

The Salt Lake City Chapter of The Sons of Utah Pioneers

Chapter News - May 2017



May seems to have some April still in it!

June Meeting

Please Note:

This meeting will be on the second Thursday, June 8, 2017

7 p.m. - 10th Ward Chapel - 420 South 800 East, SLC, UT

George will be traveling from Saudi Arabia - could not come in time for the first Thursday

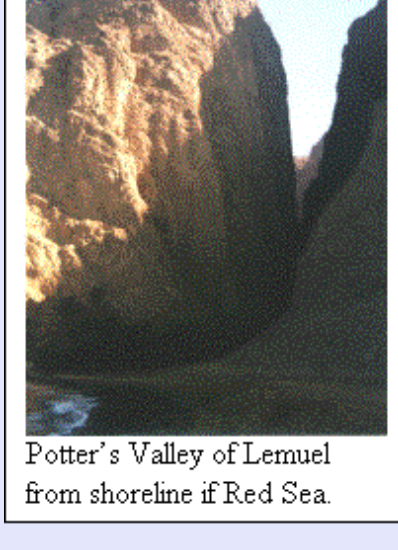
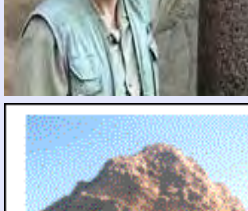
George Potter - Lehi-Nephi Trail

For five years George Potter, Richard Wellington, Tim Sedor and their friends from Fiji, Germany, New Zealand, the Philippines Islands, the United Kingdom and the United States have traveled almost 100,000 miles searching for the Lehi-Nephi trail.

The fruit of these efforts are what inspired Tim and George to establish the Nephi Project, an organization dedicated to presenting their discoveries and to raise money to continue research projects on the books of 1st and 2nd Nephi. A series of books, and DVDs have been produced to bring these amazing discoveries to you and your friends.

As you will see, the quality bar has been significantly raised for Book of Mormon research in the Old World. The new findings are compelling and well documented. As we already know through the exercise of our faith, the Book of Mormon is the word of God. For the first time, you can see that it also includes a very accurate record of a journey through Arabia in 597 B.C..

We are fortunate to have had George present to our Chapter in the past, and this is an opportunity to be updated on their continuing quest.



Potter's Valley of Lemuel from shoreline if Red Sea.

[Read more about the Lehi-Nephi Trail](#)

May Meeting



Rosemary Olsen spoke to us on May 4, 2017 at our last chapter meeting, and we were well entertained about music from ages past, how it was viewed, constructed and performed, including the meaning of "a Capella", and why that was so important to the originators of the term.

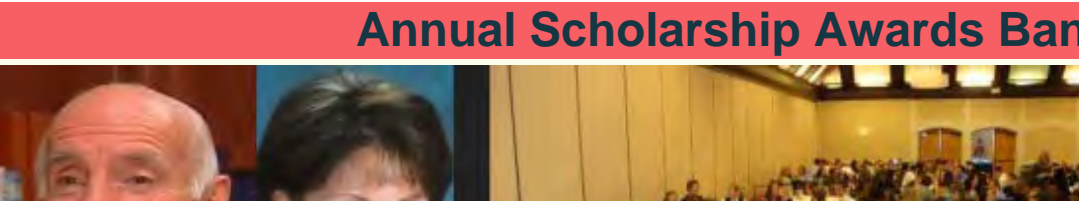
Her theme was **"Lift Up Your Heart! Lift Up Your Voice! The evolution of singing among the early saints."**

She gave us great insight into how the musical traditions were brought to America from the "old country" or countries, as the case was, and then when Emma Smith was charged to assemble hymns for the use of the early Latter-day Saints, why we began, as a church, to have those first published in our earliest Hymnals.

She also brought many very interesting physical objects to display to us, including, of all things, a fascinating game she uses with her grandchildren. Our challenge was to following instruction and determine if we knew the tune she had formed with those cute little tokens.

Rosemary is an active piano teacher of more than 40 years, has an extensive education and background in music having graduated from Brigham Young University with an Associate Degree in Piano Technology, a BA in Piano Pedagogy, and a MA in Piano Pedagogy and Performance from the New England Conservatory and Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey. She has sung with the BYU a Capella Choir, Oregon Repertory Singers, Texas Bach Choir, and 10 years with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. She currently serves in the Salt Lake Ensign Stake Relief Society and as director of the Canyon Road Ward Choir. Additionally she is finishing a 6-year term as the President of the Utah Music Teachers Association, with a membership of over 600, which has given her an opportunity to travel throughout Utah to speak to groups of piano teachers.

It was very obvious that she has a superb command of music, a perfect pitch voice, which she used to illustrate much of which she was speaking, and a colorful and delightful presenter.



Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet

175 Receive \$1,000 Scholarship at Annual Banquet

The annual Scholarship Banquet in its 21st year was held on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at the Sheraton Hotel, 150 West 500 South in Salt Lake City. There were about 450 in attendance honoring the 175 young scholarship winners, who each were awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to pursue their advanced studies in college.

John Morgan is the principal driving force of this effort, having been involved for at least 20 of those years. He interviews all the applicants and says they are young people with high standards and a good example for their family. Some return and speak to the new recipients, such as one young lady who had a rough start in life. She was left as a baby on the doorstep, had no one really who loved her, but became close to her grandmother, then came to the time when she could return and express her gratitude for the help this scholarship gave to her in pursuit of higher education. John says of these young people "they are our future, it is important for our country that they receive this kind of help."

All of the scholars were invited to attend from 8 a.m. until noon, a series of workshops and speakers from the American Free Enterprise Project run by Kathy Loveless, who has offered the workshop to the students for several years. This project was started many years ago by a joint effort of Kathy Loveless and John Morgan.

Dil Strasser of our chapter served as the Master of Ceremonies, having done so for several years and continues to be an enthusiastic supporter of this effort. Wayne Webster, one of the principal donors, was the featured speaker of the evening. Also attending with their wives were some national officers of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, John E. Elggen, current president, James C. Hurst, past president and Keith Van Roosendaal, president-elect. A few members of our chapter also attended.



Days of '47 Royalty

July 6, 2017 - The Days of '47 Royalty will once again be our guests



[The following is a direct quote from the Daughters of Utah Pioneers International website](#)

Royalty for 2017 Days of '47 were crowned Saturday, April 22, 2017. The pageant featured 21 contestants from Idaho and many areas of Utah.

The queen is **Maren Cline**, the daughter of Russ and Melou Cline of North Salt Lake. She is an accomplished harpist and pianist, and is classically trained in opera. The First attendant is **Tess Hanson**, daughter of Karl and Tammy Hanson of South Jordan. She was a Bingham High School class officer in student government for two years and had musical training in drums, guitar, violin and voice. The Second attendant is **Brittney Millington**, daughter of Aaron and Laura Millington of South Jordan, who served as a member of the South Jordan Youth Executive Council, and volunteered with the Brain Injury Alliance of Utah and with the Intermountain Healthcare Traumatic Brain injury support group.

The recipient of the coveted Annie Taylor Hyde Award is **Elizabeth Aust**, daughter of David and Mary Aust of Rexburg, Idaho, who is a songwriter and vocal performance Sterling Scholar. She was selected by a majority vote of the other contestants.

The Royalty was chosen during a pageant held April 22nd at the LDS Conference Center. They were selected by a panel of judges based on talks centered on this year's theme, "Pioneers Visions of a New Horizon!" Their goals, accomplishments, poise, leadership, answers to judges' questions, and family genealogy with pioneers who came to the Salt Lake Valley between 1847 and May 10, 1869 were other qualifications. As they travel and speak this summer, our Royalty will be an example to young women who hear their message. They will represent the Days of '47 and International Society Daughters of Utah Pioneers. Numerous Days of '47 events occur during July. Go to www.daysof47.com for dates and locations. The Days of '47 Royalty will attend all of these activities. They are available for appearances and speaking engagements. Please contact their advisor Cathy Ehlert at 801-274-1224 or 801-580-8565 or casehlert@gmail.com to schedule these lovely young ladies.

Other News

National Events	check the National website for details on each of these!	
All National newsletters. Trail Marker	National Headquarters Clean-up Day Saturday, May 6, 2017 - 8:00am - 12:00pm - lunch will be provided, including a special birthday cake.	National Symposium Saturday, May 13, 2017 - 1:00pm - 8:00pm - Title: Pioneer Legacy. Additional details to come.
SUPER/DUPER Day This is The Place Heritage Park, Monday, July 17, 2017 - 4pm - 9pm	Days of '47 Sunrise Service , Monday, July 24, 2017 - 7am - 8am Tabernacle - Days of '47 Parade 9am - 12pm - South Temple	National Convention Centerville, Thursday, September 14 - Saturday, September 16, 2017

Brighams's Christmas Ball, Friday, December 1, 2017, 6:00pm - 9:00pm - National Headquarters

The Pioneer Magazine

The latest issue was mailed, you should have received yours. [Pioneer Magazine](#)

Monuments

Of the 450 monuments on a list maintained by the National Committee, L. Steward Radmall and Mark E. Walker are tracking them, and trying to assess their condition, get the GPS coordinates for each one and assign input to chapters for oversight and upkeep. They do not know the location of the 61 monuments, and would enjoy input from anyone if something is known about those missing. Our Chapter is assigned 5 monuments, 2 have been surveyed, and we need to track down the other three. [Monuments](#)

Sustaining Heritage Membership

These contributions to The Sons of Utah Pioneers through a monthly transfer from your bank account to National SUP ranging from \$10 to \$100, covers national dues, a \$70 donation to SUP, and special registrations to selected SUP programs. National reports the success of this membership category is encouraging and eventually could make unnecessary special funding drives. The form is available through National office.

National Conventions - see a full [Convention List 1935 - 2018](#)

2017 -- Centerville, Utah - September 14-16

2018 -- Cedar City, Utah (planned)