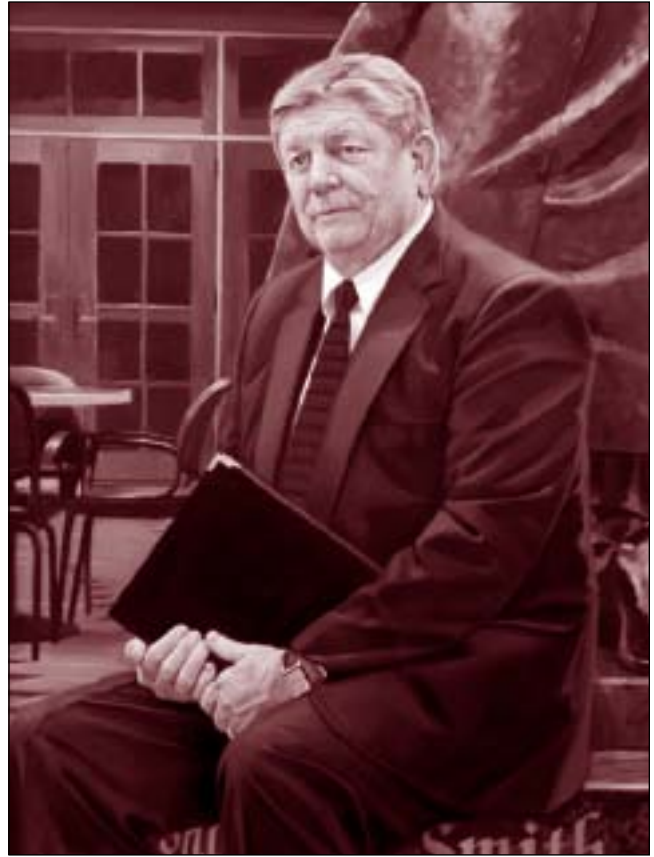


FOUNDERS' DAY 2004



Hall of Honor inductee Alice Todd Braithwaite.



Hall of Honor inductee Sterling R. Church

Paintings by SUU faculty member Ben Sowards

The annual celebration of the beginnings of Southern Utah University took place Friday, March 26, 2003. Founders' Day is a time to celebrate the ideals which led to the founding of SUU. It is also a time to remember the people of the community of Cedar City who gave so much in those desperate times to realize their dream of having a place of learning for their children. Celebrating individuals who gave more than a full measure for their dream, who braved the elements, mortgaged their homes, donated wood from their own homes, and fashioned the bricks with their own hands to construct the building that became the genesis of SUU. It is in this same spirit that each year we remember those who have gone before, and recognize those who in the present day hold to those same dreams.

HALL OF HONOR

Alice Todd Braithwaite was the First Lady of Southern Utah University for 23 years, during which she brought singular grace, compassion and energy to the position. Braithwaite is known to never settle for "just enough." Married to former SUU President Royden Braithwaite, Alice threw herself fervently into countless

worthy causes and endeavors, while serving the institution and throughout her life to this present day. Her vitality is evident in the fact that, while First Lady of SUU, she also taught elementary school for 20 years and served with selflessness and stellar ability on a wide variety of community boards and committees while keeping the home fires burning. Ever one to perpetuate and advance the

traditions of higher education, she worked to serve students, staff, faculty and alumni. Her rural upbringing as a youth and service as a student at Jordan High School and Brigham Young University prepared her well for a lifetime of good work. As Dean of Women at Weber State University, she was respected and well-liked for her judiciousness, discernment and empathy. In Cedar City, her

tireless labors to improve healthcare were well served as she chaired the Valley View Medical Center Board for 13 years. It is for her intelligence and wit; knowledge and wisdom; her charm and spirit; and for her service and commitment to SUU and the community that the SUU is pleased to honor Alice Braithwaite in this fitting manner.

HALL OF HONOR

Sterling R. Church served for 30 plus years as the chief student services officer at Southern Utah University. Under the leadership of four different presidents, Church worked tirelessly with student leaders and student services staff members to ensure students were given the help and encouragement necessary to succeed on campus and in life. With a personal mission of continually reminding people that students come first and that they were the reason why the campus existed, Church was an advocate of student involvement in campus decisions. He is known to frequently quote the statement, "People support that which they help create." Another prominent element of his philosophy is his belief that students benefit greatly by being involved in service learning opportunities in addition to the classroom. The completion of the Sharwan Smith Student Center was a realization of a dream and the efforts of Dr. Church, along with numerous colleagues and students. Church first came to the then-College of Southern Utah campus as a freshman in 1960 after graduating from Delta High School. Following his graduation from CSU in 1964 with a degree in education he taught school in Springville, Utah, before attending Arizona State University where he received a Master of Arts degree in

counseling in 1966. He then returned to Cedar City to become the Director of Student Activities and a counselor in the Counseling Center at his alma mater. After a stint away to obtain his doctorate and working at BYU, he returned to then, Southern Utah State College as Dean of Students and an Associate Professor of Education and Psychology. Today, even, after being "officially" retired, Church is still serving SUU on a voluntary basis as a special assistant to President Bennion. Sterling Church is a legacy of SUU who has made an impact on thousands of lives. Students and co-workers love and respect him for his intelligence and gentleness.

Each year at Founders' Day, the University bestows Distinguished Service awards upon individuals who have made significant contributions to the Institution. Such gifts are not limited to financial support, but just as important, to the sharing of knowledge, volunteerism, sponsorships, donations of tangible pieces, and the like. Four individuals were honored this year with Founders' Day Distinguished Service awards.

n **CYNDI GILBERT**

Born and raised in Cedar City, to Rulan and Lois Woodbury, Gilbert attended Cedar High, and SUU, at which she obtained her bachelor's degree in business administration, served as the student body secretary and was the first female student regent on the Utah State Board of Regents. She earned her J.D. in law from BYU and managed a private law practice for six years in Salt Lake City. In 1988, she married Steve Gilbert and became corporate counsel to Gilbert Development



Cyndi Gilbert

Corporation and Crusher Rental & Sales, Inc. The Gilberts live on the Diamond G Ranch in Toquerville, Utah, with more than 300 head of champion, record-breaking rodeo livestock. Diamond G Rodeos, Inc. provides livestock for rodeos throughout the western United States. Gilbert was the first woman stock contractor of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and remains the only female actively flanking in the PRCA. She has served on numerous boards, including the Utah State Building Board and SUU's Board of Trustees for 10 years. She was president of the SUU Alumni Council 1993-95, named SUU's Professional Business Leaders' Person of the Year in 1995, selected to receive the Carmen Rose Hepworth Award in 2003, and currently teaches paralegal courses at SUU. She was also named the Woman of the Year by the Professional Business Women organization.

n **LARRY LUNT**

A retired Brigadier General of the U.S. Air Force, Larry Lunt currently works as the manager and broker of Key Property Management, headquartered in




Larry Lunt

Salt Lake City, and responsible for residential properties in six states. He recently retired from eight years of service to SUU as the Chair of the Board of Trustees. Lunt has held a distinguished career in military service, property management, investment advisement, technology and law. He started as a special assistant attorney general for the Utah Attorney General's office in 1972. He later founded a private legal practice specializing in real estate law and development. He served a year on the Judiciary and Capital Facilities Joint Appropriations Committees in the Utah House of Representatives. Currently he is involved as the vice-chair of the Utah Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, the chair of the Third District Judicial Nominating Committee, and board member of the Clark Planetarium.

n GALE & ALICE WAITE

Prominent residents of Cedar City, Gale and Alice Waite are good friends of SUU. Gale, retired from 30 years in the Space Program, and Alice, a Hollywood, California girl, mother of four and grandmother to 11, have been active in the community since they

moved to Cedar City in 1986. Alice is in her 16th year of volunteering at the Chamber of Commerce. She has been reading to first-graders at Fiddlers Elementary School for 17 years. She's served on the Board of Care and Share, on the Cedar Area Transportation Service (CATS) Committee, on the Community Outreach Advisory Panel of the Utah Arts Council, the MS Christmas Home Show Committee and was president of Cedar City Music Arts Board. She also served as the President of the Guild of the Utah Shakespearean Festival for three years. Gale and Alice have been active members of the Guild since 1992. Drafted in 1952, Gale spent two years in the U.S. Army, 16 months of that time in Korea. After returning from the war, Gale enrolled in college to study Electrical Engineering. Since retiring to Cedar City and building a home with Alice, Gale has served on several SUU curriculum advisory boards, most recently for the new Integrated Engineering program. He taught in the School of Business from 1992-1997. In 1996 he joined the

fundraising effort for the redesign and expansion of the football stadium; Gale headed a committee to garner funds from the sale of reserved seats—\$100,000 was raised. He is currently a board member and past president of the Southern Utah Foundation; President of the Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center Board; Chairman of the Cedar City Airport Advisory Board; and President of the Cedar City Kiwanis Service Club. In this latter position, Gale coordinated the use of the Centrum Arena on campus for a Kiwanis/SUU Scholarship Fundraiser. In January 2004, a basketball entertainment function was held resulting in a \$4000 contribution for partial scholarships to students entering SUU from local high schools. Gale and Alice have provided monetary support to the University since 1994, including contributions to the USEF, the Utah Summer Games, T-Bird Athletics and the Development Office. In 2000, they established the "Gale and Alice Waite Scholarship" for the College of Performing and Visual Arts. 



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