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President's Message

Another year and a new president, one that hopes to do as good a job as all those who have gone before him.

The annual meeting was held on a beautiful day in October with Kerri Fipke and helpers putting on an excellent luncheon. The turn out was about average and all committee reports were well received.

Club past year rental income was very good so we are quite solvent money-wise, and thanks to the casino money and the work of all the volunteers our building and grounds look excellent.

The Round-Up night at the Palliser Hotel was another fine fall evening that was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

It is my hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to a healthy and Happy New Year.

We have a full slate of functions planned for the coming year so please mark your calendar and plan on attending as many as possible. This is your organization so let's all get out and support it.

Thank you.

— Bob Brewster, President

Stampede Parade 2007

Congratulations to all who made the 2006 Stampede Parade entry such a success! The parade committee was thrilled with the deportment and visual appeal of the 2006 participants. Everyone was dressed appropriately to their conveyance and the enthusiasm of members was evident.

It is now time to look forward to the 2007 Stampede Parade.

Participation is on a first come first served basis and we are asking that you call **Linda** at **225-0698** or Pat at 225-1021 if you wish to be put on the list for our next parade entry.

Thank you again for your interest in sharing part of the past with the visitors and residents of Calgary.

— Linda Chudey



13th Annual WINE TASTING NIGHT

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Membership Report

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID THIS YEAR'S DUES YOU WILL FIND A COLORED NOTICE WITH YOUR NEWSLETTER.

The Newsletter can be read at www.pioneersalberta.org.

If you prefer not to receive a paper copy in the mail and read the newsletter online, please email sap.membership@shaw.ca and let me know your wishes.

In Memoriam:

Jay Joffe, Elizabeth Longstaff, John McDonald and Olive Blain.

Historical

Joan Davis presented a report on behalf of Jim Mackie our Historian. The historical committee is small but diligent with researching and recording history. We have recently obtained the April 1891 census of Lethbridge and district. The Davisburg census is also being documented.

The Calgary Historical Society extended an invitation for a day during the Historical walk week. Our day was July 28th/06 from 10:00 to 3:00. The following members, Gerald McDougall, Danny Copithorne, Bill Murphy, Pat Cox and David Ballard gave their pioneer family histories. As well as walk through the communities of Park Hill, Lindsay Follies and Rideau. The event was very well attended. The Family Histories of Southern Alberta and the Addendum books are still available for purchase.

Welcome New Gold Card Members:

Dorothy WeWhan, Florence Pallesen and Barbara De Paoli.

Welcome Reinstated Member:

Janice Kayser

Welcome New Members:

Barbara Brownbill, Descendant of Mary Haynes James, Gleichen, 1889
Stuart Bradley, Descendant of William Percival Bradley, Cochrane, 1889

Diana Seckla, Descendant of Joseph Moss, Calgary, 1889

Karen Gummo, Descendant of Ofeigur Sigurdson, Markerville, 1889

Marian Benner, Descendant of Timothy Moore, Gladys Ridge, 1885

Virginia Shaw, Descendant of Edward & Ellen Burke, Davisburg, 1889

Georgina Villeneuve, Descendant of George McDougall, Morleyville, 1873

Iona Shaw, Descendant of Samuel & Helen Shaw, Fish Creek, 1883

Kathleen Hunter, Descendant of Conrad Anderson, Calgary, 1886

Bruce McDonald & Meredith McDonald, Descendants of David Mudiman, Fort Standoff, 1883

Michael Stewart, Descendant of Morris Stewart, Calgary, 1883

Welcome New Associate Members:

Mike Villeneuve and Dixie Bradley
You can notify me of any changes at 271-5483 or sap.membership@shaw.ca. Thanks again for keeping me informed of Address/Phone Changes.

— Maureen Peckham
Membership Secretary



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How the Shaws Came to Midnapore – 1883

This is an account given by the late Mrs. S.W. Shaw at a ladies luncheon in the Palliser Hotel on April 7th, 1925.

"We came from England in 1883 with cattle and provisions for two years acquired in Winnipeg. We took the CPR train as far as construction, just beyond Brandon at Siding No. 11 with two cars of our effects. When we came to the end of rail we were landed high and dry, had to run along the line and pick up telegraph poles to make a ramp to unload the cattle, wagon wheels, ploughs, binder, hay rack, etc. These were all put off helter skelter as the conductor of construction train informed us that if they were not unloaded by evening they would be obliged to take them back to Winnipeg. Fortunately we were able to clear the cars. We then traveled 700 miles with four ox wagons, crossed rivers at a ford or ferry and steered by compass to Calgary. Continued south 9 miles to Fish Creek where we squatted on a quarter section belonging to the first white settler, John Glenn, who offered to give up any of his land if we would settle on it as he considered such a party an acquisition. There was my husband and 8 children, one a babe in arms, and two hired hands. The only other white woman living here at the time was Mrs. George Jacques.

Our first home was tents for 6 months. Then we hauled the logs and built a shack 20 x 30 ft.; our seats were sawn trunks of trees, our tables and beds were made of poles. We had to put a stable and fencing to keep the cattle from starving. The days were pretty well crowded with work – going to the bush for logs and posts, putting up hay for the winter, beside the daily routine of milking, cooking and washing, etc., but we were all workers and perfectly happy.

The weather was glorious; such sunshine we never saw in England. It reminded us of Italy. The prairie was a blaze of color. Any amount of prairie chicken and ducks, geese and occasionally an antelope. We never saw any bears. The Indians were perfectly peaceful and friendly. We had

an old squaw to wash, and how she could wash. When we got the Woollen Mill running we had quite a few Indians working for us and they were all good workers.

I thank you, Ladies, for your attention."



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Building Committee

Danny Copithorne submitted a detailed report. A lot of minor jobs were completed to make our facility more attractive:

- Re-sanding and finishing of hardwood floor downstairs
- Painted downstairs walls
- Recovered sofas and chairs with buckskin leather
- 60 new stacking chairs were purchased
- 6 new folding tables were purchased

- New office copier
- New shelving in the Historical Office
- Purchased a John Deere lawn mower
- Flags works designed a new flag, bearing the Buffalo head logo
- Industrial dishwasher was purchased and installed
- Installed vanity lights in washrooms

The costs for the above maintenance totaled approximately \$37,000.

Half way through the year we hired a new custodian (Sherry Tofin). Procured the matching cowboy boot lamp (Chas McKinnon) as a donation from the Calgary Stampede when they retired theirs to the archives.

A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers and those members of the building committee, Bob Brewster, Art Hanna, Laurie Jacques, Bill Murphy, Ernie Rice, Herm Thielen, Buster Schwiager, Dave Wake and Peggy Barr for freely giving of their time and energy.

Treasurer's Report

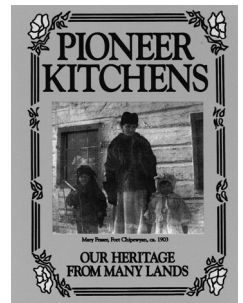
Treasurer's report year ended September 30/2006, the numbers which are presented are a consolidation of the affairs of the Southern Alberta Pioneers & Their Descendants and of the Southern Alberta Pioneers Foundation. The former is a non profit association and the latter is a registered charity. Our net income for the year was \$89,035.00 before depreciation charges of \$27,059.00. Social functions for the year lost \$3,618.00. Sales of the cookbooks and pioneer book earned \$2,652.00. The net income from membership was \$8,558.00. Memorial Building rentals were \$69,605.00 and building expenses were \$36,848.00. Building operating and maintenance costs were \$28,527.00. The Memorial Building fund stood at \$189,074.00 at year end, being an increase of \$8,136.00 for the year. We received \$76,594.00 from the casino. Capitalized expenditures were \$37,461.00. Our records will be audited and are subject to audit changes.

I am also pleased to report that the affairs of the Southern Alberta Pioneers are in very sound financial order. At September 30th we had \$19,989.00 cash in the bank and \$140,589.00 invested cash. We have no long term debt. Short term debt of \$27,693.00 represents trade accounts payable and deferred rentals and rental deposits.

Accordingly this is my last Treasurer's report. I have been Treasurer since 1994, and have enjoyed my time as treasurer, the best part of which is working with so many fine people.

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EVENTS

Sunday, Jan. 21 – Family Games / Pot Luck, 2:00pm. Convener: Audrey Rice.

Saturday, Feb. 17 – Wine Tasting Night, 7:30pm. Conveners: Beryl Sibbald, 932-5584 & Shirley Siddon, 271-1118.

Sunday, Feb. 25 – Family Games / Pot Luck, 2:00pm. Convener: Fern Dorsch.

Sunday, Mar. 18 – Family Games / Pot Luck, 2:00pm. Convener Needed.

Sunday, Apr. 22 – Volunteer Appreciation, 2:00pm. Convener: Bob Brewster, 225-2376.

Friday, Apr. 28 – SAP bldg. & yard clean-up, 10:00am. Convener: Building Committee.

Sunday, May 6 – Gold Card Tea, 2:00-4:00pm. Convener: Moyra Ferguson, 249-9989.

Friday, July 6 – Pre-Parade Breakfast for participants @ Rotary House, 6:30am. Convener: Kerri Fipke, 271-9851.

Saturday, July 7 – Stampede BBQ, 6:00pm. Conveners: Laurie & L. Jacques, 271-0138.

Sunday, July 8 – Memorial Service/Tea, 2:00pm. Convener: Gwen Hanna.

Monday, July 9 – Sandwich Making for Rotary House. Convener: Moyra Ferguson.

Tuesday, July 10 – Pioneer Tea @ Rotary House, 2:30-4:00pm. Convener Needed.

Note: Games / potluck events; potluck dinner starts at @ 5:00pm.

Contact Bob Brewster or Moyra Ferguson if you can fill any of the "Convener Needed" functions.

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.

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