

HUNTER LAKE WARD
RENO NEVADA STAKE
WARD HISTORY SUMMARY
2022
UNIT 17345

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Bishop David L. Mathis

2022 has been an eventful year in the Hunter lake ward. Many changes have taken place, the foremost of which is that the ward boundaries were changed in October. The River bend ward was dissolved, and the Hunter Lake ward ended up assimilating much of that ward, also a small portion of the Skyline Ward came into our ward. Our primary changed for 7 active children to 29. Our YW and YM's programs have changed dramatically as well. It reforms for the most part the old Truckee River Ward or even further back, the Mount Rose 2nd Ward. It has helped to add vitality to our ward but I will cherish the sacrifices our ward made to do well with less.

In August Sister Jane Brown, our Relief Society president moved to Janesville California requiring a change in RS presidency. Sister Brown, Bonnie Childs, Heidi Taylor and Mary Johnson were released and Sister Leslie Hutchens was called as president, Bonnie Childs as first councilor, Paula Kerns as second councilor with secretary Eloisa Artinger. With the change in ward boundaries we made a change in our Elder's Quorum presidency as well, releasing Brother John Childs, Steve Packer and Steve Cooper, who had been serving 4.5 years, and calling Brother Jeff Jamieson (P), Steve Packer (1st), and Jared Shoemaker (2nd) as the new presidency. We have had a number of other changes: Our Priest quorum assistants are Kevin Temple and Alexander Hayes; our Teachers presidency Liam Penrod, Rylan Hunsaker 1st, and Tyler Jamieson 2nd. Phinn Andrus is our Deacon's president with Nathan Goode 1st, Brennan 2nd councilors. Our Young Womens class president changed from Shelby Hunsaker to Saavy Weatherford with Gretchen Stott as 1st councilor and Katie Goode as 2nd, with Paige Wharton as secretary.

We had number of excellent ward activities including a 24th of July party at Snoflake pavillion, the highlight of which was the snowcone making machine. We also had a wonderful Halloween and Trunker treat party with a mad hatter theme,



and a wonderful Christmas Party with a South American theme, recognizing the Savior's birth in this hemisphere.

We had an amazing year with our youth. The stake put on the Trek this year and it was a very spiritual and enjoyable event. I was particularly impressed with the way it made our youth appreciate the spiritual in their lives and the brotherhood they felt with each other. Cody Reeder, our second councilor in the Bishopric, played a key role in the logistics as well as John and Bonnie Childs, Teresa Hunsaker and Walter Smith. Dan Hunsaker along with Brian McCombs chaired and organized the event.



We had two ice skating activities, a snow camp, pumpkin carving, a progressive dinner service project, a beach day, a day where the Terrassas boys taught us how to make bundt cakes, a white elephant gift exchange and many others.





Moving on from the youth program this past year were Ella Stott and Shelby Hunsaker. Ella is going to school in Washington, Shelby at BYU. Missionaries returning this year were Cayden Hunsaker from Austin Texas, Tommy Challis from Baton Rouge Louisiana, and Spencer Childs from the Uruguay Montevideo mission.



Tesa Ziegler and Amy Jamieson left on missions in August and October respectively this year.



Bud West continues as a medical specialist for the Reno Nevada Mission and Max McCombs is serving in the Reno Nevada Mission presidency.

We had 3 convert baptisms this year: Scott Sutcliffe, Kewa Enos, and Amber Wang.



We had one marriage last year in December-Sydney Ralston married Simeon Trey Garner. Their reception was held Dec 17th at the Golconda chapel.

Bill Almond, husband of Roseann, died November 11th after a long battle with a disabling neurologic disease. His funeral was November 26th. Bill was a wonderful ward member and will be remembered for his generosity and skill as a realtor finding dwellings for people in need.

Bishop Mathis


Hunter Lake Relief Society History for 2022

I'm sure many of you are setting aside time today to write down your resolutions for the coming year. May I make a few suggestions?

"First, resolve to strengthen your spiritual foundation. This may involve setting a specific time and place to study the scriptures, praying more often, making temple worship a bigger priority, and letting God prevail in all aspects of your life.

"Second, resolve to be kind to others. When the Savior, Jesus Christ visited the Americas, as recorded in the Book of Mormon, one of the first things He taught was the need to eliminate contention in our lives. So, please be compassionate, be understanding, be slow to judge, and be quick to forgive.

"Third, resolve to be resolute. The Lord loves effort. The Lord loves consistency. The Lord loves steadfastness. While we surely will come up short from time to time, our persistent efforts to hear Him and follow the inspiration He gives us will help us to 'wax strong in the Spirit (Mosiah 18:26). May God bless you, my dear friends, and may this be a wonderful year of purpose and possibilities for all of us."

 President Russell M. Nelson's Facebook Post, January 1, 2022

A New Year's Message from President Jane Brown:

Hello, Dear Sisters!
Happy New Year!

I ran across a fun but thought-provoking cartoon on Facebook recently. It had a funny little creature atop a huge "2022," digging a garden plot with a little shovel, with seeds and a watering can nearby. Another funny little creature was standing behind it with an exasperated look on its face, saying:

"Aren't you terrified of what 2022 could be like? Everything is so messed up!"

The first creature answered thoughtfully, "I think it will bring flowers...."

The second creature queried, "Really??? Why???"

The first creature answered calmly, "Because I am planting flowers."

I loved this little cartoon! It spoke of simplicity, trust, and faith. I then began to think of how important it is for us to focus on patiently sowing seeds that will bring beautiful things into our lives and the lives of those around us.

Sisters, as easy as it would be to focus on the storms and stress in the world around us, let us focus instead on planting beauty in the smallest ways; then watering and nurturing those seeds with faith, simplicity, and love.

January 18, New Year/New View—Chili & Cornbread Feast, 6:30 to 8:00 pm, Randi Walker's, 120 Burks, ideas for forthcoming R.S, activities, 2022.

April 19, Relief Society/Young Women Activity: Tuesday, 6:30 pm. Enjoyed soup and salad and dessert and getting to know one another and the special Young Women in our ward. Randi Walker's. Swimming for YW and others thereafter.

May 11, Relief Society Birthday Celebration, Light Soup and Salad dinner, with rolls and a birthday cake, 7 pm, R.S. room

May 14, Stake Women's Conference, An Evening with Timothy Dyches. 6 pm light supper and program.

June 16, Potluck in the Park, Chrissie Caughlin Park, Idlewild Dr., 6:30

July 19, Ward Pioneer Day BBQ, Idlewild Park, Snowflake Pavillion, 5 pm

August Message from New Relief Society President Leslie Hutchens



Though I speak with the
tongues of men and of
angels, and have
not charity, I am
become as sounding brass,
or a tinkling cymbal.

(1 Corinthians 13:1).

Paul's counsel to the Saints in Corinth "was simple and direct: You can speak with the tongues, have the gift of prophecy, understand all mysteries, possess all knowledge, even have the faith to move mountains, but nothing you do makes much of a difference without charity [the pure love of Christ]."

*Love is the beginning, the middle, and the end of our pathway to discipleship. It comforts . . . cures, and consoles. It leads us through valleys of darkness and through the veil of death. In the end love leads us to the glory and grandeur of eternal life." (Joseph Wirthlin, Oct. 2007)

September President's Message

"It's important to remember that when we were children we weren't allowed to be in the driver's seat, touching the steering wheel, or putting the keys in the ignition. But as we grew older and more responsible and ready, we were given the keys and even expected to sit in the driver's seat. I have wondered if our learning and growing isn't much the same way with our Heavenly Father's teachings and expectations of us. Of course we are given milk to begin with, but in time, meat is an essential part of our nourishment." (from a conference address)

October 5, R.S. Fall Festival, With Soups, Artisan Bread, Pumpkin Desserts, 6 pm, Randi Walkers

October 11, 12:30 pm, Lunch Bunch Fall Gathering, Costa Vida, gatherings were organized monthly by Joyce West to provide social activity for our "older" sisters.

- Lessons were given monthly by Sister Hutchens, and also by Diane McCombs, Angie Hayes, Marissa Collins, Paula Kearns, Jane Brown Diane Weatherford, Amanda Zigler
- In August we all rejoiced with Shelley Gregory as she expressed her deep gratitude that her daughter Kelsey was sealed in the temple after years of inactivity.
- In one of her lessons, Leslie Hutchens shared with us how forgiving her father for years of abuse gave her great peace and understanding of the Atonement. And she was able to put this out of her life.

2022 Hunter Lake Primary Ward History

2022 was an exciting year for the Hunter Lake Primary. The year began with the following leadership.

President- Melanie Buccambuso, **1st Counselor** – Jennifer Reeder, **2nd Counselor** – Angie Hayes

Secretary – Jennifer Kanekoa

After the ward realignment, Sister Kanekoa was no longer in the Hunter Lake ward. The secretary calling was extended to and filled by Kayla Riley.

Teachers

Our primary began the year with small number. Weekly attendance averaged below 15 children. Our ward did not require a nurse at the beginning of the year so the children were split into two classes, senior and junior. Six years and younger attended with teachers Barbara Stockton and Suzette Turley. The older children were taught by Kevin Kiene and Aaron Hayes. Sister Stockton and Sister Turley would teach each week while the older kids would alternate weeks between their teacher and a leader of the primary.



In September the boundary realignment drastically changed the primary. The average number of children each week more than doubled. The influx of people in the ward allowed us to call teachers for seven different classes. All children began to attend class with their teachers each week.

Music

2022 began with Apryl Stott and Dan and Sue Lee alternating weeks as music leaders with Nancy Harlow as accompaniment. The children were excited the play recorders, bells, and other fun instruments as they learned new songs and practiced ones they already loved. The Lee's left our ward in the spring and Apryl was able to become the full time music leader.



The children had the primary program on November 20th, after the ward realignment. They sang in several sacrament services through out the year including Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Christmas. They even were able to play the bells at the ward Christmas party in December.

Baptisms

We were lucky to have two baptisms in Primary in 2022. In November Kewa Enos was baptized. It was a beautiful baptism attended by many who love her. In December Ammon Weatherford was baptized as a child of record. Again, it was a lovely program and we are so grateful for these children who became official members of the church.

Activity Days

Prior to the ward realignment, our ward struggled with finding leaders who were able to lead activity days. We had inconsistent, but meaningful meetings with our activity day children frequently led by the primary presidency. Many were able to attend and enjoy the stake led activity over the summer. They were always elated to meet. It was a top priority to find leaders as soon as the wards realigned. Since advisers have been called, they have been meeting twice a month with an additional combined activity if there is a fifth Wednesday. We had three children that aged into activity days in 2022, and we are so happy they ended the year getting to enjoy the full blessings found in the comradery, learning, and service that it provides.

Aging out of Primary

We had four member finish their time in primary at the end of 2022 and move into the Young Men and Young Women program. Amelia Reeder, Kewa Enos, Brooklyn Faulke, and Nathan Goode. We were unable to schedule a time for the Priesthood/Temple Prep in 2022. It was held in January 2023. All four were wonderful and very loved members of our primary. We are excited to see them continue to grow.

In summary, while our primary spent most of the year as a small, but loving group, we ended the year drastically different. While there were many sweet blessing as a micro primary, we are nothing but excited about the change in our demographic. We love having a full primary room full of beautiful children and dedicated teachers.

Hunter Lake Ward Elders Quorum history 2022

Jan-Oct Elders Quorum Leadership : John Childs President, Steve Packer 1st Counselor, Steve Cooper 2nd Counselor, Tyson Penrod Secretary.

Oct -Dec: Jeff Jamieson President, Steve Packer 1st Counselor, Jared Shoemaker 2nd Counselor Tyson Penrod Secretary.

Activities: We had weekly meetings most Tuesday evenings at 7pm. Our meetings consisted mostly of member visits, quorum and ministering assignments and specific needs of quorum members and their families. We encouraged quorum members to be actively involved in missionary and temple and family history. John Childs and Steve Cooper helped with the youth trek that was held during the summer for three days. In October Our quorum helped at our ward trunk or treat with games for the children like pumpkin toss and other games. In July we also helped do the cooking at the annual pioneer day BBQ at the snowflake pavilion in Idlewild park.

Boundary Change: The last week of September our ward boundaries were changed and we lost some members to other wards but also received more members from Skyline and Riverbend wards.

Getting to know all the new Elders and High Priests is going to take some time but also create opportunities to make new friends and strengthen quorum brotherhood. Redoing the ministering assignments has been a monumental task.

In Memory: One of our quorum members, Brother Bill Almond, passed away in November, He will be dearly missed.

EQ Presidency Visits during 2022

Hunter Lake Ward

Kalah Cravin

Angel Newton

John Stokes

David Krouse

Judy Serpio

Sandy Baker

Marissa Collins

Shirley Hainline

Mildred Earl

Nancy Harlow
David Keele
Wilma Horsley
Cordelia and Sam Johnson
Tim and Debbie Kawcak
June Minetto
Jeanne Monier Temple
Otto Najera
Joe Salinas
Mary Schuster
Debbie Simpson
Scott Sutliff
Sheri Terrasas
Linda Wood
Herbert Yazzie

Hunter Lake Young Woman's Ward History

I was called as the young woman's president in January/February. We had some great activities this year. As I came in I asked each girl to be in charge of an activity. It didn't have to be their idea but one they wanted to get prayers for and get things for. We had some girls teach their talents such as bread making, volleyball, and karate. The other girls loved learning something new and something about the young women in their ward.

YW Presidency

Preident: Teresa Hunsaker

1st Councilor: Kirstyn Kennedy

2nd Councilor: Sheri Terrasas

Secretary: Erika Goode

Jujitsu







On this particular activity, we had one of our Young Women who just earned her black belt teach us some Karate and Jujitsu kicks and punches.

Clothing Exchange







Another fun activity that we had was inviting all the girls in the stake to do a clothing exchange. Everyone got to bring clothes they no longer wanted and each girl would go around and get new to them clothes. First, we had signs up for pants, shirts, dresses etc. and sizes. Then as the girls came in, they would put the clothes they had brought on the tables or the area it was supposed to go. At the end we donated clothes to Project 36 which is for homeless teenagers where there is a boutique that teenagers who are homeless or don't have a lot of money can come and shop free for clothing. We also had clothes go to an organization who helps women find jobs by getting them professional clothing. The rest were donated to Goodwill. Super fun way to see the girls in our stake.

Ice Skating



In April we rented an indoor ice skating rink. We invited another ward, our primary, and my son's non member scout troop and people also brought friends . Everyone had a great time and enjoyed hot cocoa after.

Stake Trek



We got to go to stake Trek this year. These are the youth in our ward that were old enough to go. We had a lot of miracles with the Trek as well as some trials but we learned a lot. We had a lot of adult volunteers from our ward as well.

Lunch at High School



One of our girls had to go to summer school because of missing so much for heal reasons. She was struggling because she didn't have friends there and it was hard so we decided to get special permission to come to the school and have lunch with her.

YW Got Talent

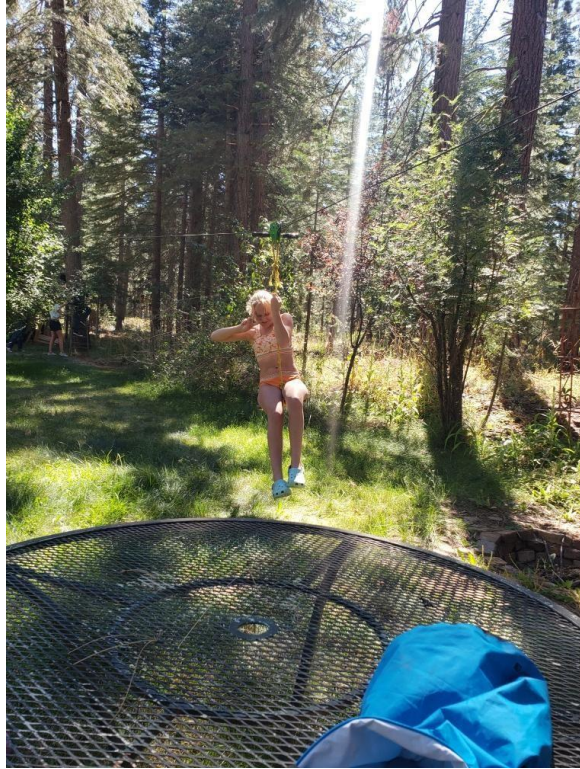


One of our families were involved with Hula and Art Town. It was fun to see how much talent our youth have.

Girls Camp











This last year we had Trek so our stake decided that each ward could do its own girls' camp. We had our Relief Society President who moved to Plumas County invite us to stay at her house and we went kayaking and paddle boarding in a lake near her house. Some of the girls had never done either so It was a great day for them. Then we took Pizza to a park and spent the evening at her house ziplining, playing games, and looking at a meteor shower.

Lake Tahoe



Our schools have an early release from school on Wednesdays so on one of the first Wednesdays of the new school year we took the youth up to Lake Tahoe to go swimming and have dinner.

Necklace Making



Our ward got really small so the youth wanted to do everything together. One night we invited the older brother of one of our girls to teach us how to make necklaces. It was only supposed to be a young women's activity as the boys were going camping that next weekend. When the girls got there they said oh the boys aren't here. We said that it was only the girls. After a little bit, some of the boys showed up and then they kept coming. The girls unbeknownst to us had texted and told all the boys to come so the

boys also learned how to make necklaces. Of course, since one of our graduated boys was teaching the class it was still cool for them.

Temple Trips



Going to the temple was our last activity we did before our ward was made bigger. We love going to the temple as a youth group.

Pumpkin Carving



In October our stake realigned our wards, and we had a bigger ward. Pumpkin carving was one of the first activities we had together. One of the youth brought a Dremel tool to carve the pumpkins. It was so funny and fun to get to know the new youth.

Puzzle Room



Another fun thing our youth like to do is Puzzle Rooms. They had a competition to see who could get out first. They were both really close.

Progressive Service Dinner

We wanted to get to know our youth but also for our youth to get to know others in our ward so we did a progressive service dinner activity. We invited members of the ward to sign up to feed either an appetizer, salad, dinner or dessert and have something the youth could help them out doing. It was a little much in one night but was still fun. We helped take out trash for an elderly sister who couldn't lift it. Cleaning and sweeping part of a garage, raking leaves, visiting, and sorting donated glasses for the Lyons club. We only got one picture unfortunately that night.



Trunk or Treat



Our youth put together two of the games for the little kids. Mummy races and Don't Eat Pete. Of course, they also went Trunk or Treating.

For Christmas we went shopping for some of the kids in our ward that needed extra help. It is always good to help, and realize there are those who have less than us.

Looking forward to a great next year.