

NEWSLETTER

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The current litigiousness in the long and sometimes contentious history of Utah's two foremost daily newspapers reflects a certain irony. At the heart is an agreement between the papers initially established to ensure the future of the then financially troubled rivals. Today, however, a recently modified Joint Operating Agreement threatens the future of *The Salt Lake Tribune*, at least in the minds of its litigants and a host of others, not the least of whom are accustomed to starting their days with *The Trib* and a cup of coffee. It's a hot issue that portends how Utahns receive their news, in what form and from what source. And equally important, will there continue to be an "independent voice" speaking to and representative of the changing nature of Utah's ballooning population? On November 4, our guests will have much to say in determining how such questions are answered.

THE ISSUE

Changes to the Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) between the New York-based owner of *The Salt Lake Tribune* (Alden Global Capital) and the LDS Church-owned *Deseret News* threaten to undermine an important journalistic voice in Utah's unique marketplace of ideas.

Scores of Utah journalists and newspaper consumers called for Justice Department antitrust enforcement against the October 2013 JOA, which repre-

sents "an intolerable consolidation of news media ownership in Utah, and violates the spirit and letter of the Newspaper Preservation Act," according to the nonprofit group Utah Newspaper Project/Citizens for Two Voices. The new Joint Operating Agreement violates antitrust law and harms our community by endangering an important journalistic institution. It leaves *The Tribune* hobbled financially by cutting its revenue in half and beholden to the *Deseret News* operationally. For nearly 150 years, *The Tribune* has billed itself as "Utah's Independent Voice." The

changes to the Joint Operating Agreement give too much control of *The Tribune* to the competing *Deseret News Publishing Co.* and its owner, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The group's public-interest antitrust lawsuit challenging the JOA is pending in federal court.

More information about the antitrust issues raised in the lawsuit is available at www.utahnewspaperproject.org and the Facebook page *Save The Salt Lake Tribune*.

Joan O'Brien



worked at newspapers, including the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and *The Salt Lake Tribune*, for nearly 20 years before attending the University of Utah's S.J. Quinney College of Law. After receiving her juris doctorate, Joan taught Mass Communication Law as an adjunct associate instructor for five years in the U's Communication Department.

In the fall of 2013, soon after *The Tribune* reported on the terms of the new Joint Operating Agreement that the newspaper's New York owner had signed with the *Deseret News*, Joan helped found "Utah Newspaper Project." For the last year the nonprofit group has worked to raise awareness of the deal that endangers *The Tribune* and has lobbied for action by government antitrust enforcers. In June the group filed its own legal challenge in U.S. District Court for the District of Utah.

Karra Porter



of Christensen & Jensen is recognized as one of the nation's leading attorneys for corporate and commercial matters. After working as a journalist in her home state of Kansas, Karra went to law school at the University of Texas at Austin, graduating near the top of her class in 1987. Karra's specialty is complex federal litigation.

She has recently handled large cases involving the Federal Trade Commission Act, Lanham Act, Internal Revenue Code, Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, False Claims Act, Small Business Act, National Labor Relations Act, Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and – now – the Clayton and Sherman antitrust acts. Her cases include the largest litigated FTC enforcement action in the country and defense of nonprofit organizations against a \$1.2 million claim before the Board of Oil, Gas & Mining.

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Show your spirit! Donate to the U of U Food Drive at the Nov. 4 luncheon

Please join the kickoff event of the 21st annual Food Drive on November 4 at the Professors Emeriti Luncheon in the Saltair Room. You may bring a can or two of food to donate. Containers will be available. Or if you'd prefer to express your support with a check, please make it payable to Utah Food Bank. (Cash is OK, too.)

Many of you may remember the former Rivalry Food Drive with BYU which went on for 18 years until the Y changed to a "cooperative" event with UVU. The U food drive has received

local and national awards for the effort which last year raised more than \$51,000 and over 432,000 pounds of food.

This year the drive will focus on two major events during November. At the U-Oregon game on Saturday the 8th, there will be a major monetary collection effort prior to game time. On the 29th, although the Utes will play at Colorado, there will be collection points at Rice-Eccles Stadium during the day. Smaller promotions will be held during the month.

As was mentioned in the September newsletter, the **School of Music** is again offering emeriti club members and up to two guests each \$1 vouchers for all School of Music Libby Gardner Hall concerts. **Popular concerts** for October include the "Philharmonia Halloween Concert" on Oct. 23 and 24, and the Wind Ensemble on Oct.

28. For a **complete listing** of School of Music concerts visit the calendar of events website at <http://music.utah.edu/events/index.php>. Vouchers are available at all luncheons or may be obtained by contacting Henry Wolking at henry.wolking@music.utah.edu or you may call him at 801-664-8147.

Luncheon Menu Tuesday, November 4, 12:15 p.m., Union Building Saltair Room
Reservations should arrive by mail to Gene Carr before October 28. See page 5

Cranberry Broccoli Salad
 Roasted Turkey with Gravy & Stuffing
 Mashed Potatoes ... Seasonal Vegetables ... Cranberry Sauce
 House-made Rolls & Fruit Breads ... Pumpkin Pie
 Cranberry Spritzer/Water ... Coffee and Tea Service
Vegetarian Option: Meze Plate: Hummus/Ratatouille/Cucumber Salad

IN MEMORIAM

Gail B. Gerlach (spouse of Larry)
 September 22, 2014

Chase N. Peterson, Family Medicine
 and former U of U president
 September 14, 2014

Philip E. Sullivan, English
 September 26, 2014

James Reed Swenson, Physical Medicine
 and Rehabilitation
 October 11, 2014

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Where in the **World** will the **EMERITI** go in 2015?

To all you keen travelers: You do not find an announcement of our 2015 destination here, because I am waiting on pricing and specific dates for two possible tours, which will not be available until November 1, so keep an eye on this space in next month's newsletter. Meantime, I hope you stopped by the table at the October luncheon to see the photo display of some of our previous destinations over the past decade. Makes you want to travel...

If I may be permitted some reminiscences: I first traveled with the Professors Emeriti Club back in 1984, only the second year a tour was offered to Club members. I was in grad school at Yale at the time doing research in Britain and thus joined my parents, Club members, on a tour of the British Isles. (Wonderful as that was, it would be hard to beat the 1985 Spain, Portugal, & Morocco tour: 23 days for under \$1,500, including air—those were the days!) Since that first trip I have experienced a total of 21 tours with the Club, over half while my late mother, Winn Margetts, was Activities Coördinator. I was there to assist and enjoy her company (and yours!).

With the strong support of the executive board I have myself served for some eight years now as Activities Coördinator and had the pleasure of arranging many activities—theatre and ballet performances, music concerts, art exhibitions, tours of new buildings on campus and behind the scenes at PMT and the Natural History Museum (old & new). I am very pleased to be sharing duties now with Henry Wolking, with his useful connections to the School of Music. My job has also included scouting out tour destinations as diverse as the Country Roads, Stately Homes & Gardens of Britain, Costa Rica, Greece, Jordan & Israel, a Normandie river cruise, the Benelux countries, Northern Spain, and Croatia. Tunisia, alas, had to be canceled in 2011 due to the Arab Spring, but I am keeping an eye on things still in hopes we will get there in the future!

I am grateful that Club members have always understood (with one dyspeptic exception) that the Activities Coördinator is planner and promoter, not tour guide; that it is not a free ride and if the Activities Coördinator is able to go on the tour (and I do try to go when finances permit), it is his/her holiday as well—though sometimes unexpected additional duties are required, such as rebooking flights for the group in the face of snowstorms or volcanic eruptions. That is part of voluntary service to the Club.

I would like to thank Club members who have participated in our excursions abroad in the past for being, for the most part, cheerful, upbeat, eager travelers with whom it is a pleasure to explore new and exciting corners of the world. I hope you will join us for our next adventure!

~ Michele Margetts

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Pioneer Theatre Company's season



October 31 through November 15, 2014

Nominated for seven Tony Awards in 2012! One Man, Two Guvvins is a knockabout comedy set in swingin' 1963 London, as one man tries to serve, and hoodwink, two employers at the same time. Throw in a sweet and beautiful but dimwitted young woman, a vain actor—is there any other kind?—a woman disguised as her murdered twin brother, a crooked lawyer, and a couple of low-level hoodlums, and it's almost more than one man can govern.

"...as rowdy as the Three Stooges and as light-footed as Fred Astaire." – *The New York Times*

Contains strong language

The Rocky Horror Show = Concert Version
Three performances: Oct. 24 at 8 p.m.; Oct. 25 at 5 and 10 p.m.

No preview tickets

One Man, Two Guvvins
Oct. 31 through Nov. 15

Peter and the Starcatcher
Dec. 5 through Dec. 20

Alabama Story = World Premiere!
Jan. 9 through Jan. 24, 2015

The Crucible
Feb. 13 through Feb. 28, 2015

Introducing the **New Concert Series!** A new program at PTC, the theatre is producing concert versions of popular musicals, with a full cast, an on-stage orchestra, a few costumes, a little dancing—and a lot of fun in an evening of lighthearted entertainment!

I Hate Hamlet
March 20 through April 4

The Music Man
May 1 through May 16

A REMINDER for picking up tickets

Play	Preview	Date Available			
One Man, Two Guvvins	Oct 30	Oct 1	The Crucible	Feb 12, 2015	Jan 26
Peter & the Starcatcher	Dec 4	Nov 17	I Hate Hamlet	Mar 19, 2015	Mar 2
Alabama Story	Jan 8, 2015	Dec 22	Music Man	April 30, 2015	Apr 6



The Hiking Group



If you wish to join in the fun, please call Bill Gray at 801-532-3486 or Jim King at 801-273-9821. The Hiking Group is dedicated to Health, Happiness, and Camaraderie.

Here is the remaining schedule for 2014

Friday, Oct. 17----- Dog Lake from Millcreek

Friday, Oct. 31-----Bonneville Shoreline Trail in Draper

Friday, Nov. 14-----Jordan River Parkway

Friday, Dec. 12-----Hike and Wassail

The Gelmans, leaders 801-278-1569

The Bennions, leaders 801-274-9215

The Fosters, leaders 801-278-6727

Barbara West, leader 801-484-2996

EMERITI CLUB DUES *Dennis Alexander, President Elect*

Emeriti Club dues are collected on an academic calendar year. Now is the time to renew for 2014-15. The Reservation Form for the luncheon includes a place to make a note of and pay your dues. Dues are voluntary; we ask you to consider a \$10 individual contribution, \$20 for a couple. A few members sent in their dues on the first luncheon reservation of the year. Thank you for your early effort. Dues

are important to continue several financial efforts of the club. For instances, luncheon costs are actually more than \$15 per meal. Dues help us hold the price, subsidize a portion of the costs, and help with the modest honoraria we offer luncheon speakers. Most speakers ask the honorarium be sent to a cause of their choice. We also use dues to send thank you and remembrance items to a few people during the year.

Take this opportunity to send in your Emeriti Club dues.

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Luncheon Reservation Form

Please mail to arrive no later than Wednesday October 8, 2014

Luncheon is **Tuesday, November 4, 12:15 p.m.**, in the Union Building Saltair Room

Name _____ Turkey _____ Veggie Plate _____ Fruit Plate _____

Partner _____ Turkey _____ Veggie Plate _____ Fruit Plate _____

Guest(s) _____ Turkey _____ Veggie Plate _____ Fruit Plate _____

Number attending @ \$15.00 each _____

Luncheon total: \$ _____

Dues for 2014/15 \$10.00/Single or \$20.00/Couple

Dues total: \$ _____

Make check payable to: **Professors Emeriti Club.**

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Send to:

**Gene Carr
5674 Ventnor Ave.
Salt Lake City UT 84121**