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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I have reviewed the mission statement of the National Sons of Utah Pioneers, I've been impressed with the careful thought and selection words which have been used. The statement is as follows:

- ◆ **Preserve the memory and heritage of the early pioneers of the Utah Territory. We honor the pioneers for:**
 - their faith in God
 - devotion to family
 - loyalty to church and country
 - hard work and service to others
 - courage in adversity
 - personal integrity, and
 - unyielding determination.
- ◆ **Honor present-day pioneers worldwide**
 - in many walks of life,
 - who exemplify these same qualities of character.
- ◆ **Teach these same qualities to the youth who will be tomorrow's pioneers.**

Local chapters are to be commended on their efforts to “preserve the memory and heritage of the early pioneers”. The SUP provides a forum for preserving the heritage of the pioneers, by erecting monuments and markers; by preparing and sharing pioneer stories and biographies, memorializing pioneers, promoting the *Pioneer* magazine with family members and friends; by going on treks, attending conventions and symposiums, listening to monthly or bi-monthly presentations at chapter meetings and recruiting new members. Our culture can be greatly enriched with these activities. These become the golden threads which link us to our past. Your involvement in these activities can help to preserve the memory and heritage of your pioneer ancestors.

Review the *Trail Marker*© each month to see what chapters are doing to promote pioneer heritage. Be sure to submit a note relative to your chapter activities so they can be published in the *Trail Marker*. Thanks so much for your service in the Sons of Utah Pioneers!



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NATIONAL NEWS

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At the February 10 National Board of Directors meeting several items on the agenda should be of interest to the membership as a whole:

1. Great emphasis is being placed on establishing an e-mail address for each member. If you don't have one you could use a family member's. This would take some of the burden off from AVPs and chapter Presidents in getting important information into the hands of the individual member.
2. Reports on the total membership and the Pioneer Magazine subscription numbers emphasize the importance of every member's efforts to get new members and to get new subscriptions for our outstanding magazine.
3. Members are encouraged to take advantage of the great amount of information available on our web site as well as the opportunity to submit "Pioneer Stories". Judging from the large number of "hits" being made on our site, it would appear more than just members are finding interest and value in this well-created and informative site.
4. Due to the current financial situation in our nation and the world, special concerns for SUP's funds are noted. The Executive Committee submitted a by-laws add-on that would identify the makeup of a Finance Committee and their responsibilities. The committee would consist of the Treasure (as Chairman), the Executive Committee, The Chair of the Magazine Committee, a member at large (as determined by the Executive Council and the Executive Manager as an ad-hoc member.

The committee should meet as frequently as deemed necessary by the Treasurer but at least quarterly. They should review the monthly operating reports, the quarterly investment reports and make recommendations to the Executive Council

on matters relating to the financial operations of the National Society.

The Executive Council has the responsibility of establishing the "Investment Policy" that is to be followed by the Finance Committee.

This by-laws addition will be voted on at the March Board of Director meeting and would become Sec. 5.a of Article V, Section 5.

5. An interesting proposal was suggested and discussed that would replace the January Officers Training with a Chapter Leadership Training session on Thursday of the National Convention. This would require chapters to have their boards composed 3-4 months in advance but would make it possible for the chapters new officers to "hit the road running" in January. It would also encourage attendance at the Annual Convention although it would not be mandatory for an attendee to be registered for the whole convention. The members are invited to submit thoughts on any of the above items to their AVP or directly to National.

NATIONAL TREK

Our National Director of Treks is encouraging anyone who is interested in the "**Hole In the Rock Adventure**" trek to make reservations as soon as possible. This is June 1-6 but, due to the necessity to make special arrangements (airplanes and river rafts); **reservations should be made by April 15**. Check out the SUP web site for the exciting details and itinerary of this unique trek as well as the reservation form.

CHAPTER NEWS

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BOX ELDER (Brigham City, Utah) The chapter **Constitution and By-Laws** were amended and updated at the February board meeting. Changes included: Updates to Board Member responsibilities and job descriptions, change of the definition of a "Quorum" of the board and aligning the chapter's membership requirements

with those of the national organization. It was previously announced that the chapter had taken on a project to construct a cabin for the **Christmas Village**. **Quin Parkinson** was asked to assist with this project and he has arranged for a donation of the necessary logs from the “**Yellowstone Logs Company**” of **Roberts, Idaho**. While there will still need to be donations from the chapter, this is a very significant donation for the cabin. The Box Elder chapter, as well as others, has made it a practice to include a Biographical Sketch in their chapter newsletter. This is a practice that is encouraged. Members should also be encouraged to write and submit such material to the SUP web-site.

BRIGHAM YOUNG (Provo, Utah) **Dr. Daniel C. Peterson** was the guest speaker for the chapter on February 19th. His Subject was “**Islam in Today’s World**”. After several years of study in Jerusalem and Cairo he earned his Ph.D. in Near Eastern Languages and Cultures from the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA). He is a professor of **Islamic Studies and Arabic at BYU**. He is the author of several books and numerous articles on Islamic and Latter-Day Saint topics. He has lectured across the United States, in Europe, Australia and New Zealand, and at various Islamic universities in the Near East and Asia. His report helped his listeners understand more about the beliefs and customs of the Islamic people.

CANYON RIM (Southeast Salt Lake City, Utah) The program for February was presented by chapter member, **Clive Romney**. His theme was “**Memorializing our Ancestors Through Art**”. Clive came across a book about one of his ancestors who grew up in the **colonies in Mexico** and later came to the Salt Lake City area and established, among other things, a savings and loan business. He was very successful in business and life and was charitable and concerned for his fellow men. As Clive read the story of this man he developed a quest to know more about his ancestors and to preserve their memory through the arts. He told stories of some of his forbearers and then sang original songs that told their story. Clive gave several suggestions of how we can use art to

memorialize those we wish to remember and honor.

CEDAR CITY (Cedar City, Utah) The chapter honored the wives of members at a special **Valentines dinner** in February. Entertainment was by the “**Hope Choir**” from the **LDS Institute**. In addition to the beautiful singing, choir members gave inspirational remarks. Each wife present received a rose. There were also “**door prizes**” for the couple who had been married the longest, the most recently married, the ones with the most children, and the one who had some kind of anniversary on Valentines Day. That prize went to a couple who entered the MTC that date some years ago.

CENTERVILLE (Centerville, Utah) Members of the Centerville chapter were pleased to have **John K. Carmack** as the speaker at their February dinner meeting. **President Gordon B. Hinckley** instituted the **Perpetual Education Fund** five years ago and Brother Carmack was called, as it’s first director. This inspired program has blessed the lives of many members of the church, as they have been able to obtain skills and lift themselves to a higher standard of living. Brother Carmack reported that the program is funded with interest income from monies donated to the program. Much of the training that is funded has been technical training rather than general education. With the training many beneficiaries have obtained employment in rather high positions. Brother Carmack gave several examples.

GROVE CITY (Blackfoot, Idaho) During the last quarter of 2008 the chapter was busy on a project to disassemble and reassemble an **old cabin** from a **Blackfoot farm** to a small **Pioneer Village** in the **North Bingham County Park near Shelly, Idaho**. Many hours were spent in meetings with County Commissioners and parks officials to get permission to put the cabin in the park. There was also work with contractors and builders to get the cabin to the park and set up there. The project is not completed yet and will be ongoing this year. The lead sentence in an article from a local paper states: “After standing 150 years as a sentinel on Riverton Road, the late

1860s bunkhouse has been moved to the North Bingham County Historical Park near Shelley.”

HOLLADAY (Holladay, Utah) **Ron Knight and his wife** were the speakers at the February meeting. They had recently served in the Washington D.C. mission with responsibility to film the **Widow’s Pension’s** records from the **Civil War**. These records are of great value to the church for genealogy purposes. Of great interest was some of the letters from soldiers to their wives. There were some very ornate marriage certificates and other documents. Those responsible for the records were at first reluctant to release them to the missionaries for fear of what could happen to them if not properly handled. When they saw how careful and respectful the missionaries were of the materials they let them go right to work doing the photographing. The Knight’s had pictures of some of the work they did, including some of the fancy documents.

HURRICANE VALLEY (Hurricane, Utah) **Than and Sherrie Naegle** (below) were raised



in **Toquerville, Utah**, and have made a study of the history of the **Cotton Mission** in Washington County. They were the speakers at the February meeting. In the early days of the church it was necessary for the “Saints” to be self reliant, which included raising cotton for material to make clothing. **Brigham Young** sent church members to Utah’s Dixie to grow the cotton. He

took a lot of interest in this venture and sent materials needed to build a cotton gin. The Naegle’s reported on the struggles to make the mission a success. Because of the knowledge they have of their subject it was a very interesting and educational evening (below).



JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE (Southwest Salt Lake Valley) Chapter members learned a great



deal from the interesting guest speaker, **Fred Gowans**, (left) about what happened in the **Salt Lake Valley** and surrounding areas prior to the arrival of the Mormons. Obviously there had been tribes of

Native Americans. These had been warring with each other for many years. Some tribes had been involved in slave trading, as they stole children and traded them to the **Mexicans** who in turn brought horses into the area. The **Mountain Men** had been in the area and had interacted with the Indians. **Government explorers**, such as **Freemont** had been in the area and had made maps and written reports of the area, which were available to **Brigham Young** prior to leaving the Mid-west. Pioneers traveling the **Oregon and California trail**, including the **Donner-Reed Party**, had an impact on the experience of the permanent settlers.

LITTLE SALT LAKE (Parowan, Utah) The guest speaker for January was **Donna Jean Mitchell** (below) who gave a very interesting history and description of the **Yankee Reservoir** including the original construction, various improvements and the necessary maintenance of the dam and the water channels leading to the reservoir. At the February meeting Glenn Halterman gave a report of the sheep industry in the Parowan Valley.

MAPLE MOUNTAIN (Mapleton, Utah) In January the chapter had the distinct pleasure of having **Frank Madsen** as the guest speaker. Frank served as **Executive Assistant to US Senator Orrin Hatch**. He became an unofficial representative of the LDS Church while in Washington. He rallied leaders in the **House and Senate** to save the **Jerusalem Center** from protesting orthodox Jews. He was in the right places at the right time to be an instrument in getting missionaries into countries behind the iron curtain. His presentation was a testimony that we are tools in the Lord's hands and that the Lord's work will go forth.

MESA (Mesa, Arizona) **Wally Burgess**, a former **Area Vice President from Arizona**, reports the death of **Kenyon Udall** on February 16th. Kenyon was the **Keynote speaker** at the **SUP National convention in Mesa in 2007**. Kenyon held many positions in the community and in the church, among which were **Stake President, Regional Representative and President of the Mesa Temple**. Wally first met Kenyon while they were on active duty in the **Philippines during WW II**, and because of their long time friendship, was able to arranged for him to speak at the convention.

MILLS (Southeast Salt Lake City, Utah) Chapter president, **Michael Bennett** and his wife, **Jan**, hosted the February meeting and arranged to have **Darwin John** (below, right,



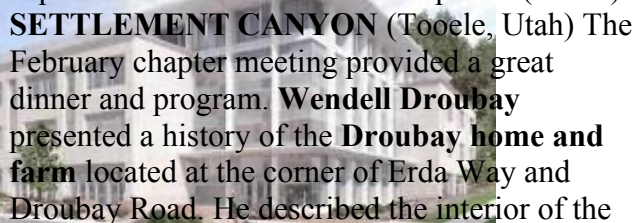
with Frank Madsen on left) as the program speaker. Darwin is the **Director of Information and Communications Systems for the LDS Church**. He spoke of the changes that have occurred in the improvement of communications and information within the church and to the community in general. Being from a rural setting in Northern Utah he learned as a youth the value of work and importance of values. He told the audience that each of us needs to be clear on what set of values in our lives we will follow. He emphasized that we should look to our roots and develop family and individual values. Music for the evening was a string quartet consisting of **Alex Knudson, Claire Sorenson, Calli Barton and Angela Caldwell**. **Area Vice President Caldwell** conducted the swearing in of the Mills Chapter 2009 Board. (below)

MOUNT NEBO (Spanish Fork, Utah) As reported in a previous *Trail Marker*, the DUP has a project to restore a pioneer cabin in Santaquin. The chapter is doing much of the manual labor. **Wes Morgan** is heading up this work for the chapter. Currently the logs are being chinked and preparation is going on to lay the floor. The project is scheduled to be completed by summer. At the February dinner meeting **Rhea "Ray" Glenn** warmed the group with some old pioneer songs. (He played his guitar and led the group in singing.) The guest speaker for the evening was **Jolene S. Allphin** (right, with Rhea Ray Glenn). Jolene is the author of "Tell My Story Too" and is one of the foremost experts on the handcart companies and their rescuers. Her presentation gave everyone present a greater appreciation of the members of those companies



and of their rescuers.

SALT LAKE PIONEER (Salt Lake City, Utah) **Brent Thompson, Director of Records Preservation for the Church History Department**, was the speaker for the February dinner meeting. His very interesting message included a history of the various buildings and locations where the church history has been housed. In the early days of the church in the Salt Lake Valley the location was a small, adobe building. Several moves have been made and the History Department is now housed in the East side of the ground level of the Church Office Building. The Department has never had a facility that provided adequate shelving, access, preservation, etc., along with temperature and humidity control. The new building will be completed early this summer and an open house is planned when the move is completed (below).



SETTLEMENT CANYON (Tooele, Utah) The February chapter meeting provided a great dinner and program. **Wendell Droubay** presented a history of the **Droubay home and farm** located at the corner of Erda Way and Droubay Road. He described the interior of the home and the period when the family ran a dairy in Tooele County. Entertainment for the evening was by **Wayne Jones**, who sang many old time favorite songs. All present enjoyed his selections and his remarkable voice.

TEMPE FORK (Logan, Utah) The January speaker for the chapter was **Dr. F. Ross Peterson** who is a noted historian, researcher, author, educator and administrator. He discussed the **History of Cache Valley**. People were in the valley only 50 years after the American Revolution. The main population in the 1820s was the fur trappers. Many of them were Native Americans and Blacks. Some of the first trappers were Jim Clayman, Jedidiah Smith, Jim Bridger and Hugh Glass. Cache Valley is one of the most well watered valleys in the west. In the fall of 1856 **Peter Maughan** came to the valley and formed a settlement called **Maughan's Fort** in the vicinity of present Wellsville.

THE MOUNTAIN VALLEY (Heber City, Utah) **The Sons and the Daughters of Utah Pioneers** met together and heard from **Dr. Grant Barton** who told of many of his experiences while serving as **National President of the SUP**. One experience of note was his involvement with the acquisition and dedication of the **"Eyes Westward"** monument which was placed and dedicated at the **This is the Place Heritage Park**. A major theme of Dr. Barton's message was the importance of sharing the stories of our ancestors. He emphasized that our heritage will only be remembered to the extent we take the time to write down the experiences of those that came before us. He challenged all present to submit at least one story about their ancestry to the SUP web site. (That challenge should apply to all of us.).

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