

# Trail Marker

**PIONEERING YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW**

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*Dear SUP Associates:*

**Chapter Treks.** We are now heading into the summer season. This is an excellent time for chapter treks. We hope each chapter has one or more planned. Where appropriate, it is a good time to **combine** with one or more other chapters in the area to sponsor a group trek. We'd love to receive your **write-ups** with **pictures** for the *Trail Marker*.



Jay and JenaVee Smith

**Pioneer Memorializations.** We are pleased with the increase in Pioneer Memorializations that have been submitted. **Board #15 is filling up and should be engraved** by the end of the year. The description of the program on the last page of the May *Trail Marker* makes a **great handout** to Chapter members.

**In Memoriam Program.** We are announcing a new program, requested by several Chapters, to remember respected SUP members who have passed away by having their names placed on the **walls** of the National Building with their **histories** placed in the SUP Library. The "In Memoriam" Program described elsewhere in this newsletter provides for this service. A **form** to be used for chapters, members, and family to remember their deceased friends is included in this newsletter. The cost per name will be **\$35**.

**Tomorrow's Pioneers Honored by Chapters.** Many chapters have had inspiring meetings this Spring honoring our **youth** with college **scholarships** or prizes for submitting **Pioneer Essays**. My wife and I were able to attend several of these chapter meetings, and we were deeply impressed with the **diligent** work of **committee** members who produced such outstanding meetings. The responses of the winners were often very touching.

**Pioneer Day Celebrations.** We encourage chapters and their members to **support** July 24 celebrations in their communities. The National organization and Salt Lake area chapters will be deeply involved the "**Days of 47**" program in Salt Lake City. Everyone who can is especially invited to the **SUP** sponsored **July 24 Sunrise Service** held in the newly refurbished **Salt Lake Tabernacle** at **7 a.m.** **Elder Rasband** of the Presidency of the Seventy will be the speaker accompanied by a **300 voice choir**.

*Happy Trekking!!*

*Jay M. Smith*

2007 National President

## YOUTH PROGRAMS SUCCESSFUL

Hundreds of High School, Middle School, and Grade School students wrote essays, pioneer biographies or applied for scholarships this year, and participation in these programs is on the increase. Preliminary information indicates a **72% increase** in Chapter Scholarship Programs, a 44% increase in Chapter Essay Programs, with two Chapters sponsoring a Biography Writing program. Eight Chapters conducted **both** a Scholarship and an Essay-writing program, an increase of 300%!

There are three Youth Programs: 1) Grade School students write 250 word essays about pioneer life, 2) High School students write a 1200 word biography of a pioneer ancestor. 3) Graduating High School seniors who have overcome serious obstacles and exemplify pioneer values can apply for college scholarships. A majority of our 46 Chapters sponsor at least one of these Youth Programs each year in local schools.



Ben Baldwin of Cedar City presents scholarship

The Essay and Pioneer Biography Programs work best when SUP Chapter members approach school administrators early in the school year to schedule the essay or biography writing as an integral part of the school curriculum. These programs fit nicely into Utah history curricula in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades in Utah schools. We should begin planning now for approaching schools in the Fall.

Your hard work in these programs is fulfilling our Mission to Teach Pioneer principles to our Youth. The most gratifying of all is what these youth have learned and will remember! Thanks to you all!

Ariel C. Knowles, Director Youth Programs

Essay Winners. At the May meeting of the Jordan River Temple Chapter, President Grant Ivie and Community Relations Director Louis



Pickett presented first place pioneer essay winners Jayden Howell, from American Heritage Elementary, and Bryson Jarrett, from South Jordan Elementary plaques for their first place efforts. Each was asked to read their winning essays to the chapter membership. Earlier in the month on May 7<sup>th</sup>, chapter president Grant Ivie and Community Relations Director Louis Pickett presented before classmates, parents and grandparents certificates of special recognition to all those who participated in the pioneer essay contest as well as the first place winners at their respective schools.

## IN REMEMBRANCE

**Faye Bennion**, wife of 67 years to two-time National SUP President, **Morris Bennion**, passed away on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Her love for family is epitomized by her caring for both her parents and Morris' parents until their passing. The posterity of Faye and Morris now number 68.



Wendell Christensen, National Membership Director receives the Top Recruiter Award from Grant E. Barton, Executive Council Member. The Top Recruiter Award is available to SUP members who recruit or reactivate 6 members within 6 months.

#### **FROM CHAPTER NEWSLETTERS**

**LEHI** (Lehi, UT). Speaker Alvin Schow reminisced about playing on the old walls of Fort Lehi, about people fixing roads themselves when there were only two paved roads in town, and all about the Sugar Factory. The Chapter **trekked to Antelope Island** (largest of 10 islands in the Great Salt Lake, with deer, bobcats, coyotes, bison and elk). Coming up: In June, SUP members ride the **Thanksgiving Point Trolley** in the Lehi Roundup. In July, Howard Ault will speak and show **artifacts from Camp Floyd**.

**LITTLE SALT LAKE** (Parowan, UT). Lorraine Thompson spoke in April on **early Parowan pioneers** (Parowan was used as a jumping off site to colonize many other settlements – hence the name “Little Salt Lake”). Leon Matheson spoke in May on the history of Parowan, plus the Chapter awarded scholarships. In June, Garth Norman will present on the **archeology and petroglyphs** of the Parowan Gap. Historical note: Francis Whitney, first Parowan Sunday School

Superintendent, **blew his big seashell** each Sunday for everyone to come to Sunday School.

**MILLS** (Salt Lake, UT). Welden Anderson, **noted LDS Church photographer**, showed examples of his work and gave tips on creating **great photographs**. Bob Davis, of Eugene Jelesnick’s Band, entertained on the piano. Three scholarships were awarded. Coming up: Overnight bus **trek to Castle Valley Pageant** on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

**TAYLORSVILLE BENNION** (South Salt Lake, UT). In April, Taylorsville-Bennion Chapter **celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary!** Elder Erin Call, Emeritus Seventy, spoke on the Mexican **Mormon Colonies**. In May, the Scholarship winner was announced, with entertainment from Jolene Tanner and her singing group “*Just Friends*”. Coming up: June: **Chapter handcart** in the Taylorsville Parade, June speaker **English Channel Swimmer** Richard Barnes. July: Annual Summer Picnic at Millrace Park. August: Annual Chapter Trek.

**SQUAW PEAK** (Orem, UT). **Counter-intelligence Special Agent Mike Ramsdell** spoke in April on his experiences in the Soviet Union during the cold war. Chapter president, Steve Biesinger, an international businessman reminds us that the Lord suddenly brought the Berlin Wall down in December 1989, allowing **modern pioneers to roll out democracy and freedom** in all Eastern Bloc countries. In May, the Chapter toured the historical monuments and ruins in Parley’s Hollow (Just north of the National Building). The Chapter has a well-developed 13-member Board (Including a Chapter Photographer and a Historian).

**HURRICANE VALLEY** (Hurricane, UT). For several years, Wes Christiansen has promoted the **Pioneer Essay Writing program** in area 4<sup>th</sup> grades. In April, these essays were highlighted. Wes has placed the stories in the Hurricane Museum. In May, **TWO Chapter treks!** One to the **Grand Staircase Escalante** National Monument. The other, in 4-wheel drive vehicles, to the **Kodachrome Basin State Park** and the Pariah **movie set** and **ghost town**.

**CANYON RIM AND SUGAR HOUSE CHAPTERS** (Salt Lake City, UT) combined to host a dinner at the National Building was attended by **150 SUP members & spouses**. **Jon Huntsman Sr.** (a life SUP member) was the guest speaker. Jon, recipient of *twelve* honorary **doctorates**, is Chairman of the Board of the Wharton School, America's highest-rated business school. He worked in the **White House as a Special Assistant to the President** and as White House Staff Secretary. He has petrochemical operations in over 50 countries. With his wife Karen, has donated **\$245 million to cancer research**. Entertainment was by the **Utah Pioneer Heritage Arts** under the direction of Clive Romney. **Jim Bridger** and **Eliza R. Snow** were also in attendance!

**JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE** (South Jordan, UT). At the May meeting of the Jordan River Temple Chapter, noted Lecturer and Historian Dr. James B. Allen was the special speaker. Dr. Allen, former B.Y.U. Professor of History, has written **14 books** and has published more than **90 articles**. His power point presentation of the "Rescue of the Willie and Martin Handcart Companies" was very informative and inspiring. The Chapter also presented two first place Essay Contest winners.

**COTTON MISSION** (St. George, UT). The Spectrum & **Daily News** carried an article about the Cotton Mission Chapter, including a new monument the Chapter placed on a bluff between Southgate and Bloomington. The monument commemorates the large concrete navigation arrows placed around the country in the 1920s to guide commercial airline pilots to airports. St. George **Mayor Dan McArthur** was present.

**SALT LAKE CITY** (Salt Lake City, UT). **EIGHTY-SIX SCHOLARSHIPS** were awarded at a dinner at the Salt Lake Sheraton Hotel. Families and school administrators of each of the scholarship recipients were in attendance. National Public Relations Director, John Swallow, was the featured speaker. The event was organized by National Scholarship Chairman, **John Morgan**.

**OGDEN PIONEER** (Ogden, UT). Over 80 members of the Ogden Pioneer chapter attended a monthly luncheon meeting on May 14. National President, Jay M. Smith, attended as a guest and briefly spoke. The speaker was chapter member and former NSSUP President, **Bill Critchlow**, who presented slides of over 60 **historical paintings** by **22 artists** that were commissioned for the **1976 bi-centennial** celebration under his direction. Funding for the project was aided by a grant from William Childs of R. C. Willey. The speaker gave **historical insights** as slides of the pictures were displayed.

**TEMPLE FORK** (Logan, UT). Conrad Dunn provided beautiful violin music and shared with members his recent experience in taking orchestra members to the 400 year celebration of the founding of Jamestown Virginia. The Chapter also **awarded scholarships** to John Summit (Who overcame a learning disability, serves on the debate team and **works with civic leaders in the Cache Valley Peer Court to help youth make better choices**), Melissa Guymon (who **worked in her single mom's day care** center and volunteers regularly at a retirement home), and Ted Nielsen (a student body president who volunteers at an elementary after-school program).

**BOUNTIFUL** (Bountiful, UT). Kevin Nield, Director of Bishop's Storehouses spoke on his assignments in Europe, the Philippines, Asia, the Pacific and Latin America. The winners of the **annual Essay Contest** were announced. The Chapter Essay contest involves nineteen elementary schools under the direction of Darrel Oborn. Each school had a first and second place winner. (\$50 and \$25 awards). The grand prize winner was Bailee Jones (\$500 award), who read her essay to the Chapter at their dinner meeting. **RECRUITMENT:** The Chapter announced it will now **PAY ONE-HALF of the first year dues** for new members! In addition, **guests seriously considering joining eat FREE!**

**MAPLE MOUNTAIN** (Springville and Mapleton, UT). In April, 35 members and their spouses had dinner at the Springville Art Museum and then had a presentation by Director Vern Swanson on his recent book, *Dynasty of the Holy*

*Grail.* In May, the chapter assembled at the **Crandall Historical Printing Museum** in downtown Provo and listened to inspiring stories of the history of printing and its effect on humanity. Replicas of the press that printed the **Gutenberg Bible**, the **Benjamin Franklin** press, and the **Grandin Press** in Palmyra that printed the Book of Mormon made the hands-on experience very informative and interesting.

**CEDAR CITY** (Cedar City, UT). Two \$2,000 scholarships were awarded by Chairman Ben Baldwin. Beautiful plaques will also be presented to the recipients High Schools. A Dutch oven

dinner and special music were enjoyed by the 95 attendees. **Mayor Gerald Sherratt** of Citer City was in attendance, as were media representatives.

**Visit Your SUP Website!!**

[www.sonsof Utahpioneers.org](http://www.sonsof Utahpioneers.org)

You'll enjoy checking the list of Pioneers memorialized at SUP Headquarters, to see if **your family is properly represented**. Click on "[Pioneers of the Past](#)", then "[Memorials](#)."

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## Help Needed

**An Assistant Publisher for the *Trail Marker* is urgently needed. Duties include some writing and editing. Please contact Grant E. Barton ([grantebarton@yahoo.com](mailto:grantebarton@yahoo.com)) if you are interested or can recommend someone. Position open to either male or female. Location is not an issue.**

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## "IN MEMORIAM"

### Deceased Members of Sons of Utah Pioneers

**Early Pioneers.** A unique feature of the National Sons of Utah Pioneers National Building is the Pioneer Memorialization Boards on the walls of the Main Floor Wide Hallway. Over 6,000 names of pioneers who came to Utah before Statehood in 1896 have been placed on these boards by descendants. Biographies of these pioneers have been placed in the NSSUP Library.

**Deceased Members of SUP:** The National SUP Board has approved the addition of another set of boards on the North wall of the Lower Level Pioneer Hall. These will be referred to as the "In Memoriam" boards. The purpose of these boards is to provide a place where chapters, families or friends may formally remember Sons of Utah Pioneers and their spouses who have passed on to the "Chapter Eternal". The information on the form attached to this issue of the *Trail Marker* will be filed in the NSSUP Library along with any accompanying obituaries. These biographies will be available to library visitors and in the future will be placed on the SUP website. The cost of providing this service by the NSSUP will be \$35, the same cost charged for the memorialization of a head of a family.

This program was initially started in 2004, and several chapters have submitted names of deceased members to be honored in lieu of funeral flowers. These names will be the first ones included on the boards. **The name of each person remembered will be engraved on an individual plate with the chapter initials, the birth year and the death year** An index of the names with their board location will be maintained.

A picture of the deceased member of Sons of Utah Pioneers is encouraged with the submission of the "In Memoriam" form. We encourage chapters, family and friends to use these boards as a way of remembering individuals who have been affiliated with the Sons of Utah Pioneers during their lives.

**“IN MEMORIAM”**

**Form**

**National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers**  
3301 East 2920 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84109

Name of Deceased Person Being Remembered: \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_ F \_\_\_

SUP Chapter(s) Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Positions Held in Chapter and/or National: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Marriage Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional spouses names and Marriage dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Education: \_\_\_\_\_

Vocation and work experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Church positions held: \_\_\_\_\_

Community positions held: \_\_\_\_\_

Military experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Character traits: \_\_\_\_\_

Life Changing Experiences: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of submitter: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitter's chapter name or at large: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a copy of the obituary, if available.

**Cost is \$35 for each person remembered on the “In Memoriam” board in the Pioneer Room on the lower level of the SUP National Building.**

Date Submitted \_\_\_\_\_

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