

Trail Marker

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\$70,000 in Scholarships awarded by the SUP!!

20 chapters participated in giving scholarship awards to over 100 deserving high school students this year. Over \$70,000 in scholarships was awarded, according to Dr. Orson Wright, National Scholarship chairman. In the largest of these ceremonies, 73 scholarships were awarded in one evening.

Reporting on the successful scholarship program at the Twin Peaks Chapter this year, Area Vice President Leo B. Nelson reports that:

This chapter has been a leader in the scholarship program for years. This year was the crowning jewel of all they have done in this respect. John Morgan has been chairman of the Scholarship Program at Twin Peaks for those years, and is enthusiastically devoted to this cause.



Under the able leadership and generous personal financial support of John and his wife, Wilma, 73 certificates of scholarship grants were awarded for a total monetary figure of \$45,500. Those 73 students represented eight schools in the area, four of which were branches of the Horizonete Instruction and Training Center, which concentrates its efforts on disadvantaged young people. The other high schools are: Davis, Highland, Layton, and West High Schools.



Of the 73 scholarships awarded, 55 were \$500 grants. There were twelve \$1000 Presidential Freedom scholarships, 50% of the cost coming from a federal fund. There were also six \$1000 scholarships given wholly by the Morgan Family Fund.

Of note was the significant contribution from chapter funds, necessitated by the large number of complimentary dinners furnished to the winners and special guests, totally nearly \$3000. This expense, coupled with the contribution of the

scholarships approaches the \$9000 figure. We are very grateful for many generous members of the chapter.

We were pleased and thankful to have three members of the national executive board of SUP attend the meeting, and for President-Elect Grant Barton who did a masterful job as guest speaker.

I must not overlook members of the Salt Lake and Buena Ventura chapters who were in attendance and for some financial help from these chapters.

OUTSTANDING CHAPTER PERFORMANCES

The **COTTON MISSION CHAPTER** has given over **50 gift subscriptions** to the Pioneer Magazine so far this year for special occasions such as birthdays and Christmas. Chapter board member Gale Hamelwright says the chapter has also given gift subscriptions to **12 elementary schools** in the St. George area, and gives a subscription to guest speakers. The chapter goal is as many gift subscriptions as there are members, which are **79**. Their work is a shining example of promoting our pioneer heritage. Kent Lott, Publisher of the Pioneer Magazine calculates that we only need 150 more subscriptions for the Pioneer Magazine to break even!! **HELP THE PIONEER MAGAZINE BREAK EVEN! EVERY MEMBER GIVES ONE OR MORE GIFT SUBSCRIPTIONS.**

QUESTION/ANSWER

QUESTION: WHAT SHOULD WE GIVE GUEST SPEAKERS?

ANSWER: A token of appreciation is appropriate. President Lynn Niederhouser of the **Cotton Mission Chapter** (St. George Utah) presents a recent issue of the **PIONEER MAGAZINE** to the guest speaker on the spot, along with a **GIFT SUBSCRIPTION** for one year. Ariel Knowles of the **Buena Ventura Chapter** (Kaysville Utah) prepares a **CERTIFICATE** with a gold seal bearing their chapter logo. Ariel also puts the certificate back through the copy machine to achieve an imprint of a pioneer theme in the background. **Brigham Young Chapter** (Provo Utah) past president Bill Anderson started a tradition carried on by current chapter president Maughn Lee of presenting guest speakers with a **BRONZE COVERED WAGON** as a token of gratitude.

Members in the News

Haymer Morris of the Cedar City Chapter has been named to the Utah Automobile Dealers Association "Hall of Fame." Morris has been in the auto business in Southern Utah for 58 years. He is the 37th person to be named to the Hall of Fame. His son and grandson are now part of the Cedar City dealership, Tri-State Motors.

Draft Ballot for 2006 National Officers of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

President Elect: Preston Hunt & Jay Smith

Finance Advisory Committee Member: Jerry Higginsen

Area Vice Presidents:

Utah Box Elder/Cache - Don Cowley
Utah Weber - Nate Stuart
Salt Lake Central - Marvin Jewell
Salt lake Cottonwood - Leo Nelson
Salt Lake South - Booth Maycock
Utah North - Richard Horsley
Utah Central South - Roger Flick & Dee Hubbard
Utah South West - Doug Loosle
Idaho - Dee Risenmay

Call for Ideas

We are asking for each and every chapter to thing back over the past few years and remember those speakers that they felt were the most outstanding. Our plan is to share these ideas with all chapters in our next newsletter. If the speaker is not available for use by other chapters (due to death, move, or other reasons), please don't include them in your list. We would like each chapter to send the names of three or more outstanding speakers and their topics to Reed Farnsworth at NSSUP@Hotmail.com before the end of July.

CONGRATULATIONS – THE DUES ARE ROLLING IN!

The following chapters have a greater NET membership this year than in 2004 (as of May 31st, 2005):

	<u>GROWTH*</u> :
Morgan – New Chapter	100%
Harmony	26%
Salt Lake Pioneer	25%
Taylorville-Bennion	21%
Sevier Valley	13%
Holladay	6%
Settlement Canyon	3%
Cedar City	1%

* Based on dues received at National Headquarters for new and existing members.

SEND IN THE DUES! DON'T SIT ON THEM!

Grand Son Club Essay Writing Contest

The Grand Son Club is an appendage to the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and, among other activities, conducts an annual pioneer history writing contest. Those invited to participate in the contest have been students in LDS Seminary and Institute programs. Many essays are written each year. The Club gives certificates and money awards in the amount of \$500.00 for the first place winner, \$300.00 for second place and \$200.00 for third place. The club has offered to extend the program to include children and grandchildren of SUP members. At the conclusion of the annual contest the essays are presented to the SUP Library.

Name Memorialization Program

The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers administers an ongoing program to memorialize pioneer ancestors, as well as modern day pioneers. Individuals wishing to memorialize a pioneer must submit a history of the pioneer, along with a nominal fee. The pioneer's name is then inscribed on a plaque on the Pioneer Gallery walls in the National Headquarters of the SUP.

It has been some time since a new plaque with pioneer names has been mounted on the wall. Enough names have been submitted now, so that a new plaque can be procured and mounted. There are still many pioneer names that should be memorialized. Chapters are encouraged to have their members submit pioneers' names if they have not already done so.

It is surprising and rewarding to note the many visitors to the headquarters building who stop and take time to read the plaques. Many of them come into the office or library to ask why their pioneer ancestors' names are not to be found on the plaques. The answer is simply that no one has taken the time to submit the names. Even the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts who visit the building like to read the names and try to find a name they recognize.

Please submit names and histories to the office so that additional plaques can be completed. The deductible contribution demonstrates the lasting remembrance of our pioneer ancestors. Remember, we can also submit names of individuals to honor who did not come with the original pioneers. Some individuals and chapters are submitting short histories of recently deceased members as a lasting memorial, rather than sending flowers to that member's funeral.

Some interesting facts about the *Pioneer Magazine*

The *Pioneer Magazine* is the official magazine of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and is our 'window' to the world. News that is of primary interest to SUP chapters and members

would be appearing in the newsletter which goes to all chapter presidents and other SUP officers.

About 3000 issues are mailed each time the magazine is published. Of these, 1/3 go to subscribers who are *not* members of the SUP. Efforts to make the *Pioneer Magazine* fully self-supporting are being vigorously implemented by the magazine committee, and include the following:

1. Cost Cutting: All areas of cost are being scrutinized and costs will be cut wherever possible.
2. Advertising: We are embarking on an aggressive attempt to increase revenue from this source. A highly rated professional ad agency will be helping us with this.
3. Endowment Fund: Several chapters have made outstanding contributions to this fund. Earnings from this will be used, when necessary, to supplement operating costs of the magazine. We encourage all individuals and chapters to be generous in their support of this fund.
4. Increasing Circulation: This will help us to obtain more advertising revenue and more income from subscribers. Based upon the costs of the last issue, if we had 150 more subscribers, we would approach break even on costs vs. income.

The Pioneer Magazine is a high quality magazine that appeals to those interested in pioneer history and heritage. We receive numerous favorable comments from many individuals and organizations.

SUP in the News

Wally Burgess, the Area Vice President for Mesa Arizona had an interview with the Mesa Tribune, which has a circulation of about 50,000. The following comes from that interview:

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Mesa resident, Wallace L. Burgess, 79, is the Area Vice President of the Central Region of Arizona for the Sons of Utah Pioneers. The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers was organized to preserve the history and memory of those who came to the Salt Lake valley to help settle the west and find security from those who would destroy them and their beliefs. To learn more about the Mesa chapter, call (380) 964-1387 or visit www.sonsofutahpioneers.org.

Q: What is the Sons of Utah Pioneers?

A: The SUP is a nonpolitical, non sectarian, nonprofit service organization. Members learn about their history through social gatherings, monthly meetings and dinners, treks, annual encampments, and annual seminars. The local Mesa chapter has an annual

barbecue in March and raises money for many groups, including the Mesa Historical Society and the city of Mesa. We volunteer where needed.

Q: Who can join?

A: The SUP is open to anyone, not just Mormons, although many members are involved in the Mormon church. Members can't drink or smoke at SUP gatherings. SUP is a men's organization, although many members' wives are involved in the group. The local chapter has 55 members, most of them in the age range of 50s to 80s, although there is no age limitation.

Q: When does SUP meet?

A: Dinner-business meetings are held the second Thursday of the month, except during the summer, at the Mesa Historical Museum, 2345 N. Horne. Speakers at the meetings usually talk about some historical event surrounding Arizona. The local chapter also goes on several treks throughout the year. The next trek is planned for Jan. 17 at Skull Valley up by Prescott.

Q: How did you get involved?

A: I got involved through my brother-in-law, Eldred Cluff. He started in SUP about 1990, and that's when I joined. My people were pioneers in Arizona. My grandma was born in Springerville in 1883. My grandpa was born in Kanab, Utah, in 1878. My dad's father was born in Holbrook, Arizona in 1876. My dad's mother was born in Leadville, Colorado, in 1880. They are pioneers. I'm interested in pioneering and the history of the state.

Q: Why do you enjoy being in SUP?

A: The socialization is very important. I like to socialize with people who have the same ideals and standards that I have. I'm a retired educator. I was the first public school administrator for Sacaton School District on the Gila River Indian Reservation. My wife, Cora Burgess, is also involved in the club. I have seven kids, 26 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren, and I've lived in Mesa for 42 years.