



SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS

AND THEIR DESCENDANTS



eNews for November 2022

Don't miss our Christmas party

SAPD's Christmas Luncheon is on December 3, 2022 at the Memorial Building. The times, highlights, contact person and Volunteer details are in the Coming Events! section further down the page.

SAPD Annual General Meeting (AGM)

About thirty-five SAPD members attended the 2022 AGM at the Memorial Building on October 15, 2022.

SAPD Board of Directors – 2022-2023

- President: David Mackie – president@pioneersalberta.org
- Vice President: Bev Prieur – bjprieur@outlook.com
- Treasurer: Brian Rogers – treasurer@pioneersalberta.org
- Secretary: **VACANT**
- Membership Secretary: Sharon Hoiland - membership@pioneersalberta.org
- Past President: Shawn Hendry

SAPD 1-Year Term Directors

- Russell Moore
- Paul Gray
- Michael Kobluk
- Dan Shaw

SAPD 2-Year Term Directors

- Lana Jones
- Carla Begalke
- Dylan Viste
- Dan Fipke

Committee Chairs

- Membership Committee: Sharon Hoiland
- Historical Committee: Alan Lynas
- Building Committee: John Hutchings
- PR & Communications: Kelsey Hipkin
- Social Committee: Bev Prieur
- Fundraising Committee: **VACANT**
- Records Management: Lynn Hoosier

You'll notice that we have 2 unfilled positions. As much as the other Members try to fill in the gaps as best as possible, it does not provide the reinforcement needed to operate efficiently. **Please consider stepping up to fill these 2 positions** by contacting our President, David Mackie, at president@pioneersalberta.org.

Also, we would like a **volunteer** to commit on a regular basis to assist Bev Prieur **on the Social Committee** as Bev is currently serving as both Vice President and Social Committee Chair. Thank you for caring and for giving of your time.

Round-Up and 100 Year Centennial Gala

One cannot help but to feel like royalty when one first steps into the Palliser Hotel's Crystal Ballroom. This year's "Return to the Roaring 20s" theme added to the elegance and flair of the evening. The 206 guests at the Round-Up give their very grateful thanks to Shawn and Nicole Hendry for organizing this event. The Silent Auction brought in \$7,335.00 and there was \$1600 in donations, which, when added to ticket sales, added up to a profit for SAPD after expenses.

Christmas Decorating

On November 20, members met at the Memorial Building between 10 a.m. and noon to decorate the Building and enjoy their entry into the Christmas Season. Thank you volunteers ... you did great!

SAPD Member Russell Moore is Santa Clause this year!

Russell Moore will be HO HO HOing as Santa in the Storybook Theatre product of "Elf: The Musical" that goes from November 25 to the end of the year. Even though the play is not about Southern Alberta, we can still boast that we have evidence that Santa is a Southern Alberta Pioneer. Unfortunately for us, the show is already sold out.

Coming Events!

Specific Dates and Jobs for Volunteers

Christmas Luncheon: December 3, 2022

Location and Time: Memorial Building: Beverages at 12:30 p.m.; Turkey lunch at 1:30 p.m.

Highlights: Catered traditional Southern Alberta turkey dinner with all the trimmings and desserts; Cash Bar, Door Prizes, Christmas Carol Singing and a time to celebrate with other SAPD members

Special Call for somebody to **play Christmas Carols on the piano** following the luncheon

Contact: Rhonda Hutchings at 403-252-2428 or rhondahutchings@icloud.com

Volunteers needed to set up and take down tables, set out buffet-style dishes and cutlery, welcome guests, serve guests who need assistance, replenish beverages, direct guests who need to access the washrooms, operate the main porch lift, show guests around who want to visit the Memorial Building, clean up at end of event.

Christmas Un-Decorating: January 8, 2023

Location and Time: Memorial Building: 10 a.m. to Noon

Volunteers needed to take down and pack away the Christmas decorations that were put up in November 2022

Contact: John Hutchings at 403-252-2428 or sap.office@pioneersalberta.org

SAPD Casino: February 10-11, 2023

Location and Time: Elbow River Casino: TBD

Highlights: Challenge your skills while raising money to support SAPD's Historical Committee budget

Contact: Gene Blakley at fshrcrk@xplornet.com or 403-931-2264 (let ring 7x to leave message)

Volunteers positions include banker; cashier; count room supervisor/advisor, sorter, counter, recorder; chip runner. Volunteers must be alert and observant, able to pass a security clearance check, be a minimum of 18 years of age, able to manoeuvre throughout and function within a busy and noisy environment

Wine and Cheese Party: February 2023

We will let you in on the details at a later date so stay tuned for this highly popular event!

Social Events Need Volunteers

Just as with all non-profit organizations, SAPD's social events rely on volunteers to organize the event, handle registrations and/or the sign-in book, serve guests, and cook and/or clean up after the event. Our history shows that the best volunteers are SAPD Members and their family members and friends. YES! Your friends! Your time will make an impact on the events that we all care about.

Perks for Volunteers

Volunteering can be a brilliant way to show your friends what SAPD means to you and why you are involved. It can also give you opportunities

- to learn about other historically relevant events in Southern Alberta,
- to spend unique time together,
- to socialize in a meaningful and productive way,
- to educate others about your own ancestors and their lives as Southern Alberta pioneers,
- to introduce them to other Members, and
- to launch or reinforce new and/or lasting friendships.

Volunteer work is also a great addition to job search résumés.

You can also contact **Sharon Hoiland**, Membership Secretary, membership@pioneersalberta.org to talk about these volunteer opportunities.