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PIONEERING YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

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NATIONAL CALENDAR

Aug. 23-25 **Convention 2012**, Provo Marriott Hotel, sponsored by Brigham Young and Maple Mountain Chapters. *See pages 11-16.*

Dec. 11 **National SUP Christmas Social and Swearing In** 6:30 p.m. at National Headquarters.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear SUP chapter leaders and members of this great organization. Right now it is the last day of July. It has been a very busy month, counting the many events, gatherings and activities of "The Days of 47." We thank all of you who have had a helping hand in any part of the Pioneer Day Celebration. The sunrise service was outstanding, as always. Parade participation conveyed our message of handcart times. What a huge crowd it was that lined the streets as the parade passed by! Thank you to everyone!

I want to talk to you about our SUP **Legacy Building Fund Campaign**. It is a very important happening in the weeks since it was launched on March 26, 2012. We do not care to continually mention it, and only do so now because of the part it plays in our lives.

By today's date we have gratefully received contributions from 364 members, in addition to nine contributions from chapters. Our total receipts come to \$52,500.00. We have sent out thank you receipts to all who have given so generously.

You will recall that our campaign goal was to raise \$150,000 in a yearlong movement. That which we have now received, and is in the bank, will take care of the various projects listed in our original campaign letter. However, the long term intent is to have the remainder amount in the bank as a cushion to take care of future needs with the building. No operational needs will be paid for from this account.

The facts are these: We have a total membership of over 2,000 members. Simple arithmetic tells us that there are up to 1,500 members who have yet to contribute to this very important and long range campaign. Is it unwise to hope for a higher percentage of our members as donors? The truth is, the success of this campaign depends on everyone, omitting no one.

You have heard of some of the over runs in past years' budgets. Not so now for this year. We are within the budget, and have no doubts the year will end that way. Our membership numbers are on track. We are working on late dues payments, and appreciate the efforts of treasurers and chapter leaders. I know that many of you are aware of the increases we have made in rentals of our building's facilities. We are in



control of the finances, thanks to our great staff, and are now looking to take care of some of the repairs and expenditures we promised you when we began this campaign.

Our plea, my plea, is that each SUP member will take stock of your personal situation, and will join with us as we maximize our contributions.

May the Lord bless you all as we all move forward and take care of the business and challenges before us.

Thank you,

Dick Christiansen
National President, 2012
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NATIONAL NEWS

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SUP EVENTS HIGHLIGHT PIONEER DAY FESTIVITIES

National SUP sponsored five grand activities during the Days of '47 week for the 24th of July this year, all of which were wonderful successes. Judging of the "Best Pioneering Float," the Sister Organizations Dinner, Brother Brigham's Ball, the Sunrise Service and the Days of '47 Parade. Judging of the floats for this award was conducted by members of the National SUP Past Presidents Council, joined by the National SUP president, Dick Christiansen. It is a very enjoyable task and all judges were in unanimous agreement of the float for this award this year,



the float depicted our SUP mission statement perfectly. National SUP president elect, David Wirthlin, made the award presentation for SUP to the appropriate float just after the Sunrise Service prior to the famous Days of '47 Parade.

Although Brother Brigham's Ball currently is sponsored by This is the Place Heritage Park, National SUP officers and participants still had a contributing part in it. We also arranged for the Days of '47 Royalty (right) to attend and begin the ball by the queen, Hannah Marie Blackburn, dancing the opening waltz with SUP National



past president, L. La Mar Adams (left). We thank the Royalty for graciously providing that dance number for auction to help raise funds to pay for the Sunrise Service. President Adams was the high bidder at \$100, which goes to help pay for the Sunrise Service (below).



The Sunrise Service was again a very outstanding, enjoyable and wonderful musical and General Authority speaker commemoration of Pioneer Days, held in the Mormon Tabernacle on Temple Square at 7 a.m. on July 24th.



See the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter article in Chapter News for more details.

The parade followed at 9 a.m. with the National SUP entry being #5 in the parade lineup, which always gives SUP a prominent position in the parade. There were four chapters which participated by pulling the four handcarts available this year. Our SUP national president, Dick Christiansen, with his wife Marcia (below), also road in the parade as one of the delegate entries. Great thanks goes to all those who participated and helped in any way-- it was greatly appreciated and provided a wonderful success for these events.

2013 HOLE-IN-THE-ROCK MEDALLIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Silver medallions are \$75. Shiny brass medallions are \$10. Medallions will also be available for sale along with the current issue of the PIONEER magazine (Browning Family) for \$5 at the National Convention, before the noon banquet Saturday.

NEW LIFE MEMBER

John L Peterson – At Large
Martin Utley – Porter Rockwell

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

Melvin A Cook – Salt Lake Pioneer
Sheldon F Child – Salt Lake Pioneer
Nathan S Lloyd – Salt Lake Pioneer
Dean S Hatch – Holladay
Dar Butcher – Twenty Wells

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Kenneth Frei – Eagle Rock – 7/11/12
Grant Moody – Brigham Young – 6/29/12
Homer LeBaron – The Mountain Valley – 6/12/12
S Reed Hinckley – Holladay – 7/4/12



CONVENTION CHAPTER DELEGATE FORMS NEEDED

A reminder to all chapter presidents, please submit your initial convention delegates form. A revised form may be submitted later. About half of the 150+ members currently registered for the convention should be delegates, but so far less than 10 are designated as such.

CHAPTER NEWS

Compiled By Bob Folkman

Please send chapter newsletters and other chapter news, awards, information, pictures and upcoming events to Bob Folkman at bfolkman@hotmail.com, or 1485 N 675 W, Brigham City, UT 84302, as soon as they happen. Our deadline is ONE WEEK before the end of each month.

BOX ELDER CHAPTER (Brigham City, Utah) – On Monday, July 16, the Chapter took a trek to Cache Valley to visit the Willard Jessop Farm (below) in Lewiston, Utah, where three



nineteenth century homes and an agricultural field office have been relocated and filled with thousands of turn-of-the-century and pioneer artifacts.



The Jessops were wonderful hosts, and they gave excellent informative tours of their collections, built over nearly twenty years in a clear labor of love.



COTTON MISSION CHAPTER (St. George, Utah) – The dinner meeting of the Cotton Mission Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers was held at Staheli's in Washington on June 19, 2012. Those in attendance were deeply touched as they listened to stories of the handcart pioneers told by **Berl and Charlene Gordon**



(above) who served two missions to the Martin's Cove Historic Site in Wyoming.

They started with a poem entitled "Wind in Wyoming" that ends with the phrase "there is no wind in Wyoming, under 35 miles per hour."

Dressed as early pioneers they told accounts of those who were in the handcart companies as well as those who came to their rescue. They started by informing the group that there were those who believed the Lord had abandoned the groups but a study of the stories shows that the Lord was with them at all times.

The handcart company, trapped in a severe storm, unknown to the rescue party sent to find them, had taken refuge a few miles off the main trail. Later as the rescue party came along, footsteps in the snow were spotted in spite of the continuing snow and Wyoming wind. By following the footsteps the handcart company was found and rescued.

The story of a rescuer, **Marshall Franklin Allen**, was then told. At first he did not want to be part of the rescue party but then had the strong impression he had to go. When the party left the main trail to follow the footsteps Marshall continued on looking for stragglers. He found, what he called a little boy alone and starving, but was able to save his life. In later years he was telling the story to his grandchildren when the other grandfather, who was there, described the horse he was riding and identified himself as the boy who had been saved.

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER (St. George, Utah) – The July dinner meeting of the Sons of Utah Pioneers was held at Staheli’s Town Hall on July 17, 2012. The guest speakers were **Bob Perry** and **Russ Bateman** who are both members of the SUP. Bob spoke first and told of the history of his grandfather and mother in the Big Muddy and St. Thomas. He told of Brigham Young’s vision for the State of Deseret in 1848 and 1849. It included settlements in most of Utah, Nevada, Arizona, and much of Southern California. In 1850 Brigham Young set three objectives for the State of Deseret. The first was to establish a string of Mormon settlements along the Spanish trail. The second was to establish a port on the Colorado River so Saints could come from the West Coast, up the Colorado, and then travel to Salt Lake. The third

was to establish a large settlement between the port on the Colorado River and Salt Lake City.

Between 1865 and 1870 several settlements were established along the Muddy Valley. In 1866 the first steamer came up the Colorado River and St. Thomas was founded in the north end of what today is Lake Mead. Forty-five families settled there. In a short time, St. Thomas became the largest city in Nevada. The Muddy Valley was the perfect place to grow cotton. Because of the coming of the railroad and several other factors, the St. Thomas landing became obsolete. In December of 1870, the Muddy Mission was closed. This ended the three objectives set out by Brigham Young. The main contributor was the railroad. St. Thomas became a slum area inhabited by transients and wild hogs left behind when St. Thomas was abandoned. It was not until 1881 that serious settlers returned. Many of the original settlers had to repurchase their farms from the State of Nevada. By 1908 the road through St. Thomas was busy with automobile traffic. In 1938 the town of St. Thomas was again abandoned when the construction of the Hoover Dam caused the rising water to cover it up.



Russ Bateman then gave a power point presentation on St. Thomas. In 2008 the drought conditions caused the waters of Lake Mead to recede. The foundations were again visible, and the SUP conducted a trek down the 2.5 mile trail to St. Thomas. Russ then showed historic pictures of the original St. Thomas with the hotel, the school, and many homes.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER (Salt Lake Valley Southwest, Utah) – **Carol Miller** (below) taught and entertained members of the



chapter at their July meeting with her skill and knowledge of weaving. Her great-grandparents are from Iceland. Her great-grandfather was a weaver and her great-grandmother was a spinner. She said she inherited her love of the fiber arts from them. She spoke happily of her visit to Iceland and where her genealogy originated. Her presentation was very interesting.

LEHI CHAPTER (Lehi, Utah) – On June 1, the chapter enjoyed a lengthy trek from Ft. Bridger to Lehi. Great weather helped make the adventure a success. Sites visited included Ft. Bridger, Echo canyon, Castle Rock Fortifications, The Witches Rocks, Pratt's Pass Camp, Hogsback Summit, East Canyon, Mormon Flat, Big Mountain, willow Springs, Little Mountain, Donner Hill and This is the Place Monument.

CONQUERORS OF THE WEST by Florence Youngberg are available for ordering. Full set of four books is \$220. Individual books are \$60 each. Call Tess at National to order.



In the photo above, Lehi Chapter members look at wagon marks still found along the Mormon Trail, and member **Dave Cox** tries his hand at divining for water.



The photo above is of the Lehi "Hunger Cabin" that the Chapter is trying to preserve. They are seeking donations to help with this project, and held a fund-raiser on July 16th.

OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER (Ogden, Utah) – Chapter President **Don Lee** reports this unfortunate story of the Chapter's Friday the 13th dinner meeting:

"Friday, 13 July, was our annual SUP picnic. I had worked hard at it to be sure everything was prepared. I watched the weather forecast with foreboding, as there was a 50% chance of rain. I mentioned to my wife a couple of times that it was not the rain that I was concerned about; it was the possibility of a microburst with heavy winds that concerned me.

"Things went well as we got set up and people started showing up. The sky was mostly cloudy,



but with no real threat. Actually the weather was wonderful, after the heat of the past few days, the cool was much appreciated. We began our dinner and had a nice meal, fried chicken from Harmon's and lots of things brought to share. Then as our performers began their first number, the winds hit! Hit is the only word I can use, it came on so suddenly. Plates and table coverings flew.

"I have never seen a picnic cleared up so quickly. Things in heavy containers remained solid, but anything light just flew away. We felt sorry for the neighbors, but could not do much about it. We considered trying to continue with the program, but the wind was just too violent and the rain just kept trying to come in on us. Most of our members had to pack up and go home. It was indeed a memorable picnic!!"

Enough to make you superstitious, perhaps?

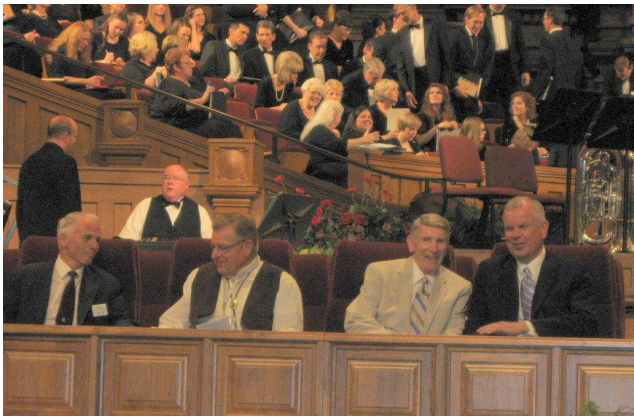
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SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER (Salt Lake City, Utah) – On July 5, the Chapter Meeting featured the Days of 47 Royalty.



Left to right (above) are Christine Keller, First Attendant; Hanna Marie Blackburn, Queen and great-grand-niece of Past president Bill Tanner; Chapter President-elect Chris Chistensen; and Stephanie Romney, Second Attendant.

SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTER (Salt Lake City) – On July 24, the Chapter sponsored the annual Sunrise Service at the Salt Lake Tabernacle. **Elder Stephen E. Snow**, of the First Quorum of the Seventy and newly sustained Church Historian, was the speaker. The thrilling traditional and contemporary music was presented by the combined choirs: **The Utah Voices** conducted by **Dr. Michael Huff**, and the **Sterling Singers**, conducted by **Mr. Kelly DeHaan**, and all accompanied by the **Days of '47 Brass**, which included a number of familiar instrumental talents from the area.



Seated on the stand above are, left to right, Past-president **LaMar Adams**, President **Dick Christiansen**, and President-elect **David Wirthlin** of the National S.U.P., and Elder **Stephen E. Snow**. Chapter President **Melvin Cook** conducted the service.

SEVIER VALLEY CHAPTER (Richfield, Utah) – The Chapter helped host the Old Spanish Trail Association Conference in June. Presentations were given on various



historical subjects, displays of artwork, clothing, methods of travel and so on. There were field trips, an Osmond Concert, and an opening social at Fishlake. **Dave Ogden**, Chapter President, reported the event was a success. More than 120 visitors came to Richfield to participate, and hundreds more from the community attended some of the events.

OFFICE HOURS:

- Mondays - Thursdays 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Closed Fridays
- The library is open by appointment only due to staff shortage.

TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER (Logan, Utah) – **Blythe Ahlstrom** (right), a native of Weber County, retired Professor of History at Utah State University and long-time Cache Valley resident and community volunteer, spoke to the Chapter at their June meeting. His subject was the Four Prominent Trails Westward during the 1800s.



Since his retirement he has traveled all of these trails, the Lewis and Clark, the Oregon, the California, and the Mormon. He displayed five maps showing climate and demographic information that affected the travelers along these trails. He also categorized those who made the

trek west into three types of groups: The Community or Kinship Model, the Utopian Model, and the Economic Model.



The Temple Fork Chapter also enjoyed a trek to the **Energy Solutions** facility (above and below) in Tooele County in June. They traveled part of the way on Trax, and then were met by an air conditioned Energy Solutions bus to take them directly to the disposal site.



Several S.U.P. Chapters have taken this trip, and it is always interesting and informative. E.S. is an American-owned publicly traded company that accepts waste materials only from within the United States. Visitors are impressed with the thorough focus on the safety of the workers and the safety of the environment around the site. Other details of interest note that 30,000 gallons of water a day are trucked to the site from Grantsville, and the site has a lifecycle of about 30 years, at which time it will be shut down using a fund of over \$90 million dollars that is held in trust for that purpose.

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY (Rexburg, Idaho) – **Augustine Gutierrez** (below) was the guest speaker at the May meeting. He is serving as patriarch for the Spanish-speaking members in the area. He gave a history of some of the events of his life. He was born in a small town in Mexico. His father was a wealthy man and decided to come to the United States in 1946. It was a difficult transition to acclimate to the new culture and area. They lived in North Dakota, Montana, and moved to Idaho in 1950. They later moved back to Texas, and Augustine was married in the Catholic Church in 1955. When he moved back to Idaho in 1958, his father told him to “love the people and they will love you”.



On August 5, 1960 he joined the LDS Church. He indicated many of the Spanish-speaking people are joining the Church because they feel the spirit. He wanted the blessings of being an eternal family. He has worked in the temple since 1983 and has been a sealer since 1985. He has also served as a Branch President and has served as a Patriarch since 1996. He also served a mission to Ecuador. He and his wife are the parents of 7 children and 33 grandchildren.

He is seeing better acceptance of the Spanish-speaking people. He also feels his race is coming to better understand the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are able to give a few hours anytime on Wednesday’s and Thursday’s when Marilyn is available, it would be a great load off of her back. Please call the office to schedule some time!

SUP MEDALLIONS WANTED

If you have SUP Medallions from previous years that you would like to sell, especially in sets, please contact Scott Hardman at 801-557-6881.

Sons of Utah Pioneers 2012 National Convention

Thursday, August 23

12:00 to 6:00 pm Registration at the Marriott Hotel

1:00 – 4:00 pm National Leadership Meeting

1:00 – 4:00 pm Special Service Activity for the Wives

- **Service Project:** We will be making 200 teddy bears to give to needy children. We will have them sewn, so all we need to do is stuff them and sew the hole closed, by hand. **Clive Romney** will also be on the program sharing his musical talents. It will be an outstanding afternoon of service and entertainment.

6:00 – 9:30 pm Gala Program, Dinner and Dance

- Music provided by the outstanding **Mississippi Mood**. This band is the outgrowth of the historic Nauvoo Band. They are a sought-after group with very talented musicians.
- Dinner provided by the skilled chefs at the Marriott Hotel
- Our after-dinner speaker is **Dr. Ronald Walker** who will speak on: *Brigham Young, Courageous Frontiersman* Dr. Ronald W. Walker (born 1939) is professor emeritus of history at Brigham Young University and was president of the Mormon History Association during 1991-1992.

Dr. Walker attended BYU, where he received a B.S. in 1961 and a M.A. in 1965. He received a M.A. from Stanford University in 1968 and a Ph.D. from the University of Utah in 1977, writing his dissertation on the Godbeites. During his graduate studies Walker worked in the Church's Institute of Religion in Southern California and at the University of Utah. He joined the LDS Church Historical Department under Leonard Arrington in 1976. In 1980 he was transferred to BYU to become a professor of history and inaugural member of the Joseph Fielding Smith Institute for Church History. He would later serve as a senior research fellow at the Smith Institute and acting director of the Charles Redd Center for Western Studies. He has widely published in the field of Mormon history and noted historian Leonard Arrington called him "one of the Church's most sophisticated writers." Some of his publications include: *Studies in Mormon History, 1830-1997: An Indexed Bibliography*; *Qualities That Count: Heber J. Grant as Businessman, Missionary and Apostle*; *Massacre at Mountain Meadows*; *Wayward Saints: The Social and Religious Protests of the Godbeites Against Brigham Young*. Dr. Walker and his wife, Nelani Midgley Walker, are the parents of seven children. He has had many callings in his church service including that of bishop.



- Following the formal program we will have a dance with the band playing music of the 40's and 50's. They will keep playing as long as the participants want to keep dancing.

Friday, August 24

7:30 am Registration at the Marriott Hotel throughout the day

(Those who are not registered for any other event but wish to participate in only a bus tour will have an additional \$10 charge)

8:00 am to 4:30 pm **Nine Mile Canyon Tour will leave from the hotel.** (The tour will cost an additional \$50)

Utah author Lee Nelson, who used to own a ranch in Nine Mile Canyon and conducted his *Storm Testament* book fans on outlaw trail rides there for 15 years, is guiding our bus tour. Nine Mile Canyon has been called the world's longest art gallery, containing literally thousands of archaeology sites which include pictographs, petroglyphs, pit houses and granaries. We'll follow the gravel road along the old stagecoach road that connected the



outside world with the Ute Indian Reservation and Uintah Basin communities for many years. We'll have lunch at Rasmussen Cave (sack lunches and drinks will be provided on the bus) where we'll hike over to the famous chief drawing that was featured on the cover of *National Geographic Magazine*, seeing other drawings along the way, including a hundred-year-old outlaw drawing pointing the way to a Butch Cassidy hideout on the Badland Benches. After lunch we'll drive to the famous hunting scene that has been featured in books and magazines around the world. Bring comfortable walking shoes, cameras, binoculars and sun glasses.

8:30 am to 4:00 pm **BYU Tour will leave from the hotel.** (This tour will cost an additional \$30)

The first stop will be a tour of the new BYU athletic facilities hosted by BYU Asst. Head Football Coach Lance Reynolds. He will talk about "New Frontiers for BYU as an Athletic Independent." We will visit the training and conditioning facilities and new indoor practice field.

After a visit of the athletic facilities the tour will visit the Fine Arts Museum, and there we will be hosted by Marian Wardle, Curator of American Art. We will visit the galleries and be introduced to the insights of the museum. The new featured exhibit, "Islamic Art, Beauty and Belief" will be a highlight of the tour.

The tour group will then move to the new BYU Broadcasting Building. We will be hosted by Ryan Clark, BYU Broadcasting Guest Relations Director as he talks about *New Frontiers in Broadcasting*. We will be guided by him through this remarkable state-of-the-art-facility.

The tour will conclude with lunch on campus with vocal numbers and speaker Dr. Sandra Rogers. She will speak on *BYU Pioneering Initiatives in Developing Nations*. Dr. Rogers is the international vice president at Brigham Young University. She has responsibility for the David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies, the Ambassadorial Visits Program, and BYU's student abroad programs. In addition, she oversees the university's Division of Continuing Education. Dr. Rogers previously served as the associate academic vice president for International, Distance and Continuing Education. She has broad experience in the international arena. She has studied, served, and worked in countries such as the Philippines, Nigeria, Jordan, and Romania. In addition to serving as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Philippines, Dr. Rogers has worked with the Church's Humanitarian Services Committee in Africa and Eastern Europe. As a nursing professor, she was asked to serve as a consultant for numerous international programs, including training and development projects funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).



We will next visit the George A. Smith Provo Pioneer Village which is sponsored by the Brigham Young Chapter, SUP, where a craft fair will be in progress. We will then return to the hotel.

8:30 am to 4:00 pm West Desert Bus Tour will leave from the hotel (This tour will cost an additional \$40)

The west desert historic sites tour will be led by **John M. Beck**. He will share his insights as we visit Camp Floyd, Clover, Johnson Springs, Skull Valley, Iosepa, Pony Express stations and other fascinating but forgotten historical sites. This is an opportunity to see this little-noted but rich historical area with new insight. Our capable guide, John Beck, is a descendant of some Martin Handcart Pioneers. He has a B.S. from BYU and a M.A. from Northern Arizona University. He retired in 2008 from Church Education after 36 years. The last 15 years he taught at the Orem Institute of Religion (UVU), where he served as Associate Director. From 1999-2008 he directed American and Church History travel study tours for BYU and LDS Travel Studies. He has traveled Utah extensively and directed approximately 20 tours within the Utah landscape focusing on exploration and colonization of LDS settlements. He has served in many church callings including stake president. Currently he presides over the Single Adults in Utah Valley. He is married to Lynette Hall of St. Johns, Arizona. They are the parents of eight children and have 19 grandchildren. At the end of the tour we will visit the George A. Smith Provo Pioneer Village sponsored by the Brigham Young Chapter, SUP, where a craft fair will be in progress. A box lunch is included in the tour.



9:30 am Symposium at the Marriott

(There is no additional cost for participants of the convention but there is a \$10 cost as a single event.)

9:30 – 10:20am Dr. Matthew Grow will speak on : *Parley P. Pratt: Mormonism's Apostle Paul*.

Matthew J. Grow is Director of Publications at the Church History Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was previously an Assistant Professor of History and Director of the Center for Communal Studies at the University of Southern Indiana. He is the author of *Liberty to the Downtrodden: Thomas L. Kane, Romantic Reformer* (Yale University Press, 2009), winner of the 2010 Best Book Award from the Mormon History Association and of the 2011 Evans Biography Award; coauthor, with Terryl Givens, of *Parley P. Pratt: The Apostle Paul of Mormonism* (Oxford University Press, 2011); and coeditor, with Gregory Armstrong and Dennis Siler, of *Parley P. Pratt and the Making of Mormonism* (Arthur Clark, 2011). He has published articles in *Journal of the Early Republic*, *Church History*, *American Nineteenth-Century History*, *Journal of Mormon History*, *BYU Studies*, and *Utah Historical Quarterly*. He received his Ph.D. in American History from the University of Notre Dame in 2006. Matt and his wife Alyssa live in Sandy with their four children.



10:30 – 11:20 am Emily Utt will speak on *The Provo Tabernacle: Its History and Future*.

Emily Utt is an Historic Sites Curator for the Church History Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. As a curator, she has been involved in researching, interpreting, and preserving significant Latter-day Saint buildings and places. Her current work focuses on research and preservation of historic meetinghouses and tabernacles. Emily's involvement at the Provo Tabernacle began shortly after the devastating fire in December 2010. She has spent hundreds of hours documenting, salvaging, and assisting architects and contractors in preservation efforts at the Tabernacle and is now working as an historical consultant on the design for the new temple. Emily is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University with degrees in religion and history. She is completing her master's degree in Historic Preservation at Goucher College. Her thesis focuses on preservation strategies for historic buildings damaged by fire.



11:30 am – 12:20 am Brent Ashworth will speak on *Surprising Finds In the Life of a Collector*. Brent Ashworth is a native Provoan, long-time local booster and civic leader. Brent's career has included maintaining a private law practice, serving as a county attorney and as general legal counsel for some of Utah Valley's largest companies. He is also a collector of rare books and manuscripts, art, and more! Because of this life-long passion for collecting, he established the firm of *B. Ashworth's Rare Books, Documents, Art, and Collectibles* in Provo, Utah, several years ago. Ashworth holds degrees in History and Political Science from BYU, and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Utah. Recently, he completed a service mission, where he focused on acquiring rare books and manuscripts for the LDS Church. An inveterate collector of all things valuable, beautiful, and intellectual — Ashworth is especially interested in American political materials, English and American literature, American cultural materials, sports, and first and foremost - Western and Mormon Americana.



12:30 – 2:00pm Lunch on your own. (There are many outstanding restaurants in downtown Provo. As you leave the hotel onto Center Street there are good restaurants to the east and west. The cafeteria in the hotel also serves outstanding lunches)

2:00 pm Dr. LaMar Adams (Past president of the National SUP) will talk on *Grand Keys to Understanding Isaiah*

Dr. Adams has lectured extensively nationally and internationally on these subjects for over 40 years. He initiated original classes on Isaiah at BYU Education Week and the Know Your Religion Series, which pioneered into regular semester classes on Isaiah. He is the only scholar with a BYU Ph.D. major in Isaiah & the Old Testament. His Ph.D. dissertation on Isaiah drew international interest, and he graduated at the top of his class with "superior performance and outstanding knowledge and understanding." Deseret Book named his book, *The Living Message of Isaiah*, as the Best Seller for the year. He had international acclaim as a leading biblical authority on Isaiah and biblical research, and continues to develop international interest in the subject. If there is sufficient interest he is also prepared to talk on *Isaiah's Prophecies of Joseph Smith & Latter Day Pioneers* following his first presentation.



2:00 – 5:00 pm The Provo Pioneer Village on 500 West and 600 North, in the Provo North Park, will be having a community Craft Fair. This event is free. This village contains 13 different structures, including a store, pioneer homes, a school, a wood shop and a blacksmith shop. It also has an extensive array of artifacts and wagons that depict the life of the early pioneers. This village is sponsored by the Brigham Young Chapter of the SUP and is operated entirely with volunteers and contributions. We invite you to step back in time as you visit this remarkable village.



Clive Romney in the Pioneer Village

There are also other attractions worth your attention in the Provo Area and on the BYU campus. We invite you to explore these other sites, including the Crandall Printing Museum at 375 E. Center; The Museum of Mormon Mexican History at 1501 N Canyon Road; the DUP Museum just south of the Village and other outstanding sites.

6:00 – 9:00 pm Dinner and Musical Program and Speaker

- Dinner served by the outstanding staff at the Marriott Hotel
- The Dixieland Jazz artists, Steve Call and Bob Bailey, will entertain us with musical renditions that will get our hearts pumping.

Our after-dinner speaker will be **Steven K. Peterson** and his topic will be **Recovering the Stranded in Developing Nations**. Steven Peterson is the Managing Director of Welfare Services and Humanitarian Services of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Additional experience with the Church has been as Director for Temporal Affairs in the Utah and Mexico South Areas and as administrative support for the Presiding Bishopric. He also is the President of Latter-day Saint Charities and Chairman of the Board of LDS Family Services. He has also held numerous positions in the Church Finance Department, including the Area Controller in the Chile and Mexico Areas and Director of Finance and Administration. He received his B.A. in accounting from Weber State University and his MBA from Utah State University. Brother Peterson is currently serving as president of the South Weber Utah Stake. He has previously served as president of the Uruguay Montevideo West Mission, as a bishop, high councilor, and missionary in the Mexico Hermosillo Mission. He and his wife, LuAnn, are the parents of 6 children and grandparents of 9.



Saturday, August 25

7:30 -12:00 pm Registration

7:30 – 8:30 am National Board Breakfast

9:30 – 11:30 am National Business Meeting for all SUP members

9:30 – 11:30 am Wives meeting and Program

Dianna Diehl (from SLC) will talk about pioneer foods. She will show us what the pioneers ate and how they prepared it. We will then be able to sample the recipes for a great treat. **LouAnn Wilde** will also share her handmade quilts and share some pioneer histories related to them.

12:00 noon Grand Banquet and Program

Vocalist **Susan Morgan** will be our featured musical performer singing popular selections from Broadway and other familiar numbers.

The speaker will be **Elder Steven E Snow, Member of the First Quorum of Seventy and Church Historian**. He will be speaking on: **New Frontiers in the LDS Church**. Elder Snow was called to serve as a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy in March 2001 and was appointed a member of the Presidency of the Seventy in April 2007. Prior to his call to serve as a full-time General Authority of the Church, Elder Snow was a senior partner in the Utah law firm of Snow Nuffer and has been a member and president of his local school board, chairman of the Utah State Board of Regents and chairman of the Western States Commission of Higher Education.



Sons of Utah Pioneers 2012 National Convention

August 23-25

Provo Marriott Hotel
101 West 100 North, Provo Utah

Today's Pioneers on New Frontiers

Sponsored by

Brigham Young and Maple Mountain Chapters

Thursday, August 23

12:00 - 6 pm Registration at the hotel
 1:00 - 4 pm National Leadership Meeting
 1:00 - 4 pm Wives Special Activity
 6:00 - 9:30 pm Gala Program, Dinner and Dance
 Music: Mississippi Mood (Nauvoo Band)
 Speaker: Dr. Ronald Walker, Historian
Brigham Young, Courageous Frontiersman
 Dance to music of the 40's and 50's

Friday, August 24

7:30 am Registration at the hotel throughout day
 8:00 am Nine Mile Canyon tour begins from hotel
 8:30 am BYU tour begins from hotel
 8:30 am West Desert tour begins from hotel
 9:30 am Symposium begins
 6:00-9:00 pm Evening Dinner Program
 Special Musical Number
 Speaker: Steven K. Peterson
 Managing Director of Welfare Services
Recovering the Stranded in Developing Nations

Saturday, August 25

7:30-12:00 am Registration
 7:30-8:30 am National Board Breakfast
 9:30-11:30 am National Business Meeting, all members
 9:30-11:30 am Wives' Meeting
 12:00-2:00 pm Banquet
 Speaker: Elder Steven E. Snow
 Presidency of Seventy & Church Historian
New Frontiers in the LDS Church

For more information visit: bysup.org or
sonsofutahpioneers.org

Detail of Friday Activities

Nine Mile Canyon Tour

Lee Nelson, author, historian and expert on Nine Mile Canyon will lead you through "the world's most spectacular art gallery" with many pictographs and petroglyphs left by ancient Native Americans. Box lunch is included. The tour will take about 7 hours and will cost an additional \$50.00 for registered participants. Bring hiking shoes and binoculars.

West Desert Historic Sites Tour

John M. Beck, a local historian with many years of experience in the West Desert will share his insights as you visit Camp Floyd, Clover, Johnson Springs, Skull Valley, Iosepa, Pony Express stations and other fascinating but forgotten historical sites. This is an opportunity to see this little-noted but rich historical area with new insight. Box lunch is included. The tour will take about 6 hours and will cost an additional \$40.00 for registered participants

Brigham Young University Tour

Join us as we explore outstanding attractions on the BYU Campus, including the new Broadcast Center, BYU Museum of Art and Athletic Facilities. A sit-down lunch is included with a lecture on BYU International Outreach by Sandra Rogers, BYU International Vice President. The tour will cost an additional \$30.00 for registered participants.

Symposium at the Marriott

The morning lectures will feature:
 9:30 Dr. Matt Grow, historian and author:
Parley P. Pratt, Mormonism's Apostle Paul
 10:30 Emily Utt, Church Historical Architect:
The Provo Tabernacle, History and Future
 11:30 Brent Ashworth historian and collector of rare artifacts:
Surprising Finds In the Life of a Collector
 12:30 Lunch on your own
 2:00 Dr. LaMar Adams, foremost scholar on Isaiah:
Keys to Understanding Isaiah
Isaiah's Prophecies of Joseph Smith & Latter-day Pioneers

(There is no additional symposium charge for registered participants)

2:00-5:00pm **Provo Pioneer Village and other Provo activities**
 Also, in the afternoon you are invited to join us in the Pioneer Village where live demonstrations will be in progress. Other suggested activities include visiting the Crandall Printing Museum, the DUP Museum, the Mexican Mormon History Museum, the BYU Bean Museum and other sites on campus and around Provo.

Registration Form: Please complete, clip out and mail to Jay Smith at 1825 Oak Lane, Provo, UT 84604 Phone 801-377-4002

Name _____ [] member or [] guest Wife _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Chapter, if member _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

Early Registration before Aug. 1: \$120.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Late Registration on/after Aug. 1: \$130.00 X _____ = \$ _____

(Full registration includes all events except the tours and lodging)

Tours (If your first choice is full, what is your second choice?)

[] Nine Mile- \$50 X _____ = \$ _____

[] West Desert- \$40 X _____ = \$ _____

[] BYU- \$30 X _____ = \$ _____

[] Symposium at the Marriott – no extra charge

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Single event prices for non-registrants:

Thursday Gala \$40 X _____ = _____

Friday Dinner and Program \$40 X _____ = _____

Tours costs as indicated plus \$10 X _____ = _____

Friday Symposium \$10 X _____ = _____

Saturday Banquet/Elder Snow \$40 X _____ = _____

All dinner reservations must be made by August 20th

Make checks out to Sons of Utah Pioneers- Brigham Young Chapter. Mail to Jay Smith at 1825 Oak Lane, Provo, UT 84604

The Marriott Hotel has arranged a special rate of \$94 a room (including internet) for convention participants. Call 801-377-4700 for reservations