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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The Mission of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

- Come to know our fathers, and turn our hearts to them.
- Preserve the memory and heritage of the early pioneers of the Utah Territory and the western U.S.
- Honor present-day pioneers who exemplify these same qualities of character.
- Teach these same qualities to the youth who will be tomorrow's pioneers.

Several years ago I attended my first Chapter President's Council as President-elect of my Chapter. During an open discussion session I was surprised when a chapter officer stood and challenged the national presidency with, "What does National do for me?" I believed then, as I believe now, that the question was based on a flawed perspective of our SUP mission and how both the National Office and the Chapters work in concert to pursue that mission. A more informed question might have been, "What does National do to promote our shared vision as Sons of Utah Pioneers?" The difference is a goals oriented question vs. a "me" oriented question. The SUP mission focuses on knowing our ancestors, preserving their legacy, honoring them and current pioneers and teaching pioneer values to our youth and to each other. The action verbs in each of the

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four elements of the mission are to know, preserve, honor and teach. These define us as an action oriented organization with intent to enrich our own lives and the lives of others who join with us or welcome our message.

The officers and staff of the National Headquarters and the members and officers of the 44 Chapters are all part of the same entity and therein lies our strength. Think about it. What would we have if there were no National Officers, staff or Headquarters building? There would be 2200 men scattered across 44 groups from Rexburg to Mesa and from Modesto to Washington, DC. With no central unifying organization and focus, our core identity would inevitably fade. There would be no Pioneer magazine, widely recognized as one of the best publications of its kind. There would be no Pioneer History Symposium, National Convention, Trail Marker monthly newsletter, Chapter officer training, National monuments, National library that houses rare documents, preservation of Memorializations and Pioneer Stories, a National website (sup1847.org) SUP day at This Is The Place monument park, Chapter Recognition Awards, an annual Chapter Presidents Council, no Area Vice President resource and an impressive headquarters building that houses a staff dedicated to the support and welfare of all 44 chapters.

The vibrancy of our 44 chapters is a source of pride and the envy of many other similar non-profit organizations. Collectively our chapters are engaged in a dizzying array of SUP Mission-driven activities. A partial listing includes pioneer essay contests for grade school students, scholarship programs for high school youth, chapter meetings with pioneering messages from knowledgeable speakers, treks to historical sites, chapter newsletters, social interactions that bring together like-minded members, spouses and guests for enriching camaraderie, regional pioneer history symposiums, creation and maintenance of monuments that recognize pioneer locations and events, formal recognition of a local modern day pioneer, and much, much more.

The Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers is known far and wide as a national organization and that is the result of the unity of every chapter with our National Office as we continue to achieve success in pursuit of our shared Mission.

Jim Hurst
National President, 2016
jhurst@uwyo.edu

Note on Navigation

Over the past few months I have experimented with means to make it convenient for you to move around in the newsletter. Yes, this month I am trying something different. At the bottom of each page you will find the statement: "Return to top". By clicking on this, you will return to the top of the newsletter. Let me know which method you like best. Send me a note at donlee0938@gmail.com

NATIONAL CALENDAR

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

- March 26, Past President's Luncheon, Golden Corral at 665 East 7200 South, Midvale, Utah, 11:30 a.m.
- April 30, SUP Building Clean Up, 10:00 to 12:00.
- May 7, National Symposium, National Headquarters
- June 25, Past President's Luncheon, Golden Corral at 665 East 7200 South, Midvale, Utah, 11:30 a.m.
- July 18, SUP Day at This is the Place Heritage Park
- July 25, Sunrise Service at the Salt Lake Tabernacle, 7:00 a.m.
- August 27, Past President's Luncheon, Golden Corral at 665 East 7200 South, Midvale, Utah, 11:30 a.m.
- September 22-24, 2016, SUP National Convention in Hurricane, Utah. [See page 21](#)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New Annual Members

Delton R Campbell	Taylorsville/Bennion
Ralph Brenchley	Sanpete County
Vernon Rice	Salt Lake Pioneer
Gary A Smith	Cotton Mission
James Collins	Harmony
Rulon Gibson	Timpanogos

F&F Members converted to Annual Members

Robert Smith Heywood	Mesa
Gary D Loveland	Box Elder
Stanley L Stowe	Hole in the Rock
Brent Wyatt	Box Elder
Quinn M Eskelsen	Box Elder
Paul Weaver	Cotton Mission
Victor B Herbert	Pocatello
Mark Heywood	Mesa
Joseph Richard McDowell	Cotton Mission
Mark Forsgren	Box Elder
LaMar Helquist	Timpanogos

New Family & Friends Members

James Walker Woodland	Pocatello
Dueane Miles Dutton	Hole in the Rock
Lawrance Steed	Hole in the Rock
Guy Moore	Jordan River Temple
Randy Stevens	Mt Nebo
Darrel Zeeman	Mt Nebo
Sidney B Tolman	Mt Nebo
Stephen Rollins	Timpanogos
David M Piney	Timpanogos

New Life Members

James C Hurst	Morgan
Tai Ping Ho'o	Lehi

NATIONAL NEWS

Send National News submissions to
SUP1847@gmail.com.

Status of Speakers' Bureau

The Speaker's Bureau is growing! It is up to five names now. Thanks to those who have been submitting names.

Now, we need your help to make it continue to grow and to make good use of 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. When you are in need of a speaker, go to the website and see if someone meets your needs.

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! Deadline for applications is May 2

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, or etc that you may have that might be useful in the clean-up projects. Refreshments will be provided!

The Northern Utah Regional History Symposium

This was held on Saturday, February 20 and was great. There were over 125 people in attendance to hear four speakers and a keynote speaker instruct us in some of our history. [See page 5](#) for a report on this.

The National Symposium

Our next major event is the National Symposium that will be held in Salt Lake City on Saturday, May 7. This promises to be another outstanding program. [See page 7](#) for details on this.

National Past President's Luncheon Meetings

We need your advice on SUP programs and activities. We meet at the Golden Corral at 665 East 7200 South, Midvale, Utah at 11:30 a.m.

All past SUP Presidents and their wives are cordially invited. We have reserved a separate room. Just pick up your lunch and come on in and will have an enjoyable time together.

The Dates are: March 26, June 25, August 27, and October 22, 2016

The Northern Utah Regional History Symposium

Sponsored by the Ogden Pioneer Chapter
Held in Ogden on Saturday, 20 February 2016

Audrey M Godfrey told us about the Muddy River Mission and Betsy Lou Simmons, one of the participants.



Audrey M Godfrey

This mission was started in 1865 with the purpose of supplying the saints with cotton and other items they felt could be grown there

The Muddy River is in Nevada west of St George and flows into the Virgin River just below the town of Mesquite, Nevada

although the early Saints thought it was in Utah. The

Native Americans used the valley to raise grain, sowing their seed in the fall and coming back in the spring to harvest it. While the water was adequate for farming, it was so warm and alkaline that it was almost undrinkable.

The first Saints arrived there in the fall of 1856 and began to organize settlements. They were quite isolated being some 90 miles from St. George.

The settlement was barely started when people began to drift away.

In 1871 it was realized that the settlement was not in Utah, but in Nevada. At about that same time, Brigham Young visited the colony, saw their terrible circumstances and released them stating that this was the toughest mission in the Church.

Dr. Richard M. Sadler spoke to us about the Transcontinental Railroad's impact on Northern Utah.

The story of the railroad begins in 1769 in Scotland with James Watt who patented the first practical steam engine. In 1825 England had the first

functional railroad, a 9-mile line to haul coal.

In 1830 the railroad came to the United States when Peter Cooper built the "Tom Thumb"

The railroad progressed in a helter-skelter manner with many different railroad lines, each wanting to have their own gauge (width between the rails) so that others could not use their tracks.

The idea of a transcontinental railroad was discussed in the 1850's with many routes considered but no action taken. With the advent of the Civil War the idea become more important with the thought of tying California to the Union. On July 1, 1862 the Pacific Railroad bill passed Congress.

The construction of the railroad began slowly and did not really pick up speed until after the war when men and funds became available.

The joining of the rails on May 10, 1869 completed the transcontinental railroad, but it just began its effect on Utah. Ogden went from being a small Mormon village to become junction city, with a mixture of Mormons and non-Mormons. In 1889, the first non-Mormon administration took over Ogden with Fred Kiesel being the new Mayor.

The railroad may have gone through Ogden, but it vastly affected the rest of the State. Spur lines were developed to go south and north, extending the influence of the railroad and of the Mormons.



Dr. Richard M Sadler

Dr. Ken Alford's presentation was on the Utah Territory and the Civil War.

In 1857-8 Johnson's Army came into Utah and established Camp Floyd south and west of Salt Lake City. At the time, this was one-quarter of the military might of the United States and Camp Floyd was the largest military post in the states.



Dr. Ken Alford

In 1861 the transcontinental telegraph line was completed to Salt Lake City and part of the responsibility of the military was to protect the telegraph lines. As the Civil War became imminent the Army was recalled from Utah. There were both Northerners and Southerners in the unit and some deserted to go and join with the south. Johnson joined the South and became a General in that army.

With the military no longer in Utah, troubles with the Native Americans developed, one of which was the Blackhawk war. Brigham Young was just about to organize troops to fill the function of the military in Utah when the Army ordered Colonel Patrick Edward Conner and his troops to come to Utah. At that point Brigham Young expressed the thought that if the Government felt that was the best use of their troops, let them do it.

No request was ever made of the Saints for troops to fight in the war although many Saints served in various units.

Dr. Gene A. Sessions explained the Mormon Reformation.



Dr. Gene A Sessions

On Saturday, September 12, 1856 a Stake Conference convened in Kaysville with Jedediah Grant and Joseph Young, a brother to Brigham, as visiting authorities. Sunday evening after the conference Joseph Young

felt that they had really done nothing, the members just sat back, sort of listened and then went on just as they had been doing. He and Jedediah decided that something needed to be done to shake them up. Monday morning they called for another session of conference. There they chastised the members for their laxity and "cut off" (excommunicated) the whole bunch of them. They then asked how many were willing to be rebaptized and commit to keeping the commandments. All the hands went up and the people retired to a pond where the baptisms took place.

The brethren then went to Farmington and did the same thing.

When they reported to Brigham Young what they had done, he applauded their actions and encouraged them to continue. Thus the Mormon Reformation spread throughout the Territory.

About 3 months later Jedediah Grant died and the reformation gradually wound down to a halt after running for about 6 months.

Elder Marlin K Jensen was our keynote speaker.



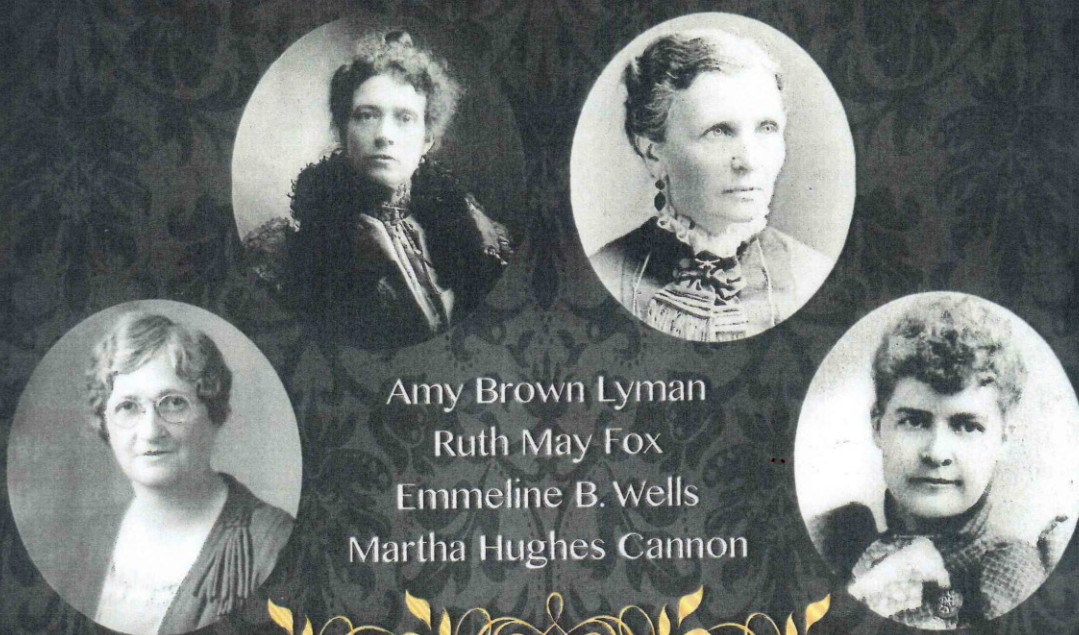
Elder Marlin K Jensen

The office of Church Historian began on April 6, 1830 with the first verse in D&C 21 where they are commanded to keep a record. He referred to Alma 37:6 and pointed out that it is by small and simple things that great things are brought to pass.

Church History is intended to enlarge our memory and bring us to a better understanding of our God. Elder Jensen observed that there appears to be a connection between interest in Church History and faithfulness.

There are many advancements in the presentation of our history. The Joseph Smith papers is a continuing project, there is a new Comprehensive History of the Church being prepared. You can access lots of new information by going to LDS.org, clicking on "Scriptures and Study", then, under Learn More, click on Church History.

National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers
Annual Historical Symposium
with Keynote Speaker
Bonnie L. Oscarson
General President of the Young Women



Amy Brown Lyman
Ruth May Fox
Emmeline B. Wells
Martha Hughes Cannon

The Legacy of Early Utah Women

May 7th, 2016

The President's Council



Representatives from the chapters receive their awards

On Saturday 27th of February the executives and treasurer from the chapters met with the National Officers for the annual Chapter President's Council. This gives the Chapter executives the chance to meet with National to learn of current activities of the organization and to provide feedback to the National Officers on the goals and activities of the organization.

Chapter awards were presented to several of the chapters.

Past President Thomas Alexander was presented with a token of our appreciation for a job well done.



President Jim Hurst and Past President Tom Alexander

Brad Clayton spoke to us about ways to increase our membership. He used the Twenty Wells Chapter as an illustration; this chapter was struggling with only 7 members a couple of years ago, but now is thriving with 50 members. They achieved this by active recruiting of friends, family and the community. He emphasized using the

Pioneer magazine as a recruitment tool, talking to acquaintances about it and having an application form in it. He suggested that we make April the "Bring your son or grandson" month and then in October "Bring a friend" month. We need to do all we can to get to know our members and make them feel at home and wanted at our meetings.

The National Symposium program was presented to us. See the flyer for this on [page 5](#). Speakers for this will be David Hall, Vilate Holbrook, Mary Elggren and Carol Madsen. Sister Bonnie Oscarson will be the keynote speaker.

Details on the National Convention were discussed. The Hurricane Chapter has prepared a wonderful activity for us. See the flyer on [page 21](#). In cooperation with this, there will be 2 tour buses going from Salt Lake City to Hurricane, with one bus making an express return afterwards while the second does an extended tour. More will be forthcoming on this.

A National tour to San Diego is under consideration for March of next year. This will be a great opportunity to spend some time with other members and see some wonderful history.

It was a good meeting with many of the chapter officers in attendance.

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 January dinner meeting featured **Don Holsinger**.

His topic was the coming of the Church to the beleaguered country of Mozambique. Serendipity and inspiration seemed to be at work as his position at the World Bank in Washington D.C. offered him an opportunity to travel there in an official capacity. He became aware of a young man who had gone to Germany for an education and encountered Mormon missionaries who gave him a Book of Mormon. He came home to his struggling country and sought to help others find what he had discovered – a religion that was true and powerful. Through Don's efforts and that of the Presiding Church Authority in Africa, **James**

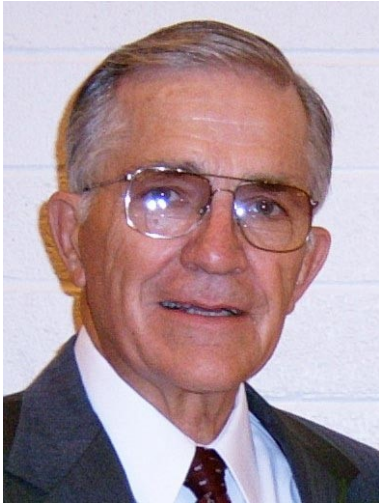
Mason, the church in Mozambique had its genesis. Since that eventful time in the 1990s, the Church in Mozambique has grown to two Stakes and a District in a country still ravished by a prolonged war and severe poverty. Don's assessment of the faith and activity of these members further corroborates studies already done indicating that African congregations are more active and devout than their counterparts in the Americas and Europe. Don's account of this significant event again evinces that a Church with a strong pioneer past in the American West still finds 21st century pioneers everywhere in the world and even more so now in Mozambique. -- *Harvard Heath, Chapter Historian*

Your story is important.

The lessons your life has to teach are a part of the story of your family and the community in which you live and serve. When you pass from this life without your story being recorded, most of the lessons of your life and the strength you were to others are lost, and your family and the community are diminished. When your story is preserved so the lessons of your life can be remembered accurately and followed, your family and the community continue to be strengthened by you. The history of your family and the community without your history is neither complete nor accurate.

Ron Clark in speaking to the Lehi Chapter

CENTERVILLE CHAPTER (Centerville, Utah)



J Alden Richins

At their dinner meeting on February 2, the Centerville chapter heard from one of their own members, **J. Alden Richins**, who is currently the chapter historian and the trainer of new officers. He helped get the chapter started in 1992, and has been president two different times. He has also served as tour guide on a number of treks. He

graduated from BYU with a doctor of Education

and Counseling and Guidance degree. He was employed in the Seminary and Institute program for 37 years. Alden has a love for Church history and Utah history.

Two years ago he spoke to the chapter about Echo Canyon and the Utah War. He followed-up on that topic this month by telling some human interest stories that took place between the U.S. Military and the Mormons between the years of 1854 -1861. This period starts with the coming of Col Edward Steptoe and his soldiers, and ends with the military of Johnston's Army leaving Utah in 1861 to take part in the Civil War. One of the events that Brother Richins talked a lot about was the movement of the Saints in Utah from the north to the south and back again. It was an interesting and enjoyable presentation.

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER (St George, Utah area)

Ralph and Cheri Atkin gave an inspiring account of their experiences serving as LDS public affairs missionaries in the Bulgaria Sofia Mission. Their efforts were directed toward building bridges between the LDS Church and people of influence in Turkey and nearby countries. Their presentation included slides, maps, and Turkish rugs as well as fun and exciting stories of their adventures and service in Turkey.

As missionaries in a Muslim country they are not allowed to wear name badges, so they all just refer to themselves as volunteers. They loved the people there and made lots of friends. They lived at the Ankara chapel and were able to



Ralph Atkin

walk the very roads used by Paul and Barnabas as they visited the Seven Churches of New Testament times.

Turkey has allowed missionaries since 2012. At one point all the missionaries had to leave the country due to political strife. One of the people there said, "The sun still comes up but the light is gone" after the missionaries left. Today there are 500 members and eight branches of the church. A new Central Eurasian Mission

was created in 2015 taking parts of the Bulgaria Sofia and Russia Novosibirsk missions.

GROVE CITY CHAPTER (Blackfoot, Idaho)

Noel Johnson, Grove City Chapter member, gave a fascinating presentation about his pioneer ancestors. He noted that the Johnson family came from Bornholm, an island belonging to Denmark from which they immigrated to America in 1854. They sailed from Liverpool, England to New Orleans aboard the ship “Benjamin Adams.” They found New Orleans to be a disease ridden and high-priced (robber) town! Continuing up the river to the present site of Kansas City, Missouri, they began their journey across the plains and were sent south to settle at Spring City,



Noel Johnson

which is north of Ephraim.

As the family grew, it spread out, with one family moving to the Price, Utah area where they ran a general store – at which Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid often traded! Noel stated that those two outlaws were very kind and would always pay a bit over the asking price for the goods they bought.

One branch of the family went north into Idaho and settled at Marley, near Richfield, Idaho. Noel was born and raised in the Marley area where he did all the things that a young man had to do on a large farm/ranch.

Noel pursued an education and became a successful school teacher and coach. He and his wife Carol live in the Blackfoot area where he has served as Bishop and both have served in numerous other callings, including a mission. Noel's presentation was most interesting and highlighted the great efforts of his pioneer ancestors as well as his own.

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.



HURRICANE VALLEY CHAPTER (Hurricane, Utah)

The St. George Temple President and Matron, **Dale Larkin**, and his wife **Dixie**, came to our dinner meeting and enjoyed the dinner with us. President Larkin was surprised at the wonderful meal we had, and that there were so many different choices to pick from. He and Dixie both enjoyed the meal, and the conversation during the meal.



President Dale Larkin and his wife Dixie

President Larkin began his presentation by reading from notes he had created, about thoughts he had

while preparing for a meeting with the sealers in the Temple. His thought began as he contemplated the many wonderful comforts of life he and his family enjoyed. His list was long, and we could all appreciate what he was telling us. He then reminded us that when our ancestors came to Dixie, they had none of the conveniences he had mentioned.

It was an interesting take on the blessings we have today that we take so much for granted. He then talked about the history of the St. George Temple, but in a different vein than the building of the temple. He talked of the difficulties many of the different presidents had from Brigham Young and Wilford Woodruff, to himself. That story was fascinating as he talked about how the temple ceremony was put in place. There was so much given. All in all we had a marvelous time.

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

Click [HERE](#) for an application form

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER, (South Jordan, Utah)

Our speaker this month was **Ron L. Andersen** and his wife, **Kathleen**. He is the author of *Abraham Lincoln – God’s Humble Instrument* (2010) and *Abraham Lincoln and Joseph Smith, How Two Contemporaries Changed the Face of American History* (May 2014). This second book reveals the remarkable religious and political similarities of Abraham Lincoln and Joseph Smith. Mr. Andersen’s presentation taught of Abraham Lincoln and Joseph Smith’s dramatic impact on our nation’s history. Ron’s knowledge of the life of Abraham Lincoln is very impressive and shared with us to make this a remarkable presentation. Thank you Ron and Kathleen for being with us this month. (Ron can be reached at 801 718-0080.)



Kathleen and Ron L Andersen

Booth Maycock received the SUP “Outstanding Service Award” to our Chapter. Booth and his wife, **Eddie Maycock**, are very instrumental in their service to not **only our Chapter but also to the National SUP Office**.

Booth served as the National SUP president in 2008 along with years of service as president elect and immediate past president. Booth and Eddie go to the National Office weekly to help with many projects. For the past seven years, Booth has scheduled our programs for our monthly Chapter meetings.

It was so grand to have two of their daughters and several grandchildren present this night to see “Grandpa” receive this sincere recognition.

Thanks to you, Booth and Eddie!



Booth Maycock

LEHI CHAPTER (Lehi, Utah)

At our January 2016 meeting officers were installed. President; **Robert Beecher**, Past President; **Steve Roll**, President Elect, **Val Tucker**; Secretary; **Ron Norviel**, Treasurer; **Ron VanLeuven**, Calling Supervisor; **Lynn Nielsen**, and other board members are: **Dee Fowler, Doug Lovell, Mel Anderson and Richard Ferguson**.

Dorothy Beagley was our inspirational speaker. Her mom and Dad were born in Japan and migrated to Seattle before 1930. Dorothy was born in 1930 as the youngest child. After Pearl Harbor, the Asians had to give up many possessions. In Seattle Asians were beaten. They had a curfew and had to stay home. The authorities posted anti-Japanese signs all over. Then they had to give up all their possessions including jewelry and even their radios. They were given a chance to sell all their possessions but it had to be done within ten days. All they got was five dollars. They were then sent to

a hastily thrown-together camp with little facilities. After six months they were sent to a better camp in Idaho for the next 3 and a half years.

Of the total internees in all camps (120,000), 80% were American citizens. Skilled people made \$19 a month and unskilled made \$16 a month. In the latter end of 1945 they were told to go home. They didn't have a home to go back to. Dorothy's Mom and the kids were Buddhist, but they went to Salt Lake City and joined the Church. Years after they were released from the camps they received some compensation. In total they had ten camps throughout the United States. While in the camps they made furniture out of the only material they had, sagebrush.

Her step-son **Mike** also spoke telling of the "Go for Broke Soldiers," a valiant and courageous group of soldiers of Japanese descent. They fought against the Germans receiving over 1300 purple hearts.

MAPLE MOUNTAIN CHAPTER (Mapleton, Spanish Fork & Springville, Utah)

Dr. Warner Woodworth, a social entrepreneur and Professor Emeritus of Organizational Behavior at the Marriott School, Brigham Young University was our speaker for our first meeting in the New Year.

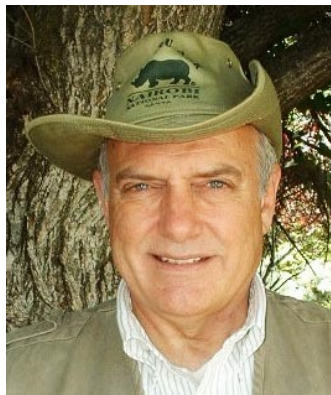
Millions of the poor have been helped through his efforts, and the efforts of the organizations he has been associated with, through micro-credit, micro entrepreneurship and other means. The purpose is to bring them to a standard of living that puts food on their tables and allows children to be educated. The focus is not to outright give but to loan and to train and empower the poor to be self-reliant, a term that was familiar to all of us.

Many of the NGO's (non-governmental organizations) he has served with or organized have informal Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter-day Saints backing but none are sponsored by the Church nor funded by the Church. There are many Latter-day Saints, however, that are involved. For example the empowerment organization that Dr. Woodworth works with in Katmandu is directed by the LDS convert that

appeared in the recent *Meet The Mormons* video, **Bishnu Adhikari**. Non LDS affiliated organizations, such as Catholic Charities, recognize the outstanding work Dr. Woodworth and his associate organizations perform.

Dr. Woodworth's philosophy has scriptural backing: "Verily I say, men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness" (D&C



Dr. Warner Woodworth

58:27). He is also motivated by what Joseph Smith once said, "We can make a difference!" And he certainly has! Such pioneers today are changing the world for the better. The Chapter members and

guests were deeply impressed by the work he and others are doing to empower the poor. Perhaps, some of the members themselves will even become engaged in one way or another in such an effort.

OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER (Ogden, Utah)

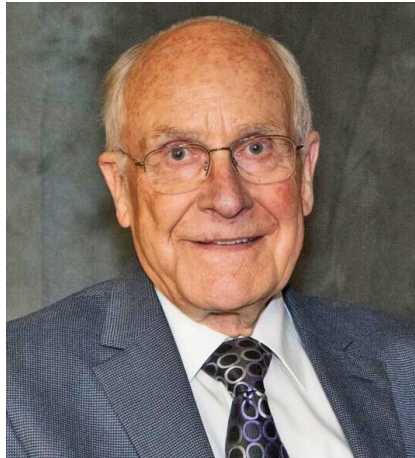
Our speaker for February was **Jim Hurst**, the National President of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

He quoted from Will Durrant's book "The Story of Civilization": "Civilization is a stream with banks, the stream sometimes filled with blood, from people killing, stealing, shouting and doing things that historians usually record. While on the banks, unnoticed, people build homes, make love, raise children, sing songs, write poetry and even whittle statues. The story of civilization is the story of what happened on the banks"

He gave five characteristics of legacy that are worthy of being remembered:

- 1 – Courage in the face of adversity
- 2 – An unwavering commitment to a higher good
- 3 – Honoring promises and covenants made with their God and to each other
- 4 – A readiness to sacrifice for the welfare of others
- 5 – Foresight to choose the promises of the future over the security of the now.

He quoted a guideline from a painting that hangs in his office: "The important thing is this, to be able at any moment to sacrifice what we are for what we could become."



President Jim Hurst

To illustrate this he told a series of vignettes

He told the story of Jane Danby Webley who was born 1789 in England. She was baptized in the 1830s and then had a great dilemma, she hated to leave her family but the Prophet called her to go to Zion.

What would you do if you were faced with that dilemma?

Jane emigrated to Nauvoo and wrote back to her two daughters encouraging them to join and come to Zion. He daughters and their husbands joined the Church in 1843 and began to plan for emigration. They crossed the sea

arriving in New Orleans and took passage for Nauvoo. On the trip north cholera struck, killing one daughter and her husband along with one of the children. This left one couple, William and Suzanna and the remaining children and with seven additional children.

What would you do?

Suzanna and William carried on to Utah arriving in Salt Lake City in 1853. Then in March of 1854 William died. Their son Phillip, age 16, was left to care for the family.

What would you do?

In all these cases, what would you have done? Would the legacy have mattered?

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.

SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER (Salt Lake City, Utah)

Steve Sorensen shared with us the experience he is having in helping the people who have come to Utah, called the Karen and Karenni people from Myanmar as a result of war in that area of the world. They can only emigrate from the camps if they win a lottery, controlled by the United Nations. The Lottery means that occasionally a family can emigrate, and they must go as a family, the parents and their children. No other relatives, not aunts, uncles, cousins, or even grandparents. Each nuclear family must win their own lottery.

The families here in Utah that are being helped have been organized into a Branch of about 400 members, 100 of whom are young men, and roughly the same number of young women. Before the young men were organized into three scouting units, many of them were in trouble with the law, and the police report that after they started into scouting the crime rate dropped about 80% in their neighborhood.

Steve and other leaders were able to take these young men to the National Scout Jamboree in Virginia a couple of years ago, then they conceived the thought of taking them to the International Jamboree in Japan last year, and combined that with an opportunity to go back to Myanmar and visit the relatives who had been left behind when some chose to not accept the Lottery to leave. He told about one young man who visited with his grandparents, whom he had not seen for many years. Many older people will not leave, as they do not want to go into a "foreign" society and are more comfortable staying at home.

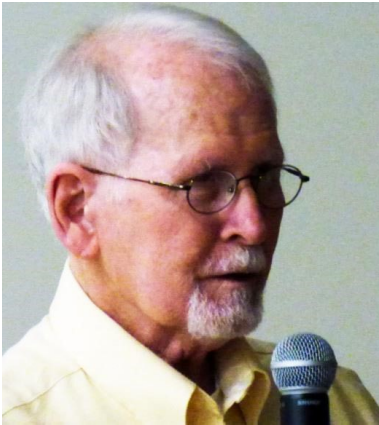
The story of the meeting was very touching. In their society they do not like to show emotion, and in one of the photos Steve pointed out that one of the boys was showing to the grandparents photos on his cell phone of the family back in Utah, and grandpa was huddled in the far corner of the room with his back to the camera. He would occasionally come and look at the cell phone for a few minutes then go in the corner and release his emotions.

The hope on the part of the Scout and Branch Leaders is that all of these boys will be able to serve a mission for the church, possibly returning to their native land, or after serving being able to return and help their people.



Steve Sorensen

SETTLEMENT CANYON CHAPTER (Tooele, Utah)



Jess Petersen

Jess Petersen's presentation was about the various overland trails that came through Utah and continued on to California. Many have believed that there was just one "Overland Trail." Petersen taught through word and maps the correct history of this fabled trail. When

Brigham Young entered the Salt Lake Valley in 1847, there was no motivation to blaze a trail further west to California. There was the existing Oregon Trail that the saints used until they cut south and followed the Hastings Cutoff Trail into Salt Lake Valley. That main Oregon Trail was the popular and well-used corridor into Oregon and California. The Mormon Battalion on their return from California to Utah used the Oregon Trail, and then the cut-off into the Salt Lake Valley.

It wasn't until Johnston's army arrived to quell the Mormon Uprising that the need for a more direct western trail to California became a need to freight supplies to the soldiers stationed just east of Tooele at Camp Floyd. Johnston sent for Captain James H. Simpson who then surveyed and built the Overland Trail through the rest of Utah, hence the name "Simpson Springs" for that stop along this long and mainly water-less trail across the West Desert into Nevada and beyond. Unknown to this writer is that there was a Central section of the Overland trail, and Northern and Southern sections, as well as numerous offshoots from these main trails.

It was altogether a fascinating look into the history of our own backyard. We thank Jess for his years of research in order to help us understand this amazing undertaking. Jess Petersen has written two books about these little known exploits.

On Thursday evening January 8th, Paul Bambrough, Area Vice President for Sons of Utah Pioneers, swore in the 2016 Board of Directors for the Settlement Canyon Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.



The new board members are: Bottom row left to right, Joe Brandon - President Elect, Darrell Smith - Publicity, Jerry Henson - Past President, Richard Kroff - Publications. Middle row left to right: Glen Stevens - Treasurer, Robert Hansen - President, J

SEVIER VALLEY CHAPTER (Richfield and Monroe, Utah)



Monica Anderson

Sevier Valley Chapter's January meeting enjoyed "Sevier Valley History Highlights", presented by selected chapter members and local artists. Featuring "A Journey Through Art and Music in The Valley of the Trails." A book entitled, "A History of Sevier County" by author **M. Guy Bishop** was

given to members who were in attendance. We were privileged to be entertained by **Ken Stevens**, **Marian Dimick Brown** and **Monica Anderson**.

Ken sang the song "*Valley of the Trails*," Marian shared a biography of her late husband **Dall Dimick** along with a video display of some of Dall's art work and **Monica Anderson**, wife of chapter member **Max Anderson**, sang the song "*Miss Mary's Bible School*." This was followed by our listening to the recording of, "*Mornin' at the Post*" by **Jo Lynne Kirkwood**. All of these presentations refreshed our recollection of historic events significant to Sevier County. There was a cursory report on future anticipated Chapter activities. We had about 40 members and guests in attendance. Our new Chapter officers were also sworn in at this meeting.

TAYLORSVILLE/BENNION CHAPTER (Taylorsville, Utah)

At the January meeting of the Taylorsville/Bennion Chapter, it was an honor and privilege for our new Area Vice President, **Paul Bambrough**, to install as the new Chapter President, for 2016 **Delton R Campbell**. He comes with a wealth of pioneer background and military and church experience. Board members **Donald Frame Robert Lefavor**, **Dan Greenland**, **J Roseborough**, and **Bruce Wasden** were also installed at that time.

Sandra Yazzie, a Native American and FBI agent, was our speaker for the evening. She spoke of her experience with assignments in Japan and Pakistan. But most interesting and informative was her life and experiences as a Native American. She

promotes the heritage and connection to her roots as a Navajo, working within youth organizations and other groups. She is the daughter of our Chapter member, **Bruce Wasden**. The meeting was most enjoyable and informative



Sandra Yazzie



New Chapter Officers

TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER (Logan, Utah)

Wendy Hassan was the speaker at the January meeting. She is the Executive Director of the Cache Valley Center for the Arts.

It was 1855 when people first came to live in Cache Valley. They brought some church cattle that froze and so they left. But in 1859 people came back to live here year round. One of the first buildings completed was a communal building that served as a school, church, and performing area. Art was a big part of the area from the first.

Alice Horne was one of the first women to serve in the Utah Legislature. She funded an Art Council, held statewide art competitions and began a state collection of art by Utah artists. These three activities are still alive today.

Cache County Schools have an excellent art collection. When it started, they encouraged children to bring small cash change to contribute to purchasing art. In 1986 these paintings were cleaned and placed in public places to be seen by the public. Among their collection, they have artwork from seven of the artists that Brigham Young sent to Paris.

The Thatcher Opera House in Logan was built by **Hezekiah Thatcher** and his sons **Moses and**



Wendy Hassan

Joseph. Their new theater held 800 people and was on the Vaudeville circuit. These early days there was not much cash, so produce and utensils were often used to pay to see the shows. That theater later burned down. The Lyric Theater was then built in a short time so that Logan could stay on the performance circuit and not lose that advantage for getting shows to Cache Valley. Shortly after the Lyric Theater was completed, **George Thatcher Jr.** and **Brigham Thatcher** went to their mother, **Lula**, and said they wanted to build a new theater, a large and grand one. She agreed. They built the Capital Theater that became known as the Jewel of the Community. In recent years it was restored and became the Eccles Theater.

“I’m reaping where I did not sow,” Wendy said. She believes that we should honor the legacy we have, those who built the early buildings, and those who started the art collections and encouraged performances.

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER (American Fork, Utah)

On February 18, 2016, members of the Timpanogos Chapter and their spouses were delighted to hear from Sister Julie B. Beck, who has served in the general presidency of the Young Women Organization of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and also served as the fifteenth general president of the Relief Society Organization.

Sister Beck visited the Republic of Congo where she met with a Relief Society sister who was running her amazing program just as the church would have anyone do it. Sister Beck asked how she did such. The woman replied that she received the French Liahona and said, "You send this. We read them and do what you say". Sister Beck commented, "Now isn't that a novel idea".

Sister Beck discussed faithful members of the church who were converted in various countries and then returned to their native land of China. While the gospel cannot be taught in China, with the exception of Hong Kong, these good members teach and baptize their families and send missionaries out to the world. Sister Beck said, "I know the Lord loves Chinese, because He made so many of them".

Sister Beck commented about Africans and how they are dreamers and visionary people, therefore revelation from heaven is not new to them. She also spoke of the Perpetual Education Fund and how it has produced many leaders throughout the world in many different fields. She recognizes that we live in a challenging time, but not to fear if we live the gospel. There have been many challenging times in the past, such as World War II. She also gave recognition and thanks to the apostles and prophets who devote their best efforts in everything they do. They are men of character and restraint.



Julie B Beck

Sister Beck discussed the need for us to be good examples and teach our children, bearing testimony to them of our love for God and Jesus Christ. She stated that we have a Fourth Watch God, meaning that he watches us through our trials and helps us in the hour of need. She talked about revelation and how it takes effort and time to develop how to receive it. Displayed in Sister Beck's home is this quote: "The ability to qualify for, receive and act on personal revelation is the single most important skill that can be acquired in this life."

Her last story was of a destitute woman in South America, living in unbearable conditions without water, cooking facilities, etc. Sister Beck taught priesthood and relief society leaders how to care for her.

From the Settlement Canyon Chapter we get this bit of history:

By 1853 the settlers had become aware that Tooele settlement had been growing "without rhyme or reason." If Tooele was to have the straight streets and square blocks that characterized almost all of the other Mormon settlements, action would have to be taken soon. Subsequent to the granting of the Tooele City Charter of Incorporation by the Legislature, Jesse W. Fox was employed to survey the designated town site.

Using Jesse Fox's survey pegs as his starting points and the North Star (Polaris) as his compass, Samuel Lee (age 78) laid out the new city with his plow. He was assisted by John C. Shields (age 79). Samuel Lee was given this assignment because he was recognized as the best plowman in Tooele. The fact that Tooele's streets have never had to be realigned testify to his ability. The ownership of the city lots was determined by casting lots. Where a family was entitled to more than one lot, lots were drawn for adjoining lots, which enabled father and sons to live side by side on adjacent lots.

Samuel Lee is the patriarch of the Lee family in Utah. He has many notable descendants, including President Harold B. Lee

2016 National Convention



<p>John Houston's Gospel Choir</p> <p>Thursday Evening Entertainment</p> 	<p>Western Singer Eric Dodge and his Band</p> <p>Friday Evening Entertainment</p> 	<p>Paul Reeve & Lyman Hafen</p> <p>Saturday Morning Women's Meeting</p> 
<p>Zion Nat'l Park & Grafton Tour</p> <p>Visit the stunning red and white cliffs of Zion, a site that was sacred to the Paiute Indians, & the Pioneer Ghost town of Grafton.</p> 	<p>Kolob Canyon's & Fort Harmony Tour</p> <p>See the grandeur of Kolob Fingers and visit Old Fort Harmony and an incredible Wildlife display!</p> 	<p>Hurricane Mesa Missile Test Site</p> <p>Visit the missile test site that has pioneered the way for supersonic jet flight and safety!</p> 
<p>Our Saturday Convention's Keynote Speaker is none other than the famous Historical Fiction writer, and author of numerous church doctrine books!</p> <p>Gerald N. Lund</p> <p>He taught Seminary and Institute for 34 years and helped write curriculum. He also served in the 2nd quorum of the Seventy!</p>		 <p>A Few of his authored books: Fire of the Covenant - The Work and the Glory Series - Fishers of Men Series - The Coming of the Lord - Freedom Factor - One in Thine Hand - Leverage Point - The Guardian - Alliance - Kingdom and the Crown Series - plus many others.</p>