

# Trail Marker

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## **New SUP Executive Manager Selected**

**Ronald VanLeuven** has been selected by the Executive Council to be the new Executive Secretary. Ron is currently the Chapter President of the Lehi Chapter. Before his retirement, he worked as a **Telecommunications Engineer and Team Leader** at Lucent Technologies, AT & T, and Mountain Bell in California. He is currently an Executive Secretary for a Lehi Stake.

**Wendell Miller**, (below) the SUP Executive Manager since January, has had to resign his position for personal reasons effective May



31, 2006. We are very **appreciative** of the work Wendell has done with many areas including the website, setting up documentation guidelines for SUP policy, generating

national meeting minutes, and working to upgrade the Headquarters computers.

## **Ariel Knowles Replaces J. Todd Olsen on Executive Council**

2005 Chapter President, J. Todd Olsen (right), has had to resign from his position as a member of the SUP Executive Council because of a change in job assignment



that requires him to be away from Utah a majority of the time. To help replace the service rendered by Todd, the Executive council has selected a volunteer **Executive Secretary, Ariel Knowles**. Ariel has served as the President of the Buena Ventura Chapter and most recently was a member of the **Self Study Commission** that revised the SUP Bylaws. He has been actively involved in the **Youth Essay** programs conducted in elementary school classes. Ariel will meet with the National Leaders and prepare the minutes of the meetings and assure their distribution to those attendees,

## **Meet Stephanie Turner**

You have probably all experienced the pleasure of communicating with the SUP Administrative

Assistant, Stephanie Turner (right). Since 1998, she has been the voice behind the phone at the National Office. Her efficiency and



diligence have been appreciated by all who deal with the office. Stephanie is the mother of five children, three boys and two girls ranging in age from 11 to 22. Her oldest son has recently returned from the military in Italy, and will be marrying in August a young woman he converted to the LDS Church in Italy. Stephanie is naturally excited with the upcoming wedding. We congratulate her for her devoted service to both the SUP and her family.

### Seven Areas to hold AVP Elections

The new SUP Bylaws provide for areas to nominate and elect their own AVPs. The term of the AVP is **two years**, with renewal a possibility. The following areas will be holding elections in the Chapters this October.

Area	Present AVP
Area 2. Box Elder/Cache	Don Cowley
Area 5- Salt Lake Central	Marvin Jewel
Area 7- Salt Lake East	Gary Bowen
Area 8- Salt Lake West	Robert Blakley
Area 9- Utah County No	Richard Horsley
Area 12- Utah South	Keyne Thorne
Area 13 - Arizona	Wallace Burgess

Nominees for the AVP's will be selected at the **Summer Area Council** meetings being arranged by each Area Vice President. The agenda for these important meetings will be prepared by the each Area Vice President after consultation with chapter presidents. We urge each **Chapter President** to support this second and last scheduled Area Council meeting of the year.

### More "Remember Martins Cove" Medallions Minted

As a result of the **great demand** for the 2006 silver and gold medallions, **additional** ones have been minted.

Even though the price of silver has continued to rise, the Executive Council

has agreed to **maintain the price** of \$25 for silver and \$30 for gold with a \$2 rebate to Chapters for orders of ten or more. **This will be the last minting of this medallion.**



Please announce this to your Chapter members. A few Medallions honoring the **Rededication of the Nauvoo Temple** in 2002 and **Carthage Jail** in 2003 are still available at the same prices as for 2006.

### Annual Convention is for ALL members Heber City

Remember at each meeting to promote attendance at the National "Encampment / Convention" in Heber Valley September 14-16. It will be great -- one-of-a-kind! Full details are provided in the most recent Pioneer Magazine. Accommodations in the brand new Zermatt Resort Hotel may be arranged at a one-half price rate of \$99 per night, if booked before July 30. Call toll free 1-877-269-9629.

Convention brochures have been mailed to each SUP member. The Annual Convention is for **all SUP members and their wives**, not just chosen delegates. We urge Chapter boards to make sure each member is encouraged to be part of this annual event that fosters increased unity in the Society. Early bird registration of \$115 ends **August 1<sup>st</sup>**, and should be sent to **The Mountain Chapter, Box 441, Heber City, UT 84032.**

### The Mormon Pioneer Saga

Through the hard work and generosity of SUP leader Frank Madsen and former Tabernacle Organist Robert Cundick, the SUP is able to offer to its members this wonderful small book and an accompanying DVD which tells the Pioneer story in music, poetry and dance. This will soon be available through SUP Chapters.

### CHAPTER NEWS

**The Big News** in SUP chapters during May was the awarding of near \$100,000 in college scholarships to many **Tomorrow's Pioneers**. Many wonderful young men and women, who have overcome major personal

challenges in life with faith, integrity, hard work and service, will realize their dream of going to college, with the help of generous SUP members and friends.

National Program Director **John Morgan** has been the leader of this great effort. At an awards dinner sponsored by the Twin Peaks, Salt Lake City and Centerville chapters, 87 scholarships totaling \$58,000 were awarded. **John Swallow**, SUP National Director of Public Relations, challenged the young people to follow their dreams. Other chapters awarding youth scholarships included **Grove City, Mills, Little Salt Lake, Sevier Valley, Pioneer, Cotton Mission and Brigham Young Chapters** (Brigham Young Chapter winners are shown below).



If your chapter participated, but is not listed, please let us know at [nssup@hotmail.com](mailto:nssup@hotmail.com).

**Bountiful, Ogden Pioneer, and Cotton Mission Chapters** have recognized grade school and junior high school students for winning essays on Pioneer history. The *Trail Marker* is anxious to publish these essays and the biographies of all scholarship winners on the SUP website. Please let us know what your chapter has done, and send pictures and short biographies of the winners to [nssup@hotmail.com](mailto:nssup@hotmail.com).

The **Hole-in-the-Rock Chapter** will hold its four summer meetings in the **mountains** surrounding Escalante. A **three night campout** is scheduled for each month, June through September. The monthly chapter

dinner and meeting will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> night, and those members who choose not to camp out can come for the meeting and join in the spirit of the out-of-doors. The chapter cooked the **breakfast** for their city **Memorial Day Celebration**. This is a money-maker for the chapter and all members get into the spirit of the activity.

The **Ogden Pioneer Chapter** after seeking participants for their Pioneer Essay contest from 51 elementary schools and nine Jr. high schools, hosted and heard the three final winners at their May meeting. The winning essays will be posted on the SUP website.

The **Pioneer Chapter** held their annual Fathers, Sons and Grandsons dinner meeting. Naturally, wives, daughters and granddaughters were also welcome!

Former United States Senator (and space pioneer) **Jake Garn** was the featured speaker at the May joint meeting of the **Pioneer Heritage** and **Canyon Rim Chapters**.

Two speakers shared the microphone at **Grove City Chapter's**

April Dinner Meeting. Ralph Harding (right) spoke about his ancestors. Paul Johnson (below) spoke about the benefits of the new Medicare



insurance program. Reservations are now being accepted for Grove City's four-day trek July 10-13 to ghost town Bannock, and several other Montana sites to visit Lewis and Clark Taverns, auto and

territorial prison museums, Big Hole Battlefield, and other sites.

**Settlement Canyon** members are maintaining the City Cemetery each Tuesday this summer, in addition to their regular duties at the fine SUP Museum in Tooele.

The **Little Salt Lake Chapter** in Parowan enjoyed hearing from Mayor Jim Robinson about the early history of Iron County and the selection of Parowan, rather than Cedar City, as the County Seat. They have also learned of the early history of the Fremont Indians in their area, and will take a June Trek to the Old Iron Town Ruins west of Cedar City.

Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, **Sevier Valley** chapter took a special Mini-Trek to the Castledale and San Rafael Swell areas. In their May

dinner meeting, three scholarships were awarded. Other chapter projects include a 'Memories' project where members submit stories, a kiln project, museum project, building a display case for early maps to be displayed in the County Clerk's office, and more.

Seven members of the **Mills Chapter** Board each told a seven minute story about a pioneer ancestor. They included past National President **John Anderson** and National Program Director **Frank Madsen**.

The **Cedar City Chapter** presented a Modern Pioneer Award to **Fred** (right) and **Barbara Adams** for their accomplishments with the Utah Shakespeare Festival at their scholarship fund raising dinner. .

**FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR**

June 9-11	A major <b>commemoration of the Martin-Willey Handcart Companies</b> is occurring in Iowa City, including an all-day symposium, a Pioneer festival and an interfaith devotional at the Mormon Handcart Park at the University of Iowa. The closing session on Sunday, June 11 will feature an address by President Hinckley, broadcast on BYU Television and KBYU-TV at 5:00 or 6:00 p.m. MDT.
July 19	<b>Lehi Chapter Overland Stage Coach and Dinner.</b> \$10 per person. Contact Carl Mellor at Lehi Hotel, 801-768-0307
July 24	<b>Sunrise Pioneer Service</b> sponsored by S.L. Pioneer Chapter at Assembly Hall at Temple Square. 7am. Elder Merrill J. Bateman, speaker. Music by Choral Arts Society, Golden Voices Gospel Ensemble, tenor George Dyer, and concert pianist, Lawrence F. Gee. Narrator for one hour program will be Mark Koelbel, KUTV anchor. Admission free. Days of 47 Parade follows.
Sept. 14-16	<b>2006 in</b> <b>Annual Convention (Encampment) at Midway</b> Heber Valley. Registration material in April Pioneer Magazine and separate May mailing to SUP members.
October 14	<b>2006 Annual SUP Historical Symposium and Dinner</b> , "theme: Remember Martins Cove," 1-7 pm at National Headquarters Building. Pre-registration cost \$15. (Symposium only, without banquet, \$10.).



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