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SUP Surpasses Goals in 2005 Scholarship and Essay Participation

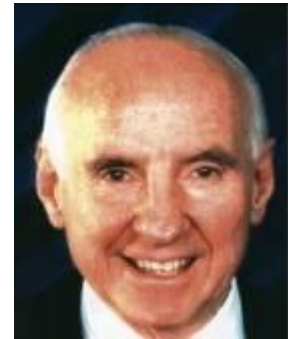
The chapters of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers have awarded over \$71,000 in Scholarship awards and nearly \$5,000 in Essay awards for a total of about \$76,000 announced **Dr. Orson D. Wright**, National SUP Scholarship Chairman. In citing this new record for the SUP, Wright said that approximately 103 scholarships were awarded by well over fourteen chapters. The recipients represented at least 25 high schools. Of note is the fact that the chapters increased the awards amount from \$28,000 to \$76,000 in the last 6 years. In addition, Essay awards were made by the chapters to students from elementary, junior high, and high schools.

Many chapters awarded one to five scholarship awards, while one chapter, Twin Peaks, under the leadership of their chapter Scholarship Chairman, **John Morgan** (who assisted Dr. Wright this year and will serve as National Scholarship Chairman next year), made awards to 74 recipients. Listed below are the chapter Scholarship awards. We commend the many chapter



chairmen and officers who conducted these programs so well, and the chapter members who contributed so generously.

Pictured are (left) Dr. Orson D. Wright, National SUP Scholarship Chairman for 2005, and (right) John Morgan, Scholarship Chairman for Twin Peaks Chapter this year and National SUP Scholarship Chairman for 2006.



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| Box Elder | 3 Scholarships | \$2,250 | Settlement Canyon | 1 Scholarship | \$ 500 |
| Brigham Young | 5 Scholarships | 5,000 | Sevier Valley | 2 Scholarships | 1,500 |
| Buena Ventura | 9 Pioneer Biographies | 900 | Taylorville-Bennion | 1 Scholarship | 1,000 |
| Cedar City | 2 Scholarships | 2,000 | Temple Fork | 2 Scholarships | 2,000 |
| Cotton Mission | 5 Scholarships | 2,500 | Twin Peaks | 74 Scholarship | 46,000 |
| Grove City | 1 Scholarship | 500 | | | |
| Scholarship Totals | Scholarship Totals | 1,000 | Scholarship Totals | 110 Scholarships | \$70,650 |
| Mills | 3 Scholarships | 4,500 | Essay Total | | \$5,000 |
| Olympus Hills | 1 Scholarship | 1,000 | Essay and Scholarship Total | | \$75,650 |

2,006 members in 2006!

As announced in the last *Trail Marker*, a new **Top Recruiter Award** has been established for any member bringing in six or more members between October 2005 and April 15, 2006. The award will consist of a handsome engraved Top Recruiter Award, a 7" Acrylic Crystal desk remembrance. Life members count double and if at least three of the new recruits are under 50 years of age, only five new members are needed. We hope we can give several of these awards next year. Our goal is to increase our dues paying members from 1,750 to 2,006. We not only

need new members, but also a concerted effort by chapters to reactivate old ones. It can happen if chapters make membership a priority in 2006.

Wendell Christensen, Director of Membership Services for the NSSUP reminds us that membership is the life blood of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. For the month of September there were only 6 new members, of which 5 were from the new **Ogden Valley Chapter** just formed. 2005 has been a good year with four new Chapters being formed: **Lehi, Morgan, Ogden Valley** at Huntsville, and **Twenty Wells** at Grantsville.

This is an excellent time to get new members because any one who joins now will receive the remainder of 2005 and all of 2006 for the price of one year. This has been demonstrated by the President of the **Box Elder Chapter, Michael Cardon**. At the September meeting he gave each member a envelope contain the Chapter Directory, Pioneer Magazine, membership form and a letter encouraging each member to recruit a new member this month. President Cardon listed the benefits of joining now and *as an added bonus the chapter dues would be deferred until 2007. The SUP sponsor and the new member would receive a free meal at the Chapter meeting the first time they attended.* That is a good value for \$30.00. This program has resulted in two new members, and there will be additional recruits in the future. Wendell has one that will join next month. We would like other chapters to set up a program to bring in new members. I wish you success in your membership program.

NSSUP Board Approves New Bylaws

National Board unanimously approved new Bylaws in its November 8 Board Meeting. The new Bylaws will go in effect January 1, 2006. The January 14, 2006 training meeting will be changed from being for chapter boards to being a training session for Area Vice Presidents. Chapter boards will be trained in February Area Council meetings. Watch for further information in a later *Trail Marker*.

Chapter News

Sevier Valley Chapter Yard Sale Supports Red Cross



On Saturday October 8th a yard sale was held in front of Turner Moving in Richfield, Utah. Proceeds from the event went to the American Red Cross in support of hurricane Katrina victims. Approximately 200 people participated in the event which raised \$712.23. Yard sale items were not priced. Instead buyers paid what they wanted and placed the money in a large small necked jar designated for the Red Cross. Members of the community were invited to bring items to the sale; however most of the items came from Paul Turner owner of Turner Moving.

Paul Turner, (in blue shirt, on right) member of the Sevier Valley Chapter spearheaded a yard sale for American Red Cross in support of hurricane victims.

George McKellar gave a presentation at the October **Settlement Canyon Chapter** dinner meeting on the life-size **Hilda Ericksen** statue placed at the **Grantsville City Hall** by the Settlement Canyon Chapter in 1997. Included in the presentation was a video of the dedication

program and the talk and dedicatory prayer given by **President James E. Faust** of the First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The new **Twenty Wells** chapter is off to a good start with a potluck supper in September in the Senior Center at Grantsville. President David Jefferies conducted the meeting, and president-elect **Craig Anderson** presented a history of Twenty Wells. Area Vice-President, Robert Blakely conducted a training meeting, giving an overview of the mission statement of SUP. In October the chapter toured the **Donner-Reed Museum** in Grantsville and viewed the pioneer cabin, blacksmith shop, jail and several pioneer-era wagons and other historical items including artifacts of the ill-fated Donner-Reed party.

The **SUP Pioneer Museum in Tooele** is progressing well under the direction of **James Bevan** and with the help of chapter members.

The **Taylorville/Bennion** Chapter recently erected a monument commemorating the 1855 millrace that supplied water to the grist mill near 4800 South in Salt Lake. The monument was dedicated in August. In September the chapter met at the historic **Taylorville Assembly Hall** for a luncheon. Following the luncheon they traveled by TRAX to downtown Salt Lake City where they enjoyed a guided tour of the Joseph Smith displays at the **Church Museum of History and Art**.



The **Red Rock** chapter is a co-sponsor with the **Utah Humanities Council** and the **Utah Historical Society** of a project to research, write and publish a history of the pioneer trail from Dixie to Long Valley that was used by the pioneers when they settled Long Valley. A meeting to discuss the progress of the project will be held in the St. George Tabernacle on November 28, 2005 at 7:00PM.

The **Mills** chapter enjoyed a presentation by **George Aposhian** in its October meeting of the area around Kirtland, Ohio. George was the Construction Engineering Supervisor for church historic sites during 2002-2003 and one of his important projects was the realignment of an intersection in Kirtland to improve traffic flow downhill from the temple and to accommodate a new Visitor's Center that was constructed to look like a grist mill of olden times. The chapter has accepted a goal of giving 75 gift subscriptions to the Pioneer magazine before Christmas.

Best Chapter Meetings

Please share with other chapters the best chapter meetings you have had to give them ideas for their meeting. Send your reports to Reed Farnsworth at nssup@hotmail.com. The following are two we have received recently.

Canyon Rim Chapter – Salt Lake City 14th Ward Album Quilt

Grant Barton, National President-elect reports that, "The best chapter meeting I've attended this past year was a program sponsored by the **Canyon Rim Chapter**. 'The Salt Lake City 14th

Ward Album Quilt’ was presented by **Carol Holindrake Nielson** (801-544-7149). She has published a book on the history of the quilt and the women who contributed to its sewing. Ms. Nielson is sponsored by the **Utah Humanities Council**, who I am told paid for Ms. Nielson's speaking fee. A request must be made to the Utah Humanities Council 30 days before the scheduled meeting.

“I enjoyed the program because it represented the daily tasks of early Utah women in their dealings with their family, neighbors, and Church sisters and brothers. My wife and I could both relate to the stories and pictures.”

Bountiful Chapter – Elder John H. Groberg and ‘The Other Side of Heaven’

Glenn Davis of the **Bountiful Chapter** reports on his favorite chapter meeting: Publicity was extensive about the new movie, *The Other Side of Heaven*, filmed from the biography written by **Elder John H. Groberg** about his mission experiences in Tonga. Shortly after the film’s release, Elder Groberg and his lovely wife, **Jean**, addressed our chapter meeting. Elder Groberg talked about some of the highlights of his book, how he was almost forced to write it by the Prophet several years after his return.

Elder Groberg told of several experiences that occurred that were not in the movie and answered a number of questions from chapter members. There were several chapter members who had not yet seen the movie, but a month later, every member had seen it.

Join Utah Historical Society and get a Free Book

Join the Utah Historical Society now and receive a free copy of *Grace & Grandeur: A History of Salt Lake City*, by Thomas G. Alexander, a 276 page illustrated hardcover book (\$54.95 retail price). The annual \$25 membership includes four issues of *Utah Historical Quarterly*, four issues of *Currents* newsletter, annual issue of *Utah Preservation* magazine, 10% discount on Society publications, and invitations to Society events.

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Special December Trail Marker

Watch for the special December issue of the *Trail Marker*. We will feature the November 5 **Chapter Presidents Council** and the very successful **Joseph Smith Historical Symposium** and the awarding of six **Modern Pioneer Awards**.

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