

SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS

Salt Lake City Chapter

February 2012 Newsletter

Our next meeting: March 7, 2013



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I figured if I was going to call this a February Newsletter I better put my fingers to the key board at least in the month of February. So here goes. I don't know about you, but February has been a very busy month for me. I missed the meeting at the first of the month due to a trip to sunny California. It was wonderful the temperature was in the 70's and from our window we looked out on a wall of red and white camellia, oranges were hanging down from the tree along with beautiful lemons and avocados. To top that off we just returned for a dental meeting in Chicago, only to withstand twenty two hours of delay at the airport, until we finally boarded the plane for home. I now know why people kiss the ground when they get home. Well enough of the Tanner travels.

For those of you who attended last months meeting you will recall two standing ovations for the performances of Elaine Carr Brewster and Chris Watts. Our president Chris Christensen writes:

"It was a truly transcendent evening, Feb. 7th, filled with fantastic vocals, accompanied by the enchanting sounds of a hammered dulcimer, harp, concertina, miniature and standard flute plus the piano forte. Featured were songs of the Nineteenth Century at the time of Sister Elaine Carr Brewster's pioneer ancestors were joining the Church in Ireland, England and America.



Left to right: Elaine Brewster, Lorimer Christensen, and Chris Walker

The result was a standing ovation for an hour of unprecedented musical joy as Sister Brewster and her associate, Sister Chris Watts, were trading instruments and dazzling us with their beautiful harmony. Everyone was smiling as evidence by the photograph.”

Chris continues: **”Regarding our upcoming meeting 3/7/2013**, we will have the privilege to hear from Brother Gary T. Wright who will be speaking about *Preserving Your Family History Records Digitally* and who asks us the question, *While gathering family history records over the years, you've probably been preserving them physically. So why consider preserving them digitally now? There are benefits and challenges of using digital preservation to both augment and enhance the preservation of your family story records. Solutions to these challenges and identifying what types of family history records are suitable for digital preservation as well as a summary of what is required to get started archiving digital records will be presented. If you are already archiving digitally, it is important to know the limitations of currently used popular media such as CDs, DVDs etc. Alternative and improved options are available and will be explored. In other words, how do you best organize what you already have and, if beginning to digitize, what is the best way to get off on the right foot.*

Gary is currently Senior Product Manager of Digital Preservation for the Church History Department, previously holding the same position at Family Search. He has earlier provided professional services for storage technology companies such as IBM, HP and Storage TEk. He is an engineer, author, award-winning composer and plays the violin with the Orchestra at Temple Square.

*Please join us for a fascinating evening of discovery and **denouement.**”*

Are you wondering what denouement means? If not you, I did. The dictionary states, *The conclusion or resolution, the end result.* This is one subject I would like to know the conclusion.

This leads us to what our emphasis will be this year as a chapter. We will be focusing on our histories. Each of the officers have committed to write a short personal biography (one or two pages). We encourage each of our members to do the same. We will then collect them with a picture and bind them for each of us to have a copy. We will then submit a copy to the library at national headquarters.

To start this off, the board has determined to have a scholarship night for our May meeting and award scholarships to four college students. Larry Stucki, our past president, is chairing this project.

He writes: I have now made telephone and email contact with 3 of the 4 college and university LDS Institutes in Salt Lake City (U of Utah, LDS Business College, and the South City Campus of SLCC) but after leaving messages on the telephone answering machine for the last three days have not heard back from Westminster. All three institutes contacted have now been sent the following email message: *The Salt Lake Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers will award a \$500 scholarship to one of your students who you or your selection committee feel has written the best*

account of the events that led to the conversion of one of his or her ancestors or if he or she is himself or herself the first convert (i.e., "pioneer") to the church, the events that led to his or her conversion.

The name of the student that you have selected must be submitted to us by or before April 26, 2013 and he or she must be willing to attend our May 2nd dinner meeting to deliver the winning essay. Also, we would invite you, one or two guests of the student chosen, and 3 or 4 other students who had also submitted outstanding accounts to be our guests that night at the dinner free of charge but please let us know how many will be coming.

If you have any further questions or concerns please feel free to contact me by phone or email.

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Of the three , I have already been able to have a long conversation with the Scholarship Director at LDS Business College and he was extremely excited about the proposal and planned to extensively spread the word about it. I expect to hear back from the other two in the next few days. (The U of Utah Institute Secretary that answered my phone call said that they would be discussing our proposal at today's leadership meeting.)

Thank you Larry for your leadership!

On another matter, have you heard about the fantastic trek that has been plan for this summer by our fearless leader Lavon Day? If not here is the update. The 2013 Trek will be to Fort Bridger, WY. Glenn Rawson and his photographer, Dennis Lyman will be our Trek guides. We'll meet and park at the This is The Place Monument. Reservations are exclusive for SL Chapter members. The cost is \$45.00 per person and the bus is filling up. This is going to be an outstanding event. Get your reservations in.

Thank you Lavon and Chris for being able to put this together for us.

We have missed having our historian Ron DeWaal with us at our past meetings due to his illness. We wish him a speedy recovery for we miss his presence and his pictorial history of our events. We thank David Smith and Chris for the picture in this edition.

Here is the list of officers for the year 2013

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