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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

January 2009 was a busy month for the Area Vice Presidents and National Program Directors. We were able to visit with many of the Chapter Presidents and some of their board members to discuss the 2009 goals and receive instruction in selected areas of activities.

This 2009 year we would like to emphasize “Communication and Commitment” among the members of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. With respect to communication, we would like to communicate directly with the AVP's, Chapter Presidents, and Board Members by using email. We have requested the email addresses of each. This will allow us to send out the *Trail Marker* directly to you by using distribution lists, which will take less than a minute to send out to all concerned. We would encourage each chapter president to assign someone on their board to be responsible for sending chapter activities and pictures to the editor, Louis Pickett at louwill@utahbroadband.com. This is a great source of ideas for your chapter to consider.

Another goal is to double our subscriptions to the *Pioneer* magazine. We can double it by adding new members since members receive it automatically, and/or we can give the magazine as a gift subscription to family members and friends. At the present time, we have more non-members receiving the magazine than members. Members receive the *Pioneer* magazine automatically. Another 2009 goal is to have each member bring a couple to the chapter meetings, with the hope of having them join. This would double our membership this year. Is this a “pie in the sky?” Of course it is, but with a concerted effort we can increase our membership this year.

With respect to our 2009 Monuments goal, we encourage you to do one of three things: 1) initiate plans for creating a monument, or 2) follow through on existing plans to create a monument, or 3) refurbish an existing monument.

A 2009 goal for the youth is to initiate one of the suggested “Tomorrows Pioneers” programs in the public or private schools.

Finally, a 2009 goal for the Pioneer Heritage program is to submit an inspirational story of an ancestor to be placed on our website. For instructions, see our website at: www.sonsofutahpioneers.org. Both, SUP members and non-members are encouraged to submit their stories.

The Policies and Procedures Handbook will be placed on the SUP website soon. New and old materials will be dated. Chapter Presidents will receive the new material via email.

Many thanks to all of you who attended the training sessions in January. Thanks for your commitment to SUP. WE couldn't do it without you!

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NATIONAL NEWS

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GOALS FOR 2009 OUTLINED

President Flick outlined his goals and for S.U.P. in the current year. President Flick also emphasized the importance of establishing regular lines of communication between National and the membership through e-mail even, if necessary, through a relative's or friend's computer. New directives from National would be available immediately as well as the *Trail Marker* each month. Members should become aware of the information available on the National web site.

DIAMOND JUBILEE FUND REPORT

The Executive Committee is happy to report that as of the end of 2008 our Diamond Jubilee Fund was over-subscribed by more than \$10,000. We so appreciate the generosity of our members. This will help us achieve even more of the much needed renovations at the Headquarters Building.

ANNUAL TRAINING SESSIONS HELD

The five Saturdays of January found the National Executive Committee and the National Program Directors traveling to Salt Lake City, Ogden, St. George, Orem and Idaho Falls to train Chapter officers in their respective responsibilities. In addition to training in the regular areas of importance, administration, finance, tomorrow's pioneers, public relations, treks and monuments, and pioneer heritage, special emphasis was placed on ways to increase membership and to increase circulation of our Pioneer Magazine.



President Elect Dil Strasser conducting a breakout session at Salt Lake Area.

Training session at Idaho Falls



Ariel Knowles conducts breakout session in Salt Lake Area.



Lake Area.



Training session in Orem Area.

CHAPTER OFFICER TRAINING CHANGES

The Executive Committee will soon be submitting to the National Board, for their approval, some interesting changes in the scheduling of Chapter Officer Training. Stay tuned for further announcements.

NATIONAL TREK ANNOUNCED

We have an exciting National Trek called "Hole in the Rock Adventure" scheduled for June 1 through June 6, 2009. More details and an application will be available soon on our website at <http://www.sonsofutahpioneers.org/>.

CHAPTER NEWS – By Louis Pickett

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BRIGHAM YOUNG (Provo, Utah) The **Utah** Lt. Governor, **Gary R. Herbert**, (below) was



the speaker at the January dinner meeting of the chapter. He served fourteen years on the Utah County Commission and received much recognition such as being named Utah's Outstanding County Commissioner and being the recipient of the **National Outstanding Republican County Elected Official of the Year award**. The Lt. Governor reviewed **President Obama's inaugural address** and also spoke of his personal pioneer heritage. The **Hartsborn family** provided music for the evening and **Terrance Williams** gave a historical vignette.

CANYON RIM and SUGARHOUSE (Southeast Salt Lake and Sugarhouse, Utah) During the January meeting of the combined chapters those in attendance learned of the history and development of the legal system in Utah. The speaker was **Richard C. Howe**, who has retired as a **Justice of the Utah Supreme Court** following 22 years of service. Mr. Howe spoke of the development of the court system, including the **Supreme Court** and the **Court of Appeals**.

CENTERVILLE (Centerville, Utah) The eighty plus year old **Colonel Jack Tueller** spoke briefly to the chapter during the December program and then played his trumpet, favoring the group with the beautiful songs "**Lilly Marlene**" and "**Danny Boy**". Then the **Nash family** from Tooele provided entertainment as they sang such numbers as "**Sixteen Tons**", "**Don't Fence me In**" and others. Chapter

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member **Frank Walton** has been unable to attend the meetings for the past few months due to poor health so **Dick Christiansen**, 2008

chapter president, went to his home and presented him with a special plaque honoring him as a "**Modern Pioneer**". The January meeting featured **Dean C. Jessee** (below) as the speaker. He has authored several books about the Prophet Joseph Smith and is a General

Editor to the **Joseph Smith Papers**. It was edifying to hear from someone so well versed in the works of the "**Prophet of the Restoration**".

HOLLADAY (Holladay,

Utah) **Dee Jay Bawden**, the sculptor of the "**Eyes Westward**" Monument of Joseph Smith and Brigham Young, was the speaker at the January chapter dinner meeting. He related some of the history of his life, including the evolution of his interest in the field of art. He has had great spiritual experiences as he has associated with **President Gordon B. Hinckley** and other general authorities of the church. He has felt inspired in his work as he produced art pieces of the Savior and other religious works. An added pleasure was enjoyed as Dee's wife sang for the group.

HURRICANE VALLEY (Hurricane, Utah) The largest attendance in the memory of chapter members was attracted to the December meeting by the promise of a great feast of **Dutch Oven chicken and Bar-B-Q Ribs** with all the trimmings (top of next page). A great feast of Christmas music presented by the **Larry and**

Bonnie LeBaron family added to the attraction and all had a good time. **President Randy Wilkinson** of St. George spoke at the January meeting to the topic: “**Pioneers: Seasons of Gratitude**”. President Wilkinson has served as a mission president and as Chairman of the Snow Canyon and Virgin River districts of the **Boy Scouts of America**.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE (Southwest Salt

Lake Valley) At the January chapter meeting **David Horne** (right) reported the story of Dr. Maas and his conversion to the L.D.S. faith. Dr. Maas was highly educated and had been a **Catholic Bishop** and a friend to **Pope John Paul, II**. The message that David impressed on the JRT group was the role of the **Book of Mormon** and the positive, friendly reception from members of the church who Dr. Maas met that contributed to his conversion. He pointed out that each of us could do much good if we are found in our proper places doing what we are assigned to do.



MILLS (Southeast SLC) **Jimmy Cooper** and his family entertained the chapter members as they sang traditional, western and Christmas songs at the Christmas program. Jimmy and his son, Jeff, sang some favorites and Jimmy and his daughter Jamie sang love songs. A surprising event was the little grandson singing, “**I’m a Child of God**”. It was humbling to hear Jimmy sing “**God Bless America**” in remembrance of Dec 7, 1941. The speaker for the January program was **Scott Christensen** who is a historian and archivist for the LDS Church. Since 1987 Scott has been employed by the LDS Church in analyzing literary collections for areas needing additional documentation and then hunting for details in manuscripts, published items, art, and artifacts in the U.S. and abroad.

He told several stories illustrating the value of church records. In at least one case the historical record helped the church to gain admittance to a country that otherwise was denied.

OGDEN PIONEER (Ogden, Utah) The chapter is looking forward to hosting the 2009 **National Convention** and alerts all to watch for the application, which will appear in a future edition of the *Pioneer Magazine*. The chapter participated in a great trek this past fall, which covered the **Western Utah portion of the Old Pony Express Trail**. The trek began at **Fairfield**, the site of old **Camp Floyd**. Along the way stops were made at **Simpson Springs**, which is perhaps the best preserved site, and **Fish Springs**, where the group ate lunch, **Callao**, where a private museum collection was viewed. The last stop of the day before going to **Wendover** for the night was **Ibapah**. In the morning, before traveling back home, the group visited **Danger Cave**, which is just outside of the town of Wendover. This cave is a famous **Great Basin Indian archeological site**. **Mark Stuart** and **Valdean Hadfield** served as guides for the trek and made the trip most interesting with their great stories that enriched the experience. In November a trek was taken to the **International Armoring Company**. There the group was able to see the processes in making armored cars. They also saw a video, which detailed the uses of these vehicles. In December the chapter held a fun trek as they went to the **Heritage Theatre in Perry, Utah** and saw the musical stage production of “**Little Women**”.

SALT LAKE PIONEER (Salt Lake City, Utah) The former professional baseball player and motivational speaker, **Dale Murphy**, was the guest for the January meeting. Dale won two consecutive **MVP awards** with the **Atlantic Braves**. He led the National League in home runs and RBI’s twice. He won many other awards and is a national advocate against performance-enhancing drugs in athletics. Brother Murphy served as an LDS mission president and is the founder of the “**I Won’t Cheat**” **Foundation**. He gave a very inspiring message to the group on the subject of “**Integrity in Sports**”.

SETTLEMENT CANYON (Tooele, Utah) For the January meeting of the chapter (top-right), **Jim Bevan, Tooele Pioneer Museum** coordinator, gave a PowerPoint presentation, which he called “**The Bathtub Rings of Lake Bonneville**”. It was a very interesting and educational presentation. Jim pointed out not only the well-known and recognized rings on the mountainsides, but also out in the valley where they are not so easily recognized. The officers and board members were sworn in by AVP **Robert Blakely** (above).

TAYLORSVILLE – BENION (Taylorsville, Utah) The guest speaker for January was **John Tippetts**, the author of “**Hearts of Courage**”. The book is about John’s father, Joseph Tippetts, and his experiences as a survivor of an Alaska airplane crash in 1943. The plane with six on board went missing in remote **Southeast Alaska**. At the time of the crash the January Alaskan weather was extreme and searchers found no signs of the aircraft so all were assumed lost. Several days later, on February 3rd, the crew of a small **U.S. Coast Guard** vessel on a routine patrol in **Boca de Quadra** was stunned to discover two starved and freezing survivors of the missing plane. One of those survivors was Joseph Tippetts. John’s story tells of the faith, courage and prayers of the survivors and their families.

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