

Trail Marker

PIONEERING YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW
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Dear SUP Associates:

WHAT A GREAT CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL. We enjoyed meeting with so many chapter presidents and president-elects on April 21st. We presented Chapter awards to **five** Chapters for excellent **recruiting** over the past nine months, and to six chapters who completed **monuments** during the same period.



Your leaders also agreed on the following:

- Maintain names of couples serving couple **missions** on Chapter and National rolls. Chapters should notify National of their addresses for mailing the PIONEER.
- Develop **patches and banners** recognizing chapter achievement that can be displayed at chapter meetings. Also continue awarding **certificates**.
- 2008 will be celebrated throughout the SUP as our **75th birthday**. Planning is underway chaired by **Booth Maycock**, National President-Elect.

In the evening, a **Life Member Appreciation Dinner** honored over 100 Life Members and their guests. We also honored **six Modern Pioneers** during the two meetings. (See photos dispersed throughout this *Trail Marker*.)

MEMORIALIZE YOUR PIONEER ANCESTORS! As I have studied the 4-generation pedigree charts for my wife and myself, I am finding many pioneer ancestral names missing from the memorialization board at the National Building. Pioneer ancestors who crossed the plains or helped settle the Intermountain West before 1896 should be memorialized! So far this year, I have memorialized 27 names, many of whom are second or third wives. Before the year is over, I will probably have close to 100 more names on the boards. What a feeling of comfort this gives me. Please join me in making sure that all of our pioneer ancestors are remembered and honored in this way.

Many **scholarships and essay winners** are being honored in May. Thanks for all the great work you are doing in our Youth Programs and in so many other ways.

Jay M. Smith
2007 National President

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS COUNCIL AWARDS

At the Chapter President's Council, **five** chapters received awards for the excellent **recruiting** they have done over the past nine months, including converting annual members to life memberships. They were **Brigham Young, Hurricane Valley, Morgan, Salt Lake City, and Sevier Valley**. Six chapters were honored for completing **monuments** in the same time period. They were **Box Elder, Cotton Mission, Hole-in-the Rock, Ogden Pioneer, Sevier Valley, and Upper Snake River Valley**. Similar awards for the period July 1, 2006 to December 31, 2007 will be presented on **April 19, 2008**.



Elder Emmanuel Ohene Opare, with his wife Monica Opare from West Africa, received the "Modern Pioneer" award at the Life Member Banquet from Grant Barton of the National Executive Council on April 21st.

RENEWED EMPHASIS ON MEMORIALIZING PIONEER ANCESTORS

One of the ongoing pioneer heritage programs National is emphasizing this year is the **Pioneer Memorialization** program. Many Chapter members have not seen the boards and plaques honoring the pioneers who settled the mountain



valleys before Utah became a state. A picture of these memorialization boards is included (above)

that you can share with your chapter members. **The SUP website has a listing of all the names** that have been memorialized through December 2006, so a member can easily determine if his pioneer ancestors may already be there. (see [www.sonsofutahpioneers.org/Yesterday's Pioneers/Memorials](http://www.sonsofutahpioneers.org/Yesterday'sPioneers/Memorials)).

A **brief history should accompany** each pioneer ancestor memorialized. These histories become a wonderful resource for others in our SUP Historical Library. Forms to memorialize pioneer ancestors may be printed from the above website and sent to the National Office. The cost is much less than when the program first started: \$35 for the head of a family and \$15 for each spouse or child.



Ray and Janet Beckham are presented the Modern Pioneer award at the Chapter President's Council from President Jay Smith.

OUTSTANDING CHAPTER NEWS

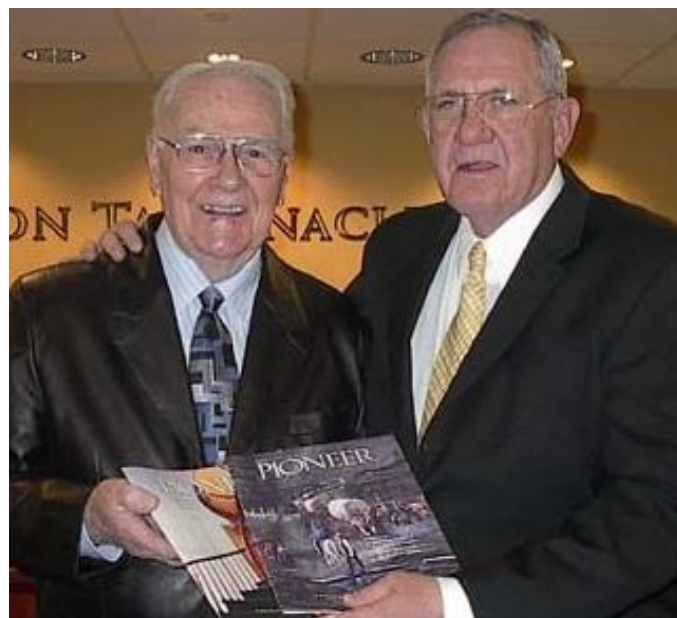
SETTLEMENT CANYON (Tooele, UT). Jim Kelsey spoke on **early Tooele pioneer** Eli Kelsey. Music was by Patricia Kelsey Graham. Board member Bevan & Elaine Wright arranged program.

PIONEER (Salt Lake City, UT). April topic: The Lion House: Its People and Their Stories.

The chapter presented Modern Pioneer award to Florence Jacobsen, former YWMIA General President and Church Curator. May: Annual **Fathers & Sons Lion House Luncheon**. Speaker Abraham Smoot V on the History of Sugarhouse,

including producing sugar from sugar beets. Also **two \$1,000 scholarships** awarded to Horizonte School graduates Liliana Figueroa and Gracia Hernandez. President Jerry Higginson requests **ALL SALT LAKE AREA SUP MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE SUP-SPONSORED SUNRISE SERVICE IN THE NEWLY-REFURBISHED SALT LAKE TABERNACLE ON JULY 24TH AT 7 A.M.**

CEDAR CITY (Cedar City, UT). Spring Trek on the **Old Spanish Trail** in Iron County with Tour Guide Alva Matheson (of the Old Spanish Trail Assn). Includes **petroglyphs, Indian mounds** and monuments. For the first time, a \$2,000 scholarship awarded to Southern Utah University. **Free Dutch oven dinner** by Ray and Karen Bentley. May Meeting: Member of the Cedar City Stake Presidency speaking on a pioneer ancestor. Original song performed about this ancestor.



Booth Maycock, National President-Elect presented copies of the PIONEER magazine to Mac Christensen, in behalf of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. 2007 medallions celebrating the 140th anniversary of the Tabernacle were also presented to Mac and two other Choir leaders.

TEMPLE FORK (South Jordan, UT). In their newsletter, Temple Fork highlighted chapter members Don and Joan Fullmer. Don retired as Lt. Col. from the Army (following assignments in **Korea, Vietnam and Germany**). He retired for the second time from Cache County School District. All their children live within 60 miles.

SALT LAKE CITY (Salt Lake City, UT). April: Speaker Rhett James, author of "The Man Who Knew." May: 2007 **Scholarship Awards Banquet at the Sheridan Hotel**. Speaker: Dr. Lorimer Christensen of the LDS Humanitarian Medical Program, who has been to many parts of the **world training doctors and nurses on neonatal resuscitation**. July 5th: Hosting the new Days of 47 Royalty. August 2nd: Dinner & Program at Sugarhouse Park. August 10th: Trek to Castle Dale Pageant. October: Trek to Memory Grove.



Bob Garff receives a "Modern Pioneer" award from Frank Madsen, Co-chair of the National Public Relations Committee.

OGDEN PIONEER (Ogden, UU) May Trek: Test fire a space shuttle motor and visit the Golden Spike National Site. The Chapter allotted \$2,000 to the Pioneer Essay Program and is awarding \$200 prizes for 7th grade winners and \$100 for 4th grade winners. **76 students wrote essays with 12 winners**. The Chapter also presented two "21st Century Pioneers" awards. April speakers George and Steve Handy. Topic: Detective History of the Mormon Migration from England.

BOUNTIFUL (Bountiful, UT). April speaker: Richard Bretzing, **FBI agent** in Detroit, New York and Los Angeles, and Manager of LDS Church Security. The chapter will provide a **free meal to serious candidates** for membership.

COTTON MISSION (St. George, UT). May: **Dedicated a monument** atop Southgate Hill. May trek: Jacob Hamblin home. July trek: Dugway Proving Grounds and the Salt Lake Tabernacle. In their newsletter, the Chapter highlighted Chapter

member Robert Paxton, playwright and actor, who wrote plays, including the outdoor musical drama **UTAH! Performed to over 200,000 people** at Tuacahn in Southern Utah.



John Anderson, former publisher of the Pioneer Magazine receives the Modern Pioneer award from current publisher Kent Lott.

MILLS (Salt Lake City, UT). April: Topic: History of the **Kennecott Copper Mine**. Speakers: Chantae Lessard and engineers from Kennecott. May: **Scholarship Awards to three** deserving Granger High School students.



Johanna and Stephen Kapp Perry performed two delightful pioneer musical numbers “Salt Lake City” and “I’ll Love Whatever’s Left of You” at the Life member banquet.

TAYLORSVILLE-BENNION (South Salt Lake UT) Chapter had its **30th birthday!** It was sponsored by the East Millcreek Chapter and had **31 charter members and their wives = 62 people**. April Speaker: Elder Erin Call, Emeritus Seventy, speaking on the eight Mexican Mormon Colonies. Entertainment Old Time Fiddlers.

LEHI (Lehi UT). April: Alvin Schow speaking on “Growing Up in Old Lehi”. May: Trek to **Antelope Island** June: Members ride the **Thanksgiving Point Trolley** at the Lehi Roundup. July: Speaker Howard Ault will show artifacts from Camp Floyd.

CANYON RIM AND SUGARHOUSE (Salt Lake City, UT). April: Speaker Mike Ramsdell, **secret agent** told stories from the USSR, contained in his book: “A Train to Potevka”. Modern Pioneer award presented to Rob Race, organizer of the commemoration of the first handcarts to enter the Salt Lake Valley, involving **500 participants pulling 100 handcarts 7 miles**.

Send Scholarship Pictures & Stories “Many chapters will be awarding college scholarships to “Tomorrows Pioneers,” who have demonstrated the great pioneer ideals and have overcome significant adversity in their lives. We would like to publish on the SUP website a brief biography and picture of each scholarship winner. Will chapters please forward this information promptly to Angus Belliston at 2714 North 880 East, Provo , Utah 84604 , or to angusjen@xmission.com “

“**Visit Your SUP Website!** (www.sonsof Utahpioneers.org) A popular feature is the extensive list of coming community events of historical interest. From the home page, click on Community and News, then on Events. If there is something else you think should be listed, let us know!”

Include Your Chapter in the TrailMarker! Send pictures, stories and Chapter Newsletters to GrantEBarton@yahoo.com

HOW TO MAKE SURE MY ANCESTORS ARE NOT FORGOTTEN:

Memorialize Them at the SUP Building!

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY PIONEER ANCESTORS HAVE BEEN MEMORIALIZED?

ANSWER:

- Go to www.sonsofusahpioneers.org, then click: Pioneers of the Past/Pioneer Memorials/ Arrived before 1869 or Arrived before 1896. Check the alphabetical listing for the names of your ancestors.

HOW DO I FIND OUT IF AN ANCESTOR CROSSED THE PLAINS?

ANSWER:

- Go to www.LDS.org, then click: About the Church/ Church History/ Mormon Pioneer Overland Travel. Then type in an ancestor's name. The alphabetical listing will give the names of your ancestors who crossed the plains, the company they traveled with, and the date they entered the valley.

HOW DO I MEMORIALIZE AN ANCESTOR?

ANSWER:

- Go to www.sonsofusahpioneers.org, then click Pioneers of the Past/Pioneer Memorials. Click where it says **CLICK HERE** and print the memorialization form. Fill out the form and send it to the National SUP office with a biography and the small fee.

HOW DO I WRITE A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY?

ANSWER:

- One of the key elements of memorializing a Mormon pioneer ancestor is that of preparing a brief biography to be submitted to the National Sons of Utah Pioneers library. To assist you to get source material for writing a pioneer biography, check the card catalog and filing cabinets of the SUP library to see if a biography already exists. You may also contact the Daughters of Utah Pioneers (801-532-6479 or www.dupinternational.org) who also have an extensive collection of pioneer biographies and will mail a biography to you for 25 cents a page.

When you check the name of your ancestor at www.LDS.org, references are listed to sources where you can find additional information. If you already have good source material, such as a pioneer journal, letters, etc., you may share this material on this web site as well. For more information, stay tuned to issues of the TrailMarker newsletter.

by Roger Flick, National Director of Pioneer Heritage
