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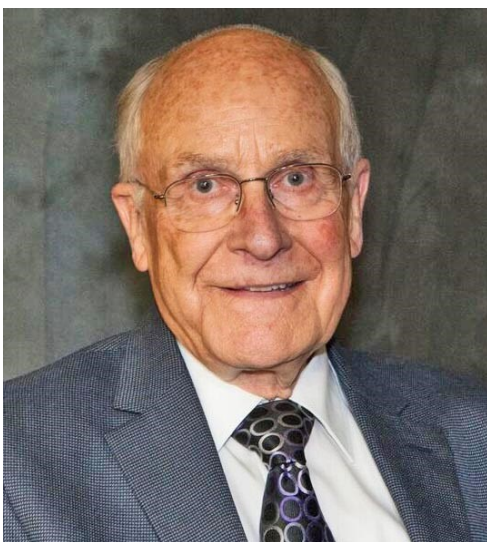
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PIONEERING YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



In a chapter training meeting last fall I noted that everyone present had something important at home they could be doing and yet here they were in an SUP training meeting. "Why," I asked, "are you here?" The three hands that went up nailed the answers. The first responded, "I owe it to my ancestors." The second, "I owe it to all

my children," and the third, "I owe it to everyone in my community." These three statements capture the essence of our purpose and mission as members of the SUP. They also provide an incentive for increasing our membership, expanding our influence and empowering our commitment to the goals of our SUP Mission.

Recent membership counts of our Sons of Utah Pioneers has varied little from year to year hovering around 2200 with 42 active Chapters. A static membership is certainly better than a declining one, but really does not do justice to who we are and the importance of what we as SUP members do. SUP membership is a function of our ability to **RETAIN** current members on the one hand and our **RECRUITMENT** of new members on the other.

Our **RETENTION** of current members can be supported by special efforts to provide a welcoming and engaging social environment that has every member greeting each other in friendship and camaraderie. Any member who speaks with few if any sits alone and leaves without notice is likely not to renew membership next year. Quality of presenters and relevance of topic in chapter meetings is essential. Recently I had a report of a couple of members in a chapter who had expressed some hesitancy about renewing their memberships because few of the recent speakers had addressed the topic of pioneering. They felt that the focus of the Sons of Utah Pioneers had been lost. Retention is also increased by establishing a track record of successful chapter

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activities. Examples, common in most chapters, include treks to pioneer sites; youth essay contests, scholarship awards, Christmas and summer socials, attendance at SUP pioneer history symposiums, annual national convention, and opportunities to serve in chapter leadership positions. In essence, involvement in an array of opportunities and functions designed around the theme of pioneer ancestors will contribute to higher retention of current members..

Let's think about "RECRUITMENT" differently. Last fall in our leadership training meeting in Hurricane, Utah I asked the participants to share their stories of first contacts and initial membership in our SUP. In all but a couple of stories it was a Dad or other family member, other relatives, or a good friend who invited them to attend as a guest. In every case it was an act of friendship and caring, never a high pressure sales effort. My own "recruitment" to the SUP, along with that of my two brothers, occurred when our father invited us to accompany him to his Ogden SUP meetings as guests. We really liked being with our Dad, and we also enjoyed the SUP meetings. Thanks to my father, I had been well prepared for the day, as a new resident of Mountain Green, I drove up to Morgan to get my hair cut by Paul Dickson, our community barber. Little did I know that Paul was also the membership chair of the Morgan Pioneer Chapter! Before my haircut was complete Paul had invited me to be his guest at the next Morgan SUP chapter meeting. I found there an environment of warmth, acceptance and interest in pioneer ancestry. I wanted to go back. The rest is history. Dad's invitations all those years ago were acts of love for his sons. Paul's invitation was an act of friendship, not of salesmanship!

Chapters might consider having occasional special chapter meetings and other activities at which members are encouraged to invite their sons or brothers to attend as guests of the chapter. Also, an occasional "Bring a Friend" chapter meeting is an effective way to share what we have with others. If all chapters sponsored such meetings occasionally I suspect our membership ranks would swell and we would all benefit from the presence of our new members. Let's all think more about including others in our SUP activities and making sure they feel welcomed and rewarded for coming.

Jim Hurst
National President, 2016
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**The Mission of the National Society
of the Sons of Utah Pioneers**

1. Come to know our fathers, and turn our hearts to them.
2. Preserve the memories and heritage of the early pioneers of the Utah Territory and the western U.S.
3. Honor present-day pioneers worldwide who exemplify the pioneer values and qualities of character.
4. Teach these values and qualities to the youth who will be tomorrow's pioneers.

NATIONAL CALENDAR

(Online Calendar available at <http://www.sup1847.com/calendar/>)

- February 20, **Regional Symposium** in Ogden. See [page 5](#)
- February 27, Chapter President's Meeting, National Headquarters, 10:00 a.m.
- February 27, National Board meeting, National Headquarters, 1:00 p.m.
- April 30, SUP Building Clean Up, 10:00 to 12:00.
- May 7, National Symposium, National Headquarters
- July 18, SUP Day at This is the Place Heritage Park
- July 25, Sunrise Service at the Salt Lake Tabernacle, 7:00 a.m.
- September 22-24, 2016, **SUP National Convention in Hurricane, Utah.** [See page 17](#)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New Annual Members

Hunter Barnes	Box Elder Chapter
W. Glade Berry	Lehi Chapter
Edward Bunker	Timpanogos Chapter
James Comer	Lehi Chapter
Kevin Knott	Murray Chapter
Steven Packer	Box Elder Chapter
Alan Earl Wright	Box Elder Chapter
Robert Bush	Cotton Mission Chapter
Neal Cox	Sanpete County Chapter
Bill Funk	Sanpete County Chapter
Clair Ross Hopkins Jr	Salt Lake City Chapter
James Luster	Sanpete County Chapter
Ted Marshall	Salt Lake City Chapter
Steven Rowley	Sevier Valley Chapter
Eugene O Sloan	Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter

New Life Members

Robert Beecher	Lehi Chapter
Dr Mark Bezzant	Timpanogos Chapter
W Donald Shields	Member at large

Chapter Eternal

C Lohrengel II	Cedar City Chapter December 17, 2015
Ardel Loveland	Box Elder Chapter December 21, 2015

New Family & Friends Members

Glenn W Clark	Washington DC Chapter
Jeffrey Despain	Washington DC Chapter

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NATIONAL NEWS

Send National News submissions to
SUP1847@gmail.com.

Creation of Speakers' Bureau

Just a reminder that our chapters are always looking for good speakers and that we have created a Speaker's Bureau on our website.

We need your help to populate it, so if you have a speaker that you want to recommend, be sure that they are willing and then send the information to the webmaster. (david.mower@gmail.com) He will then add that to the list.

The Speakers' Bureau will reside permanently in the *About/Forms and Documents* section of sup1847.com. To see the Speakers' Bureau now, click [HERE](#).

Applications invited for 2017 and 2018 National Conventions.

If your chapter would like to sponsor the National Convention in either of the coming years, please send your proposal to the National Office. We are planning for both years to facilitate planning. All chapters are welcome to apply!

Spring Clean Up is coming!

Put Saturday April 30 on your calendar to come and help us clean up the building and grounds for the coming summer. Wear your work clothes and gloves. Bring any tools: shovel, pruners, chainsaw, pick, etc that you may have that might be useful in the clean-up projects. Refreshments will be provided!

Days of '47 Sunrise Service

Because this year July 24 is on Sunday the traditional Sunrise Service will be held on Monday July 25 at 7:00 a.m. in the Tabernacle on Temple Square prior to the traditional Days of '47 Parade. The Sunrise Service is sponsored by the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter and the National Office of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. A combined Institute choir and address by a general authority is included on the program. Plan to begin your day of commemoration and celebration bright and early by attending this uplifting and inspirational event.

Chapter President's Council

The Chapter President's Council will be held on Saturday, February 27 at the National Office from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The Council meeting this year will emphasize attendance by the Chapter President, President Elect, Past President and Treasurer. Any other Chapter officer is also invited. The meeting will feature a "break out" session for officers to share their best practices and problem solving techniques with each other in smaller group discussions.

Treasurers are especially invited this year for the exchange of information on collecting annual dues, membership records and financial management.

A working lunch at noon will conclude the day. All Chapters are asked to inform National two weeks in advance the number of attendees so we can order lunches for all.

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REGIONAL HISTORY SYMPOSIUM



Sponsored by the Ogden Pioneer Chapter

SATURDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2016

1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Theme: Early Pioneer History of Northern Utah

Cost: \$30 per person

Lecture Series: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Dinner & Keynote Speaker: 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

The speakers will be:

Audrey Godfrey: Prominent women of the Church in early Utah

Richard Sadler: The Railroad and its impact on Northern Utah

Kenneth Alford: Impact of the U.S. Civil War in the Utah Territory

Dr Gene A Sessions: The Mormon Reformation

The keynote speaker for the evening will be **Elder Marlin K Jensen**, an Emeritus Member of the Seventy, and a former Church Historian and Recorder

Location: Weber Heights Stake Center
1401 Country Hills Drive
Ogden, UT 84403
(North of the WSU Dee Events Center)

REGISTRATION FORM:

Name: _____

S.U.P. Chapter: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Guest(s) Name: _____

Amount Remitted: \$ _____

\$30 per person

Make Checks Payable to : S.U.P. Ogden Pioneer Chapter

Please Mail This Form To:

L. Nate Pierce, Symposium Chair

4265 Country Hills Drive

Ogden, UT 84403-2519

OR

Registration by Credit Card can be made by contacting the S.U.P. National Office at (801) 484-4441 or on-line by clicking [HERE](#)

Membership applications forms

Friends and Family membership

Recommended for those under age 56

For those with limited time

Click [HERE](#) for an application form

Regular membership

Pay annual dues or become

a life member

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CHAPTER NEWS

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Please send Chapter Newsletters and other news, information, pictures and upcoming events to Roland Lee at rolandleefamily@gmail.com before the end of each month.

Editor's challenge to EVERY chapter – Please send me news of your chapter. We would love to hear from you.

One of the functions of this section is to provide suggestions for speakers and activities. With that thought in mind we will be including contact information as it is made available to us. See also the Speakers' Bureau on the website.

BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER (Provo – Orem, Utah)

The Brigham Young Chapter program for December was "Music for Christmas," organized by **Janet Izatt**. The program featured a variety of music presented by a string ensemble from Timpview High School, a violin duo of **Milly Mitton and her daughter Lizzie**, and a vocal soloist **Tracy Mansanarez**. Sing-along Christmas carols, accompanied by the "orchestra" and **Kathryn Rosenvall** at the piano, were enjoyed by all. Narrator was **Bruce Seely**, the familiar voice of Classical 89.

Chapter officers for 2016 were sworn in and are:
Glendon Hatch (President); **Ray Andrus**

(President-elect); **Jon Clark** (Past President); **Terrence Williamson** (Secretary); **Lynn Smith** (Treasurer); **Reed Izatt** (Communications Chairman); **James Rosenvall** (Dinner Meeting Chairman); **Gordon Creer** (Finances Chairman); **Craig Ord** (Future Pioneers Essays Chairman); **Ralph Benson** (Future Pioneers Scholarship Chairman); **Harvard Heath** (Historian); **Lorenzo Pope** (Membership Chairman); **Jay Higbee** (Monuments Chairman); **John Beck** (Chairman); **Steve Nelson** (Pioneer Village Mayor).

CENTERVILLE CHAPTER (Centerville, Utah)

At the Centerville chapter dinner meeting on January 6, 2016, **Lyle Shamo** was the speaker. He centered his message on the growth of audio/visual communication in the church as well as the world. He spent 27 years with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints media department. For 15 of those years he was managing director of the audio/visual department. While there he oversaw all film broadcasts, satellite broadcasts, temple media presentations and General Conference events of the Church.



Lyle and Tracy Shamo

Brother Shamo shared spiritual experiences he had as he worked closely with President Hinckley on Church audio/visual projects. He bore testimony that the modern communication inventions during our lifetime came about by the hand of the Lord to help preach the gospel to people everywhere. He had his wife read to us some of the key quotations he used in his presentation, which was very effective. It was a very spiritual presentation. Everyone wanted to hear more.

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COTTON MISSION CHAPTER (St George, Utah area)

Much strength of character, compassion, and assurance that God is mindful of us came from the experiences of the Handcart Pioneers. Because of those strengths gained by our forbearers, handcart treks are taking place all over the world as part of youth programs.

The Sons of Utah Pioneers' January dinner meeting was pleased to have **Jolene Allphin**, author of the book, "Tell My Story Too," share some of the lesser known, but uplifting stories of the rescue of those last three handcart companies of 1856. Brigham Young sent out many rescue wagon parties to, "bring them in." Mrs. Allphin's closing words bore witness of her faith in the Savior, "He is still sending the wagons!"

Remembering the contributions of our pioneer heritage, the SUP places and maintains memorial



Jolene Allphin, Author/historian

plaques at historical sites and trails. The January meeting organized groups to do so, which becomes an enjoyable, social, and beneficial activity.

GROVE CITY CHAPTER (Blackfoot, Idaho)

A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all as our chapter celebrated Christmas together with a great meal and equally great music.

Dick Lindsay and Dale Christensen shared their talents by playing all of our Christmas favorites. Those in attendance shared their voices as all sang the familiar tunes paying tribute to the Christmas season.

The meal of ham and all the fixings was great and I am sure it added to the calorie count of holiday meals. I am sure those will be worked off during our upcoming year with SUP projects.



Dick Lindsay and Dale Christensen

Merlin Wright, Area Vice President, installed our new Chapter Officers for 2016: **Bob Siebers**, President; **Joel Robinson**, President Elect; **Rulon Hillam**, Secretary; **Noel Johnson**, Publicity; **Nolan Mecham**, Treks; and **Dick Lindsay**, Programs.

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HOLLADAY CHAPTER (Holladay, Utah)

Our January meeting was held on January 8, with 78 treated to a fantastic chicken dinner provided by **Jeremy Meier** Catering including a brownie sundae with fresh strawberries to finish the meal.

Preston Hunt was given a round of applause for serving as president for the past two years. **Read Howard** accepted the call from the board and will serve as president for the year 2016.

The guest speaker was **Bruce Lindsay** retired anchor of KSL channel 5. He and his wife **Shari** recently returned as Mission President and Mission Mother of the Perth, Australia Mission. His subject was the earliest pioneer in Australia starting with the first convert of the church and the growth up to the present day, where Australia has about 400,000 members.

Bruce is a wonderful storyteller and he included some authentic music to help us feel the spirit of the

country. He compared the experience of the Australian members with the same problems pioneers had here. He then talked about the missionaries who served under him. Some of the spiritual experiences were indeed heartwarming. It made us realize the importance of the missionary program of our Church. It was a wonderful evening.



Bruce Lindsay

2016 SUP Pocket Calendars

Now available from the National Office for \$4.00 each

You can order them by calling the office (801-484-4441) or by going to the website and to the store. Or, just drop into the office and pick one up.



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HURRICANE VALLEY CHAPTER (Hurricane, Utah)

Our dinner was a great success! We had several come who have not been for a while, and we were grateful for their attendance. The meal consisted of turkey and ham, green beans, green salads, Jello salads, baked potatoes, rolls and pumpkin pie. There was plenty for all with many who had seconds.

Our entertainment was **Kristine Hirschi**, daughter-in-law of our new President-Elect, **Tom Hirschi**. She has such a rich musical sound, and entertained us with many Christmas favorites, such as Oh Holy Night, Mary Did You Know, Christmas Shoes, and others. Thank you Kristine for your performance and talent!!!

At every Christmas dinner we have, there is a group of women who make our dinner have class! These include: **Kathy Isom, Marilyn Bringhurst, Beverly Leavitt, Margene Edwards**, and possibly others. They provide the decorations, and we are indebted to them for the hours they spend making our dinner look festive! Thank you ladies!

A plaque was given to **Dan Walsh** for his service for the last three years in the presidency! He has given so much of his time and efforts, even during times that he was struggling with heart problems. He has had 4 or 5 heart attacks within the last 6 months. We honor him for his life and dedication!

And, **Don Burton**, our very own Area Vice-President, was in attendance to swear in all of the new officers and board members for the coming year. They are: President, **Gerry Buckner**; President Elect, **Tom Hirschi**; Past President, **David Hinton**; Secretary, **Steven Stout**; Treasurer, **Darwin Leavitt**; Board members: **Dan Zaleski, Don Bellon, David Isom, Antone Bringhurst, Devin Ruesch, Richard Black**, with new members: **Darwin Gifford** and **Robert Schnabel**. We are grateful for these great men who are willing to serve!



Hurricane Chapter officers for 2016

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JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER, (South Jordan, Utah)

Our excellent speaker this month was the noted author **Jerry Borrowman**. He spoke on some of the experiences of the life of **Orrin Porter Rockwell**. Mr. Borrowman co-authored the book titled *Stories from the Life of Porter Rockwell* with the great-great grandson of Porter Rockwell, **John W. Rockwell**.

Because Porter Rockwell never learned to read or to write, there are no first hand accounts to refer to. A person must rely upon journals and histories written by others during the time of Porter's life.

The history of the restoration of the gospel of Jesus Christ was well known to Porter Rockwell, as he was the ninth person to be baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. And, he remained faithful throughout his life.



Jerry Borrowman

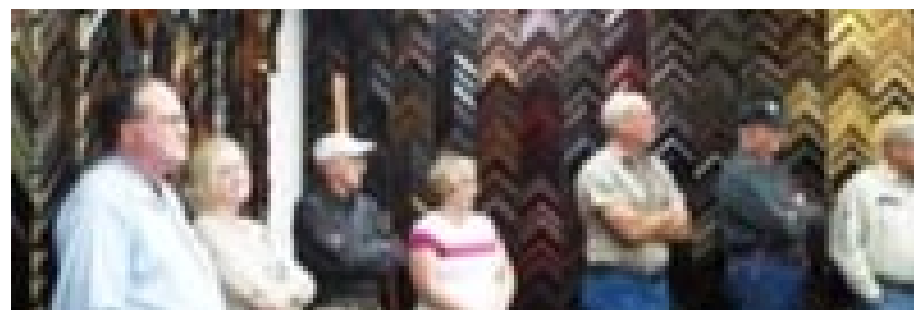
Porter's reputation was well known. If you wanted someone to provide you with safety, food, and protection then Porter Rockwell was the man you would want to lead your activity.

Porter Rockwell was a bodyguard to the prophet **Joseph Smith**. After Joseph's death, Porter became bodyguard to **Brigham Young**. Porter Rockwell died June 9, 1878 at the age of 65.

Thank you Jerry for a most interesting evening with you and your discourse on the life of Orrin Porter Rockwell.

MORGAN CHAPTER (Morgan, Utah)

On Monday October 12, 2015, the Morgan Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers toured the Art Studio of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter



Morgan chapter visits the LDS Art Studio

Saints in Salt Lake City. The art studio produces all of the artwork for the temples and church buildings.

At the October 19th Dinner Meeting the Pioneer/Member of the Month Report was given by **Calvin Poll** who spoke about his ancestor **David Cameron**, born in 1819. David was born in Middlesex England where he later

served two missions in his hometown. He eventually immigrated to Utah where upon completion of his third mission was called to be over the church's show business in Salt Lake City. When he passed away, he requested that this saying be carved on his headstone, "I have fought a good fight, I have lived a good life."

Our after-dinner speaker was **Blaine Tueller** who spoke on being an officer in the Foreign Service and as a mission president.

While in the Foreign Service he served as a consulate officer, which involved protecting US citizens and helping to provide passports and visas. He has traveled the world. He has been to Ireland, Austria, Washington DC, Morocco, Arabia, Venezuela, Panama, Philippines and Spain.

Following his time in the Foreign Service, he had the privilege of serving as the Mission

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President in the Greece Athens Mission. When he had his personal interview with **Elder Oaks** instead of telling him he would receive his specific assignment later, he said that Elder Oaks went to a map and pointed to Greece and said, “This is where you will serve.” He then bore his testimony of the

Gospel and stated that the Church and the missionaries will always be quietly going about their business. This way they operate under the radar so to speak, when compared to the way the world operates.

MURRAY CHAPTER (Murray, Utah)

We haven’t seen that much energy in a long time—but we saw it on Wednesday, December 16, 2015, when the **Madrigal Singers of Taylorsville High School** came to the December meeting of the Murray Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers.

We met at the Heritage Center just west of the Fashion Place Mall. After a delicious dinner, in



Madrigal Singers of Taylorsville High School

came the singers dressed in sleep and casual wear. They sang some traditional Christmas carols, but they also sang some less-familiar, comical, upbeat, and entertaining songs of the season. They actively accompanied their singing with humorous facial expressions, gestures, gymnastic-like moves, and dancing. They were extremely entertaining, leaving us almost breathless, but eager to give them a rousing and on-going and well-deserved applause.

What a great evening, and what great talent the youth have! As an organization we, of course, have great interest in our past pioneer heritage and in preserving that heritage. But it is so refreshing to occasionally look the other direction—into the future—and support and encourage those who follow us. After the Madrigals’ wonderful performance, we were left feeling that those young and talented entertainers will carry great talent and enthusiasm into the future, and we support and encourage them

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OGDEN VALLEY CHAPTER (Huntsville, Liberty & Eden, Utah)

At our January meeting the officers for 2016 were sworn in by Area Vice President **David Jacobs**: President **Cal Welling**, President Elect **Dennis Shaw**, Past President **Paul Newey**, Secretary/Treasurer **Grant Weller** and Newsletter Editor **Don Lee**.



2016 officers for the Ogden Valley Branch

The Church is very strong in the country with about 60% being members, which makes it the number one country in the world for the percentage of membership. The country is governed by royalty and one of the Princes, Prince Ata, has joined the Church – which creates some interesting logistical challenges since one does not touch, speak to or approach royalty. Some of the missionaries, who are not natives, are assigned to greet and assist him.

The country is very poor and the local schools are terrible. For this reason the Church still operates schools in the country. They have 2 high schools and 5 middle schools.



Bob and Susie Wood

Our speakers for the evening were **Bob Wood** and his wife **Susie** who have just returned from a mission to Tonga. They told us of their experiences there and how the people are pioneers in their own right.

Tonga is a collection of 163 islands, most of which are uninhabited. The largest island is only 10 x 20 miles and is an atoll.

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RED ROCKS CHAPTER (Kanab, Utah)

January's Red Rock dinner meeting was held January 7 at 6 p.m. at the Kanab Utah Stake Center. Dinner was prepared by **Brent and Kathy Chamberlain, Spencer and Pam Young, and Mike and Dickie Robinson**. The dinner consisted of four different homemade soups, homemade bread, salad and carrot cake for dessert.

The evening's program included a report from **Don and Darta Taylor** on their recent mission to Denmark.

Some of the members of the executive committee of the Red Rock Chapter for 2016 are shown in this photo taken at December's dinner meeting. They are: **Marlin Brown**, Newsletter; **Brent Chamberlain**, Director; **Neil Crosby**, Treasurer; **Bruce Harris**, President-elect; **Ron Taylor**, President; **Larry Rhodes**, Secretary; and **Gerald Spencer**, Past President.



2016 officers for the Red Rock Chapter

SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER (Salt Lake City, Utah)

We enjoyed an excellent presentation at our monthly meeting on Thursday, January 7th. It is a marvel how much compassionate work the church does throughout the world, and even more so that they are able to carry out these efforts. We all recognize it is because the Latter-Day Saints have the spirit of service, and it is reflected in their generous donations.

Nathan Leishman was our speaker. He is the Manager of Humanitarian Disaster Response, or was in that position for about ten years until a few days ago when he was assigned to oversee the



*Nathan Leishman from the LDS Church
Humanitarian Services*

Bishop's Storehouses worldwide, of which the church has 140 of them.

His personal story is fascinating. In the years he has worked in the Humanitarian Services group he has visited 35 countries, gathered as a side hobby of his, thousands of

photographs and used a small sampling of them to present to us his story this evening. We learned of many of the victims,

volunteers who responded, and the many partners (charitable organizations) throughout the world with whom the church is involved and cooperates to bring vital relief to the victims of natural disasters.

Out of the thousands of projects where help was given these are the few that Brother Leishman mentioned: Pakistan where 100,000 were killed; a boy who makes his living in a Manila dump; Haiti earthquake where 20 doctors and 5 nurses were taken to help medically, but who also jumped in to unload supplies; Hurricane Sandy in New York; making friends of a Jewish Rabbi; Togo where the crippling effect of measles was shown; A Pakistani official who became a "Christian" in spirit after we helped after their floods; Hurricane Trina; and a woman in Haiti who lost 4 of her six children. He

said he could have shown many more photos and told many stories: the tsunami in Japan, other experiences in Haiti, Ethiopia, Syria, and so on.

In 2014 the church was involved in 103 projects in 54 countries. Humanitarian services is also involved in several major projects around the world including: neonatal resuscitation training, vision care, food initiatives, immunizations, clean water, wheel chairs, and many others.

SEVIER VALLEY CHAPTER (Richfield and Monroe, Utah)

November Chapter meeting meet Porter Rockwell



Keith Redford as Porter Rockwell

The November meeting was held at the 4th, 7th 9th Ward House. **Keith Redford** from Spring City was there to share with us his knowledge of and love for **Porter Rockwell**. Mr. Redford conducts a dinner theater which celebrates Porter Rockwell in Ephraim Utah. We received a little taste of that program. Those who were in attendance (and there

were many) were well rewarded as Mr. Redford and his wife told us stories of the life and times of Porter Rockwell. We had the great opportunity to ask questions about this colorful character of the early period of the Church. They also brought with them many original and replica items associated with Mr. Rockwell, such as guns and books. This was an extremely informative and worthwhile luncheon program. I know that if I ever get the chance to attend their dinner theater I will jump at the opportunity

December Chapter meeting Aspen Heart

The Christmas Dinner and Program was (as is tradition) held at administration building in the Snow College Richfield Campus. This was our traditional Special Christmas Dinner with the program of Christmas music provided by the "Aspen Heart." This was a great date night. The formal Dinner began at 6:00pm. As always the meal was great and the entertainment, as usual, was fantastic. The music and stories about the music set a wonderful stage for the Christmas Season.



Aspen Heart

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TAYLORSVILLE/BENNION CHAPTER (Taylorsville, Utah)

We were given a true Christmas feeling for the December chapter meeting. The entertainment provided by violinist **Kelly Richardson** and his wife and daughter playing viola and piano presented some music that was not the standard fare for the

season. The members were treated to classical violin pieces that were peaceful and reflective of the season. Kelly is an excellent violinist and is knowledgeable and informative about the pieces he performed. We were entertained and educated.



Kelly Richardson and his wife

TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER (Logan, Utah)

Boyce Wood, a guitar player and vocalist, presented the program for the December dinner meeting. He has performed as the opening act for several name groups, has written original music, and has produced some albums of his work. He played numbers from Johnny Cash, The Beatles, and several numbers that he has written. His last number was one he wrote for Christmas, and the message was “All I want is your love.”

Officers for 2016 were installed by **Paul Riley**, regional vice president for the Northern Utah-Idaho region. The officers, pictured left to right,



Boyce Wood

are: **Paul Riley**, Programs; **DeLoy Johnson**, Membership; **Roland Jeppson**, Scholarships; **Gaylen Ashcroft**, Newsletter; **James Thomas**, Programs; **Jeff Barnes**, Secretary; **Garth Sweeten**, Treasurer; **Richard Berrett**, President Elect; **Glen Stringham**, Past President; **George Montrose**, President; **LaMar Anderson**, Telephoning; **Wendell Pope**, Monuments.




2016 officers for the Temple Fork Chapter

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<p>Thursday Evening Entertainment</p> <p><i>John Houston's Gospel Choir</i></p>	<p>Friday Evening Entertainment</p> <p><i>Western Singer Eric Dodge and his Band</i></p>	<p>Saturday Morning Women's Meeting</p> <p>Premier Utah Author & Historian</p> <p><i>Paul Reeve</i></p>	<p>Saturday Convention</p> <p><i>Gerald N. Lund</i></p>
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TOUR 1



Come and visit the stunning red and white cliffs of Zion, a site that was held as sacred to the Paiute Indians when the pioneers first settled the area. Also visit the pioneer ghost town of Grafton which was flooded out so many times pioneers moved to other places to survive. It is one of the sites used for the making the movie, "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid."

For future information: www.hvsup.org

TOUR 2



Join with us as we visit the grandeur of the Kolob Fingers area of Zion National Park. It is the western most boundary of the park. It's spectacular red cliffs towering high into the sky. They are called the fingers because of the five cliffs that work together to form the landscape. We will also visit the old Fort Harmony which was one of the many forts along the southern trail the pioneers took refuge in as they came south!

TOUR 3



Visit the legendary Hurricane Canal Trail Head, and peruse the monument built in honor of the courage and dedication of our rugged and determined pioneers. They built a canal that was thought to be impossible to build, because they had "grit" and a "never quit" attitude. Walk along a portion of the canal, then travel to the head of the canal and see why it was thought to be impossible to build.

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Exciting News

Our Keynote Speaker for the 2016

S. U. P. Convention Will be:

World Class



LDS Author

Gerald N. Lund

**National SUP Convention 2016
Hurricane, Utah**

**Eric Dodge & His
Band, Singer, Song
Writer, Entertainer!**

**September
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