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THE EYES WESTWARD MONUMENT IS DEDICATED



July 19 was the special day when the Sons of Utah Pioneers gift to “This is the Place Heritage Park” was mounted on a specially constructed plaza and dedicated by **Elder M. Russell Ballard** (bottom-right corner of page). A special dedication meeting was held in the Visitor’s Center preceding the Dedication. **Past President Grant Barton** told of the vision the Prophet Joseph Smith had of Zion in the West and Ensign Peak and of his conveyance of this information to the Twelve Apostles led by Brigham Young.



Pictured in front of the new monument are: (front row, left to right) Frank Madsen, Ellis Ivory, Elder M. Russell Ballard, Booth Maycock, (back row, left to right) Matt Dahl, Grant Barton, "Pete" Riches.

The original statue sculpted by **Dee Jay Bawden** (bottom-left) was placed on the banks of the Mississippi River in 2005 as part of the two hundred year celebration of Joseph Smith’s birth. President Barton saw an opportunity to have a second statue placed in Utah and the sculptor made it available at the foundry cost. Elder Ballard in his remarks emphasized the special role Ensign Peak played in the early days of the Church in the Valley. **Ellis Ivory**, CEO of the This is the Place Heritage Park accepted the gift with thanks.



The Monument is located next to the sidewalk that leads to the large 1947 “This is the Place” monument and to the Park Visitor’s Center. It greets all visitors as they enter from the parking lots, and has been beautifully landscaped under the direction of “**Pete**” **Riches**, Area Vice President and former Holladay Chapter President. We encourage members to visit the Park and see how their contributions have made a very impressive landmark for the people of Utah.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends:

July was truly a month of celebration. Of course, we of S.U.P. were celebrating our 75th Anniversary of the founding of our great organization. We were able to do this in many ways, given greater detail in articles following my remarks. I would just mention some of the highlights.



Our monument, “Eyes Westward” was placed and a great dedication program held July 19th with Elder M. Russell Ballard officiating. Observations since verify the most excellent placing of the statue. Everyone entering the park stops to check it out and take pictures. Incidentally, This is the Place Heritage Park is the second most attended historical park in the United States, (second only to Williamsburg, VA). Our monument is placed so that it is the first thing anyone coming to the park would see.

Our hosting the Annual Sister Organization Dinner followed this activity. Eleven organizations had sixty representatives in attendance. Also attending were the “Days of ‘47” Royalty who graced us with their presence at both functions. The dinner is for the purpose of creating good will and understanding between the respective groups. It was very well received.

Then, of course, there is the “Days of ‘47” celebration. Many of our chapters and members were involved in the 24th of July activities throughout the state as we commemorated the Pioneer’s entry into the Valley of the Great Salt Lake one hundred and sixty-one years ago. The Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter, who sponsor the Sunrise Service in the tabernacle before the parade on the 24th, raised the bar this year. Many told me this was the best ever. S.U.P. was well represented in the parade, carrying American flags and pulling handcarts as the beginning entry. Two of our members rode in a covered wagon noting that they were the last to be able to claim that their fathers were Pioneers. Oh, yes, your National President and his wife were treated royally as they rode in an open convertible in the parade. Their picture made the front page of the Salt Lake Tribune.

Now we anxiously look forward to the Annual Convention (Encampment) in Richfield on September 25, 26 and 27. The host committee has worked long and hard towards the great success of this meeting. Remember this isn’t just for chapter officers. There is something for everyone, including tours, great food and the opportunity to vote for the President-elect. Please note, discount reservations and registration deadline is August 15th. We hope to see you there.

One last thought we still have a little way to go on our Diamond Jubilee Fund. We hope everyone will help so we can declare, “mission accomplished” at the Richfield Convention.

I am honored to call you my friends.

Booth Maycock
2008 National President

NATIONAL NEWS

DAYS OF '47 CELEBRATION EVENTS

Family Fun Day- July 12, 2008. This year's family fun day was moved from Wheeler Farm to **This is the Place Heritage Park**. More than 25 volunteers from the Salt Lake Area SUP chapters helped make this a very successful event. **Hundreds** of children and their families attended to participate in pioneer games, pony riding, visiting the many pioneer venues in the park. President **Booth Maycock**, his wife **Eddie** and a granddaughter, **Katie Dunn**, were among the volunteers.

Children's Pioneer Parade, July 19, 2008.

Perhaps the **largest** children's parade in the country took place in central Salt Lake. President Booth Maycock and Eddie were among the distinguished guests who rode in the parade. They had two of their great granddaughters, **McCall and McKinley Dunn**, and granddaughter, **Katie Dunn**, with them. The parade ended at the Salt Lake City and County Building where refreshments and games were made available to parade participants.

Sister's Organization Dinner, July 19, 2008.

After the Eyes Westward dedication, over **60 representatives of ten pioneer "sister" organizations** met in the This is the Place Heritage Park Visitors Center for a delicious served dinner and some delightful entertainment. This annual event sponsored by the National SUP with a generous contribution from one of its members is designed to promote the common goals of organizations such as the Daughters of Utah Pioneers, Mormon Battalion, Mormon History Association, This is the Place Heritage Park, Hole-in-the-Rock Foundation, Ship Brooklyn and Utah Historical Society. This event capped off a very full day of Pioneer Activities.

Days of '47 Float Judging, July 22, 2008. For the third year, the **Past National Presidents of the SUP** met with their wives at the South Towne Expo Center to preview the Days of '47 floats and select one to receive its Pioneer

Award. The float selected was from the **Centerville North Stake** and was entitled "**Still Pioneering our Faith**" (below).



It depicted a covered wagon pulled by two oxen, mannequins of Joseph Smith passing keys to President Thomas Monson, children reading from the Doctrine and Covenants.



The special **Pioneer Award** was presented to the float designers by **Jay Smith**, immediate Past President. (above). The float was identified with a special banner (below).



Sunrise Service, July 24, 2008. Under the direction of the **Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter**, a

very successful sunrise service started the day off right. A 300 voice choir (below) from the North



Salt Lake and Bountiful stakes directed by Sterling Poulsen thrilled the audience with several numbers highlighting the Pioneer theme. The Days of '47 royalty were introduced to the congregation of several hundred in the Tabernacle by **Bette Barton**, President of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers. The featured speaker was **Elder Earl C. Tingey** of the Presidency of the Seventy. His talk was highlighted in the Church News, July 26th issue.

Days of '47 Parade. The big Parade again drew several tens of thousands lining the parade route. The weather was warm, but everyone was excited with the over 100 entries. The Sons of Utah Pioneers were featured in the early entries with several handcars, a wagon carrying two of the very few living actual sons of fathers who came to Utah before 1869, **Ken Blair and Frank Swallow**, and several flag carriers.



President Maycock and his wife dressed appropriately in pioneer outfits rode in a beautiful car driven by a handsome naval escort. In fact, our President and his wife made the

front page of the **Salt Lake Tribune** the day after the parade. (See photo on page 2)

Richfield Registration Date Fast Approaching

The cutoff date for the two tours scheduled for the **Richfield Convention** is **August 15**. If you desire to go on either of these tours, be sure and notify the Sevier Valley chapter prior to that date. The Convention registration fee before **August 15 is \$110**. After **August 15 it increases to \$125**. We encourage all members to join us for this informative and enjoyable convention. **(Date September 25-27, 2008)**

Convention Training for 2008 Chapter President-Elects. A special training seminar will be conducted by the National Program Directors for all 2008 Chapter President-Elects (**2009 Chapter Presidents**). It will be held on **Thursday, September 25**, from 1-4 p.m. at the **Snow College Convention Center** in Richfield. Valuable information to help chapter presidents get started right will be presented.

Diamond Jubilee Fund. Approximately **\$20,000** is still needed to reach our 75th Anniversary goal of \$75,000 in contributions. We encourage all members to help support this fund. If you have already contributed, we thank you. If you haven't made your contribution as yet, we welcome it. We still have several thousands of dollars to pay for the beautiful plaza constructed for the Eyes Westward Statue.

New Members after September 1. The annual dues for new members who join after September 1 will cover **16 months**, until December 31, 2009. We encourage each member to bring a family member or a friend into the SUP this Fall.

Pioneer Magazine Gift Subscription Drive. **Christmas** is a great time to send a Pioneer subscription to family and friends. The price is **\$15 for one year or \$25 for two years**. The SUP magazine needs the help of every member in order to increase our subscription base. We will be stressing this need at the **September** convention.

CHAPTER NEWS -- By Louis Pickett

BOX ELDER (Brigham City, Utah) – The program for the July meeting was presented by members of the cast of the Sound of Music at the Heritage Theatre in Perry, including Shanna Hilton Smith, a talented vocalist from Brigham City. Tomorrow's Pioneers Scholarships of \$1,000.00 each were given to three young ladies who are graduates of Box Elder High School.



Pictured left to right: Jack Smith, chapter president, Anna Lisa Lundberg, Sonee Kimber, Stephanie Atkinson, and Dee Page, scholarship chairman.

The Wyoming trek held in June (shown below) was very educational and successful. Sites visited included historic Ft. Bridger, a key settlement on the Mormon Trail and the ghost town of Piedmont, at one time a key stop on the Transcontinental Railroad and the site of a labor strike that delayed the driving of the Golden Spike for several days. Shown at the top of the next column is LuAnn Christensen, Brigham City major, giving Chuck Kellogg and Duane Phippen, a Major's Recognition Award for the very many hours spent by them on the renovation project on the 129 year old Relief Society Granary.



BRIGHAM YOUNG (Provo, Utah) – An update on the Provo Pioneer Village reports that the Pioneer Craft Fair was a great success. Pioneer crafts were demonstrated and pioneer toys and games were provided. The blacksmith shop was operating and was a popular attraction. The chapter's pioneer wagon with a team of beautiful horses, supplied by Jed Francis, was in the 4th of July parade. The entry and personnel were warmly received and it was great fun for those involved. After the parade a steady stream of people visited the Village. It is estimated that 600 or more came that day. On other occasions attendance is sporadic, however many school age-children visit the Village by special appointment. School classes as well as stake and ward primaries have spent time at the Village.

CEDAR CITY (Cedar City, Utah) – As is traditional, the chapter played a major part in the Pioneer Day celebration. They and the DUP

sponsored the "Pioneers Remembered". The program was held in the Old Rock Church. Ross and Valeda Hilton were honored as the Outstanding Citizens and were the Parade Grand Marshalls. Anne Leavitt was the featured speaker. Winners of the Elementary School Student Essays Contest were honored, along with their parents.

CENTERVILLE (Centerville, Utah) – The chapter had an entry in the Centerville Fourth of July parade. They also went on a very interesting "mini trek" on July 12th. There were 26 who participated and car-pooled to the Salt Lake City Cemetery where Paul Thomas Smith took them on a tour of many gravesites and monuments. Mr. Smith is a Centerville resident and has been a presenter for the chapter in the past. He has been a long time religious educator and author and was well qualified to point out gravesites of many LDS Presidents and other prominent Utah citizens. He told little known stories of some of those buried there. The group enjoyed lunch together at the Chuck-A- Rama following the tour.

HOLLADAY (Holladay, Utah) – The June program was presented by James and Janet Williams as they told of their experiences as missionaries in Denmark. It was interesting to hear that more saints came from Denmark than any other country, save England, in the early years of the church. The chapter held it's annual Steak Fry in July. After the traditional great meal the program featured a husband and wife team of entertainers - Kelly and Laura Griffiths. They pleased all present by singing several numbers from various time periods.

HURRICANE VALLEY (Hurricane, Utah) – The chapter held a Pancake Breakfast at the city park in celebration of Pioneer Day. Following breakfast members of the chapter were in the parade. All members were encouraged to participate in these events.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE (Southwest Salt Lake Valley) – National President, Booth Maycock, was the speaker at the July chapter dinner meeting. Booth is a member of the Jordan River

Temple chapter. He covered several subjects regarding the national organization and projects. It has been an exciting year as we celebrate the "Diamond Jubilee". Several chapter members participated in the service project at the "This is the Place Heritage Park" for the Days of '47 Family Fun Day" on July 12th. The assignment was to work at craft tables and provide a fun time for the children who attended.



party at his "Hardway Ranch" which provided a great natural setting. Richard Christiansen (above) and Dil Strasser (right), candidates for 2009 National President Elect, attended and spoke to the group. Proceeds from the event (\$800.00) will go to the Diamond Jubilee Fund.

LEHI (Lehi, Utah) – On July 21st the chapter held a most successful fundraiser dinner party. Invitations were sent to chapter presidents in the Utah and Salt Lake county areas and a number of SUP members from several chapters all along the Wasatch Front attended. People came from as far north as Clearfield and from Payson to the south. Bud Lott hosted the



MILLS (Southeast SLC, Utah) – In July the annual picnic was held in the beautiful Evergreen Park. Entertainment was provided by the Brass Band, which is a tradition in the Millcreek area. The band consists of a number of experienced and talented musicians. Everyone enjoyed the

program. Last month's Trail Marker introduced the speaker, Mr. Ghulam Hasnin, (shown here,



with his wife, Ismat). His subject was "Understanding Islam as a Life Style". He is a Shia Muslim who was born in India and came to the USA in 1967. He and his wife and two sons came to Utah in 1996. He told some of the basic beliefs of Muslims. Their lifestyle is based on cleanliness and modest clothing that covers most of the body. Men usually have a moustache and a beard. Dietary laws restrict the kinds of food eaten, such as no alcohol and no bird meat or fish without scales.

OGDEN PIONEER (Ogden, Utah) – "This is the Place Heritage Park" was the destination of a very successful trek taken by the chapter on the 16th of June. Transportation was by chartered bus. Some of the favorite activities at the park were riding the train around the park, watching a demonstration by a tinsmith at work at his craft, shopping at ZCMI where you could buy old-fashioned penny candy, watching the printing of the Deseret News in 1850 and relaxing in the Huntsman Hotel for an ice cream cone or lunch. There was much more to do and see but time does not permit in one visit. It was an enjoyable day where history came alive. The return home route took the group by way of Emigration and Weber canyons. The July program was the "Chapter Sweetheart Evening". This included a Pot Luck Picnic at a park and a program of western music and songs by Robin Arnold.

SETTLEMENT CANYON (Tooele, Utah) – Five individuals were selected by a committee of three members to receive scholarships of \$1,000.00. They were each heard from at the July chapter meeting. The winners were Hillary

Erin Bryan, Allie Brown, Cydney Ellsworth, Michael P. Taylor and Courtney Gowans. Chapter members are serving as docents at their museum, which is open multiple days each week during the summer. As mentioned in prior reports, the museum continues to receive additional items for display.



This picture from the museum shows artifacts that were typical in a kitchen of days gone by.

TAYLORSVILLE BENNION (Taylorsville, Utah) – On June 14th the chapter held their traditional and fantastic Dutch oven meal at the Millrace Park. Jim Taney was the chef who prepared the food and Bruce Wasden provided his tasty home made root beer. For the program Margaret Player and Connie Taney shared the story, vision and reality of the Taylorsville Bennion Heritage Center Museum. The chapter's pioneer handcart replica and banner were entered and represented in the annual Taylorsville parade.

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS REMINDER
The Chapter 2nd Quarter Award Reports are now past due. PLEASE send them in to our Executive Manager. Many of the 1st Quarter chapter reports are also missing. We need this information for the Chapter Awards Recognition Program at the end of the year.