



Next Meeting

OF THE PIONEER
ASSOCIATION OF THE
STATE OF
WASHINGTON

**Saturday,
June 28, 2003**

10:00 am Business
10:30 am Election
11:30 am Speaker
12:00 Salmon Bake

Pioneer Hall
1642 43rd Ave East
Seattle WA 98112

Speaker: Gary Zimmerman
"A History of 'the Hall'"

Family History:
Marilyn McLauchlan

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June 28, Annual Meeting and Salmon Bake

Annual Meeting to feature a "History of the Hall"

It's that time again. On Saturday, June 28, the Pioneer Association of the State of Washington will hold its Annual Meeting, followed by the traditional salmon bake in Madison Park.

The festivities will begin with Association "business" presented by outgoing President Bob Teague, who will also share his thoughts about the accomplishments made during his terms in office. Bob will also help lead the election of new officers and board members.

The "business" portion of the meeting will be followed by a family history given

by President-elect Marilyn McLauchlan. Marilyn's pioneer roots go back to November 13, 1851, when William Nathaniel Bell and Sara Ann Peter Bell disembarked from the schooner *Exact* at Alki as part of the Denny Party. Along with her family history, Marilyn will be making a donation of several photographs to the permanent collection of Pioneer Hall.

The main presentation at the meeting will be made by Pioneer Treasurer and Historian Gary Zimmerman, who will speak about the history of Pioneer Hall. Rather than a strict chronological history, Gary's presentation will focus on key periods of growth and change within the life of the Hall including: the start of the Association and building of the Hall; the arrangements which brought the Daughters of the Pioneers and the Fiske Library into the building; recent efforts to further develop and upgrade our facilities.

Following Gary's presentation, the festivities will move across the street and into Madison Park, for our traditional salmon luncheon. Details about the luncheon may be found on the colored flyer inserted in this issue of *Pioneer Presences*, including cost (\$22) and information about reservations, which must be received **by Friday, June 20**. We look forward to seeing you and your guests on June 28!



Gary Zimmerman



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Pioneer Hall Hours

Open Houses are held on the second Sunday of each month. Please call for times.

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(term to June 2005)

Pioneer Presences

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President's comments

Hello. I hope this writing finds each of you enjoying our fine weather. It will soon be the time of year when we gather at Pioneer Hall to renew old friendships, enjoy the annual salmon bake and elect a new slate of officers to guide us into the upcoming year.

After four years in office, I will be stepping down as President. It seems only fitting to briefly review that period, mention a little of the progress we've made, and recognize some of the people who brought it about.

Over the past four years, we developed - in conjunction with the Fiske Library and Daughters of the Pioneers - a Strategic Plan to shape us as an organization and help guide us as we move into the future. That Strategic Plan included: developing a master plan for the upgrading of Pioneer Hall; installing a series of three-dimensional displays telling the story of our pioneer ancestors; making the jump into the world of computers and other high-tech resources, as part of a commitment to better educate the public about pioneer life.

I think it is safe to say that we have been fairly successful in all the above areas, and it would be nice to take all the credit - unfortunately, I can't. The truth is that each improvement that made was done so by someone other than me, and it seems proper to recognize them, individually and as a group.

First and foremost, we should thank the Pioneer Association Board of Officers, which guided everything that was done this year: "thank you" Muriel Winterscheid, for your wisdom in championing the development of a Strategic Plan in the first place; "thank you" Shirley Wright and Gary Zimmerman who, as acting presidents of the Daughters and the Fiske, respectively, brought their organizations into the planning process; "thank you" David Fauver and David Brazier, for changing us from computer illiterates to computer users who now have modern software programs and our own web site; "thank you" Claire Raaum for planning, organizing and bringing off our recent 150th Territorial Anniversary celebration (and for so many other things that space won't allow me to mention); "thank you" Catherine Speddon, whose immense talent and dedication has resulted in the wonderful shadow boxes and display cases that now bring the pioneer story to the public; "thank you" Peggy Parietti and Carol Hawkins, for hosting so many wonderful events and meetings; "thank you" Barbara Krohn and the members of her Membership Committee, for the excellent work they have done; a very special "thank you" to Marian Spath, and an additional nod of thanks to Gary Zimmerman, for all the help they have given so many people.

As I leave office, I have the great peace of mind that comes from knowing that the Pioneer Association of the State of Washington has so many wonderful people to guide it into the coming years.



Robert Teague

New president to be selected at annual meeting

When members gather at Pioneer Hall for the annual meeting of the membership on June 28, they will be asked to elect officers for the coming year, as well as elect trustees for multi-year terms on the Board.

The Nominating Committee has selected Marilyn McLauchlan, Bainbridge Island, to be the nominee for President for the 2003-2004 year. Marilyn is a descendant of William N. Bell, who was on the schooner *Exact*, and a member of its original landing party at Alki in November of 1851. The Belltown neighborhood, north of downtown Seattle, is named for William Bell.

Jeff Christensen is proposed as the next Secretary. He would succeed Marian Spath, who has recently moved to Oregon. Jeff has been involved with the production and mailing of *Pioneer Presences* for several years. He is descended from John Patrick Doyle, who arrived in Elma in 1884.

Other nominees for office include: Carol Hawkins, Bellevue (1st Vice-president); Claire Raaum, Mercer Island (2nd Vice-president); Junius Rochester, Seattle (3rd Vice-president); and Gary Zimmerman, Bellevue, (serving as both Treasurer and Historian).

Candidates for three-year terms as Trustees (terms expire in June 2006) include: Jackie Cedarholm, Seattle; Margaret Parietti, Mercer Island; Betty Kinsman, Seattle.

Trustees continuing multi-year terms include: Mark Chamberlain, Kathy Dettman, John C. Gayton III, Catherine Spedden, Muriel Winterscheid and Shirley Wright.

During the June meeting, nominations will be called from the floor for two members of the Association to serve on next year's Nominating Committee. After the membership chooses those two members, the newly elected President will select a third member to act as Chair of the Nominating Committee. The current Nominating Committee consists of: Helen Smith, Medina; Junius Rochester, Seattle; Gary Zimmerman, Bellevue.

Have you renewed? Membership dues requested by June 28 meeting

Dues notices for renewing membership in the Pioneer Association of the State of Washington have just been mailed, and the Membership Committee has asked that all non-Life Members return their dues payments by Saturday, June 28. Dues may be returned via mail, in care of: Membership Committee, Pioneer Hall, 1642 43rd Avenue East, Seattle, Washington 98112. Dues may also be paid in person by those attending the June 28 Annual Meeting at Pioneer Hall.

The Membership Committee is working hard to update and simplify our current membership practices, and will be recommending minor changes to the Board in the coming months. Details about their efforts will appear in a future issue of *Pioneer Presences*.

Please make a concentrated effort to return your dues payments as quickly as possible. This will assure that your membership remains active, and allow us to better serve you in the future. Also, please include an e-mail address with your remittance, where possible, so that we can keep you abreast of any important Pioneer information, between newsletters.

Help keep our membership strong, recruit a member today!

We continue to encourage you to recruit new members to the Pioneer Association of the State of Washington. Now is the perfect time to let your friends and extended family know more about who we are and what we are about. Consider bringing along a guest to the Annual Meeting and Salmon Bake on June 28 - it will be a fun, informative event, and members of the Membership Committee will be there with applications and information about joining. Do your part today, to keep our membership strong!

*A review of the March meeting***Seattle to Snohomish: Growth of Reminiscences***Carol Hawkins*

Saturday, March 15 was, put simply, a wonderful afternoon of getting to know two Pioneer Association members better. At the meeting of our membership that day, both our Family History speaker for the event, Donna Harvey, and our main presenter, Junius Rochester, recounted personal and family experiences about the life of pioneers.

Donna Harvey's earliest relative to the Oregon Territory was John Harvey, who arrived at Alki on March 17, 1852. John Harvey went to the remote area of what is now Seward Park, where he staked his claim to 160 acres. He and the fellow with the adjoining claim built a house over their common property line, as a symbolic demonstration of their agreement to share work and companionship in an area so removed, at the time, from other settlers. During the "Indian War" of 1859, John Harvey came into Seattle for safety, only to find on his return to his claim that everything he had built and worked for had been destroyed.

Harvey decided to start again, and relocated along the Snohomish River. He fished, and farmed fertile land. He married Christina Noble, and they raised their family on the newly claimed homestead - eighty acres of which still has Harvey family members residing on it.

Christina's sister, Mary Noble Adair came with her husband, Alexander "Sandy" Adair, by ship and train across the Isthmus of Panama, arriving at Port

Discovery in 1868. After brief stops in Chemicum and Seattle (1870), they settled at the Snoqualmie Valley town of Novelty. A descendant of Mary Adair (cousin to Donna Harvey) was in attendance at this meeting.

Donna also presented several photographs for addition to the collection of Pioneer Hall.

The main presentation at the March meeting was made by long-time Pioneer Junius Rochester. A local historian, researcher, author and tour guide, Junius spoke to those in attendance about the neighborhoods from the Lake Washington Ship Canal to Seward Park. Many of these neighborhoods started as recreational spots where families could come for summer getaways or to picnic, boat, swim, fish or enjoy rides and concerts. Activities in the area were often promoted by land developers like John McGilvra, in Madison Park, and Philip Ritz, in Denny-Blaine. Such events were a successful way for them to sell development and property for new homes.

Transportation in the corridor was key to the success of the developers' plans. Cable cars and trolleys became extremely important, according to Rochester, who wrote in detail about the latter in his most recent book "The Last Electric Trolley".

In addition to the history of the neighborhoods - including their relationship to the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, which was held on the current site of the University of Washington - Rochester also detailed the wonderful paths and trails down to Lake Washington not commonly known to non-residents of the area.

The program concluded with The Northshore Steppers, a group of senior ladies who did several well-synchronized tap-dancing routines in wonderful costumes. A meet-and-greet, accompanied by refreshments, followed the meeting.



March meeting Family History speaker, Donna Harvey

Territorial Sesquicentennial Celebration a big success

Claire Raam

The Daughters of the Pioneers of Washington, Seattle Chapter #1, and the Pioneer Association of the State of Washington, celebrated the Territorial Sesquicentennial of Washington on Saturday, April 5, 2003.

More than 150 people gathered at Pioneer Hall to enjoy the festivities, which included entertainment by: The Way Out West, a country western quartet; The Washington Squares, a barbershop quartet; Maggie Bennett, who played folk tunes on her autoharp and sang. Refreshments, including homemade pie and cookies, cider and coffee were provided. A commemorative Washington Centennial plate was provided with each slice of pie served.

During a special moment, an American flag issued in 1890 - the year following Washington's statehood - was hung on the wall.

A new historical display featuring the territory/state from pre-historic days through pioneer times was unveiled in newly-lit display cases. Shadow boxes designed by Catherine Spedden, and showing historical pioneer scenes, were placed on the wall. Also on display was a beautiful doll house made by member Shirley Wright.

Demonstrations of several types were held throughout the event, including: spinning, weaving, butter-churning and quilting. Such handiwork as tatting, knitting and embroidery were also featured.

A special "play corner" allowed children present to play with pioneer toys, as well as make their own simple toys, like spinning tops.

Seventeen volunteers - representing both the Pioneer Association and the Daughters of the Pioneers - worked diligently to insure the success of the event, and their efforts were well-evident and appreciated by all.



A new display case illustrating the pioneer experience, created by Pioneer Catherine Spedden was unveiled at the event.



Barbershop quartet The Washington Squares perform for an appreciative audience



'Way Out West' perform a lively set of music at the Sesquicentennial Celebration

Submit your family history

The recounting of family histories is more than just a long-standing tradition with the Pioneer Association: it is an important way of keeping history alive, and providing us with a reminder of what life was like during the years our forbearers came to Washington Territory, and then made it a state.

If you have an abbreviated family history, or would like to recount a specific period of your ancestors' experiences, please feel free to submit a manuscript to *Pioneer Presences*, care of the Hall at: Editor, *Pioneer Presences*, Pioneer Hall, 1642 43rd Avenue East, Seattle, Washington 98112.

In the interest of space, manuscripts should average between 1,000 and 1,500 words. Photographs, documents and illustrations - in original or electronic format - are welcome. Not all manuscripts may be used, and occasionally editing for space or content may be necessary.

The Pioneer Association prides itself on telling pioneer stories...help us tell yours!

Pioneer Sights and Sounds

One of the goals of Pioneer Presences is to bring you the latest news from, and about, the Pioneer Association of the State of Washington. Sometimes, rather than a full story, this means having only a bit of news or individual photograph to share. We still think that can be important, and will occasionally include items in this space, which we call "Pioneer Sights and Sounds". If you have a bit of news, or a photograph that you think might be of interest to the membership, feel free to submit to Presences Editor Barbara Krohn, care of Pioneer Hall (1642 43rd Avenue East, Seattle, Washington 98112).

This month in *Presences* we included articles and photographs from both the last meeting of the membership, in March, and the April Sesquicentennial event organized by Claire Raaum and the Daughters of the Pioneers of Washington. We couldn't resist adding a few additional photographs from the latter event.

This month, many hard-working volunteers in our organization will be stepping down from their elected office, as new officers are voted in. Consider taking the time to thank these people, individually, for their hard work and contribution. We'll have a complete listing of all newly elected members of the Board and Trustees, next issue.



Members of the "Northshore Steppers" pose with a happy attendee at the Sesquicentennial event



Spinner Frankie Bottenelli and weaver Beth Zimmerman demonstrate their craft during the Sesquicentennial activities

*Editorial***Sending Thank You's***Jeff Christensen*

At some point in our social development we learn about manners, etiquette, niceties and the general protocol of interacting with our fellow man. We learn how to say "please" and "thank you", when to shake hands, and about the importance of being on time. If we listen carefully, and pay close enough attention, we also grow to appreciate the complex significance of a simple act: sending "thank you's".

If we're not distracted or in too much of a hurry, we say "thank you" when someone holds a door open for us, pours us more water or passes the salt at a dinner party. Sometimes, in these situations, a nod of appreciation or smile will suffice; a corresponding nod, or returned smile, typically acknowledges our intended appreciation, and our social obligation is met. There are times, however, we all know, when a nod isn't enough - when we've received something of such significance, or at someone else's great personal expense, that something more is required: we send a "thank you".

At the June 28 meeting of the Pioneer membership, our leader for the past four years, Bob Teague, steps down from office - and he deserves to be sent a "thank you."

The past four years have been challenging for many organizations, the Pioneer Association among them. Membership retention, organization income, member activity, facility issues and more all had to be faced and given time and attention. Lots of time. Lots of attention. Working with our seemingly fearless Board and Trustees, Bob not only took on the challenge, but pushed ahead with new ideas and a vision that change was needed if the Pioneer Association was to remain viable and healthy.

A smart manager hires good people and then lets them do what they do best. Under Bob's management, Pioneer members flourished: Catherine Spedden spearheaded the development of new display cases which graphically illustrate - in three dimensions - the pioneer story; David Fauver and associates carved out a Pioneer presence on the World Wide Web; the Membership Committee began overhauling the organization's membership system, and working to liaison with affiliated groups and increase our numbers; a Strategic Plan was adopted, and grand-planners like Muriel Winterscheid helped us all look down the road, instead of just around the corner. The accomplishments have been many, and the guidance and support it took to make them a reality cannot be underestimated, or go overlooked.

Membership organizations all require great commitment to succeed. Leading such a membership, however, takes even more. Armed only with the title "President", our chosen leader is provided no pay in his or her pocket at the end of each month, no chance for advancement or even a 4% raise. Instead, there are long hours trying to arrange meetings, review notes, meet with committee chairs, change the time or place of the meeting you just arranged, make phone calls, write speeches, change that meeting a second time and attend as many functions as time (and your "real life" schedule) will allow. Your children and wife will probably forget they knew you for at least half of your term.

After all that - if you are very lucky - someone occasionally pats you on the back (probably not often enough) and tells you you're doing a "good" job.

It's important for all of us to constantly thank those who have voluntarily stepped up to give of themselves by serving as officers of our organization. Sometimes, however, it's necessary for us to do something more for those who lead the charge, like Bob Teague. Sometimes we have to sit down and send that "thank you".

Who's that Pioneer?

We continue our efforts to identify the pioneers depicted in portraits either donated or on loan to Pioneer Hall. If you think you can help put at least a name - if not a story - with a face, contact the Hall today!

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Pioneer Association continues to look to members for help

Many people have been contacting the Hall looking for ways to be of help to the Pioneer Association. Some ways you might assist the Pioneers:

- Carol Hawkins and crew continue to look for identification of (and stories about) the individuals depicted in photographs on display in Pioneer Hall. Think you might be able to assist? Call Carol directly, or mail information about a portrait you loaned, donated or simply can identify to: Pioneer Hall, Attn: Pioneer Membership Committee, 1642 43rd Avenue East, Seattle, WA 98112.

- E-mail can be an important tool in helping to keep in better touch with member. Please add your e-mail address, when possible, when returning your dues payment this month.

- Mailing lists are constantly in flux, but we work hard to keep track of where are members are. Think you've missed an issue of *Pioneer Presences* newsletter? Concerned the address or contact information we have on file for you may be incomplete or incorrect? Just added a winter residence or mailing address? Let Gary Zimmerman know by leaving word for him at the Hall at 206-325-0888.

- Heard about an event you think all our members should know about? Like to see your family history published in a future edition of *Pioneer Presences*? Want to express an idea or an opinion? Newsletter editor Barbara Krohn would like to hear from you. Contact Barbara at 206-323-6725.



132nd Annual Meeting and Salmon Bake

Saturday, June 28, 2003

Pioneer Hall, 1642 43rd Avenue E, Seattle

- 9:45 am WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER
10:00 am BUSINESS MEETING
10:30 am ELECTION: Election of 2003 Officers
11:30 am SPEAKER: Gary Zimmerman presents "A History of 'The Hall'" about
how Pioneer began, and how it got to where it is today
FAMILY HISTORY SPEAKER: Marilyn McLauchlan
12:00 pm SALMON BAKE: in Madison Park

132nd Annual Meeting Pioneer Association of Washington

Please reserve _____ place(s) at \$22.00 each = Total \$ _____

*Baked salmon w/mango or tarter sauce, fresh fruit, roasted red potatoes w/rosemary,
rolls and butter, fresh blackberry cobbler, lemonade, decaf coffee and tea*

Name: _____

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Mail this form to:

Pioneer Association Picnic, 1642 43rd Avenue East, Seattle WA, 98122

Reservations must be received by Friday, June 20, 2003