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Dear SUP Associates:

What a spectacular year we've had together! Here are some of the images we've captured of wonderful SUP commemorations that preserved pioneer heritage, honored modern pioneers and taught tomorrow's pioneers:



Left: Area Vice President Meeting at the Heber National Convention.

Right: Elder Marlin K. Jensen, LDS Church Historian and life member, addresses the 2006 National Convention.



Left: Grant and Marilyn Barton with Salt Lake Mayor Rocky Anderson at Days of '47 Parade.

Right: SUP member Ray Barton, winner of Pioneers of Progress Award, flanked by Days of '47 Royalty.



Left : Area Vice President Doug Loosley at dedication of monument in Richfield Utah.

Right: Elder Merrill J. Bateman spoke at the SUP Sunrise Service.



Below: Performance of SUP-commissioned Symphonic work “Fresh Courage Take”



The Lord is truly blessing the work of the Sons of Utah Pioneers! I love serving with you any way I can.

At this hallowed season, we pause to give reverence to the **Son of the Highest**. The enormity of His life and mission are somewhat encapsulated in over **100 NAME-TITLES** for the **Savior**. Among which are **Jesus** (Hebrew “Yeshua”, meaning Jehovah saves), **Advocate with the Father** (One who pleads for another), **Counselor** (“He counsels in wisdom” Alma 29:8), **The Everlasting Father** (meaning Father of the Faithful, who are His sons and daughters), **Emmanuel** (“God with us”), **Messiah** (The Anointed One”, referring to His foreordination before the world was), **The Creator** (of entire galaxies) “**The Great “I AM”** (Self-existing one). The list goes on, to name but a few of His wondrous name-titles: **King of Kings, Prince of Peace, Jehovah, Savior, Redeemer, Light and Life of the World, Rock of Heaven, Lamb of God, Alpha and Omega, Firstborn, Only-Begotten, Man of Holiness, The Mighty God, Son of David, Son of Man, Second Comforter, Lord and Master**.

We reverence Him. We worship Him. We are awed by His condescending to be born a helpless baby

May His peace rest with you this season and always.

Grant E. Barton

NATIONAL NEWS

SUP Membership Tops 2006 Members!!

The total SUP membership as of **November 30** was **2,036** topping the goal of 2,006 that was established at the beginning of the year. Since June 30, there have been **62** reinstated **67** new Annual members. In addition, there have been **10 new** Life members and **15 converted** Life members. The new **Maple Mountain** chapter in Mapleton started with 13 members, 9 Annual and 4 Life, with an expectation of many more in the months ahead. We encourage all chapters to actively recruit new members, the life-blood of our organization. Several new chapters are being promoted by Area Vice Presidents and existing chapters for 2007.

2007 Dues Should be Remitted by December 31!! The Bylaws approved in 2005 require chapters to **remit their dues when collected**. As of November 30, only **seven** chapters have sent in their 2007 dues. We congratulate **Lehi** with **48%**, **Brigham Young** with **41%** and **Eagle Rock** with **33%** of their annual dues remitted. We hope each chapter has established a procedure for collecting the dues and urge each Chapter President to make sure that the **Treasurer** has remitted the collections. Our goal is **30%** of all dues remitted by **December 31**. As of November 30, only **13%** of the 2007 dues has been received.

Third Quarter Award Report Past Due

The new Chapter Awards Program requires a **quarterly report** from each Chapter. Forms were sent for the Third and Fourth Quarter in September. The **Third Quarterly Report** was due by November 15. Please make sure your report is in. If you did not receive the new forms, please contact **Ron Van Leuven**, our Executive Manager, who will be gathering the Awards Data.

Pioneer Game, Settling Zion, Still Available. If you or your Chapter members are still looking for a good family **Christmas gift**, the SUP sponsored board game, **Settling Zion**, could be your answer. Filled with **historic facts** and **exciting construction strategy**, the game is played on a board with the map of Utah. Players compete to build branches, wards, and stakes so they can obtain resources to help build the **transcontinental railroad, construct the temples, and reduce the Church debt**. Blessing cards are obtained as these activities are completed. The player with the most blessing cards at the end is the winner of the Settling Zion experience. Help your family experience the **simulated thrill** of Settling Zion and assisting in the growth of the Church. Discount price is **\$24.95**, taxes and shipping included. Orders should be sent to **Zions Games, 1194 So. Main, Springville, Utah 84663**, or by telephoning **801-489-3845**.

DON'T MISS THE PIONEER MAGAZINE TWO YEARS FOR THE PRICE OF ONE SALE Just a few more days to send gift subscriptions to your friends and family with the special two years for the price of one. You will be able to give a Christmas gift that will be enjoyed by those you love every three months for two years. All for just \$15. The special promotion ends December 31. Remember, the chapter who has the most gift subscriptions based on their membership number receives a special premium of a beautiful wood gavel. Orders may be sent to the NSSUP headquarters, 3301 East 2920 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84109, by telephone 888-827-2746. Payment may be made by either VISA or MASTERCARD.

NATIONAL OFFICERS PARTY

Over 70 attended the annual SUP party for national SUP officers and their guests. National officers included Area Vice Presidents, Program Directors, former National Presidents, and the Pioneer Magazine Publisher. Special Guests included Sheryl Ward (Pioneer Magazine Advertising Specialist) and Susan Lofgren (Pioneer Magazine Editor), both of whom received a dozen roses from Pioneer Magazine Publisher Kent Lott, as did Stephanie Turner (Administrative Assistant who handles magazine subscriptions and data bases).

2007 National Officers were sworn in by 2006 President Grant Barton. President and Past President pins were given to 2007 President Jay Smith and 2006 President



Grant Barton. Jay also presented Grant with a statue of Joseph Smith and Brigham Young

called "Eyes West" (shown above). Music was furnished by the Mountainland Singers (shown below) and by a instrumental trio of



President Barton, his father and former National President, Ray Barton, and his sister, Helen Peterson.

President Barton noted that those present:

- Had a total of 117 years of national SUP experience
- Had a total of 108 years of Chapter leadership experience
- Included 15 Life members
- Had compiled 19 personal histories and 58 Pioneer Ancestor histories.



OUTSTANDING CHAPTER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

(You may consider these speakers & musicians in planning your 2007 program)

SQUAW PEAK CHAPTER

- Meeting at **Tahitian Noni Building (Free!)** Dec 20 6:30 Speaker: **George D. Durrant** (Former mission, MTC and Stake President, written 20 books, former Church **Director of Priesthood Genealogy**). President: Sherman Cloward.

NEW MAPLE MOUNTAIN CHAPTER

- The just-formed chapter had **Forty members** and potential members and spouses attend first dinner meeting at Prestwich Farms in Spanish Fork. Speaker: **Buddy Youngreen** portrayed the beautiful **Love Story of the Prophet Joseph Smith and Emma**. The new chapter draws

from Mapleton, Springville and Spanish Fork.

SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER

- Meeting with Twin Peaks Chapter in December at **historic SL Tenth Ward** (featured in current Pioneer magazine) **A guest's first visit is FREE!!** Music: Woods Cross High School Madrigals.
- Newly elected President LaVon Day. Vignettes of Pioneer Ancestors presented at each meeting. Chapter **Trekking to Ibapa**. Nov Speaker, **Francis Gibbons**, told of humorous and interesting incidents as former **Executive Secretary to four First Presidencies**.

MILLS CHAPTER

- December Program: **Utah Chamber Artists – 40 singers and 40 member orchestra!** Hosts for the evening: Frank and Connie Madsen.
- November Speaker: **Dr. Royal Skousen** spoke on **Uncovering the original text of the Book of Mormon**. Singer **Marianne Mabey** (Shenandoa, Bewitched and Bewildered). 2006 speakers included **Chris Hicks** (Deseret News film critic), **LeRoy Wirthlin** (Surgery on Joseph Smith's leg) and **Grant Barton** (Valiant Ancestors in Pioneer History)

MORGAN CHAPTER

- **Three new Life Members!** Vern Young, Vaughn Larson, Jerry Peterson,
- December lunch meeting/party to **exchange white elephants**.
- Chapter member Richard Ordyna made application and received a **\$500 grant** from Allstate Foundation to erect a **monument to Lot Smith**,

who harassed Johnson's Army. Chapter members Richard Slate and Jim McFarlane are heading construction.

TAYLORSVILLE-BENNION CHAPTER

- December Meeting: **Jordanelle Reception Center**. Music: **Taylorsville Madrigals**
- November: Toured **Utah State Archives** (Rio Grande RR Terminal Bldg, SLC)
- President-Elect Larry Brown

PIONEER CHAPTER

- **Luncheon meeting at the Lion House**. Music by acclaimed **opera, concert and recording artist George Dyer** and **pianist Lawrence Gee**.
- 2007 Elected President **Jerry Higginson**
- January meeting in **Joseph Smith Memorial Building**

CANYON RIM CHAPTER

- New President Gary Bowen – former AVP (From the frying pan into the fire?)
- December musical program: **Skyline Madrigals**

LEHI CHAPTER

- November: Wes & Lois Killpack presented four books of ancestral family stories (a 15 year project), after which Wes joined the SUP with a **LIFE membership!!**

HURRICANE VALLEY CHAPTER

- December: Musical program. Place: **Hurricane Utah Stake Center**. Guests served at **no cost**. New president Antone Bringhurst
- November: Jolene Allphin, **author of Tell My Story Too**. Topic:

Martin & Willie Handcart
Companies.

**LOOKING BACK: From the Sept-Oct 1936
Pioneer Magazine:**

- Advertisements for Maurice Anderson's Men's shop in the Hotel Utah (Remember?) and for a facsimile of the Gold Plates (for 75 cents!)
- An address by David Moffat (Utah Supreme Court Justice) at the SUP Luncheon Club meeting at the Lion House. One quote: "The pioneer was not an egoist. He lost so many battles with his environment that his victories were tempered with a simplicity and touch of human heartedness that amidst a kindly humility he yet had a rebound as strong as the whip of a steel spring."

Send your Chapter News & photos to Grant E. Barton at the SUP National Bldg: 3301 E. 2920 So, SLC 84109 or to grantebarton@yahoo.com

HOLIDAY SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST

- **Objective:** Chapter members give gift subscriptions to the Pioneer Magazine
- **Prizes:** Handsome hardwood gavels, presented to Chapter Presidents of the two winning chapters. Inscribed with SUP, the Chapter name, and the Chapter President. (Chapter Presidents may keep as a souvenir when their terms as president is over!)
- **Rules:** Winning Chapters will give the most subscriptions PER CHAPTER MEMBER during October, November and December. (All sizes of chapters will compete equally). Let's go for at least TWO subscriptions per member! The winning chapters will receive their officers' or members' picture in the Pioneer Magazine!