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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have just concluded another inspiring Historical Symposium. These symposiums are designed to help us fulfill one of the most important parts of the mission of the National Society of Sons of the Sons of Utah Pioneers....”Preserve the memory and heritage of the early pioneers of the Utah Territory.” The learned presenters of this year’s program certainly contributed mightily to that end.

At the dinner following the symposium, we were inspired by our honored speaker, Dee Jay Bawden, the sculptor of the “Eyes Westward” monument. If you were not able to attend this year, you owe it to yourself to make a mental reservation for next year. These annual symposiums provide a special educational and spiritual feast each year.

As this year starts winding down, we have just one last National event left on the calendar, the AVP Training followed by the annual Christmas dinner, scheduled for December 9. This training, at the hands of the Executive Committee and the directors, is to prepare the AVP’s for the training of their respective chapter officers in January. We hope all AVPs will look forward to this. There will be a special program for the wives.

Besides our AVP training, in November there is another special occasion we have to look forward to and that is Thanksgiving. I know we don’t have to wait for this occasion to express our thanks to a most loving and generous Father in Heaven, but it is a wonderful reminder. It also gives us the opportunity to be with family and friends for a special feast.

I have so much to be thankful for and I want you to know how much I appreciate being able to serve as National President this year. I especially appreciate all of the wonderful friends I have made through this great organization. I will treasure your friendship forever.

I am looking forward to the continued growth and success of the National Society of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers.

Booth Maycock
2008 National President



NATIONAL NEWS

2008 HISTORICAL SYMPOSIUM A GREAT SUCCESS

Our 2008 Annual Historical Symposium, led by Roger Flick (below), was held Saturday, Nov. 1 at the SUP Headquarters building, from 1- 5:15



pm with a dinner in the evening from 5:45-8 pm. The theme was “Exodus to Greatness”, with emphasis on the “Eyes Westward” monument at the dinner program. Featured afternoon speakers included **Dr. Fred Gowans** who addressed the topic of

“Utah Territory before the Pioneers”. He discussed the impact on the west of the horse culture among the Utes and Shoshonis, fishing among the Indians, the children slave trade,

Chief Walker war, Escalante and the mappers, Lewis and Clark and the Donner Party. **Dr. Richard Bennett** (left) spoke on “**Brigham Young – His Evolution as Prophet.**” He discussed personal examples of Brigham



Young’s leadership qualities as they developed over time. **Dr. Scott Esplin** made a very detailed PowerPoint presentation on “**Colonization of Selected Settlements in the Territory of Utah**”. Excellent facts and figures were given regarding

the four major periods of settlement in the greater rocky mountain area. All three presentations were excellent! The evening dinner



presentation featured **Clive Romney** playing his guitar and singing an original musical composition about not forgetting our pioneer ancestors. The climax of the symposium dinner



was a talk by **Dee Jay Bawden** (below), sculptor of the “Eyes Westward” monument. He gave a background of how he got into sculpting. He told how the Catholic Church commissioned him to create statues of Christ for several hospitals which helped support him while he worked on LDS project themes. He also talked about his interaction with several Presidents of the Church and their requests to have monuments. He shared with us how he was able to acquire the detailed measurements of Joseph Smith’s head in order to create what he feels is a near likeness of him. He showed several of his early renditions of the Prophet Joseph Smith. Bawden also showed a copy of the death mask of Joseph Smith and Brigham Young. He also related some of his flashes of inspiration regarding the creation of some projects. Selected small size Bawden statues were used as center pieces on the dinner tables (below).

ATTENTION CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

November and December is gift-giving time. A perfect gift for married children, or other family members and friends of SUP members is a subscription to the *Pioneer Magazine*! Please make a major push at your November and December chapter meetings for gift subscriptions. You may duplicate the subscription form attached to this issue of the *Trail Marker*.

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FINAL PUSH ON DIAMOND JUBILEE FUND.

Thanks to a strong response to the August letter, our Diamond Jubilee goal is just **\$9,000 short**. We encourage those members who have not yet contributed to send in a donation before year-end so that we can put the fund **over the top**. Several members have sent us a second donation. **THANK YOU**. Every dollar is important.

FALL MEMBERSHIP DRIVES ARE CRITICAL.

Our 2009 budget projects **300** new members or **7** per chapter for the 2009 year. In order to reach this goal, obtaining new members this fall is **very important**. You can offer the new member **more than a year** of membership and can include him and his wife in all of the winter and spring chapter activities. Chapter Presidents, see that the Treasurer and Membership Chairman get the new member completed forms into the National Office **immediately**. If any of your members are responsible for multiple recruits, let the National Office know so that a **Recruiter Award** can be given to that person.

NAMES, ADDRESSES, EMAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED FOR NEW CHAPTER BOARDS. Please send all board information to Ron Van Leuven, our Executive Manager, as soon as possible. Even if the Board is still not completely organized, send

him what you have and update the list as you can. If you have a chapter address list that includes email addresses, send those to us as well. They may be emailed to SUP-ExMgr@comcast.net or rvanleuven@comcast.net.

CHAPTER NEWS — By Louis Pickett
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BRIGHAM YOUNG (Provo, Utah) The October 16th dinner meeting featured **Dr. Arturo**



De Hoyos (above) as the guest speaker. Dr. De Hoyos was born in Mexico and came to the BYU for his studies after completing his LDS mission. He received his PhD. From Michigan State University in 1959. His career has been in teaching and he has been especially sensitive to the need for educational opportunities for Hispanic people. He spent seven years in Mexico organizing High Schools and has organized a GED program in Utah. Seeing a need to help those who come to the U.S. after having had some college training but not completing a degree, he has organized **Universidad Hispana** in Provo, Utah in order to serve the higher educational needs of that population. The **Provo Pioneer Village** is going through major changes.

A new fence is being installed. It will add to the beauty of the village and will also expand the space. The first major project will be the restoration of the 1853 Turner cabin in the Village. The building requires new logs, a new roof, and other upgrades.

CEDAR CITY (Cedar City, Utah) On August 30, 2008, Cedar City unveiled a statue honoring **Francis Webster**, an early leader and pioneer in **Cedar City**. The unveiling was preceded by a luncheon and a program where **Dr. Wayne K. Hinton**, professor emeriti of history at Southern Utah University and **president elect** of the Cedar City Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers gave the keynote address to over 600 assembled guests. The Cedar City Chapter donated \$200 toward the statue and chapter members also made individual contributions to the statue committee. Francis Webster joined the church in England and immigrated with his wife to America in 1856. They survived the Martin Handcart troubles and moved to Cedar City almost immediately. He served in several governmental positions and became a prominent business leader and leader in the building program for what now is the Southern Utah University. He was also a church leader as a counselor in both a bishopric and a stake presidency. The beautiful statue was created by artist Jerry Anderson and stands on the west side of Cedar City Main Street, 95 North Main.

CENTERVILLE (Centerville, Utah) Dr. Richard Sadler, Professor of History from Weber State University, was the featured speaker at the October chapter meeting. He gave the group a delightful and stimulating review of Utah history leading up to the summer of 1858, when Johnson's army passed through Salt Lake City. There were no mishaps or problems after having endured a yearlong difficult trip from the East. It was the intent of the chapter to take a one-day trek on October 11th to see many of the sites along the army's route. The inclement weather on that date caused the trek to be postponed to a later time.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE (Southwest Salt Lake Valley) A policy change at the West Jordan

Community Center required the chapter to go looking for a new place to meet. After exhaustive searching it was decided that the new location would be the national office building. Those who attended the October dinner meeting seemed pleased with the new location with the exception of the greater distance to travel. **Jeff Johnson**,



(above) who spoke at the Richfield convention, was the guest speaker for the meeting. His subject was the **“Joseph Smith Papers”**. The presentation was well done, with visual illustrations of the scope of the project, where it is at this time and the expected schedule of publication.

LEHI (Lehi, Utah) A large number of the chapter members participated in a very informative and enjoyable trek in September to **Martin's Cove, Rocky Ridge and Rock Creek Hollow**. This is a very popular youth group activity where they have an opportunity to pull handcarts and experience a little of what it was



like to be a pioneer. Five members and three wives (bottom of previous page) attended and enjoyed the National Convention in Richfield. Another activity of the chapter is to take a mini trek in a section of Lehi where **Carl Mellor** points out **historic homes**. Carl has made quite a study of these homes and can tell who the early owners and residents were.

MAPLE MOUNTAIN (Mapleton, Utah) The September chapter meeting was the convention in Richfield. There were a total of 11 participants from the chapter in attendance at the meetings. A highlight of that event for the chapter was the presentation of the **Modern Day Pioneer award to Jay Smith** (below-right), presented by chapter



president **LaMar Adams** (above-left). For the past year Jay has been serving as Past National President. He is a member of the Maple Mountain chapter and was very instrumental in it's creation. He also helped to spawn several other chapters during the course of his service as National President Elect, President and Past President. Along with the award Jay was given a **"History of Springville, Vol. 1"** written by Jim Jeffers. While at Richfield the chapter members went on a personalized tour of the area, visiting and seeing things of unique interest to members of the group.

MILLS (Southeast SLC, Utah) **Kay and Jaci Smith** hosted the October dinner meeting for the November 2008

chapter and arranged to have as the speaker **Robert S. Wood of the Second Quorum of the Seventy**. Brother Wood is frequently invited to lecture at many national and international universities and has authored numerous books and articles on executive development, international affairs and national security policy. His remarks were very timely as he spoke on current economics and how the economy of the United States relates to the world economy. He gave wise counsel that we should listen to the advise of church leaders. Signs of the times suggest strongly that we need to be prepared – physically and spiritually. **Vocalist Mary Ann Mabey** provided music for the evening.

OGDEN PIONEER (Ogden, Utah) Long time chapter board member and former Area Vice President on the National Board, **Wilson Hales**, received commendation from the chapter for again producing an outstanding chapter directory, complete with pictures of each member. **Paul Bott** introduced 21st Century Pioneers, **E. LaMar Buckner** and **Dr. M. Paul Southwick**. Both of these gentlemen served in the military during WW II, LaMar as a pilot and Paul as a doctor. LaMar has served as the Ogden Temple President and President of the California Sacramento Mission. Paul has had many church callings including bishop and high councilman. He is now on a Service Mission as Medical Consultant to the L.D.S. Missionary Department.

PIONEER HERITAGE (Southeast S.L.C.) The



October dinner meeting featured **Eileen Hallet Stone** (left) as the guest speaker. She is a prominent historian and author with the Utah Humanities

Council. Her presentation included stories from Utah's Jewish pioneers and families. They have had roles of politicians, farmers, merchants, soldiers etc. Some have been Holocaust survivors. Her program and presentation is designed to promote understanding of the rich Jewish history in Utah as well as the importance and value of diversity. The chapter recognized **three new life members** this month: **Sterling Clark, Earl Cutler and Ralph Pollei.**

TAYLORSVILLE - BENNION

(Taylorsville/Bennion, Utah) The chapter held a very successful trek to some of the museums in Tooele county in September. Their itinerary included a stop at the **Donner-Reed** museum in Grantsville (below) where they saw many



artifacts from that area and era. The next stop was at the **Deseret Peaks** complex and the **Miller Motorsports Park**. There the group was given a personalized tour of the facility and the Miller car collection museum (below). After



lunch the tour continued to Tooele where visits were made to the museums of both the Sons and the Daughters of Utah Pioneers. The chapter

thanks the Twenty Wells and the Settlement Canyon chapters for arranging the tours.

TEMPLE FORK (Logan, Utah) The chapter enjoyed a trek to Salt Lake City on October 27th. Places visited were the newly renovated state



capital building (above) and the recently dedicated S.U.P. monument at the "This is the Place Heritage Park" At the capital the group was informed about the isolators, which have been placed under the building. They will allow it to shift two feet in any direction in an earthquake. The group toured throughout the building including the basement, the Hall of Governors, the Gold Room / Reception Room, the Governor's Suite, the Senate and the House Chambers and the Rotunda. At the "park" they viewed the new "Eyes Westward" monument and other monuments in the area.

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY (Rexburg, Idaho) Following the meal at the September 18th meeting of the chapter, **Harvey Jackman**, who serves with both the Sons of the Utah Pioneers and the Upper Snake River Historical Society, presented a service and historians of the year award to **Alyn and Gloria Andrus** for their service to both organizations. Harvey then introduced **Jerry Glenn** as the speaker. Jerry shared some of his experiences serving in the Church History Library and soon-to-be-completed new library. Some of his work involved doing research for and with General Authorities. Two current projects going on at the library have to do with the Joseph Smith papers and the Mormon Trails database.

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