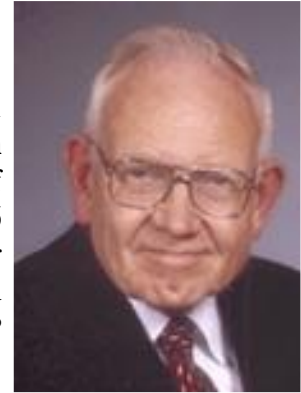


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Dear SUP Associates:

A New Year has begun, and I have the honor of serving as your National President for 2007. We have been well served by **Grant E. Barton** during this past year, and I am pleased that he will still be a vital part of this year's Executive Council. Many initiatives were begun during 2006 that can strengthen our organization. I **solicit the help** of each Chapter President and Chapter Board Member to add your **inspiration** and **leadership** to make the Mission Statement live in the lives of every SUP member.



I have been asked, “**What will be your main emphasis during the year 2007?**” I have answered with the same theme I stressed in my election to this office in 2001 and again in 2005—**Strengthen the Chapters**. To accomplish this, each chapter must be led by **enthusiastic men** who can not only capture the **vision** of the SUP, but **inspire** the chapter members to **invite** their friends and family members to **join** with them in our organization. Too many chapters are not growing. The numbers of active members are dwindling because of age and health. **New members** are **essential** to maintaining chapter vitality. Those chapters that are continually bringing in **new members** are doing exciting things and the excitement is contagious. We also need **new chapters**. Many Utah communities have **no SUP chapter** for our “at large” members to attend. Our larger communities do not have chapters in their newer outlying geographical areas. Nothing brings more vitality into an organization than **new chapters** with new members that have **exciting ideas to implement**. Our goal is to have at least **five new chapters** during 2007.

During **January and February**, each of the designated areas will hold **Area Training Council Meetings** under the direction of the **Area Vice President**. In many cases, two or more areas will assemble together for that training. (See **list of meetings, times and places below**). These meetings are designed to help **train** both old and new board members in their duties, and to **promote discussion** among board members in their various specialties that can lead to a cross-fertilization of ideas. We encourage each chapter president to bring his **entire board** to this meeting. Members of the **Executive Council** and the **National Program Directors** and their committees will be present to assist the Area Vice President in this training.

I look forward to **visiting** as many chapters as I can during the year. I am **excited** with what has been accomplished, and look forward to what will happen during this year.

Jay M. Smith
National President

2007 AREA TRAINING SCHEDULE

WHO: All Current Chapter Board Members and immediate past Chapter Presidents

WHY: Get materials, training, brotherhood & enthusiasm!

<u>LOCATION:</u>	<u>DATE & TIME:</u>	<u>ADDRESS:</u>
1. Salt Lake City ¹	Sat, Jan 20, 2 pm	SUP Bldg (33 East & 2920 So, Salt Lake)
2. Northern Utah ²	Mon, Jan 22, 2 pm	Ogden Stk Ctr [1401 Country Hills Dr (42 nd St)]
3. Utah County, Heber ³	Sat, Jan 27, 10 am	BYU Married Stake Ctr (1600 No 900 E, Provo)
4. Southern Utah ⁴	Sat, Feb 3, 9 am	Bloomington Hills Stake Center (1130 Brigham Road, St. George, UT)
5. Southern Idaho ⁵	Sat, Feb 3, 1:30 pm	North Idaho Falls Stake Center (Next to Temple)
6. West Salt Lake ⁶	Sat, Feb 3, 9 am	Pioneer Museum (47 East Vine St., Tooele, UT)
1. Chapters to be present: Bountiful, Centerville, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Pioneer, Holladay, Pioneer Heritage, Temple Quarry, Jordan River Temple, Mills, Sugarhouse, Beehive, Canyon Rim, Murray, Twin Peaks		
2. Chapters to be present: Box Elder, Temple Fork, Buena Ventura, Morgan, Ogden Pioneer, Ogden Valley		
3. Chapters to be present: Squaw Peak, Lehi, George Albert Smith, Brigham Young, Palmyra, Maple Mountain, The Mountain Valley		
4. Chapters to be present: Hole-in-the-Rock, Sevier Valley, Cedar City, Little Salt Lake, Cotton Mission, Hurricane Valley, Red Rock		
5. Chapters to be present: Eagle Rock, Grove City, Upper Snake River Valley		
6. Chapters to be present: Settlement Canyon, Taylorsville-Bennion, Twenty Wells		

CALL TO ATTEND SALT LAKE SUMMIT MEETING

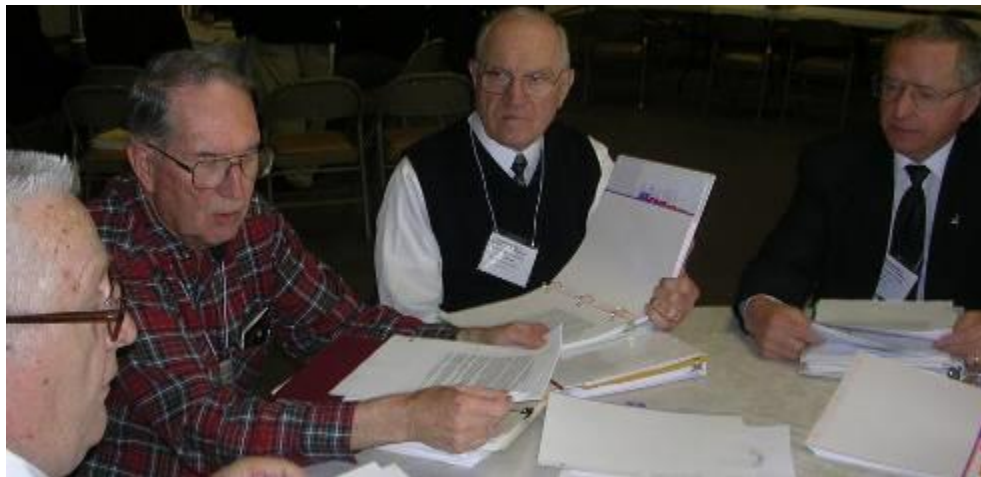
The National Executive Council has called a special meeting for **Chapter Presidents and Area Vice Presidents of Areas 4, 5, 6 and 7** (The Greater Salt Lake Valley) on Saturday, **January 20th at 10:00 a.m. at S.U.P. Headquarters**. This includes presidents of the following chapters: **SLC, Salt Lake Pioneer, Holladay, Pioneer Heritage, Temple Quarry, Jordan River Temple, Mills, Sugar House, Beehive, Canyon Rim, Murray, Taylorsville-Bennion, and Twin Peaks**. Also invited are **past national presidents and immediate past presidents** of these chapters.

The purpose of the meeting is to counsel together about **growth and chapter alignment** in Greater Salt Lake, where a large part of our membership dwells. You are invited to bring your creativity and optimism to this important meeting. **These same chapters will have their area training meeting for all chapter officers at 2:00 p.m. at the National Building the same day.**

NATIONAL KICKS OFF YEAR WITH TRAINING SESSION

Thirteen of sixteen Area Vice Presidents were trained by the Executive Council and the National Program Directors on Saturday, January 6th. The Area Vice Presidents, in turn, will train the members of the chapter boards in six Area Training Meetings in January and February (See the Area Training Schedule in this issue). The training was superb. New SUP Handbooks were distributed. One retired executive, who has attended many training meetings in industry, said “It was great training – among the best training meetings I’ve ever attended!”

Ariel Knowles (Tomorrow’s Pioneers Director, standing) leading break-out session with Angus Belliston (Communications Director), Keyne Thorne, Doug Loosle, and Carl Moss (Area Vice Presidents)



Wendell Christensen (Membership Director) leads break-out session with Nathan Stuart, Ray Don Reese, and Dee Risenmay (Area Vice Presidents)

Some Highlights included:

- New National President Jay Smith gave a PowerPoint presentation of his recommended goals for the year. They include:
 - **2300 members** in 2007. **The goal of 2006 members in 2006 was achieved.** Our year-end membership was 2070!
 - **Six new chapters**
 - 120 name **memorializations (5 per chapter)**
 - Every Chapter has **at least one of the Tomorrow’s Pioneers programs:** [Scholarships, Frontier Essays (4th graders), Pioneer Biographies (High School)]

- Each chapter has **at least one trek & is working on a Monument**
- Each chapter **honors at least one Today's Pioneer**
- Area Vice President Training: AVPs were encouraged to:
 - Attend chapter board meetings frequently and ask for an early spot on the agenda.
 - Train chapter presidents by reading and discussing the Handbook materials.
 - Encourage chapter board meetings to be report meetings (with much of the planning being done in chapter committees).
- Break-out sessions: National Program Directors conducted round-robin break-out sessions on Publications, Public Relations, Treks and Monuments, Tomorrow's Pioneers, Membership, and Pioneer Heritage. The Area Training Meetings will have similar break-out sessions on these topics.

2007 NATIONAL CONVENTION TOURS

Now is the time to plan for an exciting Tour to the 2007 National SUP Convention in Mesa, Arizona, October 17 to 20. We have three professionally conducted tours to choose from. The final cost of these tours depends on participation by SUP members and guests. None of them include the registration for the convention. **Please get your inquiries in early so we can finalize costs and itineraries.**

TOUR #1 originates in Rexburg, Idaho, travels through Utah, stopping at scenic and historic places on the way, such as Salt Lake City, Cove Fort, Mountain Meadow, Pine Valley and St. George, with its many historic places, and on to Kanab. The tour continues to Page, Arizona, Glen Canyon Dam, Lake Powell, Navajo Country, Flagstaff and on to Mesa for the SUP Convention.

After the Convention the tour continues to Yuma, and then on to San Diego for the Mormon Battalion Monument and Museum, San Diego Temple, and continuing on the path of the Mormon Battalion to Sacramento, and Sutter's Mill where the gold rush started. Before returning home, there will be a stop in the Sierra Mountains to remember the ill-fated Donner Party, who contributed much to the Pioneers trek west.

The cost ranges from \$670 to \$880 per person, depending on how many go. Fill the bus and cut the cost. For further information contact Dee Risenmay, (208)-356-5805.

TOUR #2 is conducted from St. George but originates in Ogden or Salt Lake, travels through Utah, stopping at Cove Fort, Iron Mission Museum, Lee's Ferry, Old Las Vegas Fort, Jacob Hamlin home, Brigham Young home, St. George Tabernacle, Temple visitor's center. Southwest scenic sites at Antelope Slot Canyon, Page, Glen Canyon Dam river float, south rim of Grand Canyon and Hoover Dam. There will be a special production at Zion Canyon "Twist the Night Away" and then on to the Mesa Convention. There will be other sights to see on the way home.

The cost of this Tour is \$700 per person. For further information contact Wayne or LaRae Wright, RAP Tours (435) 674-4378, cell (435) 313-0888.

TOUR #3 originates in Salt Lake City with an airline flight to Arizona. After the Convention we will travel on to Mexico's fabled COPPER CANYON (a ride in the sky), COLONIAL JUAREZ with its rich LDS culture and history, PAQUIME INDIAN RUINS, MENNONITE CAMPS, PANCHO VILLA'S HOME AND MUSEUM and INDIAN MARKETS are just a few highlights on this fascinating excursion. Add to this, BRIDGES, TUNNELS, TARAHUMARA INDIANS, LOS MOCHIS, COASTAL GUYMAS and HERMOSILLO! Then back to Arizona and the flight home.

Your Spanish speaking guide, Dr. Webb Goodman, will accompany you throughout this journey. Webb is a real joy, is active LDS and has his PhD in Spanish as well as Mexican history and culture. He has escorted many tours into this area and has done several for us at Hyde's Encore Tours and Travel.

The cost of this tour is estimated at \$1645 per person. For more information contact Palmer Hyde, (801) 966-4242, or (800) 748-4242.

NATIONAL NEWS

Six Chapters have remitted over 50% of their 2007 annual dues renewals. Although we fell just a few percentage points short of the overall goal of having 30% of the 2007 dues remitted to National by December 31, six chapters responded to the request by remitting over 50% of their annual dues by year-end. These chapters were led by **Temple Quarry** with 100%, followed by **Jordan River Temple, Cotton Mission, Mesa, Eagle Rock, and Lehi.**

We ask all chapters to continue encouraging annual members to pay their 2007 dues and to **send these dues in as soon as they are collected.** We are enthused with the large number of annual members who are accepting the invitation to convert to Life Membership. If an annual member renewed for 2007 but would like to change the renewal to a **Life Membership, he may apply the 2007 \$30 annual renewal to the \$300 Life Membership fee** if the conversion is made by **March 31, 2007.** Please announce this to your chapter members.

CHAPTER 4TH QUARTER 2006 AWARDS REPORTS NOW DUE.

National Awards to Outstanding Chapters are based on how the Chapter is doing on the significant categories listed on the quarterly awards report. If prior quarters haven't been reported on, please send these in as well. Thanks!

CHAPTER NEWS

- **PIONEER HERITAGE** Chapter trekked to Temple Square, saw the millions of lights and were entertained for 40 minutes by the Temple Square Mission choir.
- **SALT LAKE CITY** Chapter recently combined with Twin Peaks Chapter and sponsored a 100 year birthday party for two chapter members: **Eldred Smith (Former Church Patriarch)** and Stacy Garn. **President Thomas S. Monson** read passages from his journal about Patriarch Smith. The February

meeting will feature Eran A. Call, former member of the 2nd Quorum of Seventy, who will speak about the Mormon Colonies in Mexico.

- **HURRICANE VALLEY** Chapter's January Speaker will be Jim Rhoades speaking about the famous Lost Rhoades Gold Mine.
- **MILLS CHAPTER'S** January Speaker is Janet Huff Bennett, who served as Senior Policy Advisor for Senator Robert Bennett and Asst. State Director for Senator Orin Hatch. Music for the December meeting was furnished by the Utah Chamber Artists.
- **SETTLEMENT CANYON** Chapter's January program was furnished by the Stowe family, with Jim Gowans providing the history of Clyde Rowberry.
- **SALT LAKE PIONEER** Chapter viewed a pictorial history of the development of Salt Lake from the arrival of the Mormon Pioneers to 1900. Presenter: Dick Winters used **old glass slides in a 100 year old projector!** February 14th's Sweetheart Luncheon speaker will be **Ceiko Okazaki**, former Counselor in the General Relief Society Presidency. The meeting will be in the Joseph Smith Memorial Building.
- **TAYLORSVILLE-BENNION** Chapter's January dinner meeting will focus on Iosepa, founded by Hawaiian pioneers. The chapter owns an authentic Mormon handcart replica.

- **OGDEN PIONEER** Chapter hosts monthly luncheons and quarterly activities with their wives. They have allotted \$2,000 to promote Pioneer Essay-writing in the 4th and 7th grades of 60 schools. The chapter dedicated a monument at the site of the 1862 Morrisite War, which was **reported in the Ogden Standard Examiner newspaper.** The December dinner meeting was Jon and Chalet Reed speaking on their experiences in Saudi Arabia and following part of **Lehi's trail through the desert.** In January, Scott Ballif spoke about the New Zealand MTC. In February, Dr. Richard Roberts will speak on the History of Weber County.
- **LEHI** Chapter: New life member Wes and Ruth Burr presented a 14 year project of **compiling ancestral stories** into hardbound books.

GET YOUR CHAPTER INTO THE TRAIL MARKER!

* 32 chapters were represented in the *Trail Marker* in 2006

* The following chapters had the most articles or pictures in 2006: Cotton Mission – 15, Sevier – 10, Brigham Young – 9, Squaw Peak and Grove City – 6 each, Hurricane Valley – 5.

* 11 chapters weren't represented at all

Many chapters routinely **send their chapter newsletters** and occasionally articles and pictures to the *Trail Marker* publisher, Grant E. Barton at the National SUP Building or to nssup@hotmail.com **Make your chapter one of them!**

