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Charter members of the Busy Women's Club: Back row: Essie Shafer, Miss Rhodes, Addie Maxwell, Augusta Walker, Louise Moore Grimm. Middle row: Mrs. Elliott, Miss Elliott, Annie Green. Front row: Annie Loveridge, Louise Goodman, Effie Taylor and Sena Taylor.

Moab Women's Club disbands after 100 years of civic, cultural work

On Saturday, July 18, the Moab Women's Club met for the last time at the Civic Center. The Club is dismantling after 100 years of civic and cultural work in Moab and Utah State. Club President Ann Pool presided over the meeting consisting of the remaining seven members: Carol Hines, Palma Jacobs, Barbara Jensen, Judy Pratt, Donna Reid, Marilyn Rose and Leona Lay.

On March 9, 1898, several women in Moab, which was a small farming community at the time, organized the Women's Literary Club. Membership has varied throughout the century, from the 20 of their first meeting, to 60 during the uranium boom, to the eight of its final meeting. The Moab Women's Club is the oldest cultural and civic group of women volunteers in Grand County, not to mention one of the oldest in Utah.

Their projects began with a Traveling Library in 1898, which blossomed into the County's first stationary library in 1914. The Club also helped raise money for the current library which was built in 1968. They raised money for th: first sidewalks, litter barrels, street signs, and fire hydrants. The Women's Club also began a petition to "Stop the Shooting on Main Street."

Besides the Library, the Club organized the Community Church, the Dan O'Laurie Museum, the Senior Citizens' Center, and raised half of the funds for the solarium at Allen Memorial Hospital.

Six of its members have served as district presidents and six have been in the running for State Representative Clubwoman of the Year. These women are all active in their churches, and most are active in their respective political parties and the League of Women Voters. During World War II they worked for the Red Cross, Grey Ladies and sold War Bonds. They have also given scholarships in years past.

They have decided to divide their remaining treasury fund among Seekhaven, the Dewey Bridge Restoration Fund, Star Hall, and the Recycling Center. They've handed down their scrap books and history books to Dan O'Laurie Museum. Club dishes, silver, etc. will be given to Community Church.

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Catalytic converters can cause fire

Recreationists, especially off-road-vehicle enthusiasts, are cautioned to avoid Utah's tinder dry grasslands. A wildfire in Tooele County, which has burned more than 20,000 acres, is believed to have been started by a vehicle's catalytic converter.

"We'd advise people to stay on pavement or well-traveled dirt roads," added DuFault.

Elks Reminder Calendars go on sale this week

Don't miss those important dates! Starting this week, the Moab Lions Club begins selling their 1999 "Reminder Calendar."

The Calendar is in its 44th printing this year, helping Moab remember those important dates. Each family has an opportunity to publish their personal birthdays, anniversaries, and in memorial dates providing a constant reminder to friends and family.

Each calendar costs only $5 and is used to benefit local community projects. Lions Club members will be contacting previous subscribers for updates to the Calendar.

New subscribers may call Allan Robinson at 259-6050 or 259-4103 or contact any local Lions Club member. The Moab Lions Club has served this community for more than 65 years in the areas of sight restoration and correction, drug awareness, school programs, recreational services, and participation in community events.

Thanks!

Thank you to Randy and Laurie Bell, Moab Fire Department, the BLM and other volunteers who put out the fire in Thompson on Saturday, July 18.

From: Joyce Henrion, Thompson

Curtis is elected to firemen's post

by Lieutenant John Flahie
guest writer

Monte Curtis, Moab Fire Department's Assistant Chief, was elected President of the Utah State Firemen's Association at the annual convention held at Ogden, Utah June 11 - 13, 1998.

Inauguration festivities were held in Moab, July 11. Curtis was sworn in by outgoing President Drew Rasmussen at a ceremony held at the Grand County Courthouse which was followed by a banquet in Curtis' honor.

Monte, the son of Nolan and the late Mazel Curtis, was born and raised in Green River, Utah where he graduated from high school. He attended Utah Tech (now Utah Valley State College) before moving to Moab in 1977.

Monte joined the Moab Fire Department in 1980 where he quickly rose through the ranks to the offices of Lieutenant and Captain and was appointed as Assistant Chief in 1984 by former Chief Troy Black. He was reappointed by Chief Corky Brewer in 1990. Monte's wife, Lucy Curtis, is a teacher at Red Rock School. He has a daughter, Bree, 19 and a son, Nolan, 7. Monte is employed by Nelson's Heating and Refrigeration of Moab.

Monte joined the Utah State Firemen's Association in 1983. Again, through his dedication to the fire service, he was recognized by the members of the Association as a rising star. Monte has been elected to the offices of 5-Year Trustee, 2nd Vice-President, 15th Vice President, and now, President, an office he will hold for the next year.

The Utah State Firemen's Association was organized in 1908 to promote the interests of firefighters across Utah. The Association's general purposes are to elevate the standard of knowledge in the handling of fires, aiding in the pensioning of firefighters disabled in the line of duty, and to provide payment of some funeral expenses for its members.

Currently, the Utah State Firemen's Association provides some funding for programs at the Burn Center at the University of Utah Hospital, public education programs ranging from fire safety to drowning prevention, support of the Utah Fire and Rescue Academy at Utah Valley State College, and several scholarship programs as well as legislative activities at the state and national levels. The Association has about 2,900 members, approximately 70% of whom are volunteers and the rest paid firefighters from across the state.

Moab was the host city of the 81st Annual Convention of the Utah State Firemen's Association in 1989 where Curtis served as Convention Chairman. The 91st Annual Convention will be held In Moab during the second week of June, 1999 with Monte presiding over the proceedings.

Monte Curtis, right, newly elected president of the Utah State Firemen's Association is congratulated by outgoing President Drew Rasmussen at the Grand County Courthouse on July 11.

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