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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Happy New Year 2009! Many thanks to the Chapter Presidents and Area Vice Presidents who have served this past year. Also, to all the members of each chapter board who have given so much of their time in service activities. We want to welcome aboard the new Area Vice President, Chapter Presidents and Chapter Officers for the year 2009.

The year 2008 was our Diamond Jubilee year, the 75<sup>th</sup> year of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. It was indeed a banner year. In December of 2008 we completed our Diamond Jubilee goal to raise \$75,000 for the Diamond Jubilee Monument and the Building Improvement Fund. The "Eyes Westward" monument, sculpted by DJ Bawden, was completed and placed at the entrance of 'This Is The Place Heritage Park' in Salt Lake City. Most of the building improvements have been made on the National Sons of Utah Pioneers Headquarters building. Thanks again for your support.



At our 2008 National Encampment/Convention held at Richfield this past year, Dil Strasser was elected President-Elect for the year 2009. The Richfield Encampment was one of the best ever. It seems like I say that about every annual encampment. Begin planning now to attend the 2009 Encampment to be held in Ogden.

In December 2008, we held training sessions for the Area Vice Presidents (AVP's); now in January 2009, the AVP's will be holding training sessions for all chapter board members.

Details of the goals for this year will be discussed in the January training meetings. The goals will emphasize communication and commitment among members as it relates to the *Trail Marker*, membership, monuments, email, SUP website (services and contributions) and the *Pioneer* magazine.

While working with the national committee this past year, I observed that there are two major things which would keep us vibrant and financially solvent. The first is to double our subscriptions to our *Pioneer* magazine, and the second is to increase our membership by having each chapter member bring in one new member this year. The annual dues of members and additional subscriptions to the *Pioneer* magazine are two major sources of income which keep us afloat.

The monthly programs in chapters have been excellent. The volunteer services rendered are signs of strong commitment to the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Let each of us do what we can to preserve the memory and heritage of the early pioneers. Keep up the good work.

Roger C. Flick  
2009 National President

**NATIONAL NEWS**

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**ANNUAL TRAINING SESSIONS ANNOUNCED**

The Executive Committee extends Happy New Year greetings to all members and a wish for great success in your endeavors during 2009.

We are starting the New Year out with the Annual Training Sessions for all Chapter officers and their board members. Break-out sessions will be provided for each area of responsibility and will be under the direction of the National Director responsible for that particular program ie: Public Relations, Membership, Tomorrow's Pioneers, Monuments, etc.

**The training sessions are scheduled as follows:**

**Jan. 3, Salt Lake Areas 5, 6, 7, 8** at National Headquarters, 10 a.m. - 12 noon

**Jan.10, Northern Utah Area 2,3,4** at Ogden Family History Center - 1:30 - 3:30

**Jan.17, Southern Areas 12,13,14** at Bloomington Hills Stake Center - 10 a.m. - 12 noon (lunch will follow)

**Jan.24, Utah County Areas 9, 10, 11** at Cascade Stake Center, 481 East Center St., Orem - 10 a.m. - 12 noon

**Jan.31, Idaho Area 1** at Idaho Falls Family History Library - 10 a.m. - 12 noon

This training provides the opportunity for all chapter officers and board members to be well acquainted with their responsibilities and how best to handle them.

**Below -- Incoming National officers being sworn in for 2009.**



**Below -- Pres. Maycock addresses National Program Directors at Dec. Training Session**



**Above -- Pres. Flick**



**addresses AVP's at Dec. Training Session**



**Left -- Pres. Maycock presenting National Achievement Award to outgoing past president Jay Smith**



**Left -- Pres. Flick gives Incoming talk**



**Above -- Pres. Flick presents appreciation gift to**



outgoing President Booth Maycock.



Ortho Fairbanks, prominent Utah sculptor and member of the Pioneer Heritage Chapter, recently donated the bust of the Prophet Joseph Smith at the left to his chapter who, in turn, donated it to National to be placed in the Library where it now stands.

**BOX ELDER** (Brigham City, Utah) A very informative trek was taken by the chapter to visit several markers and other **historic sites in Eastern Box Elder County**. The group (below)



met at the William Knudsen cabin adjacent to the Community Center for briefing and to start the trek. Stops were made at several locations



### NATIONAL BOARD MEETINGS

There will be no National Board Meetings for AVP's and National Program Directors for the month of January, 2009. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 10, 5:30 pm for Program Directors and 6:30 pm for AVP's at the headquarters building.

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**CHAPTER NEWS** – By Louis Pickett  
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(below) such as forts, river crossings, a brick kiln, etc. The chapter has done a good job of locating the monuments and markers (below) in their county and this trek made the group more aware of where these are and the significance they played in the history of the area. For a service project the chapter has donated money to the **Zambia Scholarship Fund**. The native people of the Zambia villages are very poor and don't have opportunities for education. This fund supports teachers and students so the standard of living can be elevated. The chapter donation will

provide \$100.00 per month for a teacher and \$25.00 per month for one young student for the year.

**BRIGHAM YOUNG** (Provo, Utah). With the **merger** of the **George Albert Smith** and the **Brigham Young Chapters** a big new effort was launched to improve the **SUP Pioneer Village at Souette Park in Provo**. Under the energetic direction of **Steve Nelson, unofficial "Mayor"**, 2,000 hours of volunteer effort were spent in the year 2008. The community raised \$15,000 to install a beautiful new wrought iron fence around the expanded area and to acquire and construct a number of new displays. Many exhibits and one cabin were cleaned, repaired and rebuilt. Descriptive brochures were printed, newspaper articles were published and several special events for community and youth groups were hosted. A special celebration on July 24th was a success. A pioneer band performed each week. Participating docents volunteered over 400 hours. The SUP Pioneer Village in Provo is now "on the map!" (Some of this activity regarding the park has been reported in the Trail Marker during the year but this report by **Angus Belliston** summarizes it very well.)

**CANYON RIM -SUGARHOUSE** (Southeast Salt Lake and Sugarhouse, Utah) The Twin chapters were joined for the Christmas party by the **Pioneer Heritage chapter**. The Sugarhouse chapter arranged for the program and the group enjoyed the singing of the **Beehive Statesman Chorus**. This group is part of the prestigious **Barbershop Harmony Society**.

**CEDAR CITY** (Cedar City, Utah) A very special musical program was provided for the chapter's Christmas party by the **Alan and Carolee Lee family**. They performed vocal as well as drum, guitar and other instrumental numbers. The group enjoyed this talented family who helped to put everyone in the Christmas mood. As the chapter members look back on the year they take pleasure in their successes such as the excellent July 24th celebration where they raised monies to contribute to the **scholarship** and the "**Tomorrows Pioneers**" programs. The

chapter also made substantial contributions to the "**Diamond Jubilee fund**".

**HOLLADAY** (Holladay, Utah) For December the chapter members enjoyed a program of "music and the spoken word". The words came from **Richard Boyer**, a member of the **Holladay Stake Presidency**, who spoke of the Savior and "no room at the inn". **Pete Riches** and his daughter, **Shauna Stingley**, pleased the audience with vocal music. To add to the Christmas feeling the whole group sang carols. Also, in the Christmas spirit money was donated to the food bank.

**HURRICANE VALLEY** (Hurricane, Utah) The chapter honored four members who served our country during **WW II**. They were: **Ashby (Hap)** who was a crew chief of a 60 mm Mortar squad, **Bob Reeve** who was a squad leader in the 10th Mountain Division, **Weldon Heaton** who installed Bailey Bridges for the 3rd Army and **Lloyd Richins** who was an electrician's mate on the carrier **Intrepid**. Each of these four spoke and told what life was like for them as they served their country. They talked about how difficult it was to keep clean, and get food, and how cold the winters were. We should all honor those who, in times of peril, gave of themselves that the rest of us might have the freedoms we enjoy.

**JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE** (Southwest Salt Lake Valley) The Christmas program for the



chapter was provided by the **Skyline Madrigals**. The youth wore very attractive formal wear and their performance was both beautiful and dignified. Their singing fit into the mode of the chapter's traditional December program. Each person who attended was asked to bring a wrapped \$1.00 gift to be exchanged. That added a fun little activity for the evening. The entire slate of officers and board members (above) for



2009 were introduced. Prospects look good for a successful program in 2009.



**LITTLE SALT LAKE** (Parowan, Utah) The chapter was joined for their Christmas social by the **Daughters of Utah Pioneers**. Following the meal the group was entertained by a fun musical program put on by "One Voice". This is becoming a tradition because this talented group also performed for the Christmas party last year. Swearing in of the 2009 officers was done by **Area Vice President, Carl Moss** at the chapter board meeting.

**MAPLE MOUNTAIN** (Mapleton, Utah) The program for the December chapter meeting included **Frank Staheli** who served in **Iraq**. He impressed the audience with his opportunities to serve the village people of the region and of their interest in his **Book of Mormon written in Arabic**. Outgoing president **Larry LaMar Adams** gave an update of the chapter's annual achievement standing within the national SUP. Expressions of thanks were given him for his leadership and service. Everyone was encouraged to get their personal and ancestral biographies turned in to a board member.

**MOUNT NEBO** (Spanish Fork, Utah) The chapter received a request from the **DUP** to help **re-construct an early pioneer cabin**. It is located next to the Santaquin Library at 100 South and Center Street. Some of the logs in the

building were rotten and needed to be replaced. **Wes Morgan** volunteered to supervise the



project. He and **Ted Peacock** put in many hours on the project. Help was also received from other members of the chapter and from city residents. The chapter took the very popular trek to SLC to visit **Heritage Park** to see the "Eyes Westward" monument (above). The group was pleased to see how visible it is to anyone coming to the park. The group also visited the state capital to see the newly renovated building (below). **SALT LAKE PIONEER** (Salt Lake City, Utah) For the December Christmas program the chapter was favored with a musical treat featuring concert pianist **Lawrence F. Gee**, former assistant director of the New York City Opera, and lyric tenor, **Karl Christensen**. These

talented musicians performed a variety of Christmas and classical favorites, which were enjoyed by all.



**TAYLORSVILLE - BENNION**  
(Taylorsville, Utah) Those attending the December chapter meeting were helped to usher in the holiday spirit by listening to the music of the Taylorsville High School Madrigals. This group always performs an interesting and lively program and this year was no exception.

**SETTLEMENT CANYON** (Tooele, Utah)  
During the December meeting the 2009 roster of chapter board members was presented, voted on and approved. Tributes were read on the three members of the chapter who passed away during 2008. These included: **Bert Williams, Will Mair** and **Harold Barlow. Connie Theobald** and **Florence McBride** provided music and the whole group sang Christmas songs. Chapter member, Tim Booth, has offered to teach interested members some basic computer and internet skills. (A great service that many of us could benefit from.)



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