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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The month of May saw many accomplishments. The Bountiful Chapter is to be complemented on their recent preparation and dedication of a monument featuring Bodil Mortensen, a young nine year old girl who died while crossing the plains. The sculptor, Stan Watts', rendition of this young girl epitomizes the youth who not only gave their lives for the gospel, but for the young people of today. This can be viewed at, "This Is The Place Heritage Park", immediately west of the main visitor's center in Salt Lake City.

A dedication of the new Mud Wall Monument was also made on May 7th in Tooele by the Settlement Canyon Chapter. Many thanks to those who participated in the preparation of this monument.

Congratulations to graduates! On May 7th, the Salt Lake Chapter, under the direction of John Morgan, awarded over 125 SUP scholarships to graduating students from selected high schools in the Salt Lake valley. Donations were gathered from a variety of sources to make this possible.

The Sons of Utah Pioneers has become a co-sponsor with Utah Pioneer Heritage Arts (UPHA), "a non-profit organization which preserves and celebrates Utah pioneer heritage by creating artistic, educational and entertainment programs and events embodying people and stories from Utah's pioneer era, (1847-1869)". This is done through demonstration of arts such as pioneer dances, music, paintings, poetry, quilting, sculpturing, songwriting, storytelling drama, etc. Clive Romney, Executive Director of UPHA, works with a Board of Trustees and staff to implement programs in schools and public activities. Their newsletter, the *Artisan*, sets forth their activities, past and present; also see www.upharts.org.

We recently re-formed the finance committee of SUP and have switched most of your/our investments to another financial institution in Salt Lake City. We feel good about the new finance committee and feel we need to enhance our investments by using different financial strategies. John Smith, SUP Treasurer, is the new Chair of the Finance Committee.

Now that summer is here we look forward to our July 24th celebrations. The SUP will be sponsoring a pioneer dance known as Brigham's Ball at the Bowery, located at "This Is The Place Heritage Park" on July 25th. We invite you, your family and friends to plan on attending this. We will be sending out more information soon.

The registration form for the 2009 National Convention in Ogden is now available in the *Pioneer* magazine. Sign up early in order to reserve a spot on your desired tour.

Thanks so much for all you do to support the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Your volunteer service is much appreciated to help preserve the heritage of the pioneers.

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NATIONAL NEWS

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BRIGHAM'S BALL

The Days of '47 celebration will have a fitting climax this year. On Saturday evening, July 25, the first annual Brigham's Ball will be held in the Bowery at This is the Place Heritage Park. Music will be provided by Clive Romney's Pioneer Band. There will be appropriate pioneer entertainment between dance sets as well as Rhubarb Punch and Brigham's Donuts. Pioneer dress is encouraged. This event is jointly sponsored by S.U.P., D.U.P. and the Brigham Young Family Organization with the encouragement of the Days of '47 Committee and This is the Place Park people.

NEW EXPANDED WEB SITE

As previously announced, our web site will not only have a new look but will contain much more information. In line with this we are asking all chapters to give us updates on their meeting times, place to meet and meal particulars. This information will be posted for the benefit of possible visitors.

We would appreciate it if all chapters would advise us of the recipients of college scholarships with pictures, if available, and a short summary of the qualifications met by these recipients. This information should be sent to Angus Belliston, 2714 North 880 East, Provo, Utah, 84604 or email angusjen@xmission.com. This information will also be placed on the web site.

OGDEN TO HOST ANNUAL MEETING

On the back cover of the current issue of the Pioneer Magazine is the schedule and reservation form for the 2009 Annual meeting on September 17, 18 and 19. The host chapter, Ogden Pioneer, has worked long and hard to assure that the facilities and planned activities will support one of the greatest meetings ever. Mark your calendars but don't wait until the last minute to take action. We expect the attendance to be record-breaking.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER

The Provo Brigham Young Chapter has been revitalizing the **Pioneer Village** located in the North Park (550 North 500 West) of Provo. Two upcoming activities at the Pioneer Village in June include:

- **CRAFT FAIR on Saturday, June 13** from 10am – 2pm. There will be a flag raising ceremony at 10am followed by demonstrations of pioneer toys, weaving, spinning, firearms, quilting, and playing of the dulcimer.
- **ANTIQUE FAIR – APPRAISAL FAIR on Saturday, June 20** from 10am – 2pm. You can bring old things to be appraised. There will be a \$5 fee to have the first item appraised, thereafter \$2 for each additional item. Appraisals will not be made on guns, coins or stamps.

Bountiful Chapter Monument Dedication

On Saturday, May 23, 2009, the Bountiful Chapter Sons of Utah Pioneers dedicated a pioneer monument of **Bodil Mortensen** at "This Is The Place Heritage Park". Bodil was a nine year old child who walked in the Willie Handcart Company. She had been placed in charge of some of the younger children. As she returned from collecting sagebrush to burn she could go no further and froze to death. The monument was designed and created by Stan Watts, sculptor. Glen Davis offered an invocation, Paul Gates sang the music "Prayer of the Walking Child" by Dave Tinney. The remarks and dedicatory prayer was offered by Elder Earl Phippen (shown on left below with sculptor Stan Watts on right),



former Area Seventy and Life member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. After the dedication a dinner was served in the visitor's center. President Scott Lorimer (left) from the Riverton Wyoming Stake spoke about Bodil Mortensen. There was a very nice musical program by



Paul Gates and Ms. Paul (above). The monument service was well attended.



was good participation of members. It was a good day and a great trek.

CHAPTER NEWS

By Louis Pickett: louwill@utahbroadband.com

BOX ELDER (Brigham City, Utah) On April 13th the chapter conducted a very successful trek as they traveled to Salt Lake City in a hired bus and went on a tour of the **State Capital Building** (below). **From there they visited the This is**



the Place Heritage Park, including the new "Faces Westward" monument. There were 53 adults and three grandchildren participating. Of the 53 adults 28 were chapter members so there

BRIGHAM YOUNG (Provo, Utah) Elliott Cameron and his committee selected nine young people to receive \$1,000 scholarships to the college or university of their choice. Those receiving the scholarships were required to exemplify character traits of true pioneers – faith, courage, endurance, and family values. They had to demonstrate achievement in spite of significant disadvantages in their lives. They also were required to have a scholastic record indicating capability to succeed in college.

Jerald Bradshaw honored three students who were selected from their elementary schools for their outstanding pioneer essays. The students were **Ethan Albert Ostraff**, from the Edgemont Elementary school, **Kelli Pamela McCullough** from the Canyon Crest Elementary school and **Sally Monson** from the Wasatch Elementary School. In May the chapter had a catered dinner and the guest speaker was **Gayle Halverson, the "Berlin Candy Bomber"**.

CENTERVILLE (Centerville, Utah) The chapter has completed a very successful **Pioneer Essay contest** with fourth graders from the Centerville and Farmington elementary schools. There were 273 students that participated from the seven schools. The students selected an ancestor or a pioneer historical event to write about. All participants received a letter of achievement and thanks. Each class winner received \$10 prize money and the school winner received an additional \$20. The winning essays from each of the seven schools were judged and a grand prize winner was selected. The essays were well done so the judging was very difficult. **Sydney Smith** was the grand prize winner and she, her parents and her teacher were invited to the chapter dinner meeting where Sydney was recognized and given \$250. The chapter held a very successful trek on May 9th when they went up Weber canyon and followed the route of the pioneers into the Salt Lake Valley. It was most interesting because four days earlier at the monthly meeting **John Eldredge** spoke giving information concerning the **Utah War**.



HOLLADAY (Holladay, Utah) The Holladay Chapter held their annual scholarship presentation meeting on May 8th. **David Donohoo**, the scholarship chairman, presented scholarships to two very deserving candidates:



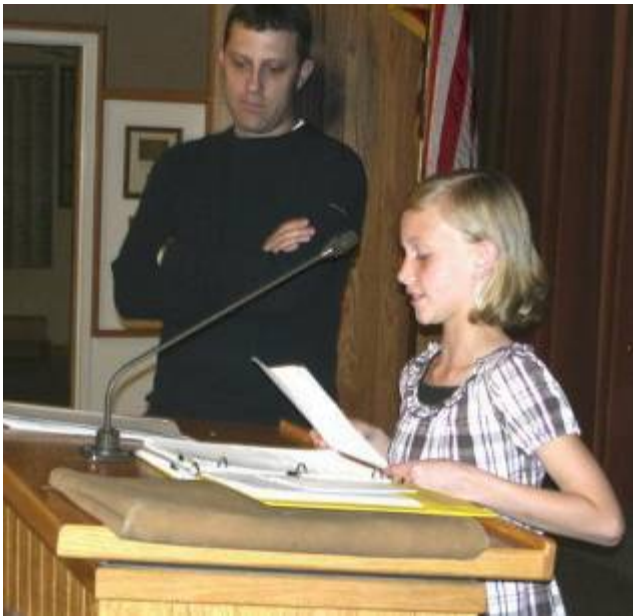
Jacob Dean Anderson and Jordan Andrus Patton (above). Jordan will start his schooling this fall semester at BYU. The same evening **Bruce Brockbank, Mildred Mower and Marvin Jewell** each gave a brief historical narrative of one of their ancestors who immigrated to Utah.

HURRICANE VALLEY (Hurricane, Utah) The program for the April meeting consisted of giving awards to area 4th grade students



(above). The students chose one of their ancestors and researched their lives. The intent is for them to gain a greater interest in their heritage. The winners were invited, along with their parents, teachers and principle to attend the event. The food was great and the essays were excellent. The winners were given a certificate of participation, **\$20.00 in one dollar coins**, an SUP bronze medallion and a brand new penny.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE (South West Salt Lake Valley) The chapter has now completed the fourth grade 2008 - 2009 **Pioneer Essay Program**. Contacts were made to the schools before Thanksgiving with follow-up in the early spring. After the essays were received and judged the chapter President and the Community Relations Director went to the schools and made the presentation of certificates and monetary awards in the presence of teachers and the entire 4th grade students from all the chasses. The writers of the top essays (Beau Hawkins, left, and McKinley Starr,



(above) from each school attended the May chapter dinner meeting with their parents, read their essay and received further recognition. In addition to the awards night for the fourth graders, those in attendance had the opportunity to hear **Dr. Robert Horne** describe the surgery that was done on the seven year old **Joseph Smith** and what a miracle it was that the very person most qualified to do the surgery had been prepared by the Lord and was in the area when needed.

LEHI (Lehi, Utah) On May 9, 2009 twenty four individuals from the chapter enjoyed a fascinating trek to witness the re-enactment of the **driving of the golden spike** at Promontory, Utah (below), A special informational meeting



for all members and friends was held at the **Mellor Hidden Meadows Reception Center** on May 18th. Light refreshments were served and **Alan Walker** spoke about the history of **American Fork Canyon**. The information

pertained to the **Mineral Basin Trek**, which the chapter has planned for June 13th. At last month's meeting **Russell and Rita Phelps** spoke about their ancestors. Rita told that her family came to the United States in the 1920's and 1930's from Italy. Russell attended an informational meeting about Camp Floyd and was elected as the first president of the "**Friends of Camp Floyd**". He has written several short biographies and combined them into a book He shared some of the stories with the group.

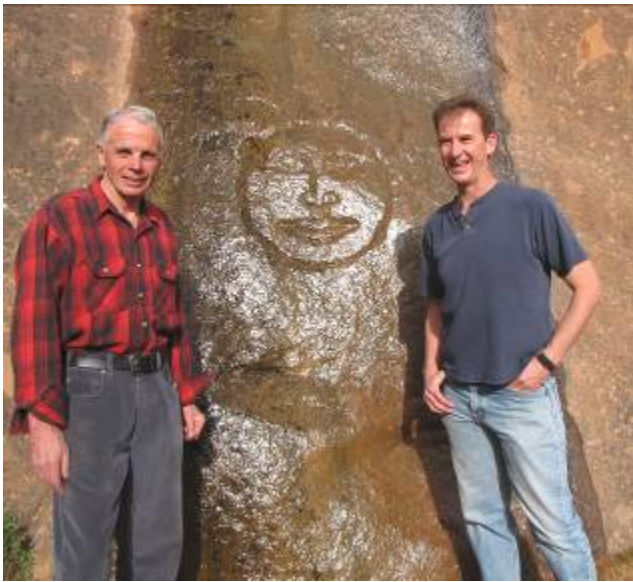
LITTLE SALT LAKE (Parowan, Utah) At the



April chapter meeting **Dr. Wayne Hinton** (left) from the **Southern Utah University** talked about the history of the railroad in Utah, particularly about its entry into southern Utah. As construction of the rails progressed south from Salt Lake City thriving communities were

developed. When the Union Pacific line reached Iron County a spur line was built into Cedar City to serve the sheep industry, the iron mines, etc. Eventually the main line reached Los Angeles and became a busy passenger and freight line. With the line into Cedar City a subsidiary company called **Utah Parks Co.** was organized and lodges were built at the **National Parks**. Tourists came to Cedar City by train and were then bussed to the various parks. Following W.W. II improved highways and automobiles replaced the rail travel and passenger trains were phased out. **Archaeologist Garth Norman** was a surprise speaker at the meeting and informed the audience about the Indian New Year and its connection to the **Parowan Gap** area.

MAPLE MOUNTAIN (Mapleton, Utah) In late April chapter members, their wives and friends met at the **Sun God Picnic Area** (next page) in



Diamond Fork Canyon. There they enjoyed an outstanding **Dutch oven dinner** prepared by **Duane Nielsen**, who holds honors from Dutch oven competition. The dinner was followed by chapter member, **Dean Tew**, giving a brief ancestral biography. The guest speaker for the evening was **Dale Bascom**, who has studied and written about archaeological sites in Utah. His presentation was titled “**A Message in Time**”. He spoke of the presence of the **Spanish** in the area and of the **Native Americans**, showing photos of the different types of signs and landmarks they left. During the evening, tours were taken up the small red cliff canyon where a ladder and safety rope had been provided to assist in hiking up to the pictograph sun rock carving. This carving is of ancient origin. Adding to the pleasure of the outing was the beauty of the red rock mountain cliffs, the lush canyon hills, trees and other vegetation. It was truly a great evening.

MILLS (Southeast Salt Lake City) **Maurice Pia and his wife, Carol**, hosted the May meeting where the 2009 chapter scholarships were awarded. The **Granger High School principal** gave background on the students and each student gave a short talk telling of their academic achievements and the progress they have made in their personal lives. The students were **Adriana Garcia, Harjit Kave and Minh Tran Quang**. Adriana came from **Mexico** 12 years ago and has lived in Utah two years. Her ambition is to get a

law degree and to help women in need. Harjit was born in **India** and came to the U.S. three years ago. Her goal is to become a M.D. in cardiology and to help other people. Minh came from **Viet Nam** five years ago. His goal is to become an engineer or a medical doctor and help children in Africa. Following the scholarship awards program Chapter President, **Michael Bennett**, spoke on the **History of Theater in the LDS Church**. He has worked in over 100 films and eight episodes of “**Touched by an Angel**”.

MOUNT NEBO (Spanish Fork, Utah) Chapter members and guests had an interesting and fun-filled evening on May 28th. The event was held at the Elk Ridge City Park with 48 persons attending. The guests included children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of the members. Bruce Van Orden had researched pioneer games and gave out instructions for playing them. Everyone was invite to play some of the games, which included “Blind Man’s Bluff”, “Three legged race”, “Graces” and “Hoop roll”. The children found that the games played 150 years ago were still fun to play. Following this event the chapter officers met briefly to plan future meetings. The next social will involve Dutch ovens.

SALT LAKE PIONEER (Salt Lake City, Utah) **Dr. Edward Heyes and his wife, Jill**, shared some of the experiences they had as they served



as volunteers in the **Holy Land**. Dr. Heyes is a retired **Orthopedic Surgeon** and has served as a volunteer doctor in the missionary department of the church. The couple has recently returned from serving in Jerusalem. While there he provided medical services for students at the **Jerusalem Center** and served as the Branch President. Jill served as the District Relief Society President and was in charge of the tours

in the center. On several occasions they led tours of students to **Jordan and Egypt**.

SETTLEMENT CANYON (Tooele, Utah) On May 7th the chapter held their monthly dinner meeting at the Senior Citizens Center and then moved to the corner of Vine Street and 100 West where a program was held to dedicate the new **Mud Wall Monument** (below).



This new monument depicts the Mud Wall that was built around Tooele by the early pioneers. The monument was installed by chapter members with a great deal of effort. Many individuals and businesses contributed materials and labor. In spite of weather delays and other frustrations along the way, the monument is now completed and dedicated and looks good and adds much to the community. The chapter recently went on a trek to the **Tooele Military Collection** located on the west side of the city. The chapter's pioneer museum is open Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. It is a great treasure for the chapter and is an attraction for the city.

TAYLORSVILLE - BENNION (Taylorsville, Utah) The program for the May chapter meeting was arranged for by **President Jim Taney**. It was entertainment provided by **Kent Peterson and his band**. The band plays music from the 20's, 30's and 40's. To quote this group they said they are a group of "**Old Geezers**" playing for a group of "**Old Geezers**". The scholarship committee has interviewed candidates for this year's scholarship. **Edwin K. Brown** from Taylorsville High School was chosen to received a \$1,000 scholarship He and his parents attended the May meeting of the chapter and he was there awarded the scholarship.

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER (American Fork, Utah) Pres. Roger Flick made a PowerPoint presentation on some of the early Mormon documents he has been cataloging for BYU Special Collections Library. These documents are on microfilm and represent copies of material which are available in research libraries such as the New York Public Library, Yale University, Harvard University, Chicago Historical Society, Bancroft Library, etc. The documents include letters, newspaper clippings, diaries, journals, pictures, printed books and pamphlets, theses and dissertations. Subject matter relates to church organization, scriptures, hymns, visions, history of branches, wards, districts, missions; biographies, polygamy, Mountain Meadows massacre, Utah Statehood, and a variety of Mormon and anti-Mormon literature.

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