

Trail Marker

PIONEERING YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

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Happy New Year! Let me first express my appreciation for the opportunity you have given me to serve as your National President for 2008. I know that together we can make it a banner year.



I believe we got off to a great start by moving our AVP training up to December so they can get a jump on training their Chapter Boards. I hope you agree that including the wives was a needed “touch”. We encourage you to continue that trend at every level.

What a year – our Diamond Anniversary. Let’s not rest on the wonderful accomplishments of the previous 75 years. There are a lot of challenges but I think we are well equipped to handle them. Our Executive Committee, with newly elected Roger Flick, is ready to lead out. An excellent group of Directors will continue to help us with the methods.

New and most important to all of us is the Diamond Jubilee Monument and Building Improvement Fund. We encourage all to do everything possible to assure the early success of this very significant project. This is not to overshadow the very life blood of our organization, our continuing membership drive. Every member needs to bring in one new member and if that’s a Life Membership, so much the better. It goes without saying, the younger the new member is, the more significant his Life Membership is and the more potential he has to offer SUP.

Let us all band together to make this 2008 year one continuous Birthday Celebration of success.

Booth Maycock
2008 National President



Booth and Eddie Maycock

CHAPTER AREA COUNCIL TRAINING MEETINGS.

The chart on the following page outlines the time and place for the **Area Council Training** meetings. All **chapter presidents** and their **board members**, are urged to be present at these meetings. The wives of the leaders may also be invited to join in the training to better understand their husband’s responsibilities. Each meeting will be under the direction of the applicable **Area Vice President(s)**. A member of the Executive Council and representative Program Directors will also be in attendance. The objective of these meetings is to help chapter

leaders understand their stewardship and to assist them in planning an exciting and productive program for the year 2008. A new chapter binder will be presented to each chapter president.

2008 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. Brigham City	Sat, Jan 5, 1 pm	Brigham City Library
2. Provo	Sat, Jan 12, 10 am	BYU Married Stake Center (1600 N. 900 E.)
3. Idaho Falls, Idaho	Sat, Jan 19, 1 pm	LDS Stake Center, 33 No. 5th W
4. Tooele	Sat, Jan 19, 9 am	Pioneer Museum 47 East Vine St.
5. Salt Lake City	Sat, Jan 26, 10 am	SUP Headquarters- Pioneer Room
6. Salt Lake City	Sat, Jan 26, 1 pm	SUP Headquarters-Pioneer Room
7. Ogden	Mon, Jan 28, 3:00 pm	Ogden Stake Center (1401 Country Hills Dr. {42nd St})
8. St. George	Sat, Feb 2, 10 am	Bloomington Hills Stake Center (1130 Brigham Road)

Chapters to be present:

1. Box Elder, Temple Fork
2. Brigham Young, Lehi, Maple Mountain, Mount Nebo, Palmyra, Squaw Peak, Timpanogos
3. Eagle Rock, Grove City, Upper Snake River Valley
4. Settlement Canyon, Taylorsville-Bennion, Twenty Wells
5. Bountiful, Centerville, Holladay, Pioneer Heritage, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Pioneer,
6. Beehive, Canyon Rim, Jordan River Temple, Mills, Mountain Valley, Murray, Porter Rockwell, Roosevelt, Sugarhouse, Temple Quarry
7. Buena Ventura, Morgan, Ogden Pioneer, Ogden Valley
8. Beaver, Cedar City, Cotton Mission , Hole-in-the-Rock, Hurricane Valley, Las Vegas, Little Salt Lake, Red Rocks, Sevier Valley

ANNUAL SUP BOARD CHRISTMAS DINNER HONORS SEVEN LEADERS

The Annual Sons of Utah Pioneers **National Christmas Dinner** was held on December 11, 2007 in the Heritage Room of the National Building. Over 75 national board members, program directors, and past presidents met with their spouses to enjoy an evening of good food, music presented by a group from **Mountain Jubilee Chorus**, and the swearing in of our new



National Christmas Dinner Meeting

national officers. In addition, a beautiful new acrylic **Pioneer Service Award** was presented to the following leaders who have given dedicated service to the organization. **Florence Youngberg**, our SUP Librarian, who has been



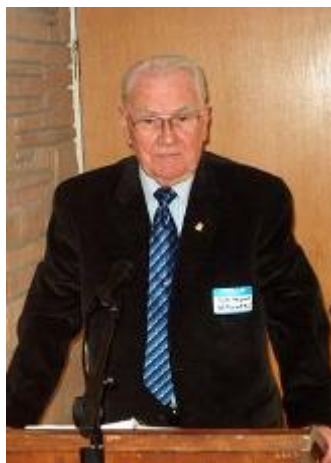
involved with the SUP in many capacities for over thirty years; **Leon Woodfield**, (left) our outgoing Treasurer; outgoing National Program Director

Wendell Christensen; and retiring Area Vice Presidents **Marvin Jewel, Nate Stuart and Keyne Thorne**. An award was also presented later to the widow of Area Vice President **Keith Black** who passed away suddenly in November. The National President's pin was passed from Jay Smith, 2007 President, to **Booth Maycock**, 2008 President.

AREA VICE PRESIDENT TRAINING HELD DECEMBER 11, 2007

The **Area** Vice President Training, normally held the first Saturday of January, was moved to the afternoon of December 11 to provide the AVP's with their training materials for the Area Councils at an earlier date. The training was conducted by the Executive Council and the National Program Directors. The wives of all attendees were also invited. They participated with their husbands in the general overview session and then held their own meeting to discuss ways they

Booth Maycock training Area Vice-Presidents



Eddie Maycock, JenaVee Smith, and Sue Flick conducting wives' meeting.

could better assist their husbands in fulfilling the mission of the SUP. The wives reported the results of their meeting in the concluding session. It was suggested that this format could be followed in the Area Council Meetings as well. Attendees then joined for the annual evening National Christmas Dinner.



Jay Smith conducts Area Vice-President Training Meeting

NEW NATIONAL LEADERS NAMED

The following new SUP leaders will assume their duties as of January 1, 2008:

Booth Maycock 2008 NSSUP President
Roger Flick 2008 NSSUP President-Elect
Jay M. Smith

Immediate NSSUP Past President
Dill Strasser National Membership and Diamond Jubilee Fund Director
Dee Risenmay National Treks Director
 LaRon Taylor

National Pioneer Heritage Director
Grant Barton

National Public Relations Director
Bob Siebers Area #1 Vice President
George Adamson Area #3 Vice President

Maughan Lee Area #10 Vice President
Robert Horrocks Area #14 Vice President
Bill Snarr Area #15 Vice President
 New Area Vice Presidents for Areas #5 and #9
 still to be appointed



New SUP National Officers sworn in.

DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR

The **75th Anniversary** of the founding of the Sons of Utah Pioneers will begin with some much needed refurbishing of the Headquarters Building in January. The library and office areas will receive new **coats of paint** preceding the **replacement** of the well-used carpet. We appreciate the support of **Steve Ogden** and his company in providing the new carpet at cost. The main floor of the building will be closed for most of January, however, meetings can still be scheduled in the lower floor. Funding for the refurbishing is being provided from the **Diamond Jubilee Monument and Building Improvement Fund**. All members and chapters are invited to contribute to this fund. Three levels of individual giving recognition have been announced by **Dil Strasser**, Fund and Membership Director:

\$1,500 A 28 inch replica of the “**Eyes Westward**” statue of Brigham Young and Joseph Smith to be placed at “This is the Place Heritage Park”

\$750 An attractive desk plaque with a **medallion** picturing the Monument

\$75 A Diamond Jubilee Signed **Certificate**

In addition, a special **Diamond Jubilee patch** will be given to each chapter that donates **\$750** to the fund or has **75%** of their members donating to the fund.

We are pleased that several of our members and chapters have already made their contributions to the fund. Remember, monies donated to the SUP are **tax deductible**. Please send contributions to **NSSUP Headquarters** marked “Diamond Jubilee Building and Improvement Fund”. (See form in December *Trail Marker*)

2008 MEDALLION IN PRODUCTION

The 2008 Medallion will feature a beautiful picture of the National Headquarters Building taken from the north with the striking furled flag attracting the gaze of I-80 travelers. It will be distinctively identified as the 75th anniversary medallion. It will again be produced in bronze (\$5), silver (\$25), and gold plate (\$30) with a \$2 reduction for orders in excess of ten (10). This is a keepsake medallion SUP members won’t want to miss. It is anticipated that medallions will be available in early February. Watch the next issue of the *Trail Marker* for more details.

MINIMUM CHAPTER STANDARDS FOR 2008 CHAPTER AWARDS

Beginning in **2008**, a **set of minimum standards** have been established by the **NSSUP National Board** in **seven areas of emphasis**. All chapters that meets these standards will receive a **year plaque** to place on their **chapter banners** that will be presented to the chapters in the April Chapter President’s Council Meeting. The chapter **quarterly reports** used in 2007 will again be used in 2008 to help determine which chapters earn the awards. The 2008 chapter minimums are as follows:

1. **Pioneer Heritage**
 Submit **15 Pioneer Name Memorializations** with 1-3 page biographies **AND submit 5 SUP member biographies** (2+ pages). These may be part of a Life Member submission, or an In Memoriam submission.
2. **Monuments**
Complete, dedicate and document a monument or marker, **OR restore, rededicate** and document an existent monument and marker, **OR clean and upgrade** two or more monuments or

markers. For larger projects, two or more chapters may combine.

3. **Treks**
Plan and take at least **two chapter** treks involving at least **20%** of the chapter members in at least one trek.
4. **Chapter Activity**
Meet four of the five minimums
 - a. Hold at least eight (**8**) **chapter meetings**
 - b. Hold at least eight (**8**) **chapter board meetings**
 - c. Produce a **chapter newsletter** for at least **four** issues and send copy to designated *Trail Marker* representative.
 - d. Have **two-thirds** of chapter board members at the **January/February** Area Council training meetings
 - e. Give at least one **Modern Pioneer Award**
5. **Tomorrow's Pioneers**
Conduct a **Pioneer Life Essay** program in one or more schools and send copies of the essays to the NSSUP Library, **OR** conduct a **Pioneer Biography** program in one or more chapters and send copies of the biographies to the NSSUP Library, **OR** give one or more **College Scholarships** to High School seniors.
6. **Community Service**
Provide your community with the equivalent of five (5) hours service per chapter member through **chapter sponsored community projects**. (Includes monument, pioneer, and similar projects.)
7. **Membership**
Meet two of the three minimums
 - a. Recruit **five new members**. (Annual or life)
 - b. **Convert two annual members to life membership**
 - c. **Submit 80% renewal** of annual members by **June 30, 2008**.

Awards for the period **July 1, 2006 to December 31, 2007** will be determined based on

the **chapter quarterly** reports for this period. If all six reports have not been submitted, chapters may submit them up to **February 15, 2008**.

They awards will be presented in **April 2008** at the Chapter Presidents Council meeting.

CHAPTER NEWS

MAPLE MOUNTAIN (Mapleton, UT) Some details of the November 29th meeting were included in last month's *Trail Marker*, however there is more to be said about the successful meeting. **National SUP President, Jay Smith**, attended and gave special thanks and recognition to **Paul Whiting** for leading the establishment of the new chapter. Pres. Smith also mentioned that the chapter was given special honor and recognition at the national convention in Mesa in October.

As previously reported, **Joseph McConkie** was the speaker. He told of some of the thirst, hunger, loss of animals, etc. as the pioneers traveled to settle southern Utah towns and other areas at the Prophet's request. Their movement was not for personal gain but for something greater – to provide a heritage for future generations.

SEVIER VALLEY (Richfield, UT) The chapter is in the fifth year of sponsoring the **Heritage Essay Contest**. The program continues to grow and last year there were seventy six entries. This year **Zion's Bank** is providing the funds for the contest. They have agreed to give each winning student a voucher that can be used at the bank to open either a savings or checking account. Each class winner will receive \$20.00. The three chapter winners will receive: 1st place \$100.00, 2nd place \$50.00 and 3rd place \$25.00. This great program will, no doubt, motivate the students to participate in researching and writing about one of their ancestors and will also give them a valuable learning experience in saving and money management. (Congratulations on a great program)

BRIGHAM YOUNG (Provo, UT) The speaker for the December chapter meeting was **Buddy Youngreen**. Buddy is the Founder and has been

the president of the Joseph Smith, Sr. Family Association for the past thirty years. His church history-related works include two books and several articles in the Ensign, BYU Studies, Latter-day Digest, and Encyclopedia of Latter-day Saint History.

In his message to chapter members **Ralph Benson**, the 2007 chapter president, quoted Mr. David McCullough who further quoted Daniel Boorstin, stating: "Planning for the future without a sense of the past is similar to planting cut flowers and hoping for a beautiful garden" Mr. McCullough said: "Today the new generation of young Americans are like a field of cut flowers, by-and-large historically illiterate. This does not bode well for our future". Mr. Benson then wrote: "Hopefully our organization will do everything in our power to help our youth to enjoy the pleasure of being rooted in their pioneer heritage and not become a part of the 'Cut flower' generation".

MILLS (Southeast Salt Lake City, UT) Guest speakers for the November chapter meeting were **Richard Romney**, Managing Editor of the New Era in the LDS Church Magazine Department and his wife, **Maria Diosado**. Richard described many aspects and strengths of the LDS Church Magazine Department. Currently magazines are published in 57 different languages. All stories are reviewed by seasoned people for accuracy and content. The mission of the magazines is to chronicle the living history of the church and its people. Richard's wife is of Spanish ancestry but was raised in France. She told of her teen years and of being introduced to the LDS church in 1986 by her neighbors. She bore testimony of her belief in a living prophet.

Music for the evening was provided by **Greg Larsen** who played a litany of American songs. The December chapter meeting was hosted by **Frank Madsen and his wife Connie**. They arranged to have the **Utah Chamber Choir** perform for the dinner meeting.

CANYON RIM, SUGARHOUSE AND BEEHIVE (Northeast Salt Lake Valley) The program for the December meeting was hosted

by the **Pioneer Heritage Chapter**. The program was the **Skyline High School Madrigals** celebration of the Christmas Spirit.

Each year the University of Utah selects nominated military veterans to be honored during a special ceremony. This year eleven WW II veterans were honored for their enormous contributions. One of the group was **Luman P. Slagle** of the Canyon Rim chapter. Mr. Slagle entered the army in 1942 and landed on Normandy two days after D-Day. With his unit he advanced through France and was involved in the capture of the Remagen Bridge. He is a recipient of the **Silver Star**.

SALT LAKE PIONEER (Salt Lake City, UT) The special speaker for the January meeting will be someone from the office of Mr. Dale Bills, Director of Communication and Marketing for the new **City Creek Center** (the \$1 billion shopping center development under construction in downtown Salt Lake City). The speaker will share stories and insights regarding this monumental project.

CEDAR CITY (Cedar City, UT) Cedar City's Pioneer Messenger newsletter contained a brief report of the National convention, including the election of **Roger Flick as President-elect** for 2008 and new criteria in the Awards Program. Those of the chapter who attended felt it was a very successful conference.

President Joe Bishop encouraged the members to preserve the memories of their pioneer ancestors by memorializing their names on the walls of the National Headquarters building and by writing their biographies (and your own life story) and submit them to the chapter. Those which have been submitted are on file in the city library, the University library and at the National Headquarters.

TEMPLE FORK (Logan, UT) The November program was presented by **Music Theatre West**. Those present for the meeting were given a preview of the musical "**The King and I**", which Music Theatre West will be performing at the Ellen Eccles Theater in January.