



SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS

AND THEIR DESCENDANTS NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Notes on Rotary House

In 1923, the first Rotary House was a little shack located east of the old Indian Village, together with the North West Mounted Police cabin and the Post Office. In pictures of these buildings, one shows a sod roof and two red river carts alongside. Later this building was moved to the site of Fort Calgary House and became the kitchen. The South Calgary Rotary Club created a new and spacious structure which gives us everything – history represented by the traditional log style of the pioneer period – hand-hewn logs from our own Rocky Mountains, natural field stone for the fireplace and all the modern conveniences in the kitchen.

Now located on the grounds of the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede, it was officially opened on December 6, 1979 by then President, George Wilkinson and Donald Cross, CE&S President. It was constructed to replace the original Fort Calgary House, which was dedicated on the site on July 12, 1955 as a tribute to the thousands of pioneers who settled in Southern Alberta. Fort Calgary House had to be removed to accommodate construction of the LRT, and it is now serving as a residence in Alix, AB. The Old Timers Society was asked to

assist in decorating the building and they formed a committee and did a splendid job. Items consisted of a Grandmason painting, rosters of past presidents of both the Stampede Board and the Society, a plaque of brands before 1900, copies of black & white photos of the plane crash on the merry-go-round, the ski jump on the top of the grandstand at the Stampede Grounds and the 1912 parade.

During the present day Stampede Week, the SAOT&TD host an open house and tea in Rotary House on Tuesday, which is also known as 'Pioneer Day'. This is always well attended by members and friends who drop in for a visit and catch up on old friendships.

Our legacy, which was handed down to us by our parents and grandparents, is to be treasured. I am a proud granddaughter of a pioneer (James Robertson) and a daughter of a native son (Angus Robertson) – I have met so many old friends and made countless new friends this year – it has been an amazing adventure for me. My sincere thanks to all.

Cheers.

– Peggy (Robertson) Barr, President



Pioneer Logo

After a visit with a loved one it becomes difficult to say goodbye, for most of us. Saying goodbye for the last time is an emotional time for all of us.

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.

The logo is a copyrighted feature of the Pioneers Society.

Our logo is available at the Calgary Herald and the Sun newspapers.

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

– Bill Murphy

ANNUAL ROUND-UP
Saturday, November 4, 2006
See Page 7 for invitation

Membership Report

PLEASE NOTE: MEMBERSHIP IS DUE OCTOBER 1, 2006.

Our fiscal year is October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007.

The Newsletter is available for reading at www.pioneersalberta.org.

If you wish to view and print the newsletters on the website, and stop receiving a paper copy by Canada Post, please notify me at sap.membership@shaw.ca.

In Memoriam:

Clarabelle (Cub) Gerlitz, Grace Godlonton, Lila Edge & Lawrence McDonald.

Welcome New Members:

Maureen Marshall, descendant of John Glenn, Fish Creek, 1873.

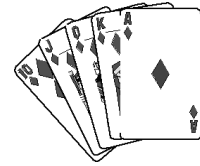
Heather & Kevin Gifford, descendants of Robert Charles McDonald, Ft. Macleod, 1880.

Pamela Stordy, descendant of James Robertson, Cochrane, 1881.

Sarah Hope-Johnston, descendant of George Hope-Johnston, Calgary, 1886.

Please call 271-5483 or e-mail sap.membership@shaw.ca with any address or phone changes.

— Maureen Peckham
Membership Secretary



Casino Volunteers Needed

Our next casino is on Friday, March 16 and Saturday, March 17, 2007 at the Stampede Casino.

This major fund-raising event requires 35-40 volunteers. Each volunteer's time is invaluable, as the proceeds from the gaming tables and slot machines have been averaging \$70,000 to \$80,000 during the past few months.

Positions include cashiers, count-room staff, chip runners, assistant managers and bankers. The day shift is from 11:00 am to 6:30 pm; the evening shift is from 6:00 pm to 2:30 am and the count room shift is from 9:30 pm to 2:30 am (times are approximate). Experience is not a requirement, as our advisors will provide any training needed on the job.

If you can help, please call me at 279-6435 and I'll arrange for the necessary form to be sent out. This will be the only newsletter notice, as the volunteers need to be in place before our next newsletter in January 2007.

— Pat Rodriguez
Casino General Manager

IMPORTANT NOTICE

MEMBERSHIP FOR OCT/2006 TO SEPT 30/2007 IS DUE OCTOBER 1, 2006

Please remit cheque or money order to:

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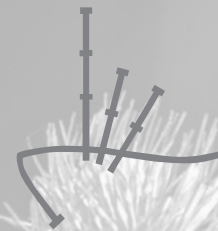
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Pipes for All Occasions



Memorial Building Fund

The following have donated to our Memorial Building Fund since my last report in April, 2006:

Mrs. Olive Blain

Rev. & Mrs. W. Sayers

Also received from the Calgary Guild of Needle & Fibre Arts, a donation in gratitude for Bill Murphy's assistance with their rental of the Memorial Building.

Contributions to the Fund are income tax deductible. Cheques should be made payable to The Southern Alberta Pioneers' Memorial Building Fund. At August 23, 2006, the Fund stood at \$187,810.

In addition to donations from individuals and bequests from estates, The Southern Alberta Pioneers' Association contributes \$50 to the Fund in memory of each deceased member.

— John L. Hutchings

Mavericks: An Incorrigible History of Alberta

A New Permanent Gallery at the Glenbow Museum, Celebrating Alberta's Story Opens February 2007

Alberta was, and continues to be, shaped by mavericks - adventurous, hard-working and spirited men and women. Our new Mavericks gallery will invite you to explore our province's history through the dynamic stories of over 40 mavericks from Western Canada's past.

Mavericks: An Incorrigible History of Alberta is based on the award-winning book of the same title by Calgary-based author Aritha van Herk. This new 30,000 square foot permanent gallery will replace the third floor southern Alberta history galleries and will consist of eleven new galleries each covering an area of Alberta's history including the fur trade, the North West Mounted Police, the railroads, ranching, politics, oil and gas and immigration. Meet some of the explorers, settlers, missionaries, whiskey traders, Mounties, cowboys, immigrants, entrepreneurs, politicians, artists and athletes who, with their risk-taking personalities and ambitions, have become the cornerstones of Alberta's maverick nature.

Cook Book

After many requests we have decided to re-print (third printing) our first Cookbook, *From Pioneer Kitchens*, our Anniversary edition printed in 1990. The books will be available by the first part of June. Please contact Fern Dorsch, 278-2793.

We still have a few of our ethnic cookbook, *Pioneer Kitchens From Many Lands*. Both of these books have been very popular and make excellent gifts for showers, weddings and out-of-town guests.



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Stampede Exhibit 2006

Preparation for the 2006 exhibit started early. Application was made to the Stampede Exhibit Committee for space in October 2005. It wasn't until February that a space was confirmed and a great location it was. The triangular shape of the area was challenging to set up but the location was front and centre – lots of traffic from all four directions.

Bud Vine was busy all winter providing more pictures and text for the display and as a result we have approximately 400 now mounted on foam-core with Velcro backing that can be easily mounted on the panels.

The pace of activity picked up in June and early in July as the volunteer list was finalized. Set-up takes place for two days before the Stampede starts. Everything must be in place by noon on Thursday for Sneak-a-Peak. Volunteers come and go for the 10 days. The shifts are generally three hours in duration and it takes 88 shifts to cover the 10 days. A great "Thank you" goes out to all the volunteers as this event would

not happen without you.

Take down of the booth follows the Monday after the Stampede and everything is stored for another year.

The picture display proved to be a great attraction again this year. From the opening of the Roundup Centre each morning until the 11:00pm closing, there were always people in the booth looking, reading and reminiscing.

Visitors were encouraged to browse through the 1993 issue of *Pioneer Families of Southern Alberta* and the newly published 2005 *Centennial Addendum of the Pioneer Families of Southern Alberta*. Order forms were present and now Clarence Davis is following up on these orders. The recently reproduced cookbook, *From the Pioneer Kitchens*, as well as the ethnic cookbook, *Pioneer Kitchens from Many Lands*, also generated interest on the display table. Fern Dorsch has received several orders as a result.

The guest book was used by many visitors and is at the hall for anyone to read.

The Remington Carriage Museum

provided two units again this year. Many people took advantage of the surrey with the fringe on top to have their picture taken. An added feature this year was the new Southern Alberta Pioneer flags that arrived just in time to be mounted on top of the display for all to see.

Thanks again to all the volunteers. A thank you also goes out to Bob Brewster and Bill Murphy for helping transport the booth panels, etc. from the Jewish Centre. Also a thank you to Phil Godlonton for helping us set up the display (two days) and helping to take it down.

A list of the volunteers follows (the number in brackets indicates multiple shifts):

Laurie Jacques (2), Linda Jacques, Helen White, Jean & Glenn Chugg (2), Kathleen Rogers, Anna Rogers, Pamela Hilton, Phil Godlonton, Patricia Cox (2), Peter Cox, Maureen Peckham, Mary Lynas (3), Virginia Klatzel (2), Bill Holmes, Dorothy Holmes, Sandy Pedlar (2), Hugh Hamilton, Hilda Onions, Bev Snell, Art Snell, Virginia Holmes, Barbara Kwasny, Greg White, Jim Colvin (2), Wally Madill, Charlene Lyndon, Kerr & Don Fipke, Pat Chudey (2), Norma Bruce, Anne Peterson, Marina Field, Leroy Field, Herm Thielen, Patti Lemp, Bob Brewster, Iyla Brewster, Sandy Dean, Gail & Darcy Dean, Gwen & Art Hanna, Lionel Singleton (2), Sue Singleton, Ed Hamilton, Lloyd Hamilton, Fern Dorsch, Gail Finch, Pegg Barr, Anne Fitzpatrick, Carla Begalke (2), Shirley Siddon, Kathy Babiuk, Glen Godlonton, David Ballard (2), Jim Eagleson, Louise Hutchings, John Hutchings, Ken Thompson, Karen Clark (2), Kathy Clark (2), Rhonda Clark (2), Sandra Wasylchuk, Alice & Buster Schweiger, Betty Wake, Dave Wake (5), Bud Vine (3).

– David Wake and Bud Vine
Stampede Exhibit Coordinators.

FAMILY DAY AT CHAMPION PARK

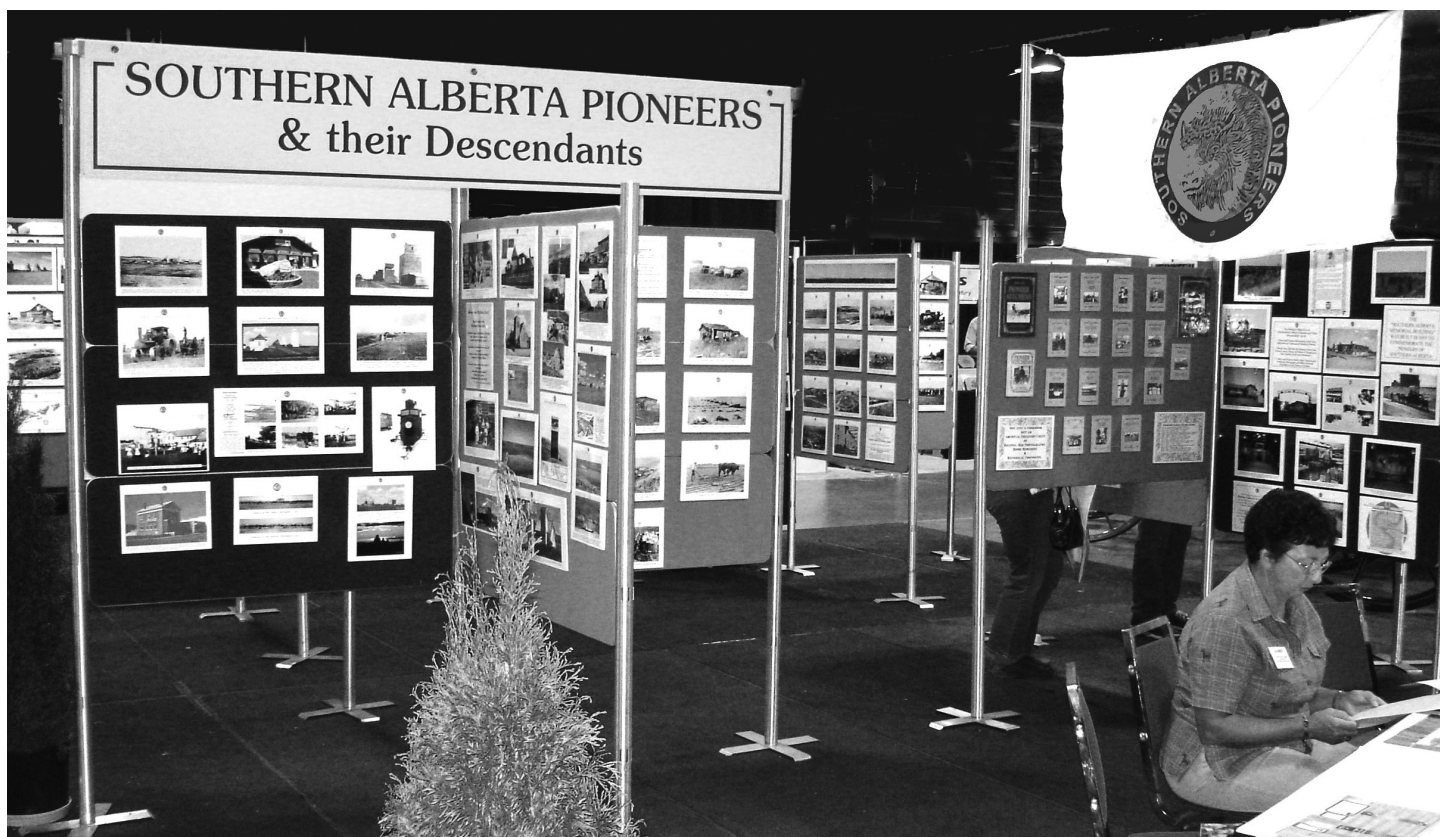
Family Pot Luck Supper and Round-Up at Champion Park
Sunday, September 10, 2006

May we take this opportunity to invite you and your extended family to come and enjoy an afternoon at one of our area's truly heritage displays.

In passing have you ever wondered what those rail cars and railway station, etc., east of highway #2 and south of the Okotoks cloverleaf, are all about? It's Champion Park and now is the opportunity for you and yours to find out all about it.

Made up almost entirely of CPR artifacts, Champion Park whispers the story of Canada's youth. Few settings rival Champion Park's splendor – a snapshot of a bygone era fittingly situated on a prairie land, yet still offering a distinctive view of the always beautiful Rocky Mountains. No matter where you stand at Champion Park, the view is splendid.

Time: 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Convenors: Danny & Fran Copithorne 271-1972



Southern Alberta Pioneers & Their Descendants exhibit at the 2006 Calgary Stampede.

MEMBER NAME TAGS

Cost: \$8.50 (including GST)

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

Your Name: _____

Your Pioneer Family Name: _____
(Last name only)

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Annual Christmas Dinner and Party

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2006

LUNCHEON AT 12 NOON

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT 1:00 P.M.

PRESIDING: PRESIDENT, PEGGY BARR

AGENDA

- 1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held October 15, 2005*
- 2. Business arising from the minutes*
- 3. President's Report – Peggy Barr*
- 4. Treasurer's Report – John Hutchings
Appointment of Auditor*
- 5. Membership Report – Maureen Peckham*
- 6. Committee Reports*
- 7. Election of Board of Directors for 2007*
- 8. Other New Business*
- 9. Introduction of the Incoming President*
- 10. Incoming President's Remarks*
- 11. Adjournment*

*Southern Alberta Pioneers & Their Descendants Foundation Meeting
to follow AGM to appoint Directors to Foundation Board.*



86TH ANNUAL ROUND-UP

Saturday, November 4, 2006
Crystal Ballroom, Palliser Hotel

Cocktails 5:00 p.m.

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Featuring:

“A HERITAGE PROGRAM”

Followed by:

Entertainment and Dancing

TICKETS – \$55.00 EACH

MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE

(NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER OCTOBER 30, 2006)

Early bird draw for those purchasing before October 15th
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EVENTS

Sunday, Sept. 10 – Family Day & Pot Luck at Champion Park, 2:00pm. Convenors: Danny & Fran Copithorne, 271-1972.

Saturday, Oct. 14 – Annual General Meeting & Luncheon, 12 Noon - 3:00pm. Convenor: Kerri Fipke, 271-9581.

Saturday, Nov. 4 – Round-Up Dinner at Palliser Hotel, 6:00pm. Convenors: Danny & Fran Copithorne, 271-1972.

Saturday, Dec. 2 – Christmas Dinner, 6:00pm. Convenor needed.

All events are held at the Memorial Hall, except where otherwise noted.

Relay any updates or changes to Peggy Barr, 246-2843.

Thank You

Many thanks to all the volunteers who contributed their time and energy during our busy month of July. Parade Morning Breakfast, Rotary House (including the behind-the-scenes sandwich making team), Stampede Barbeque, Stampede Pancake Breakfast and Memorial Service and Tea.

THE NOTICE BOARD

Historical Committee

Please submit Family Histories to be entered in our archives. We would like to feature a family history for each newsletter publication. Contact Pat Cox, 252-4220.

Deadline

Deadline for newsletter copy and photos to be submitted in writing at monthly Board Meetings or left at SAP office. Newsletter printed January, May and September.

Historical Committee

Resumes regular weekly meetings on Monday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Contact Jim Mackie, 228-4046.

Sick and Visiting

Please notify Alice Schwieger (287-0995) 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). Members welcome.

Card Night

3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. (except July, August and December). Everyone is invited, members and friends. \$2.00 per person. Contact Fern Dorsch at 278-2793.

Advertising

To place an ad in this publication, please call Beryl Sibbald, 932-5584. Deadline to place a classified ad – SAP Board meeting prior to publication.

Members are encouraged to support the businesses advertised in our newsletter.

Memorial Building

Bookings phone 243-3580 (office) 287-2489 (hall), fax 287-2485.

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