DAUGHTERS OF THE FUTURE-KEEPERS OF THE PAST SEMINAR THEME 2019

Daughters of the Future, we ARE the Vanguard of future generations. We’re at the forefront! We’re the chain linking the past and the future!

Ask yourself: “What does DUP mean to you?”

WE were undoubtedly numbered among the legions of angels, who cheered for, and possibly walked beside our ancestors, as they traveled those dusty and difficult trails westward. TODAY, our ancestors return the favor, as they cheer us on, and give us strength on our journeys thru this modern-day wilderness.

I’m not sure if our pioneer ancestors understood the significance of their experiences in the very moments they lived them... Yet, their experiences tested them, defined them and strengthened them. We treasure their endearing tales of endurance and triumph. We draw upon their strengths, as if drawing from a wellspring of stamina and unwavering faith.

Daughters, we are who we are, partly because of the experiences our ancestors endured. Their experiences have left a molecular residue holding fast to our own genetic scaffolding. They are a part of us!

Again, I pose the question: “What does DUP mean to you?”

Not all of us will have our names embedded on a historical plaque for our efforts to preserve the past, because we will have spent our lives quietly working behind the scenes, to ensure the safe travel of those we love. It’s our responsibility to ensure that our descendants continue to honor the past.

Today, we pause to remember all pioneer women who crossed the ocean and the plains, forded streams and rivers, some covered with ice, women who bore children along the way, who lost and buried loved ones. They came with little, but gave their all, on their journey west.

Bound together in faith, and with tears of joy and sorrow, Mothers, Daughters, and Sisters worked together for one cause and one purpose. They walked on, enduring, surviving and prospering. They left a treasured legacy to us, their descendants.

“What does DUP mean to you?”
It means: That you will be a “Keeper of the Past”; you will label artifacts, gather journals, manuscripts, maps, artifacts, documents and photographs. You will write their histories, mark historical places, preserve old landmarks, and will teach your descendants and the citizens of our country, lessons of faith, courage, fortitude and patriotism. As you keep their past in “honored remembrance”.

What does DUP mean to me?

It means that I love my heritage, that I’m proud to be a member of the International Society Daughters of Utah Pioneers. It means that I truly am a “Daughter of the Future” and a “Keeper of the Past” as are each one of you!