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THE SUP IS ON A ROLL!

Dear Fellow Members of the Great SUP Organization:

THANK YOU for the stunning service you are providing to community pioneer celebrations, such as Salt Lake's "Days of '47".

- Hundreds of SUP members have **handed out full-color brochures to their neighbors** and pinned posters advertising the Days of '47 events at local businesses.
- So far, dozens of **SUP volunteers** have helped with parking, crafts, water distribution, banner control and clean-up at various events.
- Members of the SUP National **Past-Presidents council are judges** for the parade float that best portrays the values for which the Pioneers lived and sometimes died.

Please come to the SUP-sponsored **SUNRISE SERVICE** at the Assembly Hall on the 24th Temple Square, if possible. The SUP (which was instrumental in starting the Days of '47) is **still centrally involved** in this and many other community pioneer celebrations!

We just passed the 1900 member mark! (When the National Building was dedicated, there were about 1765). We're just 106 members short of our goal of 2006. Thank you for your reenlisting, recruiting and reactivation efforts!

See you at the **National Convention** – just a few short months away!

Warmest Regards,
Grant E. Barton,
National President, National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers



Sign up Now FOR THE National Convention Sept 14 – 16 (Early registration ends Aug. 1)

THIS YEAR, THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IS FOR EVERYONE (Not just delegates)! FUN AND INFORMATIVE EVENTS IN HEBER VALLEY FOR ALL!

**SEND \$115 PER PERSON TO: SUP, MOUNTAIN VALLEY CHAPTER
BOX 441, HEBER CITY, UT 84032**

The Mountain Valley Chapter has planned for varied activities including a Western dinner at the Winter Olympic Soldiers Hollow, a ride through the colorful fall foliage on the Heber Creeper, an evening of 1940-1960 dance music at the Midway Social Center's marvelous coil spring dancing floor, and a concluding banquet featuring LDS Church Historian, Elder Marlin K. Jensen.

The reduced price of \$99 per night at the Zermatt Hotel is available if booked before July 30.

Call 1-877-269-9629

Days of 47 Pioneer Celebration

For those who live in northern Utah, The Days of '47 are upon us! And the Sons of Utah Pioneers are centrally involved – In fact SUP was instrumental in founding Salt Lake's Days of 47 in the first place!¹ The following events may be of particular interest to SUP members. SUP is also involved in many other community pioneer celebrations. Your participation in these Pioneer Celebrations is strongly encouraged.

<p>AWARDS DINNER "PIONEERS OF PROGRESS"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ July 20th, 6:30 p.m. ○ Grand Ballroom, Little America Hotel 	<p>Two Sons of Utah Pioneers are being honored: Dr. Ray H. Barton Jr. for his humanitarian & educational work, and Boyd & Jean Christensen for their work in the historic and creative arts.</p> <p>Cost is \$40. For tickets, contact Christine Wonnacott (801.277.9254, cwonnacott@daysof47.com)</p>
<p>Sunrise Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ July 24th, 7 a.m. ○ Assembly Hall, Temple Square 	<p>Sponsored by the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter of the SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS. Speaker: Elder Merrill J. Bateman Music: Two Choirs (130 voices), Tabernacle Organist. Days of 47 Royalty present. No tickets necessary. Free admission.</p>
<p>Days of '47 Parade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ July 24th, 9:00 a.m. ○ Start: So. Temple & Main, End: Liberty Park 	<p>The first entry in the Parade are four SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS handcarts, celebrating the Sesquicentennial of the first handcart companies. SUP President Grant Barton and wife Marilyn will ride in a convertible.</p>
<p>Other Note-worthy events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pops Concert: July 14-15, 7:30 p.m. Abravanel Hall, 123 W South Temple. Free Admission ○ Rodeo: July 17-22, 7 p.m. Delta Center, 301 W South Temple Tickets: 801.964.5325 ○ Hike: July 22, 7 a.m. Walk 5 miles to where 1st pioneers camped (Start: 2770 E 990 So) ○ Youth Parade: July 22, 10 a.m. SUP has one entry. Start: 600 East & 500 South ○ Youth Festival: July 22, following Youth Parade. 2nd East & 5th South Rides, games, slides ○ Culture Program & Fireworks: July 22, 6 p.m. 239 South Main Street. Free admission 	

¹History of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, Orson Wright

June 30 Membership reports to Chapters

Lists of members as of June 30, 2006 by chapters will be sent to Chapter Presidents by July 10. These lists will be separated into Life Members and Annual Members. Chapter Presidents will also receive a list of those annual members who did not renew their membership for 2006, and who have been removed from the chapter's membership roster. We hope you will maintain contact with these men and keep inviting them to continue their membership. When a removed member reinstates his membership, please have your treasurer show "reinstated" in the dues submittal report.

The letter accompanying the lists will indicate the number of chapter delegates you will have for the Heber Valley Convention September 14-16. Each chapter will receive one delegate plus one delegate for each ten members or majority of ten (more than five). Any life member current in chapter dues and renewed annual

members may be appointed as a delegate. The names of each chapter's delegates must be submitted to National by August 10. The Convention election will be for 2007 President-Elect. Area vice presidents will be nominated and elected in the respective areas and chapters.

New chapters needed

Summer and early Fall is a good time to promote and initiate new chapters. Your Executive Council has challenged each Area Vice President to always have a new chapter in process. The process is more successful when an existing chapter serves as a host for a new chapter, inviting them to attend their meetings and helping with initial chapter programs.

Area Councils Need to be Held - July or August

The Executive Council encourages all areas to schedule their summer Area Council meetings and follow the procedure outlined for

nominating new Area Vice Presidents. Please notify National of the time and place of these meetings. **Areas 13, Mesa**, has selected **Wally Burgess** to again serve as AVP for 2006-08.

CHAPTER NEWS

The **Squaw Peak Chapter** in Provo/Orem enjoyed a great trek to Martin's Cove, where they found greater appreciation for these noble, suffering Saints who gave so much for the Lord's Kingdom. They have also enjoyed visiting speakers **Elder Vaughn Featherstone** and **Elder Duane Gerrard**, speaking on American patriotism.

The **Morgan Chapter** is keeping busy with excellent monthly programs and summer activities. A recent trek took them to the Historic Benson Gristmill and the Donner Party Museum in Grantsville, then to Old Iosepa, the Polynesian community of yesteryears.

SUP Lifetime Member **Keith Davis** (pictured below on right with Cal Jolley, Chapter



President on left) was presented with the "Modern Pioneer Award" by his **Palmyra Chapter**, recognizing

his military service in World War II and a lifetime of dedicated service to the Springville community in many capacities. He and **Marva** have been married for 59 years.

Hurricane Chapter joined by some folks from **Cotton Mission**, enjoyed a trek to the Old Grafton Townsite near Zion National Park.

The **Box Elder Chapter** believes in involving lots of members in leadership. The roster of officers and directors includes seventeen members with specific assignments. Each issue of their excellent monthly newsletter features an autobiography of a chapter member. An unusual project was their sponsoring of a Cowboy Poetry

Contest and awarding first prize to **Colen Sweeten** at the annual Cowboy Music and Poetry Festival in Brigham City. On July 22, the chapter will unveil their new Pioneer Mail Trail monument in Mantua.

On June 13, twenty-two members of the **Brigham Young Chapter** toured the LDS Welfare Square Sorting Center, the Governor's Mansion, This is the Place Heritage Park and the SUP National Headquarters, where Florence Youngberg treated them to an explanation of the many historical treasures in the national library (shown below).



A major restoration project is underway by the **Sevier Valley Chapter**, as one of seven lime kilns in the adjacent hills north of Richfield is being preserved.

A trail with benches located along-side leads from the new road and parking area to the site, where a large monument will also be erected.

The kiln, constructed in 1903, was used for several years. Lime rocks mined nearby were heated to a high

temperature for five days, then cooled for three days to prepare the lime for use in construction. Completion of the project by Fall is planned.



The **Settlement Canyon Chapter** reminds us of an idea for a good mini-trek for any chapter or group. At the Temple Granite Quarry in Little Cottonwood Canyon, three fine historians present weekly illustrated lectures describing the arrival of the Mormon Pioneers and the huge

quarrying project to build the Salt Lake Temple.
WHEN -- Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.
through July and August. GROUP
RESERVATIONS, 801-292-8003.
DIRECTIONS: From
the north on Wasatch Drive, watch for Temple
Quarry Nature Trail signs just before the mouth
of Little Cottonwood Canyon. Turn right, then
left to the amphitheatre. From the south on
Wasatch Drive, turn right at the Temple Quarry
sign.

The **Grove City Chapter** in Blackfoot, Idaho
enjoyed two unusual speakers, both female
geologists, who explained both the ancient and
the modern history of Southern Idaho.

Members In the News

Cal Jolley, (pictured on right) Palmyra chapter
president, designed the new sign and logo
welcoming folks to Springville, the Art City



Suggested Speakers

Here are some excellent speakers who would be willing to travel to chapters between Utah Valley and Davis County:

Dr. Bill Jackson, *president of Deseret International Foundation*, which in 2005 performed over \$35 million of surgeries free for needy people in about twenty third world countries. Dr. Jackson and his wife are very knowledgeable of the medical needs of these nations and travel constantly at their own expense coordinating the work of local doctors in partner charities around the world. Phones, 801 362-0430, 801-489-1315.

James Rosenvall, *Research Technology Manager of the Maxwell Institute at BYU*. He invented the "Word Cruncher" system to aid in foreign and ancient language translation, and has worked on the Dead Sea Scrolls, ancient archaeological hieroglyphs and digitizing pictures of ancient texts in the Vatican library in Rome. Phone 801-377-2461. George Talbot, retired long-time Director of the BYU Department of Travel Study. He is a leading scholar of the Book of Mormon and archaeological sites in Central America, having led many tours there, as well as to other parts of the world. Phone 801-375-4390.

Roger Flick, *special collections librarian at BYU and a member of the SUP Library Committee* has prepared an informative power point presentation on our SUP library in Salt Lake. He has an important message that all SUP members should hear. He is willing to speak in any chapter and promote the increased use of our wonderful library resource. He can be reached at 801-225-4943 or Roger.Flick@BYU.edu.

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