speaking of a fabulous meal, we were treated to a great spread of BBQ beef, baked potato, country style beans, salad and ice cream, watermelon and home-made cake for dessert. Special thanks to our caterers, Duncan Kesslering and crew from out of Turner Valley.

The after-dinner wrap up included several door prizes drawn by our 2022 Pioneer Lady, Pamela Hilton. The big prize was a bottle of special edition Stampede Rye Whiskey won by Calgary Flame Alumni, Tim Hunter.

A huge thank-you for **all the volunteers** who helped to make this event happen.

- Morning setup crew: Dan Shaw, Dylan Viste, Elaine McDonald, Mike Kobluk, Jeff & Maureen Hill, Carl Ringdahl, Paul Gray and Neil Brown.
- Afternoon setup crew: Shawn & Nicole Hendry, Robin Arthurs, Roy & Karen Clark, Brian & Kathleen Rogers, Carl Ringdahl and Paul Gray, Jeff & Maureen Hill
- Master of Ceremonies: Russell Moore, who also provided grace.
- Reception and Dinner Ticket Issuer: Kathleen Rogers
- Membership table: Sharon Hoiland
- Beverage Tickets: Bev Prieur and Elaine McDonald
- Bartenders: Shayla Hendry, Dylan Viste, Dan Shaw

by John and Rhonda Hutchings
2022 Stampede BBQ Convenors



Jenna Peters was excited to meet Beryl Sibbald and Edith Edge who were part of the Stampede Royalty in 1963 and 1953 respectively.

- Bar Runner: Carl Ringdahl
- Evening Cleanup Crew: Shawn & Nicole Hendry, Paul Gray (pop-up tent specialist), Carl Ringdahl, Colin Harper and friend Meg, Brian & Kathleen Rogers, Anna Rogers and friend Brett, Bev Prieur, Elaine McDonald and many others.

Special Thanks to:

Eileen McElroy for loaning us the canopy for the bar and supplying the tickets for the event.

Maureen Hill for providing her wisdom and experience to the organizers plus securing the Stampede welcoming committee, Harry the Horse and the Stampede Royalty.

Dave and Betty Wake for being the official hosts for the Stampede Royalty.

Nicole and Shawn Hendry for donating wine for door prizes

Tom & James Hindle, two youngsters who helped in the morning cleanup, distributed the potato chips during happy hour, collected the dinner tickets, helped with the evening cleanup, and generally helped where they could.

Vital Statistics:

The final head count was 215:

- Six complementary guests (Stampede Royalty Group)
- One child under 12
- Five teenagers, 12 to 18
- 203 Adults

SAPD Pioneer Tea

by Pamela Hilton

After the COVID hiatus, we were again able to host our Pioneer Tea; traditionally held on the Tuesday of Stampede Week in Rotary House at Stampede Park. However, the SAPD board changed the venue to our own Memorial Building due to the extensive construction at Stampede Park resulting in a greater distance to walk to the Rotary House location. The date of our event changed to Monday, July 11th due to the Memorial Building being previously booked on the Tuesday. We hosted approximately 70 guests.

President Shawn Hendry welcomed the group and introduced the visiting royalty and special guests: Stampede Princess Jenna Peters and First Nations Princess Sikapinakii Low Horn and their entourage, and MLA Whitney Issik (Shortt).



Hutchings, Kathleen Rogers, Sandy Pedlar and Katie Fipke - who so cheerfully gave up their day to help with set up, baking desserts, preparing sandwiches, plating the various items, serving and cleaning up. You were all amazing!

- Special thanks to Kathleen Rogers' grandsons, Tom and James, and to Ethan and Nate Hilton; those young boys were great and so helpful.
- Alan Lynas whose picture display on the lower level was enjoyed by many of the attendees.

If I missed any of the wonderful volunteers, please forgive me and know that I so appreciated your time and energy to make this tea memorable.

Our volunteers created a number of custom western table centerpieces that were sold to raise funds for the tea. This, in addition to cash donations, resulted in a profit of \$110.14.

Finally, we were delighted to sign up several new members and friends during the event as listed in the Membership Report on page 8.

President

Shawn Hendry with
SAPD Pioneer Lady,
Pamela Hilton,
Stampede Princess
Jenna Peters and
First Nations Princess
Sikapinakii Low Horn



Thank you to

- John Hutchings for doing the set up with Martin Jones.
- My volunteers - Kathy Reeves, Nicole and Cheryl Hendry, Lana Jones, Sharon Hoiland, Lynn Hoosier, Megan Ballard, Bev Prieur, Betty Wake, Maureen Hill, Joan Christenson, Susan Turner, Rhonda



Making Connections

An in-person Genealogy Conference presented by Alberta Family Histories Society on Saturday, October 1, 2022 at the Crossroads Community Centre, Calgary. \$75 for non-members.

Register by contacting afhs.ab.ca

Questions? Contact Suzanne Davidson at familyroots@afhs.ab.ca.



Annual Round-Up Dinner & Silent Auction



We are celebrating 100 Years of the
Southern Alberta Pioneers' & Their Descendants
on November 5, 2022 in the Crystal Ballroom at the Palliser Hotel

- ◆ Tickets are \$95: tickets must be purchased by October 20 and are non refundable
 - ◇ Contact SAPD President Shawn Hendry at 403-464-1737 or at president@pioneersalberta.org
 - ◇ Purchase in one of the following two ways:
 1. E-transfer to events@pioneersalberta.org. Indicate in your email transfer that the event is for the Round-Up and that the password is pioneers (all lower case)
 2. Send a cheque to SAPD by either
 - Mail to: Attention Shawn Hendry: SAPD Memorial Building, 3625—4 St. SW, Calgary, AB T2S 1Y3
 - Or drop it off at the Memorial Building by October 15
 - ◇ Tickets will not be mailed out. You can pick them up at the Round-Up.
- ◆ Hotel Room: Special rate—\$149/night
- ◆ 5:30 pm Cocktails
- ◆ 6:30 pm Dinner
 - ◇ Please let Shawn know in an email or with your cheque about seating or meal preferences (e.g., gluten or dairy free, vegetarian/vegan, allergens)
- ◆ Silent Auction
 - ◇ Contact Shawn or Nicole Hendry about being a Corporate Sponsor or providing a Silent Auction item
- ◆ Dance to a Live Band

Contact Shawn or Nicole Hendry at
president@pioneersalberta.org re tickets,
event information, room rates, sponsorship,
auction items, or volunteering

Return to the Roaring 20s!

We encourage you—if you wish—to come dressed in 1920s period attire, as our ancestors may have dressed for a night out 100 years ago!
There will be a photo booth to capture your look.



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Membership Report

by Sharon Hoiland
Membership Secretary

Welcome to New Members, Congratulations to Gold Card Members, and Goodbye to Old Friends

New Descendant Members

- Denise Ballerini – Descendant of James (Dublin) Rodgers, Okotoks 1885
- Jennifer Turner – Descendant of Daniel & Margaret McEwing, Calgary 1889

Returning Descendant Members

- David Baptie – Descendant of Adam Marshall Bapte, Calgary 1888
- Whitney Issik and Wanda Shortt – Descendants of George Scott Shortt, Red Deer Lake 1888

New Friend Members

- Kate Reeves
- Wayne Hohner
- Bill Walker
- Patti-Liz Melville

New Gold Card Members

- Janice Cook
- Jeff Hill
- Eileen Gough
- Wanda Shortt

In Memorial

- Sandy Dean
- Fran McTaggart
- Fern Dorsch
- George Lane
- Robert (Bob) Baptie
- Nora Blanche Trono
- David Baskil
- Norm McDonald
- Don Medhurst

We'd also like to belatedly mark the following members who passed away prior to 2022, and were not previously noted:

- Doreen Bergen
- Marguerite Joan Clarke
- Lyle George Taylor
- Evelyn Joan North
- John Royal (Jack) Lewis
- James Donald Watson
- Gladys Green

2022 Membership Fees

Thank-you to all that have paid your 2022 Membership Dues!! Your membership fees help to keep SAPD operating.

Reminder: Your 2022 membership dues must be paid prior to the October AGM in order to be able to vote. Inquiries can be sent to membership@pioneersalberta.org. We will accept payment of dues at the building prior to the meeting.

Payment can be made earlier by sending a cheque or e-transfer for \$40.

Send cheques to: SAPD 3625 - 4 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta T2S 1Y3, Attn: Membership.

Send e-transfers to membership@pioneersalberta.org and send a separate email with the security answer and any address or phone updates.

Please notify the Membership Committee of any deaths in your family, changes to your mailing or email addresses or to phone numbers. We can be reached at membership@pioneersalberta.org.

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS as of August 31, 2022

Descendant – 270 members with **59** still owing dues for 2022
Descendant Gold Card – 118 members
Associate – 32 members with **7** still owing dues for 2022
Associate Gold Card – 31 members
Friend – 9 members
Honorary – 6 members **Total: 466**

Historic Calgary Week 2022

Kathleen Rogers, Megan Ballard and Russell Moore coordinated and hosted the day-long kickoff to [Historic Calgary Week](#) on July 22, 2022 at our Memorial Building.

- Opening welcome from President Shawn Hendry
- History of SAPD by John Hutchings
- Presentation by Alan Lynas on the Col. James Walker Family (which was advertised as an activity highlight of this 11-day event)
- Technical and other support from Russell Moore

SAPD Remembers Alberta Historian

On Saturday, July 23, Alan Lynas, Historical Committee, represented SAPD at the memorial service of Dr. Hugh Dempsey (1929-2022), which was held at Fort Calgary.



Dr. Dempsey was called the Dean of Alberta historians for his work as journalist, author and chronicler of the history of the Blackfoot people. He also served as chief curator emeritus of the Glenbow Museum.

Dr. Dempsey, aka, Potai'na (Flying Chief)

Gathering of the Godlontons

by Susan Godlonton

In the late 1880s, four brothers left England for Canada; James, George, Thomas and John. They were soon followed by their cousin Frederick. The brothers all settled in and around Calgary. Fred settled in the Southwestern corner of Saskatchewan. Amazingly, the majority of the generations to follow have stayed in somewhat the same areas.

In July 2020, a small group of cousins were talking about days gone by—when the families would all gather together for Sunday dinner, camping trips and special occasions—when they realized that it had been a very long time since we had one of those gatherings and how we needed to get together sooner rather than later. That's when my husband, Jim, volunteered to make it happen.

As Jim and I drove home, still discussing a family get together, we decided that we needed to see how many family members from the four brothers and one cousin we could find. We set the date for August 2021, as we were confident that this thing called COVID would be long gone. Well, COVID had other plans and we had to postpone to 2022.

Over the next two years, we planned and searched for family members. Luckily, there had been a Godlonton Reunion in 2002 and those who had planned and attended that reunion were all amazing in helping to make our plans come true. We organized a full long weekend reunion; some people camped out and some just travelled each day.

Well, July 29, 2022 came faster than I could imagine. It was so exciting to see family members start pulling into our yard in Magrath, AB with their trailers and vehicles. We soon had introductions being made and the fun began.

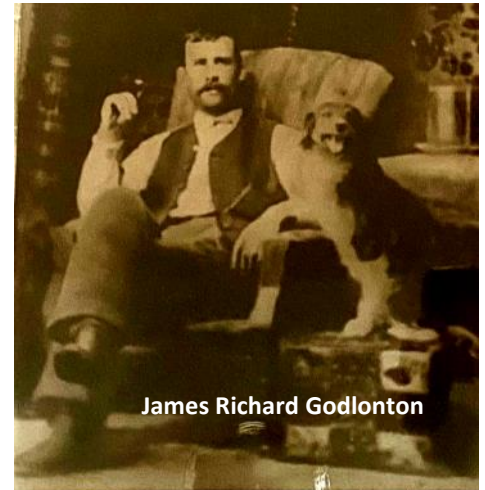
Members of the different family lines all contributed displays of pictures and genealogy sheets and other items. Unfortunately, some of the family lines couldn't be represented in person, but we felt them in the different items they had sent earlier.

We started Friday evening with a big bonfire and wiener roast along with celebrating a 12-year-old's birthday.

Saturday was for getting to know new family members and reacquainting with family that hadn't seen each other in forever. Most played yard games together and had a huge slip'n'slide for those younger at heart. We supplied the lunch and the meat for the suppers while everyone brought other items to share with the meals. Afterwards, the fire pit was lit and those who wished to could continue to visit around the fire late into the evening.

Sunday began with a pancake breakfast and was a repeat of Saturday, with the additional option to golf at the Magrath Golf Course. Monday morning we gathered for a sausage breakfast before we all said our goodbyes.

Our reunion was a success of epic proportions; we were humbled with the



love and friendship that was so apparent. It was heartwarming to see the younger ones who had begged to not have to come at all ... they didn't know anyone so it was going to be so boring ... almost in tears as they begged to stay longer. It was unanimous, that we need to do this again and a lot sooner than 20 years. Everyone was so interested in each other and in the genealogy showing how we were all connected to each other.

Our son mentioned how interesting it was to see how similar each family is; we all have similar hobbies and likes and dislikes and, amazingly, so many have the same occupations that the four brothers and one cousin originally had. I've heard it said, that "we are who we are because they were who they were" and I believe it to be true. I truly believe that the most important thing in life isn't a thing, it's family, and Jim and I feel so blessed to have been able to host this family reunion.



From Russell Moore—An Active Southern Albertan

Priddis and Millarville Fair

Russell sent us these photos from the Priddis and Millarville Fair that was held on August 20-21, 2022. This is one of Southern Alberta's oldest and largest country fairs and is held at the Millarville Farmers' Market Millarville Racetrack. SAPD is pleased to man a display booth inside.



Casino Committee Request

Volunteers needed for the SAPD Casino at Elbow River Casino on February 10-11, 2023.

Contact **Gene Blakley** at fshrcrk@xplornet.com or at 403-931-2264 (let ring 7x to leave message) to indicate your interest in participating and which shift you would like.

Monies raised support SAPD's Historical Committee budget.

McDougall Memorial United Church

The [McDougall Church](#) is located on Hwy 1A just west of Morley. The original 142 year-old structure, which was torched in 2017 and rebuilt in 2020, was designated a historic site in 1979 and a Municipal Heritage Resource in 2014. However, it also continues to represent a history of pain for people of the Stoney Nakoda Nation.



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