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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Annual Chapter President's Council was held Saturday April 25th. Chapter Presidents, Presidents-elect, Area Vice Presidents and spouses were in attendance. There was a program in the afternoon and a dinner/program in the evening. This was an opportunity to share concerns and ideas from the presidents, AVP's, and spouses. Many thanks to those who attended this year's council meeting. Those not able to attend can pick up some of the shared ideas in the *Trail Marker*.

The month of May is a time to assess our upcoming activities for spring and summer. I would encourage you to consider three things:

- Inviting friends to accompany you to chapter activities which involve treks, parades, meetings, especially the National Convention and other outdoor events related to the pioneer spirit; the purpose of which is to invite them to become members. Focus on those who may be younger than you. Elder Ballard indicated we need younger members to help carry on the mission of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.
- Promote the *Pioneer* magazine by sharing it with others. This can be done by sharing your copy and/or giving gift subscriptions to members of your family and friends. It makes for a great birthday gift!
- Become actively involved as a board member in discharging your volunteer responsibilities. This is a service organization. You, your friends and generations yet unborn will benefit because of your efforts to be of service.



Your participation in these three activities will help keep the pioneer spirit alive and help the Sons of Utah Pioneers become financially solvent. It's the little things that make the organization a success. Thanks for all you do to honor our pioneers.

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NATIONAL NEWS

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PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

The annual Presidents Council was held at National Headquarters on April 25th with a good representation of the Chapter Presidents, Presidents Elect, Area Vice Presidents, National Program Directors and their wives (right).



The National Program Directors each conducted a brief question and answer session relative to their specific areas of responsibility. Included in this was a presentation by Susan Lofgren,



Pioneer Magazine Editor (above), who gave a power point presentation on plans to expand our web site to include current and recent past issues plus interesting articles not included in the magazine. This was received with great enthusiasm. After the refreshment break, the women separated for a discussion (below) led by



Sue Flick while the men were updated on the 2009 Medallion, 2009 Annual Convention, The Pioneer Village in Provo, The Mormon

Battalion, the 2009 Annual Historical Symposium and the Utah Pioneer Heritage & Arts Group. As promised, under separate heading, are the suggestions made by the attendees.

Following this meeting, attendees were feted to an excellent dinner that featured Pioneer music,



songs and narration by the highly entertaining group of musicians from The Utah Pioneer



Heritage Arts Group (above). This group is led by Clive Romney, a member of the Canyon Rim Chapter.

DAYS OF '47 CELEBRATION

July will be upon us before we know it so it's not too early to plan to attend the activities, especially the Sunrise Service held at the Tabernacle at 7:00 a.m. prior to the parade. It is sponsored by the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter and this year features another great regional choir. The guest speaker will be Elder Jay Jensen of the Presidency of the Seventy. Special musical recognition will be accorded Brother Crawford Gates, renowned LDS composer/conductor, who will be on the podium. Also, as is traditional, the Days of '47 Royalty will be presented with short remarks from each. Representatives of the Mormon Battalion will present the colors and lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. The program will last approximately one hour.

Anyone interested in pulling a traditional handcart or carrying a flag in the parade should contact National Headquarters. It will be necessary to be in Pioneer dress.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE TRAIL MARKER

Effective with this issue, as soon as the *Trail Marker* is posted on the web site, a copy will be e-mailed to each Chapter President, Area Vice President and National Director. If no e-mail address is available, a hard copy will be mailed to that individual. We want everybody to have access to this valuable publication but Chapter Presidents will have to take responsibility for their chapter members.

ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

Please note on your calendars October 10th for the always exciting and informative Symposium and dinner. Details are being finalized and full information will be forthcoming.

SUGGESTIONS MADE BY THE CHAPTER PRESIDENTS AT THE COUNCIL MEETING

WEBSITE: On the SUP website: 1) add report forms to be downloaded and completed so they can be sent online to headquarters - included would be the semi-annual forms and info on chapter data, 2) allow for membership applications to be submitted online. Membership data on who is and who is a member would not be included.

MEMBERSHIP: Keep SUP membership young by: 1) making chapter activities more relevant to the younger generation, 2) ask the new young members to bring in peers of own age, 3) involve the boy scouts in service projects, 3) include online registration for the younger generation, 4) exploit the website more with varied activities and interests which would address needs of youth, 5) involve college and university students in chapters, 6) reach out to institutes.

RETENTION: To retain members: 1) offer to pick up members for meetings, 2) treat 'lapsed' (non-paid) members as though they were members for a year, 3) give everyone in the chapter something to do that's meaningful and important that will enhance the chapter, 4) have

good speakers – a must. Refer to the *Trail Marker* for ideas for speakers. The SUP Executive and national directors/AVP's are willing to speak.

COSTS/CONCERNS: 1) keep down the cost of dinners by having pot-luck. Some overcharge slightly for the dinners so there will be no annual chapter fees, 2) annual chapter fees range from zero to \$30 per year, 3) have members consider the evening as a date night for their spouses rather than just another meeting.

SPEAKERS: 1) Good speakers keep members coming back. 2) Occasionally consider having joint meetings with sister organizations, such as the DUP, Mormon Battalion, or other chapters. 3) Some members like speakers to talk about pioneer heritage topics while others don't mind talks on contemporary issues. Survey your members to see what kind of speakers and subject they prefer. It is hard to please everyone.

MONUMENTS: Geocaching monument locations. Plan treks around visiting monuments and markers. Learn the background of why the event/location is important. Chapter members could be assigned to research the monument location. Monuments can make good opportunity for family members to visit on trips/vacations.

SUGGESTIONS MADE BY THE SPOUSES AT THE COUNCIL MEETING:

MONTHLY PROGRAMS: Always have good speakers for your guests to hear. Have quality programs. Pioneer subjects are always interesting, sometimes more so than discussing a single individual. Invite neighbors to SUP meetings, including DUP members whose husbands aren't members of SUP.

ESSAY and SCHOLARSHIP CONTESTS: 1) Chapters should encourage essay contests among the young to create interest in pioneer heritage. Chapters should work with Clive Romney's program and Ariel Knowles (SUP National Director of Tomorrows Pioneers) 2) Scholarships are a good way for some chapters to involve the youth. Fundraisers and/or corporate sponsorships could be used to raise

funds for scholarships. The scholarship recipients should be spotlighted by the chapters, e.g., in chapter meetings, newspaper articles, chapter newsletters, dinners, etc. Winners could read their essays. 3) Also, there could be an annual essay contest among seminary students.

PROJECTS: 1) Invite non-SUP members to work on projects, such as a pioneer village or monuments. 2) The Boy Scout merit badge can be promoted among chapter members with their grandchildren. 3) A new SUP patch for the Scouts of all ages is available through the Holladay chapter and the Great Salt Lake Council of Boy Scouts of America. (Contact Preston Hunt 801-266-8216).

TRAIL MARKER: It was suggested that the *Trail Marker* be sent to all members (in electronic form).

PIONEER MAGAZINE: Encourage the DUP members to subscribe to the SUP Pioneer magazine by giving them a complimentary copy and discussing it with them.

Some recommendations included information being placed on the SUP website which was already there, such as the available medallions and a list of memorialized pioneers,

CHAPTER NEWS

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CEDAR CITY (Cedar City, Utah) A periodic service project that members of the chapter participates in is at the “**Happy Factory**”. It may be remembered from past reports that this facility manufactures small wooden toys to be given to institutions to be used by needy children. The work done by volunteers include, among other things, sanding and painting the toys. Chapter members and their wives contributed their time and talents to this project on April 18th. The members have been encouraged to visit the **Veterans Monuments** near 200 East and 200 South in Cedar City to be

reminded of many we honor and the values we cherish as **Americans**.

CENTERVILLE (Centerville, Utah) The chapter is in the process of preparing their **Centerville Chapter SUP Directory** and has requested that members who have not yet submitted their bio and a picture do so not later than the May meeting. The speaker for the April meeting was **Dale Browning**. He talked about the organization and history of the **Browning Arms Company**. It is interesting to learn of the many weapons invented by the family for use by the military and by sportsman. The history goes back to the **Nauvoo days**.

HOLLADAY (Holladay, Utah) At the April Holladay chapter meeting the guest speaker was **Kenny May** who gave a very informative presentation about “**The Honeymoon Trail**”. The trail was the slender thread that connected the LDS settlers in northeastern **Arizona with the St. George Temple**. It is the old Arizona road and became known as the “**Honeymoon Trail**” because couples would come from **Eastern Arizona and New Mexico** to be married in the **St. George Temple**. The trail was over 400 miles in length through the desert, winding through steep canyons, crossing barren plateaus, and passing by rivers and pools of undrinkable water. The trip required ferrying over the Colorado River.

On April 18, 2009 Chapter members participated in a trek. They visited the “**Utah Museum of Fine Arts**” and experienced the extraordinary exhibitions of **American Indian art** from the **John and Marva Warnock Collection**.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE (Southwest Salt Lake Valley) A musical program by “**20 Flying Fingers**” was enjoyed by the chapter in April. Those providing the fingers were **Fran Wilcox**



numbers from various European composers and pointed out the style of the music so that the audience felt they were visiting the different countries as the music was played. The program concluded with singing by the audience of several popular springtime numbers. The guest artists were a delight and left the group with light hearts.

MAPLE MOUNTAIN (Mapleton, Utah) On March 26th members of the chapter enjoyed a brief ancestral presentation by **Dr. Lynn Bateman** and a very interesting presentation by **Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bradford** (below). Clyde



is **president of Western Wagons, LLC**. They have been on numerous wagon trains, including **and Hal Walton** (below) **The Pioneers fleeing Nauvoo**. They gave a description of their experiences in Nauvoo, filled with special spiritual events. The presentation brought to life both the events in the lives of the pioneers and a feeling that they were present along the trek with their covered wagon train.

MILLS (Southeast Salt Lake City, Utah) **Lee and Kathryn Durrant** hosted the April chapter meeting and arranged to have **Michael K. Winder** as the speaker. Mike has been a lifelong student of the **American Presidency and Mormon history**. He has authored six books, including one entitled “**Presidents and Prophets**”. His presentation was on that book. His report told stories of each **American president** and his relationship to the **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**. It was interesting to learn many little known facts about some of those contacts. Music for the evening was a violin solo by **Lance Gabrielsen**.

OGDEN PIONEER (Ogden, Utah) Plans for the **2009 Convention** continue to be developed. Guest speakers have been identified and two exciting tours are planned for Friday activities. Some of the chapter activities of the first quarter include: Introduction of seven new members of the chapter, recognition and appreciation given to **Robert DeBoer** for his service as chapter president in 2008, and recognition of **Baine Gledhill and Claude Elliott Stuart** as **21st Century Pioneers**.

SALT LAKE PIONEER (Salt Lake City, Utah) Instead of a speaker from outside of the chapter, **John Tanner, Owen Smoot, Mark Benson, Jerry Higginson and Keith Wallin** each shared special vignettes about their pioneer ancestors that provided relevant lessons for our times.

SETTLEMENT CANYON (Tooele, Utah) The chapter has welcomed seven new members since January. This provides a great addition to the chapter. A recent trek was taken to the **Tooele Military Collection** located on the west side of Tooele City. The much-anticipated day for the completion of the monument depicting the **Mud Wall** that was built around Tooele by the early pioneers has arrived. It looks great and will add much to the community. Several businesses made significant contributions toward the project and members of the chapter contributed their time and muscle

SUGARHOUSE (Sugarhouse, Utah) For the past eight years **Rob Race** has been working on a project to place an impressive monument at the mouth of **Emigration Canyon**. A design has been approved and most of the funds have been raised. Many roadblocks have been encountered, including involvement of the Supreme Court on the issue of allowing monuments on public land. It is hoped that all deterrent obstacles will soon be removed. At the April dinner meeting **Graham Doxey** was the speaker. After serving in many church callings he was called by **President Kimball** to be in charge of the church project at **Adam-Ondi-Ahman**. He spoke of **Far West, Adam-Ondi-Ahman**, and other historical sites in that area. The Sugarhouse chapter was in charge of the program and the Canyon Rim chapter joined them and enjoyed the program by Mr. Doxey.

TAYLORSVILLE – BENNION (Taylorsville, Utah) The guest speaker for the April meeting was **John Pratt**

(right). John has some special interests, mostly to do with numbers. He loves puzzles, science, math and calendars. He does computer programming and has three



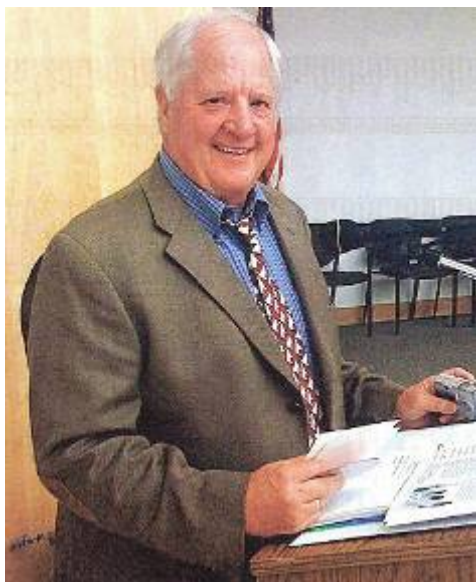
software patents. He spoke on one of his favorite subjects: **Calendars**. He talked about the use of calendars by different cultures. The talk was very interesting, especially for those who have an appreciation for numbers. Most of his publications have been about chronology. He has invented a **pictorial table**, which might make chemistry more fun for the student.

TEMPLE FORK (Logan, Utah) The very interesting and informative speaker for the chapter was **Gary Griffin** who spoke to the subject of the **Growth of the Utah Festival Opera**. **Michael Ballam** was instrumental in lurching the project 17 years ago. When Michael

returned to Cache Valley in 1992 the **old Capital Theater** was closed and in much need of repair. Michael talked the owner, **Gene Needham**, into donating the theater to **Logan City** and then he talked **Mayor Daines** into accepting it. Six and a half million dollars were spent to restore the building. During the first year there were three performances. They now have as much as two operas and two Broadway shows, plus specials that are performed on one day. The opera company spends 3.5 million dollars on the productions each summer, which includes costumes, sets, royalties, etc. They employ 300 people each summer. The opera company has brought 100 million dollars into the valley during the past 17 years. **Larry Miller** has been a major contributor over the years. **Michael Ballam** was given recognition as **A Modern Day Pioneer**.

TEMPLE QUARRY (SANDY, UTAH) It was announced that the latest new Life Member for the chapter is **Walt Ewell**. It was also announced that **Robert Bunting** has accepted the call and challenge to be the President-elect. (In small chapters it is often necessary for members to take on leadership positions multiple times.) Robert has successfully served as president in the past.

THE MOUNTAIN VALLEY (Heber City, Utah) **Mr. Douglas Livingston** (below) gave a



most interesting report to the **Sons and Daughters of Utah Pioneers** on the subject of the importance of the **sheep industry** in Utah. He shared a video highlighting

the history of sheep herding in the U.S. along with the many challenges the industry faces

today. Some interesting facts the group learned included:

- During its peak 3.8 million sheep were herded in the U.S.
- Utah's unique mix of high terrain and desert climate makes it ideal for raising sheep.
- The majority of wool produced in the U.S. is currently shipped overseas.
- Recently Llamas have been discovered to be excellent guard animals when it comes to protecting sheep from predatory attacks.

Douglas Livingston is a native of Utah and has been involved in the sheep industry most of his life.

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