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Dear SUP Associates:

As reported elsewhere in this issue, the **Mesa 2007 Convention** was a grand success. I had the privilege of working closely with the officers of the Mesa Chapter over the past two years and watched the development of their plans to be a **great host** for SUP members throughout the organization. We were well served by **Harvey Zilm**, Convention coordinator, **Bill Snarr**, Chapter President, **Wally Burgess**, Area 15 Vice President, and **Jess Jarvis**, Chapter President-Elect, as well as all **members** of the Mesa Chapter, The **Marriott Hotel** staff went the extra mile as the food and accommodations were first-class. Almost **300** SUP members and spouses were in attendance.



Welcome Roger Flick. Our 2008 President-Elect, Roger Flick, is from the Squaw Peak Chapter in Orem. He has been deeply involved in **libraries**, most recently working for **Brigham Young University**. He is very interested in Family History and in developing the **SUP Library** and our **SUP Website** to become a primary source for **Pioneer Histories** and **photographs**. In his spare time, Roger plays a mean game of racquetball. I look forward to working with him and Booth Maycock this next year.

Fall Membership Drive. This is the best time of the year to recruit new members and new chapters. I hope each chapter has their **membership committee** working hard to get new members. One way to start is for each Board Member to commit to bring **one** potential new member to each chapter meeting. This not only would result in many new members, but be a great example to the other chapter members. Remember that we do have a *Top Recruiter Award* to recognize individuals who excel in recruiting. This year's requirements for the award are **six new Annual Members** (Life Members count double) between now and **June 30, 2008**. Notify the National Office of those in your chapter who have earned this award. In addition to recruiting new members we must retain our present ones by collecting the 2008 National Dues of \$30 and remitting them to the National Office on the transmittal form provided to you.

New Voices on the National Telephone Line. After nine years of dedicated service, **Stephanie Turner** has left the SUP for another position. We will surely miss her. The voices you will hear when you call the National number will be our Executive Manager, Ron VanLeuven, or one of two part time secretaries, Linda Sorensen and Andrea Flandro.

New SUP email address. The National Office is now linked to a High Speed Comcast Broadband Service. This results in new e-mail address for the office. Please change your records as follows: Headquarters, SUP1847@comcast.net ; Exec..Manager, SUP-ExMgr@comcast.net.

Have a great November!!

Jay M. Smith
2007 National President

MESA CONVENTION A BIG SUCCESS

For three days in October, almost **300** SUP members and their wives converged on Mesa Arizona for the 2007 Convention. It was a great success. Highlights included:



- Election of Roger Flick as the 2008 President-Elect
- Speaker Kenyon Udall helped us understand **Arizona pioneer settlements.**
- A Trek to Salt River pioneer spots including an authentic **covered wagon ride** (somewhat shorter than the original



1,300 miles). Other day treks were conducted to Casa Grande Ruins National Park, and a visit to a unique Arboretum featuring **cactus and other native Arizona plants.**

- **Modern Pioneer Awards** were presented to **Wally Burgess, Kenyon Udall,** and to **Angus and Jenny Belliston.**
- Dinner and live entertainment were presented at a re-created **frontier town.**



Thanks to the Mesa Chapter for organizing and carrying out a most memorable Convention.



Above: Year in review at the General membership meeting. Right: Chapter President's meeting.

ROGER FLICK VOTED PRESIDENT-ELECT

At the National Convention in Mesa, delegates voted Roger Flick as the **2008 President-Elect**. Roger brings impressive credentials to the post. These credentials include:

- Current **BYU Family History Center Director** and Family History Instructor.
- Current National SUP Pioneer **Heritage Program Director**, with responsibility for the Pioneer **Memorialization Program** and the **SUP Library**.



Above: President Jay Smith congratulates newly-elected 2008 President-Elect Roger Flick and his wife



Left: After dinner entertainers at the Rockin R Ranch

- Past president, Squaw Peak Chapter. Awarded “Pioneer of the Year” by the chapter.
- Past President, **Utah Genealogical Association**
- Wrote Family History manuals, helped develop the Church **FamilySearch** program.
- **Education Week** Instructor
- Past president of the Utah Racquetball Assn. Former BYU Racquetball Coach (3 National championships). Instigated racquetball program at the Huntsman Senior World Games. **Welcome aboard, Roger**. We wish you a happy and productive three-year term as 2008 President-Elect, 2009 President, and 2010 Past President. For these three years, Roger will be a member of the Executive Council, that supervises the day-to-day SUP affairs, with oversight by the National Board.



Above: Convention-goers were entertained by talented vocal soloists and an impressive choir.



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Chapter News

MAPLE MOUNTAIN (Mapleton, Utah) At the September 27th meeting of the chapter Brent Ashworth (the man who exposed Mark Hoffman's counterfeiting of rare church documents) held those in attendance spell bound for about three hours with very interesting stories and information. He exhibited historical documents and gave background information of the Mark Hoffman events. No meeting was held in October because of the National Convention. The guest speaker for November will be Joseph McConkie, (the son of Elder Bruce R. McConkie).

OGDEN PIONEER (Ogden, Utah) Chapter members were entertained by Mike Ramsdell at the Autumn Sweetheart Evening Dinner and Program. Mike's career was in Russian/Soviet counter intelligence (see more details in the Mills chapter report for September). Trail Managers: Morris Sterrett and Lamont Shupe reported that 40 people attended a trek in August to the Shakespeare Festival in Cedar City and the Tuacahn Theater in St. George. They also visited many historical sites in the area. It is exciting to announce that the chapter has accepted an invitation to host the 2009 National Convention in Ogden

BRIGHAM YOUNG (Provo, Utah) The featured speaker at the October meeting was Hal Wing who is a "modern day" pioneer in the truest sense. He was the developer and manufacturer of the "Little Giant" ladder. From a

very modest beginning the Wing Enterprises has grown into an international, multi-million dollar manufacturing and marketing corporation. Mr. Wing, a Springville native, is very active in church and civic affairs. For many years the chapter has participated in the "Tomorrow's Pioneers" scholarship program. In addition to the scholarship program this year the chapter inaugurated the "Pioneer Heritage Essay writing" project. It was very successful and the hope is that it will expand with more children involved in future years.

SETTLEMENT CANYON (Tooele, Utah) The Chapter had an early Thanksgiving dinner meeting held on November 1st. The meal was a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Entertainment for the evening was by Tom Stam.

CANYON RIM & SUGARHOUSE (East Salt Lake Valley and Sugarhouse, Utah) The October 17th dinner meeting featured insights into the life of Richard L. Evans by his daughter-in-law Deanne Evans. Elder Evans, called to the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles in 1953, was well known and loved as the announcer for the weekly Mormon Tabernacle Choir radio broadcast, Music and the Spoken word. This weekly broadcast spanned from it's inception in 1930 until his death in 1971. The Sugarhouse Chapter arranged for the program.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE (Southwest Salt Lake Valley) West Jordan City holds a "Pumpkin Walk" each year at the W.J. Museum. The chapter participates with a service project by

funding and "manning" a "Fish Pond" for children. This annual affair is very popular and gives the chapter members an opportunity to be involved in the community. The October chapter dinner meeting featured Max and Pat Hirschie who addressed the subject "Life's Challenges and Rewards of Gospel Living". Mr. Hirschie served many years as a seminary teacher and the two of them recently served at the Washington D.C. Temple Visitor's Center.

COTTON MISSION (St. George, Utah) The November dinner meeting is scheduled for November 13th with John Lasater, a former LDS Church General Authority and retired Air Force General. The chapter is following the practice (along with others) of having their members write their BIO or short history and these are printed in the monthly news letter. The Cotton Mission Chapter is pleased to be scheduled to host the 2010 National Convention in St. George.

SALT LAKE PIONEER (Salt Lake City, Utah) Mr. Alan Dayton enlightened the chapter members about the IHC and Health care in Utah. He spoke at the October dinner meeting. His assignment is Liaison between IHC and the Utah Legislature. The group learned about the new IHC Medical Center in Murray, Utah and what effects can be expected from it's opening.

SQUAW PEAK (Orem, Utah) The chapter enjoyed a very special musical presentation in October. The presenter was Ben B. Ashby who has been performing for many years with many types of music from big band, jazz, opera, county, folk, Broadway and oldies from the 40's, 50's and 60's. He has performed in several operas and musicals over the years. He also plays guitar, bass, harmonica and banjo. Ben is currently a member of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

SALT LAKE CITY (SLC, Utah) Dr. Elliott Richards, who is a member of the chapter and a leading SLC physician, was the presenter for the November 1st meeting. His subject was "Prominent Members of the Richards Family". Many of us are well acquainted with Steven L. and LeGrand Richards so he addressed his remarks to

earlier pioneers, particularly Willard W. Richards. The members were pleased to hear many experiences and facts from his life. He was so very close to the Prophet Joseph Smith, and was with him at Carthage. We benefit from information that he, Willard, wrote in his journal.

SEVIER VALLEY (Richfield, Utah) On October 26th the chapter held their dinner meeting and were entertained with information about the Fruita Rural Historical District. Cindy Michelli, a Capital Reef National Park Ranger, gave a report of the early pioneers to Capital Reef and the current activities to maintain the park and it's treasure of fruit trees as it existed in the early 1880's. (It was at this time that the fruit orchards were started, when the pioneers planted the seeds.) It was interesting to learn of the many varieties of trees. She reported that there are 19 varieties of apple trees alone. There are also apricot, plum, cherry, peach, pear, nectarine, almond and pecan trees. Great effort is taken to maintain the orchards as they were in the pioneer days. The Fruita Rural Historical District was entered on the National Historical Register in 1997.

TIMPANOGOS (Northeast Utah County) At the most recent chapter meeting retired Judge Arthur Christean talked about some of the highlights of his 30 plus year career working in the judicial system. He discussed the chief characteristics of Utah courts during three periods: Territorial days up to statehood; statehood up to 1984; and some significant changes since then due to a new judicial article to the Utah constitution approved that year. Among other things, he described the conflicts with the federal government that occurred during pioneer times in Utah. At the November 15th meeting Dr.

Milton V. Backman, Emeritus Professor of Church History, B.Y.U. will speak to the subject: "Pilgrims, Pioneers and the Birth of an American Holiday".

LITTLE SALT LAKE (Parowan, Utah) Chapter members enjoyed a very interesting

meeting in September as Norman Day and Lloyd Dalton gave sketches of the lives of pioneer relatives. This was followed by a story about the bugle call "Taps" by Bob Rowley. The October meeting program was cowboy poetry by the renowned cowboy poet Bill Bunker. The chapter has taken on a project to place monuments at the corners of the fort built by early Parowan pioneers. Funding has been offered by a generous individual so all the chapter has to do is determine the location of the corners and decide

on the type of monuments that would be appropriate and get them placed.



Above: Dil Strasser, President of the Sugarhouse Utah Chapter, receives award for being the most recent life member.

Left: One tour group retraced the march of the Mormon Betallion, to California, including a visit to the San Diego Temple.