



# BYGONE TIMES

Newsletter of the Troutdale Historical Society

April 2004

## Please Mark Your Calendars

### Powwow

*Fri. Apr. 16*

*6 p.m. - 10 p.m.*

*Sam Cox Building*

*Glenn Otto Park*

### Oral History Program

#### Interview:

**Mayor Paul Thalhofner**

*Sun. Apr. 18*

*2 p.m.*

*At City Hall*

**Annual Tea & Tour  
at The Ice Home,  
formerly the Butler Home  
Jackson Park Rd.**

*Sat. May. 1*

### Annual Cemetery Tour

**With Stan Clarke**

*Sat. May 15*

### Ice Cream Social

*Sat, June 5*

*Mayor's Square*

*Downtown Troutdale*

## POWWOW

**WHEN:** Friday, April 16 from 6 p.m to 10 p.m.

**WHERE:** Glenn Otto Community Park in the Sam Cox Building.

### Sponsored by:

Reynolds School District Title 7 Education Program  
and Troutdale Historical Society

Approximately one percent of Reynolds students are Native American children. The Reynolds program's primary focus is helping kids with educational needs and provides among other things tutoring and study groups.

The Powwow is an excellent opportunity for children and adults to learn about Native American Culture. There will be dancers, drummers, a Portland Bow and Arrow Club and educational cultural displays.

The fund-raising activities will include raffles, Native American crafts booths, and some wonderful food, like Indian fry bread, Indian tacos and Sioux dogs. Bring the family and enjoy — Free Admission — Open to the Public.

## Mayor Paul Thalhofner Reflects on His Three Decades of Public Service

**What:** Oral History Interview of Mayor Paul Thalhofner  
Conducted by Sharon Nesbit

**Where:** Troutdale City Hall **When:** April 18 at 2 p.m.

Mayor Paul Thalhofner's time in Troutdale began when McMenamins Edgefield was still a nursing home and Troutdale's main drag was a ramshackle row of businesses on one side of the street. Mayor Thalhofner will reflect on three decades of public service to his community, with historian Sharon Nesbit conducting the interview and Larry Pinegar recording the video for the society's oral history collection.

In his 11th year as Mayor of Troutdale, he joins the ranks with only two other Mayors in the city's history who served ten years or more....the late Mayor Sam Cox and the late Mayor Bob Sturges.

Following the interview, Thalhofner's photo will be unveiled in the mayor's gallery, joining the ranks of Troutdale men and women who have, since 1907, served without pay at city hall. Free Admission-Refreshments will be served.



**Tea Invitations were mailed**....if you didn't receive one and would like us to send you one, please call the office. Space is limited and filling up very quickly. Price is \$35 (\$25 of which is a tax deductible donation).

## Sacagawea Highlighted at Menucha Meeting



Carolyn McCall Welcoming Guests to Menucha  
By Penny Balch

Menucha Retreat and Conference Center in Corbett, hosted the THS March meeting. Members were treated to a tour of the building once owned by Julius Meier of Meier & Frank Department store fame. Menucha's history was as interesting as all the nooks and crannies. Two highlights are the basement room housing a pipe organ and the hidden bar which was revealed by pushing a button on the underside of the fireplace mantel.

After the tours, we were held spellbound by the story of Sacagawea as related by Barb Kubik. Barb studied the written words of Lewis, Clark and the other journal keepers from the Corps of Discovery. She also researched early descriptions of the Mandan village life and multi-cultural fur trade businesses.

Barb created an accurate portrayal of the teen-aged mother who crossed wild country displaying bravery, resourcefulness, kindness, generosity, and intelligence. Some of the previously published books written about Sacagawea were shown to be more creative fiction than historical biography.

Joining the Lewis & Clark expedition as an interpreter with her husband, Sacagawea was frequently referred to by her role in life – mother, wife, tribe member, interpretress – and rarely by her name. When her name is found in the journals for the first time, experts feel it was written phonetically. There are as many as 25 different versions of her name found in the journals. It is not surprising the pronunciation and the spelling of her name has changed as experts re-examine our history.

Sacagawea may have had several names in her lifetime. When she was born into her Shoshone Tribe, her family may have given her a name reflective of her spirit. In 1800, when she was 12 years old, our

heroine was near the Three Forks River hunting buffalo with her family. Their camp was raided and she became a captive. It is possible she was given a different name at this time. According to Kubik, Sacagawea may have given herself yet another new name when the Corps of Discovery left Fort Mandan as she was starting a new life.

As a member of the Lewis & Clark expedition, Sacagawea contributed in many ways. She gave four buffalo robes to the party when she joined them. She fished and gathered familiar foods such as berries, artichoke, apples, fennel, licorice fern. In a boating accident, Sacagawea reacted quickly to retrieve the captains' valuable journals, medicines, tools for reading longitude/latitude and for making maps. She also made moccasins and other clothing. At one point, she traded her beaded belt for a beaver robe.

Kubik related two times when our intrepid heroine nearly lost her life. Once she had a fever, and was treated with opium, sulfur water and Peruvian bark. She had just recovered and was almost caught in a flash flood. She not only escaped with her life, but she saved her baby son.

As the Corps approached the three forks of the Missouri River, Sacagawea identified the Jefferson River which would lead the group to her people. Her recognition of these and other landmarks provided Lewis & Clark much reassurance in the uncharted territory.

When the expedition reached the Shoshone Indians, Sacagawea came to the group's aid again. She overheard the men of the tribe planning to hunt buffalo. The hunters would have left the area before Lewis & Clark could secure horses to get them over the Rocky Mountains. Before the Corps moved on, they had horses and even a guide to help them through the mountains.

Every member's effort contributed to the group's survival, and Sacagawea was an integral part of the Corps of Discovery. To honor her, a tributary stream leading into Mussellshell River was named for her. Sometimes it was known as Bird Woman River which was the meaning of her Hidatsa name.

Side Note—Sacagawea's son John Baptiste Charbonneau, who was 55 days old when the Lewis & Clark Corps of Discovery started, is buried in Danner, Oregon in Jordan Valley.



Barb Kubik, March 21, 2004

Those who missed Barb Kubik’s presentation on Sacagawea — and even those who didn’t — will want to watch Channel 10, Public Broadcasting, for an hour-long presentation of The Journey of Sacagawea, with Barb adding her historical expertise to the narrative.

**Menucha Staff Is Appreciated**

Our thanks to Mac and Carolyn McCall and staff for opening the doors to Menucha for our Sacagawea talk. Tours of the former Julius Meier estate always turn up some piece of information. This time, the news that Meier died there. The estate was his favorite retreat. Also, Menucha continues to gather history and has recently completed a book of photos from the collection of George Perry, whose family lived and worked at Menucha for many years.

**How Do We Observe 100 Years of History?**

The City of Gresham held its 99th birthday party in February and began planning for the 100th birthday of that community. Troutdale, incorporated in 1907, will be 100 years old before we know it. Any thoughts on a centennial observance for this town?

**THS Needs .... Volunteers**

For the Museums:  
**A few more hosts  
(once a month for three hours)**

**A Volunteer Coordinator  
(to keep track of the museum schedule,  
call hosts, and manage host information materials)**

For Ice Cream Social and Harvest Faire:  
**A Volunteer Event Coordinator  
and people to help plan the details**

**Please call 503-661-2164  
If you have some time  
And would like to volunteer**



**Thanks to our Members....**

Thanks to **Linda Taylor** who has been volunteering every Monday helping at the office; to **Heather Hutzenbiler** for her diligence and becoming our museum software expert and **Mario Ayala** for many dedicated hours helping in all ways this month, to **Jean Holman, Mona Mitchoff, Mary Bryson, Judy Norby, Barb Welsh, Doneva Shepard, Mario Ayala, Heather Hutzenbiler and Sheryl Maydew** for applying the fresh coat of paint in the Depot; to **Walter Nasmyth** for learning a new program (who says you can’t teach an old dog new tricks?) and scanning in and cataloguing for our photo library; to **David Ripma** for the wonderful press releases and agreeing to emcee our upcoming programs; to **Sharon Nesbit** who continues to provide a wealth of information for our history files and for plying her writing and editing skills, to **Penny Balch** who comes to the programs and events with tablet in hand and writes about them for the newsletter, to **Doneva Shepard** who comes packing her digital camera and thus helps us document our goings on and break up the text in the newsletter with lovely pictures; to **Marlene Burns**, who comes by and reconciles the books and prepares the financial reports; to **Nancy Wilson** for helping us get a good start in loading the artifact catalogue into Past Perfect; to **Vader & Jo Callister, Scott Cunningham, Harvey Wieprecht, Jean Ice and Sharon Nesbit** for their work in collecting the Jackson Park Rd. history for the upcoming Tea; to Ray Davenport and the Lewis & Clark exhibit committee for their many hours working to put the exhibit together; to **Helen Wand** and the Programs committee for putting together interesting and educational programs; and to our dedicated museum hosts: **Florence Baker, Cheryl Elliot, Betty Kaufman, Doneva Shepard, Carole Klinger, Frank Grande, Jim & Betty Cook, Sharon Nesbit, Helen Wand, Ola June, Donna McCollister, Helen Wand, Evelyn DeYoung** for keeping our museums open.



**In Memory**

Troutdale resident and former city councilman Frank Simons died in March. Frank served on the city council in the Glenn Otto era and was a longtime resident of the city.

***Our Thanks ...from THS to the following for their support:***

**In Memory of ...**

**Dolores Bryson**  
 Nick and Barb Welsh  
 Ivan and June Handy  
 Lee and Mary Lou Johnson  
 Marie Stone  
  
**Jim Davis**  
 Carol L. Davis

**In Memory of ...**

**Frank Stuart Driver**  
 Frank and Jean Driver  
  
**Ella E. Swanstrom and**  
**Fern E. Schoepper**  
 Deborah Schoepper

**In Memory of ...**

**Marion Chapman**  
 Ivan and June Handy  
 Elsie Simmitt  
  
**Jack H. Burns**  
 Gwen Burns

**Donations**

Janis Pinkard  
 Karen Jordan  
 Ginger Harlow Allen  
 Sharon Petri  
 Marion Ford  
 Walter & Doris Balmer  
 Jeanne Pulliam  
 Helen Otto  
 Harvey & Betty Wieprecht  
 Tom & Cheryl Graves  
 Ed & Phyllis Thiemann  
 Alice Cornwell  
 Ltc. David & Gale Underhill  
 Dr. Robert & Tami Campbell  
 Marie Stone

-----  
**Lover's Oak Club**


Ed & Phyllis Thiemann	Tom & Cheryl Graves
William & Sharon Strebin	Walt & Vi Nasmyth
Scott & Eileen Cunningham	Sharon Nesbit
David Ripma	Marlene Burns & Jon Dickinson

**THS Board**

Ed Thiemann, President  
 Mona Mitchoff, Vice President  
 Jean Holman, Secretary  
 Tom Graves, Treasurer  
 David Ripma, Past President  
 Cunningham  
 Terry  
 Mike  
 Jean  
 Helen  
 Hybskman  
 Wand

**THS Volunteer Staff**

Sher-yl Maydew, Director  
 Heather  
 Hutzenthaler, Office Asst.  
 Mary Bryson, Curator  
 Done-va Shepard, Genealogist  
 Walter  
 Nasmyth, Photo Librarian  
 Mar-lyne Burns, Accounting  
 Mario  
 Ayala who supports us all

  
 Troutdale Historical Society  
 104 S.E. Kibling St.  
 Troutdale, OR 97060  
 Phone: 503-661-2164

**Mission Statement:**  
 To gather, preserve and make available material relating to the history of the community of Troutdale, the Sandy River, the Columbia River Gorge and nearby area: To stimulate interest in, and knowledge of, the locality's past.

**Non Profit  
 Presorted  
 Standard Mail**  
**Troutdale, OR  
 Permit No. 5**

*Change Service Requested*