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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The month of April brings with it a long list of calendar activities for the Sons of the Utah Pioneers. During the month nominations are accepted for the National President of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers. I encourage you to look at the members in your chapter that meet the eligibility requirements and nominate them for this exciting position.

We have the chance to serve all the members of the Sons of the Utah pioneers by being part of the National Clean-Up & Maintenance Day at the national office building. This activity is not only beneficial to the national building; it is a time of great fellowship with other fellow pioneers, where we can rub shoulders in a less formal setting and provide service to others. This service prepares the national office for the next activity, the National Symposium that will take place the week following the building Clean-Up activity.

The theme of the 2023 symposium is "Zion's Camp", National President-Elect Nate Pierce has put together an outstanding program that will be both educational and entertaining. The afternoon presenters are Dr. Alexander L. Baugh, Professor of church history and doctrine at BYU; Dr Andrea G. Radke-Moss, historian and professor of US History at BYU Idaho; Dr. Mark Greene, retired physician and historian; and Dr Matthew C. Godfrey, managing historian of the Joseph Smith Papers. The evening keynote speaker is Glenn Rawson, author, radio and television personality. Zion's Camp was a key event in the development and educations of the leadership of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the early history of the church.

All of these events are ways we can fulfill the mission of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers. I challenge you to take advantage of these activities and to invite your family members, friends and neighbors to enjoy them with you.

John Clayton
2023 National President

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Calendar of Events

SATURDAY
15
APRIL

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS CLEAN-UP DAY


9AM - NOON • LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED
PLEASE BRING GLOVES & GARDENING / WORK TOOLS



SATURDAY
22
APRIL

NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM


COMMEMORATING ZIONS CAMP 1PM - 5PM
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: GLENN RAWSON 5:30PM-7PM



MONDAY
24
JULY

DAYS OF '47

SUNRISE SERVICE IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL AT TEMPLE SQUARE 7AM
FEATURED SPEAKER: ELDER JAMES W. MCCONKIE III
PARADE 9AM • COME PULL HANDCARTS WITH THE SUP



MONDAY
17
JULY

SUPER DUPER DAY

THIS IS THE PLACE HERITAGE PARK


10AM - 5PM



7-9
SEPTEMBER

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

HOSTED BY THE DIXIE ENCAMPMENT, COTTON MISSION &
HURRICAN VALLEY CHAPTERS
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: ELDER JEFFREY R. HOLLAND



Everyone has stories of pioneer ancestors that have and moved and motivated our lives that can benefit us all.



PIONEER STORIES

Please enjoy reading and submitting at: suponline.org/pioneer-stories.

THE SALMON RIVER MISSION OF 1855

By Richard D. Kirkham, Area Vice President, Pioneer Stories

In 1855 there were no white settlements beyond present day Brigham City. Led by Mission President Thomas S. Smith, 26 hearty missionaries traveled some 350 miles north into present day Idaho. They were called "to settle among the Flathead, Bannock or Shoshone Indians or anywhere that the tribes would receive them" and to teach them the gospel. At age 33, George Washington Hill left behind his wife and 4 small children in Ogden. He records,



George Washington Hill

I was called to take a mission to the House of Israel. This took all I could do to raise an outfit for myself, but realizing that the call was from God I accepted it in good faith and went to work with a will to prepare for it. This took everything I could raise to fit myself out, and a very poor outfit it was that I had. Still, I made the best I could of it and started early in May. . . .

None of us knew the language of the people we were sent to. Since I had learned a little of the language the winter before, it fell to my lot to do all the talking that was done, and also I had accepted the mission in good faith and did not want to return with a blank record, so I turned in with a will to try and get the language, realizing that unless I could talk with them my labors would not amount to much. I had faith in God that He would assist me if I would do my duty. This I determined to do and it had been sealed upon my head that I should see them in the distance and should know them and that they would come to me by the hundreds, but little did I think that this was going to come literally to pass as it did, for the first Indians we saw were at Fort Hall on Snake River. I went right to work on my missionary labors.

We were encamped on the Portneuf River about five miles from the fort. We had just camped when, on looking over Fort Hall, I discovered some Indians coming directly towards us. It seemed to me that I knew them and I told the boys who were with me, "There come some of my children and I am going to baptize them." This created some merriment among the boys, but on they came, arriving at our camp. They got off their horses, shook hands with us and stopped with us. I went to talking to them as well as I could, telling them who we were and what our business was.

The next day we moved on up to the ferry, the Indians accompanying us. When coming into camp, the president called upon

me to preach to them; this I did as well as I could which was very poor indeed. When they called for baptism I took them to the river and baptized them in fulfillment of my prediction when I first saw them in the distance. This was my first Indian baptism.

Brother Hill and the other missionaries continued on from Fort Hall and traveled into the present day area of Salmon, Idaho. There they built a fort which they named Lemhi. They made friends with the Indians there and the early days of the mission were promising. Brother Hill, who served as the Shoshone interpreter for the missionaries, continues his story:

Quite late in the fall the Indians began to come in for winter quarters. There was one who came in that had a very sick little girl. The Indians I had baptized on the way out told him that we administered to the sick, anointing them and praying over them, so he came after me to go and administer to her. I told him we did not make a practice of administering to people that did not belong to the Church, and if we went and administered to her and she got well, we would expect him to be baptized. He said that was a bargain. So I took Brothers' Cummings and Moore and went out to their camp and administered to the child who was burning up, as it were, with fever, and before we took our hands off of her head the sweat broke out in great drops all over her face and she was well at once.

The following Sunday there was quite a crowd of Indians at our meeting and after we got through, the president called on me to preach to them, which I tried to do in my weak way, telling them if they believed, we would baptize them if they wanted it. They all cried out, I do!" "I do!" all over the crowd. So we went to the water and I baptized fifty-six.

The settlement lasted only 3 years and grew to more than 100 settlers before Indian trouble forced them to abandon the valley in 1858. By that time the missionaries had baptized over 100 Indians and had begun irrigated farming in spite of ruinous frost and plagues of grasshoppers. The trials and difficulties faced by these pioneer missionaries and their endurance is inspiring. From them we learn that whatever we are called to do, we can do. With the Lord's help we can accomplish the things that He commands us to do. Click [HERE](#) to read more about The Salmon River Mission

Mormon Trek

Levi Savage



YOU MIGHT FIND SPRING IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, UTAH

If you are headed south for a taste of spring, stop, and check out the Levi Savage monument, SUP #279, located in front of the Old Church near the Toquerville City Offices at 214 N Toquer Blvd, Toquerville, Utah. GPS: N37 15 17, W113 17 6 elevation 3392 feet (37.2547222, -113.2850000)

This monument, erected by the Cotton Mission Chapter in 2002, contains a statue of Levi Savage, a plaque memorializing the Life of Levi Savage, a plaque memorializing the Mormon Battalion, and a plaque memorializing the Willie Handcart Company.

Levi was an early convert to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and joined the Mormon Battalion at Council Bluffs, Iowa. He was later called on a church mission to Siam, after the death of his first wife giving birth to his first son. He left his infant son in the care of his sister and departed first for India, then Burma. Attempts to enter Siam were not successful. After returning to America, he joined up with the Willie Handcart Company at Council Bluffs, Iowa.

The rest of his story including his role in the battalion and the handcart company is described on the plaques at the monument site. Enjoy your visit.



C H R R E R N E W S

Compiled by Roland Lee

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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

NAMECHAPTER

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Barry Baker..... Sanpete County

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Kyle Fox.....Timpanogos

Darrell Sanders.....Temple Fork

NAMECHAPTER

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

William Briggs Cedar City

Jeffery B Edwards..... Mills

Terry HuchHurricane Valley

Eugene D Humpherys..... Cedar City

Casey Lofthouse.....Hurricane Valley

Clare Reed.....Hurricane Valley

David L RoskelleyTimpanogos

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BOULDER DAM CHAPTER - Boulder City / Las Vegas, Nevada



Murals at Chloride, Arizona

For the month of March, the Boulder Dam Chapter visited the town of Chloride, Arizona. A town with a population of about 200 today, it was once a mining town with a population around 2000 people. Chloride is named after silver chloride found in the local mines. The town was established around 1860. Their glory days were from 1910-1920. The town burned down in 1917 and again in 1920. The mines were mostly closed by the end of World War II. At one time there were 11 bars and 4 churches in the town. The Chloride Post Office is the longest continually operating post office

in Arizona. We visited their local market/chamber of commerce. A resident, Roy Purcell painted murals on huge boulders near the mines where he worked in the 60's. Purcell went on to become a famous artist and author. The murals attract many visitors to this town. Our tour guide, Merle Anderson, is also a resident Chloride. We visited the Silver Belle Playhouse, and she told us of the history of Chloride. We also witnessed a western street shooting enactment. Finally we stopped at Yesterday Restaurant for a great lunch before heading home.

BOX ELDER CHAPTER - Brigham City, Utah



Choir

At our March dinner meeting, we enjoyed a tasty meal prepared by the Idle Isle Cafe. We were entertained by the Box Elder 9th Grade Chorus. They sang many songs including those honoring the veterans in attendance.

We thank Jeramy Riggs, Kathy Wyand, and the students for the time and effort they put in to prepare and present the program for us to enjoy.

BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER - Provo / Orem, Utah



David Mark Jacobs was the speaker for the March meeting. He is the Chief Operation Officer of the Nazarene Fund, a non-profit organization that was established by radio commentator Glenn Beck, to rescue persecuted minorities in the Middle East being targeted by ISIS. Jacobs is also the Chief of Global Operations at Operation Underground Railroad, a non-profit organization that focuses on rescuing people from human trafficking and exploitation. For his lecture, Jacobs focused on the activities of The Nazarene Fund (TNF). The details he gave about the evil in the world were heart-wrenching. However, the experiences he shared of the "modern day miracles" he has experienced in rescuing individuals, families and large groups of people provided hope and encouragement

for all of us to help our fellowmen. When TNF started rescuing Christians from Afghanistan, Glenn Beck was able to raise \$43,000,000 from his listeners. Jacobs and the TNF team were able to assist in the evacuation of over 12,000 refugees from Afghanistan. TNF is still quietly moving targeted Afghans out of their home country to safety. Additionally, TNF has rescued about 38,000 people from Syria and Iraq. They also assisted in moving orphans to safety in Ukraine in April of 2022. They are also assisting in saving babies in Nigeria who are being raised in orphanages for organ harvesting. In conclusion Jacobs stated, he knows we can't save everyone, but working together we can help our fellowmen and make the world a better place for some.

CENTERVILLE CHAPTER - Centerville, Utah



Matthew Heiss

Matthew K. Heiss, who works for the Church History Department, was the speaker for our chapter meeting in March. He is the area manager for archives and area support in Europe, Africa and the Middle East. He quoted the SUP mission statement where we speak of honoring present-day pioneers worldwide and then told us stories of such pioneers that the Church has recorded for our history. He told of a blind man in Africa who had a dress shop to support his disabled wife and son. Customers would choose a fabric and a design and then David would make the detailed dress to perfection. He was the epitome of self-reliance and gratitude for the blessings he was given. He told of the saints in East Berlin who

stood up to the communist government to get back their meetinghouse. He told of David Horne who, after a devastating earthquake in 1991, went to Armenia and built a cement plant to make bricks to rebuild their towns. He was burned in an explosion and later died from his wounds. His was a sacrifice for a higher purpose.

There was also the story of Carol Gray from Sheffield England who in 1992 felt strongly prompted to help those in Bosnia who were suffering from the war. She collected relief supplies and, in a convoy of vans and pick-up trucks, carried the supplies to this war-torn land. We were touched by these pioneers and inspired by their courage and charity.

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER - St George, Utah



Rand Packer

MEETING: At our March 21 dinner meeting we listened to author and historian Rand Packer who discussed the amazing life of his grandfather Willard Bean. Willard and Rebecca Bean who were called on a difficult mission in 1915 to re-establish the Church's presence in Palmyra New York. He has written a book about their experiences over many years called "The Lion and the Lamb." He showed clips from the film by T.C. Christensen called "The Fighting Preacher" as he told the touching story of the terrible way they were treated by the townspeople and how they eventually turned from the most hated people in town to the most beloved. Their efforts resulted in the LDS Church being able to obtain the Hill Cumorah property.

TREK: On March 25 We enjoyed a cold, but enlightening trek to the city of Virgin and Mountain Dell, where Royce and Suzanne Griffin treated us to interesting facts about these historic towns and the wonderful pioneer families who made it their home. Several of our chapter members had ancestors who had settled the town. We visited the William Lamson log cabin, which was moved twice, the Alice Parker Isom home where she maintained a store, and the James Jeppson Sr. home made from blue limestone. We also learned about the "oil boom" that hit in the early 1900's and visited some actual plugged up drilling pipes. Thanks to Royce Griffin and his committee for a great trek.



Royce Griffin receives Modern Pioneer Award

HURRICANE CHAPTER - Hurricane, Utah



Randy Judd

FEBRUARY'S ACTIVITY: Our meeting in February was every bit as wonderful as we thought it would be! In front of a large crowd, Brother Randy Judd gave an astounding presentation on the Mission Statement of the Sons of Utah Pioneers! He focused on the 1st sentence which states, "Come to know our fathers, and turn our hearts to them." He

tried to help us understand that we couldn't really "KNOW" them unless we could feel for and have empathy for what they had gone through! He suggested that perhaps we should find and read their stories, and while reading, take time to ponder just what they passed through. How would we feel

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Durant McArthur

in their shoes? Randy’s message was very compelling, and right on target with what we should be doing as members of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. We each have so much to be grateful for as we think of the challenges our ancestors conquered that we might have the blessings we have today! Thank you Randy for blessing our lives!

MARCH’S ACTIVITY: Durant McArthur has done some amazing things in his life, one of which is planning the National SUP Encampment that will take place in the St. George area this September. He gave us a wonderful preview of what we can expect, plus a few other interesting items.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - South Jordan, Utah



Chris Croswite

Chris D. Croswite is the executive director of the “Rescue Mission of Salt Lake” he is also an ordained pastor within his Christian religion. The Rescue Mission’s own mission is to be a highly effective life-changing ministry in Utah that serves our homeless neighbors, the addicted, and indigent by providing services that meet spiritual, physical, emotional, education, social and mental wholeness needs through the love and power of Jesus Christ. The mission’s desire is to see lives change as people find faith in Christ and strive to reach goals of sobriety, employment, and housing. The heart of the Rescue Mission is their “New Life Program.” This thirteen-month free program takes a person actively living on the streets, yet who truly wants help through a comprehensive process that stabilizes a person’s life; addresses the cause of homelessness; life struggles or addiction; and enables a person to obtain employment,

self-sufficiency and independent housing. Additionally the Mission has a “Transitions” program for those who find themselves suddenly homeless, but with no addictions. This service is available 24/7/365. He shared with us that there are 3,120 men and women homeless in Utah each night. 15,000 adults will experience homelessness in Utah this year - not including school-age children. And another 15,000 plus school-age children will be homeless or live with people other than a relative this year. And there are 500 plus people living on our streets. The Rescue Mission has five locations along the Wasatch Front including the Ogden Rescue Mission. This number includes a Women’s Center in Salt Lake City. The Rescue Mission of Salt Lake is 100% privately funded by individuals and businesses. It accepts no governmental support.

MAPLE MOUNTAIN CHAPTER - Mapleton / Spanish Fork, Utah



Our Maple Mountain Chapter had a very unusual but delightful meeting in March to honor our personal ancestors. In the past we have had members of our units share a “pioneer minute” at the beginning of our meal time. They have always been very interesting, so our president thought we should give an opportunity for each member or member’s wife to share a favorite pioneer memory or story. We heard from many there, as time would permit, to share their stories. And how

interesting their stories were. They spoke about their ancestors making their way to the Valley either by wagon or handcart. A couple of our members had ancestors who were in the Martin Handcart Company that got caught in the winter snow and many died. As others gave their stories it was interesting to know that some members had ancestors who were close ties to those of other members. The meeting reinforced our delight in being members of the “Sons of Utah Pioneers”!

MESA ARIZONA CHAPTER - Mesa, Arizona



Cindy Biggs

The Mesa Arizona Chapter Board met via zoom for our 1st Thursday of the month meeting on March 2nd. The business of the chapter was conducted and we planned our next chapter 2nd Thursday gathering. We met on March 9th at our usual meeting place; the cultural hall of the LDS ward building on Center and 1st Street, downtown Mesa. After some opening brain teasers, announcements, a trumpet rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner played by Past President Matthew

Wharton, and flag salute, we shared a potluck dinner. Following dinner, we enjoyed a very special presentation by Cindy Biggs - wife of US Representative Andy Biggs - on the History of the US Constitution and its authors. Cindy dressed in period garb, quizzed the audience on Constitution history, and explained the vision behind this divine document. A video of this marvelous presentation may be viewed on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/N3yFkW3WeE4>

MORGAN CHAPTER - Morgan, Utah



Russell Judd



Chapter recognition

On Monday March 20th the Morgan Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers met for their March luncheon. An excellent meal was provided by Larry's Spring Chicken Inn. Alan Turner, representing the National organization of SUP, presented the Chapter Excellence Award for 2022 to president Van Nelson and board member Mark Francis. The Morgan Chapter was one of only 8 chapters nationally that qualified for the recognition last year. The Excellence Award is based on the frequency and quality of Chapter activities and membership. Congratulations Morgan Chapter. The group then enjoyed a presentation by Coalville native Russell Judd. Mr. Judd graduated from Weber State with a major in History and minors in Education,

Communication and Political Science. Mr. Judd retired from teaching history at North Summit High School after 29 years. His informative discussion centered around the 'Utah War' of 1857-58, also known as Buchanan's Blunder, Johnson's Army or the Mormon rebellion. Mr. Judd explained the circumstances leading up to the event, the people involved and how many other events in early Utah history centered around or happened because of the federal government's attempt to quell the "uprising" in Utah. He also discussed how many locations near us, especially Echo canyon were a major part of this event. Thank you, Mr. Judd, for a very informative presentation.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY CHAPTER - Heber City, Utah



*Brook Richan and Mack Wilburg
in Korean Missionary
Singing group*

The Mountain Valley Chapter held their monthly Chapter meeting on 23 March 2023. Brook Richan was our speaker. Brook Richan is currently serving as a Ward Bishop in Provo, Utah. He graduated with a Master's Degree in Computer Science from BYU and has been employed in the field of software development. Brook shared personal experiences he had during his service with the Tabernacle Choir as well as interesting facts. One interesting side note about Brook is that he and Mack Wilberg, Tabernacle Choir Director, served together in Korea as missionaries. Their Mission President organized five missionaries as a singing

group and they toured Korea entertaining large groups of investigators. Mack Wilberg and Brook Richan were part of the group. In the picture attached Brook is standing in the middle and Mack is standing to his left. Later a picture was taken of the same singing group as pictured. Brook said that Mack Wilberg was their pianist and was arranging their music selections at the age of 19. Mack Wilberg is still arranging and composing music for the Choir.

APRIL: Laird Dummer, who was cancelled because of snow in February, will speak on April 27th about the Haun's Mill Massacre.

OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER - Ogden, Utah



Dr. Jeffrey E Booth

Morris Sterrett introduced Dr. Jeffrey Booth, our 21st Century Pioneer speaker. Jeff's paternal grandmother was a Russian Jew. His paternal grandfather was a young Sicilian Catholic who died leaving three young children who were placed in an orphanage in New York. His widowed grandmother met and married a Polish Jew. They moved to Ogden and he returned to the orphanage, reclaiming the children one-by-one. Jeff's mother, Betty Maisey Booth, was the great granddaughter of Daniel and Rebecca Simmons Maisey who were converted by Wilfred Woodruff in Gloucestershire England. They immigrated

to the US and joined the Martin Handcart Company. Daniel died and was buried near Devil's Gate near Martin's Cove, Wyoming. Jeff was raised in the LDS church by his Jewish father. Shortly after turning 16 he had the honor of baptizing his father. Jeff set up the first rheumatologist practice north of Salt Lake City using newly developed treatments to eliminate deformity and pain. Jeff served as chief of medical staff at McKay Dee Hospital and was Weber County Doctor of the Year in 2016. Jeff and his wife became certified foster parents to over 100 children and adopted one of them.

SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER - Downtown Salt Lake City, Utah



Ron L. Anderson

At our March meeting we were pleased to host Brother Ron L. Anderson, who has done extensive research on Joseph Smith and Abraham Lincoln. He has for many years presented about them at BYU Education Week, treating for example such topics as "The Remarkable Similarities of Joseph Smith

and Abraham Lincoln", and "Defenders of Religious Freedom: Joseph Smith and Abraham Lincoln", and more, making up at least 5 presentations he can present, and he chose to share with us the one about Joseph Smith running for President.

SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTER - Downtown Salt Lake City, Utah



Sheldon F. Child

Click [HERE](#) to see all of the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter's upcoming events and watch past luncheon presentations. Our upcoming Luncheon details are as follows:

When: Wednesday, April 12 at Noon.

Location: Thomas S. Monson Center Carriage House, 411 E. South Temple.

Cost: \$25 per person.

Speaker: Sheldon has served in many callings in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, including Stake President, President of the New York New York Mission and Area Seventy in the Utah North Area. Sheldon was sustained as a member of the First Quorum

of the Seventy in 1998 after having served in the Second Quorum of the Seventy since 1996. During his twelve years as a General Authority, he served as President of the Africa West Area, the North America East Area, and the Philippines/Micronesia Area, as well as being an Assistant Executive Director in both the Family and Church History Department and the Missionary Department. He was also a member of the Church Olympics Coordinating Committee. Upon becoming an Emeritus General Authority, Sheldon, and his wife Joan, were called to serve as President and Matron of the Salt Lake Temple.

TAYLORSVILLE-BENNION CHAPTER - Taylorsville, Utah

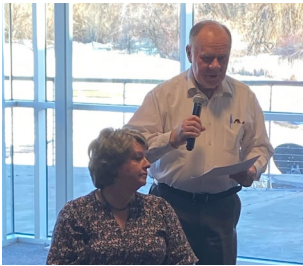


Art Ball

The Taylorsville-Bennion Chapter held an enjoyable chapter meeting in March. We had the privilege of having Art Ball the Deseret Manufacturing Manager. Art explained to us how Deseret Manufacturing worked. They produce around 250 beds per week, signs for all of the Church buildings (classroom signs, etc.), and provided signage for all of the Temples. They manufacture three different

styles of dressers of which 75% are items given away and 25% are sold in the Deseret Industries stores. They also manufacture kitchen tables and classroom tables. They have a training program where people are taught and receive help finding a job to apply the skills that they learned. It was a great learning experience for all in attendance.

TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER - Logan, Utah



Lynda and Jeffrey Gittins

The March chapter meeting of the Temple Fork Chapter was held on Thursday, March 16th at the Logan River Golf course club house. Once again golf was not an option as there is still two feet of snow on the fairways. Maybe next month. Following a great catered meal our presentation was on the history and historical building in Smithfield Utah.

Lynda and Jeffrey Gittins gave the presentation accompanied by photographs, both old and new of historic Smithfield. These included the Smithfield Tabernacle, the tithing office, banks and the first house in Cache Valley with indoor plumbing. Thank you to the Gittins' and for sharing the history of Smithfield with us.

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



Nauvoo Temple

The Timpanogos Chapter held their monthly dinner meeting on Thursday, March 16, 2023 in the American Fork Senior Citizen Center. The guest speakers was Scott and Des Crump, former missionaries at Nauvoo, Illinois. Elder and Sister Crump served twice at Nauvoo in various assignments. Most recently they were

the coordinators for the performing youth missionaries. During their presentation they repeatedly bore testimony of the marvelous work of Joseph Smith, the Prophet and his wife Emma. They showed beautiful pictures of the restored homes and the magnificent Nauvoo Temple.

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER - Rexburg, Idaho



Akirah Lewis

The program in March was a delightful evening and a great learning curve for members and friends of our chapter. The musical number was a piano solo by Akirah Lewis. She played Nocturne Op 27#1 by Chopin. Her smile matched her musical skill, and everyone enjoyed her number. The speaker for the evening was Douglas Nyhom, a visitor from Sandy, Utah, who has studied Mormon currency as a hobby for years. His topic—"Mormon Currency: How the Saints Financed the Kingdom" was both interesting

and full of surprises. For example, the Church has minted more coins and printed more bank notes than any other institution, save the United States Government. He had many examples of Mormon currency: a \$20.00 gold coin first minted in 1837 for the Kirtland Bank. After the charter failed for that bank, they stamped "Anti-currency," so it was intended for church members only. "The History of Mormon Currency" available on eBay. He also has a newsletter for which several chapter members signed up.



Doug Nyhom