

# Beaumont Ward Annual History Report 2022

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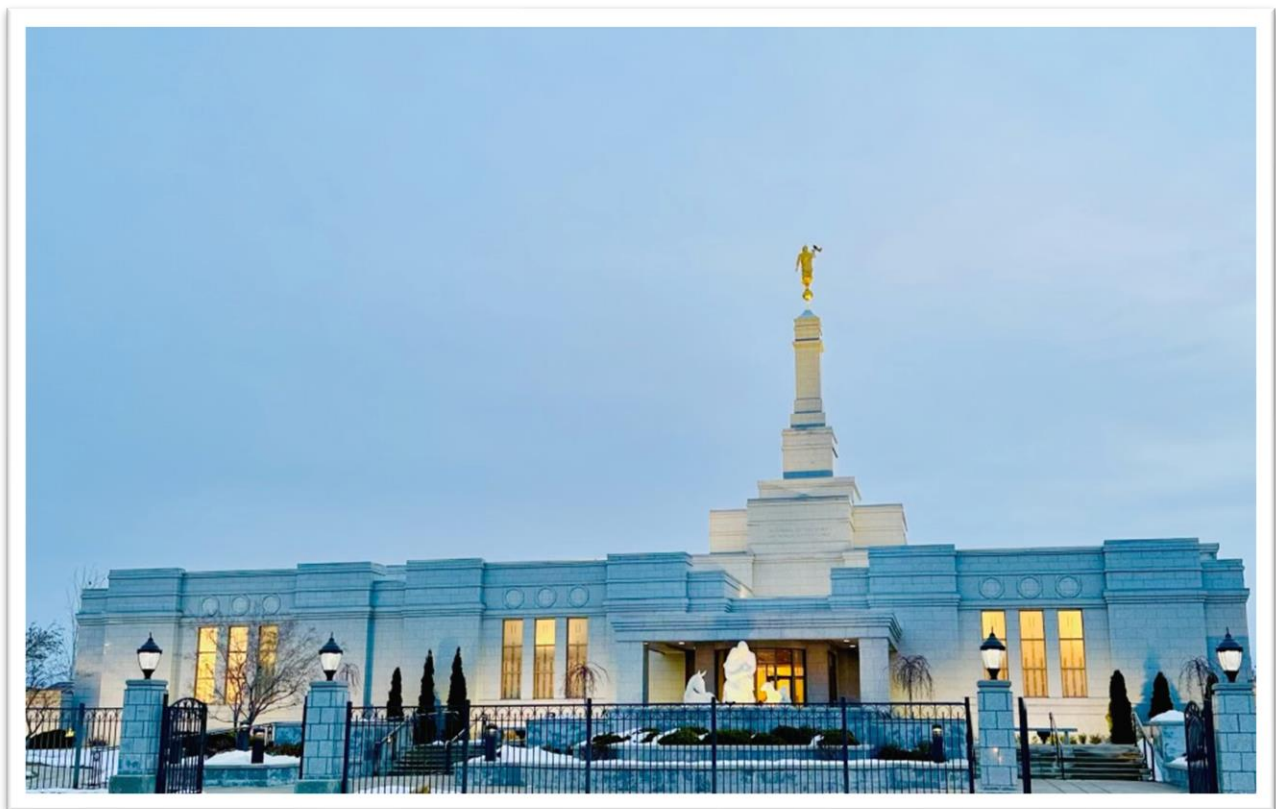


Bishop Bradford Backlund

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*Reno Nevada Temple in December 2022*

# 2022 Ward Calendar/Events

## January

16<sup>th</sup> – Trek Kickoff Fireside

29<sup>th</sup> - Worldwide Youth Devotional

## February

19<sup>th</sup> – Friend to Friend for Primary Children

24<sup>th</sup> – Young Men Basketball Tournament

20<sup>th</sup> – Why I believe Fireside

## March

1<sup>st</sup> – RS Humanitarian Project

3<sup>rd</sup> – Young Women Basketball Tournament

9<sup>th</sup> – Face to Face Fireside for Youth

12<sup>th</sup> – Single Adult Pancake Breakfast

26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> – Reno Nevada Stake Conference

## April

5<sup>th</sup> – RS Service Activity

8<sup>th</sup> – Elders Quorum Stake Basketball

15<sup>th</sup> – Elders Quorum Stake Basketball

19<sup>th</sup> – Spoon Up Your Drops of Awesome RS Activity

22<sup>th</sup> – Elders Quorum Stake Basketball

29<sup>th</sup> – Elders Quorum Stake Basketball

30<sup>th</sup> - Emergency Preparedness Fair

## May

1<sup>st</sup> – Rescue Day, Reno Nevada Stake Temple and Family History Work Day

6<sup>th</sup> – Elders Quorum Stake Basketball

13<sup>th</sup> – Elders Quorum Stake Basketball

14- Stake Women’s Conference

23 – Empty Nester’s Group Activity

## June

22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> – Trek for Youth

## August

7<sup>th</sup> – Seminary Kickoff Fireside

16<sup>th</sup> – RS Salad Social

27<sup>th</sup> – Blood Drive

## September

10<sup>th</sup> – 9/11 Day of Service Meal Prep for the Disadvantaged

17<sup>th</sup> - Fall Festival

24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>– Stake Conference

## October

11<sup>th</sup> – RS Activity

16<sup>th</sup> – Why I Believe Fireside

21<sup>st</sup> – Elders Quorum Pizza Night

23<sup>rd</sup> – Primary Program

23<sup>rd</sup> – Stake Youth Standards Night

24<sup>th</sup> – Empty Nesters Activity

26<sup>th</sup> – Trunk or Treat Ward Activity

## November

17<sup>th</sup> – Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

## December

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> - Christmas Creche

6<sup>th</sup> – RS Christmas Dinner

10<sup>th</sup> – Ward Christmas Party Brunch

11<sup>th</sup> – Stake Christmas Music Fireside

19<sup>th</sup> – Empty Nesters Activity

# Ward Narrative

2022 was a fun and faith filled year for the members of the Beaumont Ward. As we slowly gathered back together for meetings and activities from the challenges of the pandemic, 2022 presented many blessings. The meetings were filled with spiritual insights and talks, and the lessons with meaningful discussion and learning opportunities.

The Youth were grateful to be able to return to doing in person activities. Some of these included Youth basketball, The Trek and various devotionals and firesides. Many of the Young Men and Young Women had the opportunity to bear testimony of the personal spiritual moments they had during the Trek. One of the primary focuses of the Relief Society for this year was to have various service activities. The Relief Society felt blessed as they worked together in service of the Lord. The Primary also had many fun activities, including Bring a Friend Day where they invited friends to participate in Primary activities. The Beaumont Ward took charge along with a few other wards from the Stake of the Christmas Crèche. This activity brought together various community Choirs and hundreds of non-member participants and observers. It was exciting to hear stories of non-member individuals inviting neighbors to come to the event to listen to the music and view the many nativity scenes from around the world. Many of these people commented on feeling the spirit during the activity.

One of the central events for the Beaumont Ward during the year came as the ward received new members from changes to the boundaries to the River Bend Ward. Although boundary changes can bring various logistical challenges, it has been a great blessing and benefit to receive more faith filled members with strong testimonies and talents to bring to the fold.

The Beaumont Ward had the opportunity to welcome new members through baptism as well as giving farewell to new Missionaries to serve the Lord throughout the World.

The Beaumont Ward looks forward to this next year with anticipation of the continued blessings of being part of a ward community and striving to be disciples of the Lord. Its members will continue to demonstrate their faith and testimonies through magnifying their callings and endeavoring to be Christ-Like examples to each other.

## Prompts and Member Quotes

### ***How did You See God's hand, while serving in your calling?***

I have seen the hand of God in many ways this past month. Many of them are too close to share, but one of them has been the opportunity to serve with my wife and work closely with her as we work on Temple and Family History. That has been a very tender mercy.

Dave Chamberlain

I had the opportunity to feed the missionaries at a zone meeting they had. When I picked up the food that was to be served, I felt impressed that what we had wasn't going to be enough and I should get some more. It ended up being a good thing I listened to the prompting and got more because the missionaries were hungry, and we in fact would not have had enough food to feed them. It was a testimony to me that the Lord is aware of his missionaries and is looking over them. I'm grateful that I was able to be an instrument in His hands.

Shawn Chamberlain

At times I can become overwhelmed by all that needs to be done. My weaknesses and shortcomings are magnified when I question my own abilities and yet I know that greater growth comes when we are asked to step outside our comfort zone. No fun, but a necessary part of HIS plan and purposes. While studying "Come Follow Me" I read a suggested talk by Elder Scott (How to Obtain Revelation for Your Personal Life) that reminded me to lean more on HIM rather than my own experience and capacity. "Our Heavenly Father did not put us on earth to fail but to succeed gloriously. It may seem paradoxical, but that is why recognizing answers to prayer can sometimes be very difficult. Sometimes we unwisely try to face life by depending on our own experience and capacity. It is much wiser for us to seek through prayer and divine inspiration to know what to do. Our obedience assures that when required, we can qualify for divine power to accomplish an inspired objective."

Paul Keele

Anytime I am called, set apart, and actively serve in my calling I get a steady flow of ideas to make the calling successful. Serving on the high council I've experienced this pattern. For example, I am currently assigned to oversee the addiction recovery meeting. Thoughts entered my mind how I can grow the program by talking about it and explaining it to ward leadership. People joined the program as they've heard about it. In addition, I have stewardship over self reliance classes and I make recommendations to the stake presidency about who should serve, when the classes should be held, and what classes are conducted; I've felt inspiration in those recommendations.

Jon Hiatt

If I have a recurring thought come to me, I recognize it is the Spirit guiding me, and I see it as God's hands guiding His work. I had the idea to put together a Stake Youth Choir for the Sept. Stake Conference. There are many people that can conduct a choir, but only a few can inspire teenagers and entice them to want to come to rehearsal. Janet Pulleyn's name was played over, and over, and over again in my mind, and she definitely exceeded all expectations. Janet instantly said yes, and when we sat down to go over possible music selections, Janet suggested the song, "I Will Be What I Believe" as a youth/primary duet. I came home and listened to it. It was absolutely beautiful. It was a definite yes, but this was no undertaking. We asked youth leaders in each ward to organize two ward practices, during the month of August, and Janet lead two practices in September. I also asked all of the primary presidents to help teach the song, and almost everyone was beyond supportive and jumped right in. A crazy idea to feed them a snack in between the morning practice & Stake Conference came together, thanks to Stake YM, YW and Primary Presidencies. The effort was huge, but absolutely worth it. I felt the music at Stake Conference touch my soul, only the way music can. As we stood to sing the last verse of, "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" with the Stake Youth Choir, I felt an electric energy. To say those words out loud, in the form of music, declaring it with hundreds of other members was a testimony building moment for me I will never forget. I'm grateful for the way the Spirit puts ideas in my mind, and with the combined effort of many, His hands are everywhere.

RuthAnn Hiatt

***As you look back upon the year 2022, how did the service of others touch hearts and change lives in each of your auxiliaries? How was your life personally blessed?***

Service takes many forms, much if that is not planned or structured. The service I saw throughout the year was many little things. The girls could have made this a really rough change combining the two wards, but it wasn't. The service did was getting to know all the new girls that came from the opposite ward. There are many different personalities and likes but the girls were able to open their hearts and truly get to know others that were different from them. The service they did was to truly love one another. My life was blessed in so many ways. I have been able to meet wonderful girls and their parents. Help them through very difficult issues, laugh and cry with them. The adult leaders I have served with have been such a good example of going above and beyond to support our girls where they are at. I have been blessed to be surrounded by righteous men and women serving the Lord.

Janice Franckum – Young Women President

As we look back upon the year 2022, it's evident that the service of our primary children had a profound impact on the lives of those around them. Their innocence and love for others served as a testament to the transformative power of Christ's love, and the hearts of all who encountered them were touched by their selfless acts of kindness. Personally, I was blessed by the example set by our primary children. Their unwavering commitment to serving others inspired me to live a life of greater service and to always seek out opportunities to be a blessing to others. Through their actions, I was reminded that no act of kindness is too small, and that it's the small acts of love that can have the greatest impact on those around us. We give thanks for the gift of our primary children and pray that they will continue to shine the light of Christ in all that they do.

Amber Davis – Primary Secretary

As David O. McKay once stated, "Service is spirituality." As an Elder's Quorum, we serve one another on a variety of levels. Being part of a quorum provides an elementary, but important level of service and spirituality. But for the Church, very few of us would ever know or have any interaction with one another. Because of the Church, we not only know each other, but we are familiar with or have opportunity to learn from or be taught by one another, our spouses, and our children. The level of interaction that Church provides because of its emphasis in allowing and encouraging individual members to participate in callings and assignments is many-fold, and thus our understanding of one another is greatly increased. The opportunity to serve in whatever calling or assignment that we have allows us to serve, teach, learn from, and otherwise interact with one another, which provides an often unrecognized support and feeling of belonging that we all rely on as we grow individually and as families.

A key purpose of the quorum is to touch hearts and lives. On an individual level, quorum members serve as examples of good fathers, siblings, children, neighbors and friends. In 2022, various EQ members have inquired as to whether they can minister to a particular individual or family member because they have developed a special relationship with them and they want to add to their relationship through a formal assignment. Such inquiries evidence that a lot of interactions in the ward and between quorum members are happening due to the love and initiative of quorum members. A large part of Elders Quorum meetings are the lessons given. In 2022, approximately 18 different members of the quorum were able to give lessons. The lessons generally included some history of the instructor and his testimony of the gospel, which allowed the following: 1) to provide an opportunity for the quorum to become acquainted with other quorum members in a way that can only happen by observing them, listening to them teach, hearing their own personal stories, and being touched by their testimonies. We have several quorum members who have been divorced, and to hear one or more instructors discuss the challenges of being a divorced member in the church allowed other quorum members to make connections with others, to recognize that they belong in this ward and in this quorum, and to recognize how Heavenly Father blesses them in ways that they may not have recognized. Similar experiences have occurred with mental illnesses, financial struggles, having children stray from the covenant path, addressing questions about the Church that some may struggle with, and many other topics and issues that arise as a lay person shares their experience, their testimony and leads a discussion about an inspired topic shared by a prophet/apostle/general leader of the Church.

On my end, serving in the Church provides me a level of peace and happiness that I am not sure I fully realized until the Covid Coma that occurred. The opportunity to reflect on, to reach out to, to consider assignments for, and to interact with members of the Elders Quorum provides meaning and purpose to my life. Serving with the Elders Quorum helps me to better appreciate God's love for each of us, the common struggles that we share, the blessings that I enjoy, and the Spirit that attends when testimonies of Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ and Gospel truths are taught and lived.

Ryan Earl – Elders Quorum President

## Beaumont Missionaries

- Noah Melton (Nevada Reno Service Mission)
- Mark and Cindy Smith (Georgia Atlanta North Mission)
- Craig Freeze (Brazil Sao Paulo North Mission)
- Andrew Lish (Germany Berlin Mission)
- Jared Hilson (Florida Tampa Mission)
- Josh Franckum (Florida Tampa Mission)
- Megan Carroll (New York New York City Mission)

## Beaumont Baptisms

- Quincy Earl
- Skylee Carroll
- Brian Wilk



**Officers Sustained--Ward**

The General Authorities of the Church, the Area Seventies, and the officers of the stake and ward are to be presented for sustaining at the annual ward conference.

A member of the stake presidency or an assigned high councilor is to present the full names of officers for sustaining. He should present only the officers listed on this form. The ward clerk should complete this form, insofar as positions have been filled, in time for careful review by the priesthood leader who will use it.

**After the conference, the ward clerk should give this form to the stake clerk to be included in the Annual History for Stakes and Districts (32299).**

The annual conference of the Beaumont Ward of the Reno Nevada Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, held at 2050 Robb Dr, Reno, NV 89523, on 13 Feb 2022.

It is proposed that we sustain as General Authorities of the Church:

Russell M. Nelson as prophet, seer, and revelator and President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; Dallin H. Oaks as First Counselor in the First Presidency; and Henry B. Eyring as Second Counselor in the First Presidency.

Those in favor may manifest it by the uplifted hand.  
 Any opposed may so manifest it.

Dallin H. Oaks as President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles; M. Russell Ballard as Acting President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles; and as members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles: M. Russell Ballard, Jeffrey R. Holland, Dieter F. Uchtdorf, David A. Bednar, Quentin L. Cook, D. Todd Christofferson, Neil L. Andersen, Ronald A. Rasband, Gary E. Stevenson, Dale G. Renlund, Gerrit W. Gong, and Ulisses Soares.

The counselors in the First Presidency and the Twelve Apostles as prophets, seers, and revelators.

Those in favor manifest it.  
 Any opposed manifest it.

All other General Authorities, Area Seventies, and General Officers of the Church as presently constituted.

Those in favor manifest it.  
 Any opposed manifest it.

It is proposed that we sustain:

Ryan Eric Dobbs as president of the Reno Nevada Stake of Zion, with Paul Scott Keele as first counselor and Sean Gibson Jolley as second counselor.

Those in favor manifest it.  
 Any opposed manifest it.

All other stake officers as now constituted.

Those in favor manifest it.  
 Any opposed manifest it.

It is proposed that we sustain as the bishopric and presidency of the Aaronic Priesthood in the Beaumont Ward:

Bradford Michael Backlund as bishop, with Scott Michael Carroll as first counselor and Damon Micah Hill as second counselor.

Those in favor manifest it.  
 Any opposed manifest it.

As ward clerk:  
 Eric James Gardner

As ward executive secretary:  
 Douglas Kent Rytting

As assistant ward clerk(s):  
 James Arvid Fogelberg Jr  
 Adam Scott Perkins

Those in favor manifest it.  
 Any opposed manifest it.

It is proposed that we sustain:

As the presidency of the elders quorum located in the  
Beaumont Ward:

Ryan Jay Earl, president; David Keith Chamberlain, first  
counselor; and Wayne Lesley Lund, second counselor;  
with Jeffrey Jon Campbell, secretary.

As the presidency of the Relief Society:

Carol Randall, president; Rachel Marie Fogelberg, first  
counselor; and Cynthia Earl, second counselor; with Mona  
Lund, secretary.

As the presidency of the Primary:

Rachel Ann Anderson, president; Shawn Lee  
Chamberlain, first counselor; and Shannon Marie Ross,  
second counselor; with Amber Susan Davis, secretary.

As the presidency of the Sunday School:

Henry Craig Choate, president; Jeffrey Nielsen Jenkins,  
first counselor; and Frederick Boyd Autenrieb, second  
counselor; with \_\_\_\_\_, secretary.

As the presidency of the Young Women:

Janice Irene Franckum, president; Kathryn Suzanne  
Layosa, first counselor; and Melissa Della Gueller, second  
counselor; with Jordan Marie Lane, secretary.

As ward mission leader:  
Randy Wade Lusetti

As ward temple and family history leader:  
Norman Fullmer Nilson

All other ward officers and teachers as now constituted.

Those in favor manifest it.  
Any opposed manifest it.

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As president of the priests quorum:

Bradford Michael Backlund, bishop; with Nicholas Dos Santos Pereira, first assistant; Ethan McRae Gardner, second assistant; and Talan William Backlund, secretary.

As the presidency of the teachers quorum:

Mateus Dos Santos Pereira, president; Nicholas Steven Hilson, first counselor; and London Howard Black, second counselor; with David Joseph Autenrieb, secretary.

As the presidency of the deacons quorum:

Brody Michael Backlund, president; Blake Layne Dameron, first counselor; and \_\_\_\_\_, second counselor; with \_\_\_\_\_, secretary.

As the presidency of the Young Women 17-18 class:

Ciara Lynn Dobbs, president; Addisyn Breanne Earl, first counselor; and Anna Leigh Lane, second counselor; with Caitlin LaNay Hilson, secretary.

As the presidency of the Young Women 15-16 class:

Mya Janae Knackstedt, president; Kamryn Jeanette Lish, first counselor; and \_\_\_\_\_, second counselor; with \_\_\_\_\_, secretary.

As the presidency of the Young Women 12-14 class:

Janessa Marjorie Franckum, president; Victoria Dos Santos Pereira, first counselor; and \_\_\_\_\_, second counselor; with \_\_\_\_\_, secretary.

Those in favor manifest it.  
Any opposed manifest it.

For the information of ward members, the number of members of the ward serving proselyting, service, and senior missions is 8, and the number serving in the military is 0. †

† As appropriate and approved by the presiding authority, the number of members serving in the military may be added.

## Primary

The beginning of the year was marked by the combining the Primary and the Young Men and Young Women's organizations of the Beaumont Ward and the Canyon Creek Ward. For Sunday and for midweek activities, the children, youth and shared leaders from both wards came together to learn about our Savior Jesus Christ, our Heavenly Father's Plan for our Salvation and to learn and live the gospel. The Bishopric members and Ward Council felt that the need to fellowship and draw strength from more children and youth outweighed the challenges of combining units. The Primary at that time was under the direction of President Rachel Anderson with Shawn Chamberlain as First Counselor, Shannon Ross as Second Counselor and Amber Davis as Secretary.

In August 2022 a new Presidency was called, sustained and set apart. Cynthia Mathis became President, Kathryn Reed First Counselor, Cindy Smith Second Counselor, and Amber Davis was retained as Secretary. One of the first things that we as the new presidency did was to call each Primary teacher and Leader to have a ministering interview of sorts. The second thing we did was to conduct home visits to each of the children in primary, bringing a treat and our love to each family. These were successful and we got to minister in person to nearly every member of our Primary.

On September 24-25 the Reno Stake held its Stake Conference. At that time there was ward realignment and direction from our Stake leaders to discontinue combining Primary and Mutual for our two wards. New presidencies went into force—with Beaumont retaining Sister Mathis, Sister Smith (now 1<sup>st</sup> counselor) and Secretary Sister Davis. Samantha Salazar became the new 2<sup>nd</sup> Counselor. As this was right in the middle of preparations for the Primary Program to be held October 23<sup>rd</sup>, both ward presidencies secured permission from their respective Bishoprics to continue with a combined Program which required a combined Sacrament meeting for both wards. There was one practice together for both wards on Saturday morning, but the wards had started meeting separately for the 2 Sundays prior to the program. This was a challenge but also an opportunity to gather in even more children after the realignment changes and come together to share a message of Jesus Christ and His servants on the earth. The children sang and shared their witnesses of Jesus Christ and how prophets bless our lives, both those in ancient times who continue to speak to us through scriptures as well as living prophets and apostles who are the Lord's mouthpieces on earth today. Enclosed is a copy of that program. This was our main event of the year.

Activities were held generally the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday and the 4th Wednesday of each month and supported the children's individual goals in the children and youth guidebook. There were wonderful activities when ward family history specialists were brought in to help teach skills and introduce the children and the leaders about new and engaging activities within Familysearch.org. The boys and girls combined for an activity in December where they made Christmas gifts for their family members.

As the leader of this ward, I have felt the hand of the Lord over the programs of the church. I have come to understand that every calling in this church is an opportunity to minister and to become more like Jesus Christ. I feel it when I strive to share His light and His love with every nursery child through our veteran teachers. I want our ward Primary to help support families in teaching their children the truths of the kingdom and for each one of us to prepare ourselves for His presence. I am grateful for my calling in Primary and for the remarkable people I serve with and serve.

## Relief Society

On Thursday, February 10, 2022, the Beaumont Ward Relief Society gathered for an activity to build relationships and get to know one another better.



On March 29, 2022 the Beaumont Ward Relief Society gathered for an activity to celebrate the anniversary of the beginning of the Relief Society Organization. We shared Ministering experiences and bonded over dinner.







In April, we met at Marilyn Johnson's home. The theme of the activity was Drops of Awesome, and it was led by Andrea Neahusan!



On June 7, we met at the Hiatt's home for a Pastry Making night led by RuthAnn Hiatt.



The food AND  
the company were  
Delicious!



On Tuesday, July 19, the Relief Society sisters met at the Pulleyn's home for Soap Making, led by Janet Pulleyn!



We made beautiful (smelling and looking!) soaps with all natural ingredients!!

And we each got to take a soap home with us!





In August, our Relief Society sisters met at Jane Smith's home for our yearly Salad Social in Jane's beautiful backyard!



The Salad Social is always a big hit with the sisters in the ward!

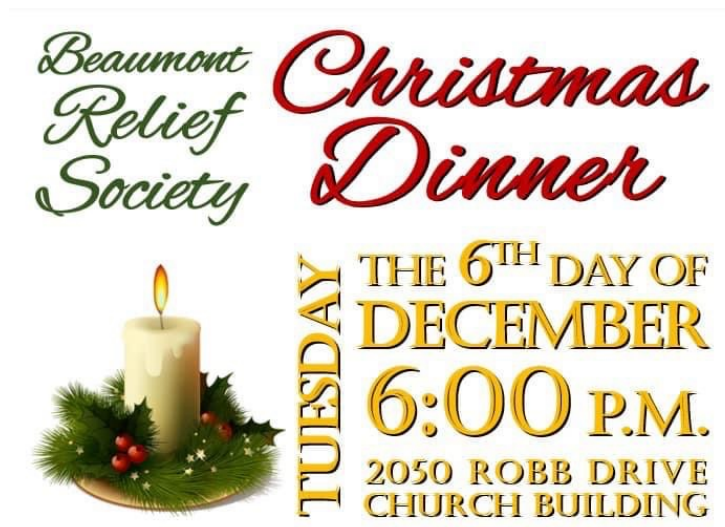




On October 11, the sisters met at the Robb St. building for a night of mini classes: Throwing a Party by Heather Carroll, Organizing Techniques by Rachel Fogelberg, Dealing with Grief by Cheryl Garn, and Homemade Mixes by various sisters!

It was informative and fun!!

In December, we celebrated Christmas with a wonderfully elegant (and tasty!) Christmas dinner at the Ward Building!





The Relief Society presidency going into 2023 is President Carol Randall, First Counselor Rachel Fogelberg, Second Counselor Mona Lund, and Secretary Lori Freeze.

Our regular Sunday Relief Society teachers in 2022 were Jacey Hill, Marilyn Johnson, Adrianne Autenrieb, and Janet Pulleyn.

Ruthann Hiatt served as the Activities Coordinator through 2022.

Sister Barb Van Maren began hosting activities during the day for sisters available to attend activities at that time. The last activity of the year was making wreaths for the Christmas holiday!

Sister Nicole Engle also began hosting a Come Follow Me study group in her home.



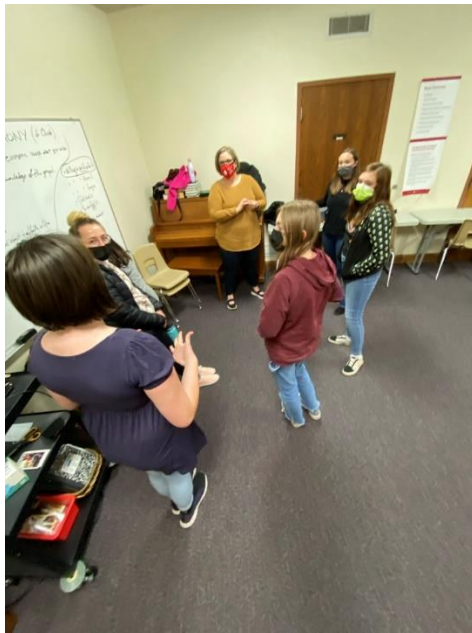
## Elders Quorum

In 2022, the highlights of the Elders Quorum of the Beaumont Ward of the Reno Nevada Stake were as follows:

1. The addition of Brian Wilk, who was baptized in January of 2022. Brian and his ministering companion, Keith Randall, gave a wonderful lesson on emotional resilience.
2. The addition of various Elder Quorum members resulting from ward boundary changes affecting the River Bend Ward (which no longer exists) and the Canyon Creek Ward, as well as a series of people moving into the Ward, including several couples and others from moving in from the Bay Area and other parts of the country.
3. Lessons given by approximately 18 different quorum members, touching on general conference talks, which each lesson being so well prepared and allowing the Quorum to better know one another.
4. A fun Friday Night Brick Oven Pizza night Elder's Quorum activity (including spouses and some youth that was held at the Earl's home
5. We had various service opportunities, helping families move in and move out, shoveling driveways and pathways, and ministering to members in need.
6. A change in the Elder's Quorum Presidency, from Ryan Earl serving as Elder's Quorum President; David K. Chamberlain serving as First Councilor, Wayne Lund serving as Second Councilor, and Jeff Campbell serving as Secretary to Ryan Earl serving as President, Layne Dameron serving as First Councilor and Mark Smith serving as Second Councilor, and Jeff Campbell serving as Secretary.
7. The Elder's Quorum actively supports the State, with several members, including President Paul Keele, serving as 1st Councilor in the Stake, Sean Neahusan, Jon Hiatt and David Chamberlain serving on the High Council. Keith Randall and Howard Hill play important roles in Emergency Preparation and the Storage Center. We also have several members of our ward who are temple workers.
8. The Missionary Committee did a tremendous job, with Randy Lusetti serving as Ward Mission Leader most of the year (who did a wonderful job) and Eric Engel serving in the past few months (who has worked very hard).
9. The Temple and Family History Committee also did a tremendous job, with Norm Nilson serving as Temple and Family History Leader.

## Young Women and Young Men

In 2022 the Canyon creek ward and the Beaumont ward were asked to combine the two ward youth programs, I have never seen this done and it was a big learning experience. In the first week of January 2022 the two wards met for the first time. Seeing the youth so excited to be together in a big group was encouraging. We still had to wear masks to gather but the kids didn't care as they were used to doing that for school. Bishop Manning and Bishop Backlund did a get-to-know-you activity where the youth learned about the two Bishops. They talked and the kids got to play some games. The next week the YW met together for the first time for activities. We also did a get-to-know-you activity where we played games to show the girls the similarities they have. Because of the size of the combined YW we were able to make three classes.



Janessa Franckum, Class President over the 11-13 year old. Mya Knackstead is President over the 14-15 year old class and Ciera Dobbs is President of the 16-18 class.

Each presidency was asked to have 2 members from each ward serve in the presidency.

February 2 was a combined activity. The youth had to decorate a cake that described the Bible story they were assigned. The Class Presidency of the 16-18 class made the cakes. The kids then had all kinds of cookies, candies, and frosting to make their creations.





March was our first combined temple trip. We were able to book 3 back-to-back sessions starting at 2:30. It was so great to get the youth back in the temple. Isaac is a temple worker at the Reno Temple that always makes sure we get pictures of the kids at the temple. We have wonderful leaders who really show up and do so much for the youth,





The 16–18-year-old class went to Sister Pulleyn’s home to learn how to make soap. She is always so generous of her time and talents.



March Girls basketball we won the Stake tournament! Beau-Creek or CreMont. Our combined wards go by either name.



Our April combined activity was helping the Earl family fill easter eggs for their neighborhood easter-egg hunt. The girls had a great time filling the eggs with candy, laughing, and talking.





April and another temple trip for the youth.



The last activity for April was an Oreo Tasting/guessing event. The girls loved trying to guess what each flavor was and if they liked it.





Our May Combined activity was a big hit. We went to Roller Kingdom and the best part was that both Bishop Manning and Bishop Backlund got out on the floor and skated. The kids thought that was awesome! We got a lot of kids out that normally would not have come. It was good for them to see the Bishops having fun.



In May the girls got creative. We had a paint night, and the girls were able to create some masterpieces. It was really cool to see the talents of some of the quieter kids shine. Mya Knackstead is a very talented artist but usually very quiet. She taught a few skills and helped others with their painting.



May brought another Temple trip. Only a few were able to come but it was a tender moment to be in the temple.



In June we said goodbye to our amazing Senior girls. Kami Hiatt, Emma Lish, Adison Earl and Alisa Hilson. They are all off to college in the fall.



In June we went into full-on Trek prep. We helped the girls make seats for their buckets and decorate them. The kids had a great time at Trek and came home dirty, tired, and happy. We took July off and didn't have any activities.





To kick off the school year the class Presidency decided they would each teach a skill. Lenore Jensen wrestles for Hug Highschool. We brought in some mats, and she taught the girls some wrestling moves.





September was bittersweet. Little did we know that September 11 would be the last Sunday we would be meeting together as two wards. The girls asked the Sister missionaries to teach the lesson that day and we decided to take a picture after class that day.



On September 14 we had another Temple trip. It was very smoky because of the wildfires but the youth still showed up to the temple.







At the Stake conference on Sept. 25, big changes were announced. We would no longer be meeting on Sunday with the Canyon Creek ward. The bishops would need to decide if we would continue meeting together on weekday activities. It rocked the kids. The River Bend ward was disbanded, and our two wards absorbed the youth from that ward. We were really happy to gain some really great girls. The first activity with our big new group was pumpkin painting for the fall. We had a very big turnout, and it was great to see all the girls together laughing and having fun.



For our activity in November, we did a Turkey attack. The girls picked a few members in the ward that they wanted to thank and write some gratitude posts. They wrote these notes on leaves then we split up and drove to the homes of members of the ward and taped them on the front doors. The girls were really happy to let some special members know how much they are loved.



Another special activity we did in November was to get to know some of the older sisters in the Beaumont and Canyon Creek wards. The girls came up with a list of ladies they wanted to get to know better. They also compiled a list of questions they wanted to ask them. We had 5 ladies show up and they each sat at a different table. The girls split up so there were 3-4 girls at each table. There was a lot of laughter and great stories going around that night. I think it was great for the girls and the older sisters to get to know each other better.



At the beginning of December, we went to see some of the girls in the play at McQueen High school. Abbie Dameron, Kit Wattw, Verity Hansen, and Kaitlyn Walker did a fantastic job in "Game of Tiaras" We took up 2 full rows at the theater.

Our last activity of the year was our annual ornament exchange. It was a good time for the girls to laugh and talk during a busy week of finals.

Overall, it has been a fantastic year of many new friendships being made between the two wards. There is strength in numbers, and I truly think these bonds will strengthen each of the girls as they navigate throughout the youth program. The girls are all very different in likes and personalities, but they have bonded over the many activities throughout the year.

I will also say that this combining of the wards ONLY worked because the adults always focused on what was best for the youth. The leaders I served with have given so much to make this program work and to help the girls learn and grow. Katie Layosa, Kacy Backlund, Melissa Gueller, Jordin Lane, Julia Ross, Kylii Jones, Alyssa Jenkins, Tori Perkins. I write this as the Young Women's president set apart and sustained in both wards. I know I learned a lot over the year and the girls and leaders gave me grace as I tried to navigate this past year.



## Other Ward Activities

### Christmas Creche



