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PIONEERING YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW
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Dear Friends,

We have recently completed our annual Chapter President's Council meeting and, from your responses, it was very successful. We had a wonderful turnout of Chapter Presidents, Presidents-elect, Directors, Area VPs, and wives. Many indicated they were greatly benefited from the exchange of ideas in the breakout sessions. There will be considerable follow-up from National to supplement what was covered.

The wives seemed to enjoy the program that was provided for them by Matt and Kelly Dahl of This Is The Place Heritage Park.

The luncheon filled the main hall almost to capacity as we enjoyed an excellent meal provided by Dil Strasser of the Sugar House chapter. We were captivated by the life experiences shared by our keynote speaker and prominent member, Frank Madsen. Several very special awards were presented to worthy recipients.

Our 75th Anniversary year is moving swiftly along. Although our donations for the Diamond Jubilee Fund are coming in quite well, we encourage those members and chapters who have not contributed yet to open your hearts and be part of this great program.

We are scheduling the placing and dedication of the "Eyes Westward" monument on July 19th. We hope you will mark this "red-letter" day on your calendar.

Another date to note is September 25, 26 & 27. That is our annual "Encampment" or "Convention" to be held in Richfield, Utah. This year we are inviting the Presidents-elect to come for a special training session Thursday afternoon. We hope our members will come "pack" the wonderful facilities our host chapter is providing for learning, eating, comradery and just plain enjoyment.

One last word – Chapter Presidents, please exert every effort to get your member dues in to National ASAP. This definitely relates to retention and your overall effort to build and strengthen your chapter membership.

Please check the website and Trail Marker for additional information concerning National and Chapter activities.

I sincerely encourage all of you to keep up your good work.

Booth Maycock
2008 National President



NATIONAL NEWS

APRIL CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL WELL ATTENDED. Over 100 chapter presidents, president-elects and their wives attended the April 19th meetings held at the National Headquarters Building.

Under the direction of the three members of the Executive Council, **separate break-out groups** (below) **discussed a wide assortment of issues**



dealing with the administration of chapter duties and relationship with the members.

Three presidents were selected to serve on the **Nominating Committee** for the 2009 President-Elect; **Ted Pierce, Holladay Chapter, Steve Heath, Cedar City Chapter, and Gene White, Settlement Canyon Chapter.** They will join with three **Past National Presidents, Grant Barton, Kent Lott, and Louis Pickett** to select two nominees who will be presented to the members at the Richfield Convention for voting. We encourage chapters and members to pass on recommendations for this important position to any of the Committee members. **Jay Smith, immediate Past National President,** is the chairman of this committee.



While the men met on the bottom floor (above), the wives moved to the main floor where they were treated to presentations by **Matt and Kelly Dahl** (next page) concerning the significant changes occurring at "This is the Place Heritage

Park”. Two docents from the park joined Matt and Kelly.



Matt and Kelly Dahl



Women’s session

The meetings were followed by a **delicious lunch** (below), an inspiring talk by **Frank**



Madsen, Public Relations Program Director, and several **presentations to individuals and chapters**. (See separate article on presentations). Over 130 individuals attended the luncheon. It was widely felt that the meetings served their purpose very well.

SPECIAL INDIVIDUAL AWARDS PRESENTED AT CHAPTER PRESIDENTS COUNCIL. The following individuals were recognized at the April 19 meeting and presented appropriate awards.

Modern Pioneer- Matt and Kelly Dahl (left) **Golden Pioneer- Frank Swallow and Kenneth Blair.** Both sons of men who arrived in Utah before the railroad in 1869. Only identified true living sons of actual pioneers.

National Distinguished Service Life Membership- Steve Ogden. Steve gave great service and financial assistance in the carpeting of the National SUP Library and Office.

2006-2007 CHAPTER AWARDS GIVEN. 138 chapter awards were presented in **seven focus areas** as part of the luncheon meeting at the Chapter Presidents Council. In addition to **certificates** for each award, **beautiful chapter banners** (below) were presented to each chapter



with the seven focus areas depicted in **colorful graphics** over columns where year strips can be attached. The year “2007” was included on the banners where awards were given for this past period. (See picture) The **Ogden Pioneer Chapter** was honored for being the only chapter who earned an award in each focus area.

The seven focus areas are (1) **membership**, (2) **treks**, (3) **pioneer heritage**, (4) **community service**, (5) **monuments**, (6) **chapter activity** and (7) **tomorrow’s pioneers**. The banners may be rolled compactly and transported to chapter



Nebo Chapter Banner

meetings where they can be displayed. This represents the first chapter awards given under the new Awards program initiated at the Heber City Convention in 2006, and covered the period from **July 1, 2006 to December 31, 2007.**

Minimum standards have been identified for 2008, and chapters are asked to submit **quarterly reports** to help determine award recipients. Annual award recognition will be made at **each April Chapter Presidents Council meeting.**

“Eyes Westward” Monument Update. The beautiful statue of **Joseph Smith and Brigham Young** gazing westward is being cast and assembled for a **July 2008** dedication. Two of three payments have already been made to the foundry from monies donated by members and chapters to the **Diamond Jubilee Monument and Building Improvement Fund.** Over **\$40,000** of the **\$75,000** goal has been reached. Presidents, please encourage your members to consider supporting this **Diamond Jubilee** fund drive. Chapters who contribute over **\$750** or who have **75%** or more of their members contributing will receive a **beautiful “patch”** that they can attach to their new banners. **Six chapters** received their patch at the Luncheon meeting. Others will be awarded as amounts are contributed. Individuals who contribute over **\$1,500** to the fund will receive a beautiful **12” replica of the monument** with an attached plaque that personally recognizes their contribution. **Four** of these small statues were

presented at the luncheon meeting.

2008 CHAPTER MONUMENT ACTIVITY. At least **three other monuments** are ready for **2008 dedication.**

On April 26, about 50 persons gathered on a windy afternoon at the Lehi smokestack (right) marking the location of the **Lehi Sugar Factory** to dedicate a monument with marker recognizing the significant contribution this **first successful sugar factory** in the Mountain West made to the **economy of Utah County.** The monument sponsor is the **“Lehi Chapter”.** This first beet sugar from this factory was produced in **October 1891** and spawned many other factories in Utah and Idaho operated by the Utah and Idaho Sugar Company.



Past National President, Jay Smith (left), and 2008 National President, Booth Maycock (right) at the Lehi Sugar Factory Monument Dedication.

On June 16, the **Bountiful Chapter** will host a dedication of the **Odell Mortenson** statue at This is the Place Historic Park. It will be located in the row of monuments already there, next to the **Handcart Family statue**.

Sometime in August, the **Sugarhouse Chapter** will host the dedication of a beautiful stone monument topped with a soaring eagle. The location of this marker is at the mouth of Emigration Canyon about 2 miles east of the This is the Place Heritage Park. Other monuments are being planned in Richfield.

2008 ANNUAL MEMBER DUES. Over **450 annual members** have still not remitted their dues for 2008. Presidents, **some of these dues** have been paid to your **treasurer**, but he has **not remitted** them to National. Would you **personally follow through** and make sure all collected dues have been sent to Headquarters. The rest of these dues **have not been paid by members**.

A list of unpaid chapter dues should have been given to you by your Area Vice President in March. We need to know the situation with **each member** on the list. We encourage **personal contact** with each one to make sure they are given the opportunity to **continue** their affiliation with the **Sons of Utah Pioneers** and to continue receiving the **valuable PIONEER** magazine. We remind you that **all chapter members** must be **registered as National members**, either **annual or life**. If we are to continue growing in strength, we **must retain** a greater number of our members.

A NEW SUP CHAPTER IN FILLMORE. The "**First Capital**" chapter was organized in **Fillmore, Utah** in March with a beginning enrollment of ten members including two transfers from the supporting **Sevier Valley Chapter**. We welcome this new chapter from the area of the **Territorial Capital of Utah in the mid 1850's**.

COMING EVENTS. You and your chapter members won't want to miss the **2008 SUP Convention** to be held in Richfield, Utah

September 25-27. Get your **registrations and motel reservations** in now. (See last page of the last **PIONEER** magazine.) This promises to be an outstanding convention. Mark your calendar for **November 1, 2008** as the date for the **2008 SUP Historical Symposium** to be held at the National Headquarters Building. Presentations will be made in the **afternoon** followed by an **evening dinner and speaker**. Details will soon be forthcoming.

INSPIRATIONAL STORIES NOW ONLINE. A long awaited program to capture **inspirational pioneer stories** on the Internet is now in place. Under the direction of the **Sons of Utah Pioneers**, **SUP members and nonmembers** alike may submit stories of their ancestors as well as stories about modern pioneers to the SUP website where they can be viewed by the general public.

Over **25** stories have been **submitted** so far. Up to **four pictures** can be submitted with each **1-10 page story**. We encourage all members, their family and friends to go to our website, **sonsofutahpioneers.org** and follow the clear instructions for submission.

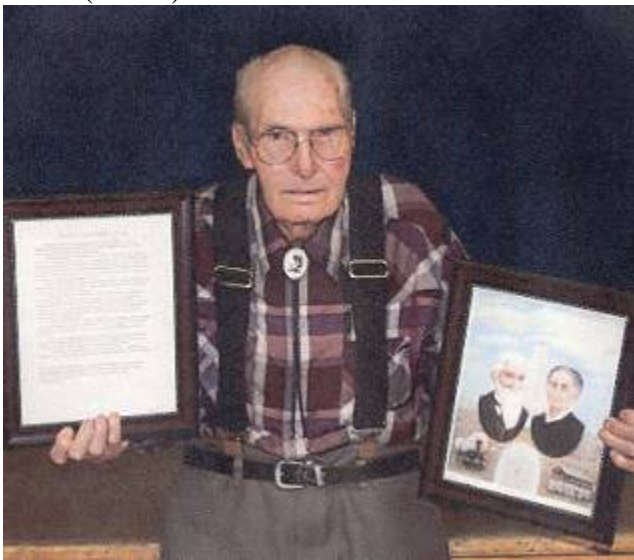
The site can also be searched by specific words to call up any story that includes that word. This will be a valuable tool for **researchers, families, speakers** etc. These stories are part of the "Pioneer Heritage" focus area identified as part of the Chapter Awards program, and a significant part of our Diamond Jubilee Year.

Chapter Presidents: Would you please vigorously encourage all chapter members to Submit short pioneer stories for publication on the SUP website and in our SUP library. Visit www.sonsofutahpioneers.org for details.

CHAPTER NEWS

SETTLEMENT CANYON (Tooele, UT) The annual cleanup of the **Pioneer Cemetery** is under way. This project will include weeding and planting flowers. It is nearing time that the museum will be opened for the season and the members are busy cleaning the building and the grounds. Longer hours will require more docents for the museum.

BOX ELDER (Brigham City, Utah) The history of Brigham City's Relief Society Granary was related at a recent chapter meeting by **Donald Pond** (below).



The granary is presently being restored by members of the chapter. At the conclusion of Mr. Pond's report he presented the chapter with framed copies of the Granary history and artwork taken from the cover of a book about **Harriet Snow, a wife of Lorenzo Snow**. She was directly involved in establishing the granary building in 1879. She served as the Brigham City Stake Relief Society President from 1872 to 1890. **Brigham Young sent Emmeline B. Wells** to Brigham City in 1876 to call Relief Society women to gather and store wheat, thus creating the need for the granary. The granary is listed on the "National Register of Historic Places". At the April 9th meeting of the chapter the "**Senior Swingers**" entertained the group. Former Chapter President, **Les Dunn** was among the musicians as the trumpet player. The music was familiar and appreciated by those in attendance.

MAPLE MOUNTAIN (Mapleton, UT) Last month the chapter enjoyed a great meeting with guest speaker **Roger B. Nielsen**, the author of "**Roll Call at Old Camp Floyd, Utah Territory**". He told of Johnston's army coming to Utah under orders from the U.S. government. Mormon settlers had orders to burn their own homes if the army did not continue beyond the City. Women and children were evacuated under direction from President Brigham Young. The army moved on south and west and camped at the site that became Camp Floyd. Roger brought and displayed artifacts he found at the site. Rifle slugs, buttons, and other metal objects such as gun parts, were in the displays. He also showed several guns typical of the period.

LEHI (Lehi, Utah) The chapter has a most impressive schedule planned for the remainder of the year. It includes: Dedication of the **Lehi Sugar Factory Monument** in April, a two day trek in May over a portion of the **Pony Express Trail** in western Utah, a trolley ride in the Lehi Roundup Grand Parade in June, a dinner meeting at the Robert Lott's Hardway Ranch in July, (A fund raiser for the "Eyes West" Monument), dinner meeting in August with talk on Martin's Cove, and a multiple day trek to **Martin's Cove and related historic sites in Wyoming**. In March **Valdeen Hadfield** (right) spoke to chapter members on the subject of the Pony Express.



This was very interesting and will help prepare members for the trek in May. Subjects he covered included: The reason for the Pony Express, the riders, their experiences, and its demise.

TEMPLE FORK (Logan, Utah) Dr. Gary Richardson gave a power point presentation concerning the history of Dairy Science

programs at Utah State University. He was a professor of Nutrition and Food Science in Microbiology at the University. He told the SUP audience that there was no test for grading milk in the early days. No one knew if the milk was all from cows or if water had been added. Later the Babcock test was developed which made the fat float so a volumetric measure of the butterfat could be taken. A Dairy Herd Improvement program was developed which gave information to farmers regarding the production record of each cow. With this information dairy herds could be improved by culling out poor producing cows and keeping calves from high producers. USU scientists have perfected a cheese-lactose-production technique that is now used throughout the world.

GROVE CITY (Blackfoot, ID) At a recent meeting of the chapter **Cal Murdock** (below)

presented the program and told of his life and love for the out-of-door. As early as his high school days he would spend summers in the mountains. He loved horses and would work with outfitters in the summer months and with hunters in the fall. At one time in his life he rode the length of the Smokey Mountains, the Grand Tetons, and the Canadian Rockies. He also canoed parts of the Lewis & Clark trail. He developed an interest in researching pioneer history and found a John Murdock. He learned of the Murdock twins who were given to Joseph and Emma Smith, also John Riggins Murdock, who was one of Brigham Young's "Down and Back Boys". He went back to Nauvoo five times and guided pioneers to Utah. Cal feels that his connection to the pioneer Murdock family gave him the love of the outdoors.



CANYON RIM & SUGARHOUSE (Northeast SL Valley and Sugarhouse, UT) In prior reports the Beehive chapter was joined with these two forming a triad. The Beehive chapter has now merged with Canyon Rim. At the April 24th meeting, the presenters were **Mike and Darcy Kennedy**. Even though Mike was born and raised in Cedar City, it was when he lived in Nevada that he was contacted by LDS missionaries and joined the church. He is now the only blood descendent of the Prophet Joseph Smith who holds the Melchizedek Priesthood. Mike is an executive producer of the new film, "**Emma Smith, My Story**". He talked about the production of that movie. In May the twin chapters plan a trek to the Hale Theater to see "Annie Get Your Gun".

BOUNTIFUL (Bountiful, UT) The April meeting of the chapter featured **Dr. Ric Hauk**, founder of the Archeological-Environmental Research Corporation. Dr. Hauk discussed his work on **Book of Mormon evidences in Central America**. He is now in the process of expanding his research in Guatemala and is awaiting government approval to begin extensive excavation and exploration into possible Book of Mormon sites. He hopes to start the work this month. Music for the evening was by the "Harmonix".

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE (Southwest Salt Lake County) Guest speaker for the April



chapter meeting was **David Gotberg** (left) who has worked as a rehab missionary at the Utah State Penitentiary and at the Detention Center. Having overcome some personal feelings of

inferiority as a youth, and having served as an LDS bishop, has made him sensitive to the feelings and needs of those he works with. His presentation made the group more aware of challenges that many in our society face and that there are successes in lifting people up to a spiritual and productive life. The chapter has plans for a trek in early May to the Railroad museum in Ogden and the Hill Field Air Museum.

OGDEN PIONEER (Ogden, UT) Recent meetings of the chapter have featured **President Gordon Watts** of the Ogden Temple and **Marlin K. Jensen**, the Historian Recorder for the church. President Watts spoke of some of his ancestors and the part they played in the “building of the kingdom” and the building of the temples. Several of his ancestors gave all they had to be able to receive the temple ordinances. He emphasized that the church is not complete without the temples and the ordinances performed there. In addition to a message from Brother Jensen at the April meeting, Larry Blanch, the chapter Scholarship/Essay Chairman, introduced this year’s contest winners and they were given time to read their reports.

HURRICANE VALLEY (Hurricane UT) April 23rd was recognition night for 4th grade students who were **winners in the annual Essay Contest**. Fifteen students were invited, with their parents, the principal from each school and some teachers of the winning students. A few of the students were invited to read their report to the group.

SEVIER VALLEY (Richfield, UT) A presentation was made to the chapter by **Douglas L Barton** on the **development of broadcasting in Manti and Richfield**. Broadcasting began

with a small operation started when Doug was a student in middle school in Manti. He showed pictures of some of the early staff members from the mid 1940’s. The currently used transmittal antenna is the highest in the U.S. A new antenna, which is located on Mt. Edna, Southwest of Richfield, and which will go on line this summer will be the highest in the world. There is no electrical power to the antenna so it will be operated by diesel power. It will be a digital radio station and will have three channels.

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY (Rexburg, ID) At the most recent meeting of the chapter, a Power Point presentation was given by **Mr. Gail Cazier** (right).

Gail is the chapter genealogy and photos chairman. His report was on the status of a project to **photograph grave stones** in local cemeteries and then index the information which is then made available on the internet



along with the photos. Gail has devoted many hours to this project to take the pictures, edit and index them and make them available. The work has been completed on the Rexburg, Sugar City, Wilford Archer (Sutton), and the Teton/Newdale cemeteries. Work is underway on the Burton and Rigby cemeteries. The indexed photographs and information are available at

<http://abish.byui.edu/specialcollections/famhist/obit/searchform.cfm>

Chapter Presidents: Please ask your Tomorrow’s Pioneer Scholarship Chairman to forward to Angus Belliston brief biographies and pictures of the scholarship winners. We wish to publish these on the SUP website. (Send to angusjen@xmission.com or 2714 North 880 East, Provo 84604)