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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

September is a special month. We see the young ones back to school, grade school through college. The seasons change is noted by fall colors on our mountains and we are left with the memories of summertime fun and vacations.

This September will have a special meaning for many of us in S.U.P. as we will be traveling to Richfield for the Annual Convention (Encampment) September 25th, 26th and 27th. I know how much my wife and I look forward to the camaraderie that is present each year, to the special tours, the wonderful food and entertainment provided by our host chapter.

This year we are adding something new with our training session for the Chapter Presidents Elect. This will provide them the insight they need to be able to hit the ground running the first of the year as their chapter's new leader. This reminds me how grateful we are for the dedicated individuals who are willing to give of their time and abilities to serve in the various chapter offices, as Area Vice-Presidents, National Directors and National Executives. This organization's success depends on these wonderful and willing people. I don't want to leave out our staff at headquarters, Ron, Andrea, Linda, Florence, Marilyn, Kay and Brad. Each makes a special contribution that is essential to our continued success.

We are in hope that your late efforts will make it possible for us to announce the successful fulfillment of our Diamond Jubilee Fund. We most gratefully recognize your efforts in this special "birthday" program.

One last thought. One of the most important functions of the convention is the election of the National President Elect for '09. Our nominating committee has provided us with two outstanding candidates. Study their "bios" that this might help you make this difficult choice.

I am honored to call you my friends.

Booth Maycock
2008 National President



NATIONAL NEWS

Convention Pre-Registration tops 300. The 2008 National Convention in Richfield, Utah on **September 25-27** promises to be a **memorable** one. Registration has topped 300 members and their wives. Presidents, be sure and get your **delegate names** to Ron Van Leuven in the

National Office as soon as possible. Only **approved** delegates will be permitted to vote for the 2009 President-Elect. The candidates for the position are **Richard (Dick) Christiansen** and **Dilworth (Di) Strasser**.



Shown above are President-elect candidates **Richard (Dick) Christiansen (left) and Dilworth (Dil) Strasser (right)**.

Push to Complete Diamond Jubilee Fund Drive. Dil Strasser, Diamond Jubilee Fund Chairman, is asking all **SUP members** to help with a **final drive** to collect the remaining **\$20,000** of the \$75,000 fund drive by Convention Time. If your **chapter** hasn't made a contribution to the fund, we invite you to do so. Ten chapters have contributed \$750 or more and thus earned their **patch** for their chapter banner.

2009 Membership Dues. We encourage all chapters to make their plans to collect the **national and chapter 2009 dues** from their annual members this **Fall**. National dues for annual members are \$30 per year. Please let the members know of the option to become **Life Members**. Life member fees are \$300, with the option of dividing this amount into two payments of **\$150 each**. No additional national dues will be required for Life Members. Over 275 annual members did not pay their 2008 dues. We hope chapters continue to invite these dropped members to **reinstate** their membership.

New Members. As you begin your monthly meetings this Fall, all SUP members should be encouraged to **invite** their **family members** and **friends** to join the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Dues paid this Fall cover the **rest of 2008** and all of 2009. Remember, all annual and life members receive the popular **Pioneer Magazine** each quarter.

Inspirational Ancestor Stories. Over **fifty inspirational stories** ranging from 600 to 6,000 words in length are now posted on the **SUP Website**. Under the direction of **LaRon Taylor**, it is hoped that this number will grow by the **hundreds** in the coming months. There is **no cost** for this service. We hope all members will take time to look at these stories on the SUP website, **sonsofutahpioneers.org.**, and submit stories about their own ancestors. They are **searchable** by key words. **Posters** are being placed in all English speaking **Family History Centers** inviting inspirational stories that demonstrate the values of **courage, faith, determination, creativity** etc.

In Memoriam. SUP chapters and members are encouraged to remember **deceased SUP friends** by placing their names on the **SUP In Memoriam Board**. The Mountain Valley Chapter recently remembered **five** deceased members, including long-time member and popular historian, Dr. Robert Raymond Green who passed away last year. **Histories or obituary notices** should accompany the \$35 cost to add the names to the Board.

Memorialization Board #15 Readied for Engraving. The last Pioneer Memorialization Board erected in the **foyer** of the National Building was in **2005**. Since that time, over **175 additional names** have been received from members for memorialization of their **pioneer ancestors**. A new board for **Pioneers Arriving before May 10, 1869, #15**, is now being prepared for engraving. We encourage all members to submit their application forms and histories **within the next month** so their names may be included on the new board. The cost is \$35 for each head of family and \$15 for each spouse or child that is listed. A **separate form** should be submitted for each person to be memorialized. Names may also be submitted for ancestors arriving **after 1869 but before statehood in 1896**. A **new** board for the additional names in this category will be prepared in **2009**. An **index** for all names on the two series of boards is included on the SUP website.

2009 Essay and Biography Projects. Schools are back in session which means that chapters should be making arrangements for the **2008-2009 Essay and Biography** programs with the school counselors and teachers. Each chapter is encouraged to help teach **pioneer values to the youth** through these programs.

2008 Historical Symposium set for November 1. Mark your calendars for the **afternoon and evening of Saturday, November 1** for the 2008 SUP Historical Symposium. The afternoon session will begin at 1:00 p.m. The evening dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. The topic this year will focus on the **background of the Eyes Westward monument, Joseph Smith's impact upon the Rocky Mountain exodus, and the conditions existing in the Rocky Mountain basin when the Pioneers arrived. More details at the Richfield Convention.**

CHAPTER NEWS -- By Louis Pickett

BOUNTIFUL (Bountiful, Utah) The monthly meeting of the chapter was held at **Lagoon** on August 26th. The meal was a **“Back Yard BBQ”** and was served by Lagoon Personnel. **Brock Cheney**, who spoke on the subject: “Food as Heritage Across Generations” presented the program for the evening.

BOX ELDER (Brigham City, Utah) **Bruce Leonard**, Brigham City manager, extended an invitation to the chapter to build a **Pioneer Christmas Display** to be part of the annual **Christmas Village**. He felt there should be a pioneer home in the village, given the great pioneer heritage that the city enjoys. The directors of the chapter voted to accept the invitation and **Reece Becton** accepted the assignment to be chairman of the village committee. Chapter members and their wives will be requested to help with the project, which must be completed by Thanksgiving. The Relief Society Granary restoration project, which has been reported in previous issues of the *Trail*

Maker, is semi-complete to the point that tours can now be scheduled.

BRIGHAM YOUNG (Provo, Utah) August 28th was the date of a mini trek that the chapter participated in at the **Pioneer Village**. This had been promised for some time and was well attended. The trek included a meal and a program by **Robert Carter**, who is a historian, teacher and author. Robert has been very much involved with the village for some time and was able to give an informative and interesting report. The village mayor, **Steve Nelson**, gave great incites on the past and future of the village. **Colonel Jack Tueller**, retired W.W. II fighter pilot, played his trumpet to the delight of the group.

CENTERVILLE (Centerville, Utah) The chapter just held its Tenth Annual Potluck Dinner. As is tradition, it was a great meal. Members brought part of the dinner. At the dinner money was requested to fund the scholarship program. A group from the **Utah Old Time Fiddlers and Country Music Association** provided the program. This is an organization of about 75 members who present upwards of 90 performances each year. In their words, “We think we do a lot of good. Music brightens people’s lives; it’s hard to be sad when toes are tapping.”

COTTON MISSION (St. George, Utah) The August meeting of the chapter was held at the **Dean Terry Ranch**. Dean invited all to come early and enjoy the scenery and music. **Bert Staheli** played his guitar and sang from his repertoire of Western Music. The speaker was **Crane Simmons**, a Modern Day Pioneer. Crane spent his career as an engineer with the McDonald Douglas Company in the missile program. He is a convert to the church. Those who attended enjoyed the entire atmosphere, the food, the music and the message.

Eagle Rock, Grove City, Upper Snake River Valley Chapters (Idaho) On Saturday afternoon, August 26, members, spouses and family members from the three Idaho SUP Chapters gathered at the Bannock County Park in Shelley,

Idaho for a barbecue lunch and program. Almost 100 were in attendance, including Past National President Jay Smith and his wife JenaVee. The Eagle Rock chapter has placed two items in the Historical section of the park: a sheep wagon and a covered wagon. The markers describing the items (below) were cut out of stainless steel with



the SUP logo included by Leonard Walters of the Eagle Rock Chapter. A large logo made from the same material by Leonard is on the chimney in the National Headquarters Building Heritage Hall. This past spring, the Oregon-California Trail Association held its annual meeting in Nampa, Idaho and sponsored a re-creation of part of the Oregon Trail Journey. The driver of the lead wagon that made the 400+ mile journey spoke to the group about his experiences and took several members for rides around the park



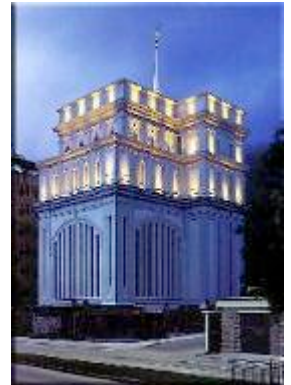
in the wagon (above). Members also enjoyed touring the historic areas of the park, including a pioneer school house and an experimental farm barn.

HURRICANE VALLEY (Hurricane, Utah) The chapter's August program was presented by



Donald Hinton (left) and his wife **Ada** who spoke concerning the phases of church history in China. It was interesting to learn that the church sent missionaries to China in the very early years of its history. **Hosea Stout** headed this first contingency. In the short

time they were there they learned much that was helpful in future years. China had several "fear phases" in which the membership of the church declined due to members leaving to come to the U.S. and other countries to avoid what they thought would be a Communist take-over. In 2000 Don and his wife were called to preside over the **China-Hong Kong Mission.**



(Right: Hong Kong Temple) Their presentation was informative and interesting. The chapter has an ongoing tradition of a booth in the **Peach Days Fair**. This year it was August 29th and 30th. With the booth they get the SUP name in front of the people and sell something wonderful at the same time.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE (Southwest Salt Lake Valley, Utah) The annual summer picnic (below) was held at the **West Jordan Museum.**



This location has been a favorite with members because they can visit the many artifacts and

displays while they visit with other chapter members and enjoy the meal and program. The speaker was Chapter President, **Dale**



Springer. He and his wife, **Kareen** (above), have filled a church assignment to the **BYU Center in Jerusalem**. The couple had a variety of responsibilities while at the center and also had opportunity to travel in the region. Dale told of some of the relationships between the Israelis and others in that part of the world. The report was interesting and enjoyed by all in attendance.

LEHI (Lehi, Utah) Plans are in place for the chapter to go on a four day trek to visit **Martin's Cove, the Sixth Crossing, Rocky Ridge, Rock Creek Hollow** and other sites where the handcart companies suffered in 1856. This will be a September trek and in preparation for it the August meeting featured a talk about what will be seen and learned on the trek. Also featured in the August meeting was **special recognition of past presidents of the chapter.**

LITTLE SALT LAKE (Parowan, Utah) In July there was a pot-luck dinner followed by a very interesting illustrated presentation by **Lloyd and Sandra Benson**. Their subject was the **Andersonville Prison**. The August chapter meeting was held at the Five Mile Picnic Area. Everyone enjoyed a meal of roast beef and Dutch oven potatoes with other food items brought by members. Following the meal individuals were invited to come forward and tell stories of pioneer times. A few responded and gave interesting accounts of pioneer experiences.

MAPLE MOUNTAIN (Mapleton, Utah) A new yearly tradition was started by the chapter at the **Pioneer Day parade in Mapleton**. They entered a float in the city parade and used it as a means of making people aware of the organization and recruiting new members. The float consisted of a small covered wagon (below) pulled by a team



of horses provided by a chapter member. A large 6-foot long sign on each side of the wagon stated: "**Sons of Utah Pioneers, Maple Mt. Chapter**". An invitation to join and a phone number was given. Two SUP runners followed the wagon passing out flyers inviting folks to the next chapter dinner meeting.

MILLS (Southeast SLC, Utah) **Zen and Veda Cox** hosted the August chapter meeting and arranged to have **Dr. Craig Frogley** as the speaker with his wife and her daughter to provide the music. Dr. Frogley is a full-time faculty member of the LDS Institute at the U. of U. He has been a Seminary Instructor in Arizona, a CES Coordinator and Institute Director in California and a manager of information and technology for the Church Education System in Utah. The subject of his talk was on recent efforts of the **Joseph Smith and Brigham Young** families to seek a clearer understanding of the relationship of these two leaders in early church history. On August 21st the chapter held a very successful trek to the **Ogden Train Station Museum**. They utilized both **TRAX** and the new **Frontrunner** to get to Ogden and return. To avoid traffic and parking problems the group started and ended the trek at the Rice-Eccles Stadium TRAX Station. Lunch at the **Union Station Restaurant** in Ogden was part of the activities of the day".

MOUNTAIN VALLEY (Heber City, Utah) The Mountain Valley Chapter of the Sons of Utah

Pioneers dedicated a sand stone monument (below) commemorating the signing of a **Peace Treaty by Settlers of Heber Valley and the Northern Ute Indian Tribe** on the 20th of August 1867. **Bishop Joseph Murdock** represented the settlers and **Chief Tabby** represented the Northern Ute Indian Tribe. Their pictures are engraved on the monument dedicated on 20 August 2008. There were approximately 400 people attending the ceremony. The Sons and the Daughters of Utah Pioneers served a barbeque dinner to about 250 people after the ceremonies. Home made bread, butter and honey were served free of charge to all who attended as it was done 141 years ago on the very spot where the original ceremony took place.



Left side, Mini Murdock, Dick Bailey, Vernon Murdock and kneeling, George Murdock. Right side, Robert Hicken, Lorie Turnbow, and Tish Dahman.)

PIONEER HERRITAGE (Salt Lake City, Utah) A recent trek taken by the chapter was to the **Utah State Capitol** where they received a grand tour of the Senate, House and Supreme Court chambers. The tour guide, **Marvin Jewel**, gave a historical portrait of the past governors in the **“Hall of Governors”** along with a history of the original construction and the renovations. A recent chapter program featured the art and statuary of chapter member – **Ortho Fairbanks**. He is well known for his works in bronze. His art is exhibited in the LDS Conference Center with his bronze statuary of the presidents of the church in the **“Hall of Prophets”**. He also created the heroic size statue of President David O. McKay at Utah Valley University. Another

famous work was the Angel of Hope, which is well known as **“The Christmas Box Angel”**.



Above: Ortho Fairbanks with busts of Pres. McKay.



Right: Fairbanks receiving the Modern Day Pioneer award)

SETTLEMENT CANYON (Tooele, Utah) The program for the August dinner meeting was given by **Gregory Franzwa**, the author of **“Mormon Trails Re-Visited”**. He spoke of his research and the book. The **Deseret News** recently ran a story about him and his book. The SUP museum has been very popular this season with many of the visitors expressing what a great treasure it is to the city and county. It contains many artifacts from the history of Tooele.

SQUAW PEAK (Orem, Utah) The guest speaker for the August meeting was **Jamileh Hogan** who had a fascinating story to tell. She was born in Tehran, Iran in 1953. She studied at the Tehran University and worked for an American there. She learned about the church and became the first woman to be baptized in 1975. She came to Utah thereafter. She met with some L.D.S. General Authorities and was asked to stay and help with translation and teaching at the MTC. She received both Bachelors and Masters degrees from the BYU in International Relations.