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Trek's Schedule for 2010

SEPTEMBER TREK CHANGE

The trek to Page, Arizona that was scheduled for September 10th and 11th has been delayed until the Fall of 2011. Once again we found many members had conflicts and would be unable to attend. Also having it so close to the National Convention created additional problems. Your Board of Directors decided a delay would be appropriate.

In place of the Page Trek we will have a private enactment of St George Live on September 11th. We will all gather at the Old Opera House on North Main Street at 9:30 A.M. Buses will transport us to the various sites and programs just like the Summer time program. Following the presentation we will gather at Chuck-O-Rama for lunch. There will be a \$3.00 charge for the St George Live program. Lunch is on your own.

Dinner Meeting Schedule for 2010

_____ July 20, August 17 At the Terry Ranch , November 16, December 14.

Remember, ALL Dinner Meetings will be held in the TOWN HALL, at Staheli's in Washington, at 6:00 P.M., on the Date listed above unless otherwise noted. The price is \$12.50 per person.

National Convention for 2010

October 21-23, Hosted in St. George by the Cotton Mission Chapter.

Convention Chairman Lynn Niederhauser and committee members have organized a great lineup of historic tours, entertainment, speakers, and even a golf tournament for the National Convention here in St. George in October. You can register online right now at: www.sonsofutahpioneers.info

Mark Your Calendars:

- Mon July 19 Executive Committee Mtg – 9am Home of John Matthews
- Tues July 20 Dinner Meeting – Staheli's Town Hall 5:30pm - Speaker Joy Atkin, Musical Number Serena Parker (vocalist)
- Sat July 24 Cotton Mission Handcart in "Days of 47 Parade" in SLC
- August 28 Pioneer Wagon Display at Enterprise Corn Festival. Need volunteers
- Oct 21– 23 SUP National Convention in St. George. Register Now!

Adopt-a-Monument:

Our local support of the St. George City Adopt-a-Monument project has been so successful that Director David Rogers has expanded it to include Western Washington County monuments as well. Over 20 SUP members and wives have volunteered to help with this much needed project to care for the historic monuments. Robin Davis heads up the St. George City project while Kevin Jenkins is organizing the Western Washington County monument care.

Bio for John R. Matthews

I was born August 1, 1928 in Bayridge (a section of N.Y.C.) to non-member parents of mid-west stock.(My father had been transferred to N.Y.C. from Chicago) I graduated from East Rockaway H. S. on Long Island, joined the Navy and graduated from Hofstra University (Hempstead, N.Y.)(1952) after being discharged. I worked in public accounting and am a C.P.A. While working for Allstate Insurance company, I was transferred to the home office in Skokie, Illinois(1960) and then to



Los Angeles(1962) as the CFO of the Saving and Loan associations they purchased (later Sears Savings). I left Allstate but remained in the Saving and Loan business until I retired. While working in the S&L business, I was active in the Financial Managers Society, a 5,000 member professional society, becoming it's national chairman in 1986. After retiring, my wife and I moved to St. George(1995)

In 1952 I married Carolyn Bedell, also from Long Island, and we have 5 children, 14 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. In 1956 two young men tracting in our neighborhood knocked at our door in N. Y. They had been teaching Carolyn's folks the gospel and had sent her folks a picture of them from the Palmyra pageant which Carolyn had seen so she recognized them . They had never met her, so they were shocked to have her address them by name and invite them in. The rest is history, with our having had many opportunities to serve including a mission at the Visitor Center and Historic Sites Mission in St. George. I also had the opportunity to serve on the High Council(2X) Bishop and Stake Clerk among other callings and Carolyn had many callings including being a soloist in the 125 voice Southern California Mormon Choir. Since being in St. George I've had the opportunity to be the treasurer and board member, since it's inception, of the Doctors' Volunteer Clinic, which provides free medical service for those unable to afford medical coverage. We've enjoyed our association with the Sons and particularly the Treks. During the course of doing Family History, I found out my grandfather, great grandfather and great, great grandfather all were church members(possibly even my father, though he didn't say a word to us when we were investigating the church.) and came to Utah in 1862 in the James Wareham company. At least now I can come in the front door as a true Son, rather than the side door. Currently, I'm the secretary and enjoying the association with the board members.