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# Money Talks

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## Message From Our President



### Presidents Message

During my Little Red Riding Hood bike ride, my theme of Enjoy the Ride was well remembered. After one of my riding partners had two flat tires within the first 12 miles, we were a little discouraged, but on we rode. We were determined to “Enjoy the Ride”, in spite of the setbacks.

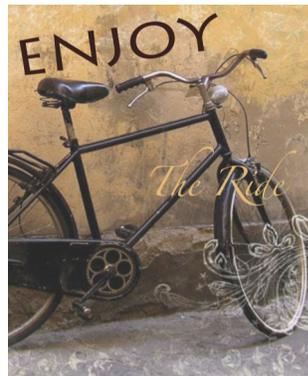
Hills are not my favorite part of any ride. I know they make me stronger, but I dread them. The reason I dread them is because whenever you go up, you must come down. To me, that is worse than the uphill’s. At mile 51, there is a 6 mile ascent. Not a horrible climb, but steady and very long. However, the descent is about a 5% grade for 1 ½ miles. I have always had a hard time going very fast down hills. I tend to use my brakes a little too much.

On the day of the ride, I stopped at the top of the hill. I looked down, took a deep breath and told myself it was time to “Enjoy the Ride.” And I did. My max speed was over 10 miles per hour greater than it had been just the week prior. It was in my attitude. I chose to enjoy the ride.

Life is full of hills, ups and downs. Our attitude can make a big difference. “Our lives are not determined by what happens to us, but by how we react to what happens; not by what life brings to us, but by the attitude we bring to life.”

This year, I chose to “Enjoy the Ride.” I hope each of you will choose to find joy in the journey of life, even with the tough things that come your way.

A big Thank You goes out to Elaine Openshaw, who has now retired, from Payson City.



Elaine worked for years to get the National Conference to Utah and then worked with her committee to make it a success. Thanks to others who helped Elaine. Thank you to all of you who attended our National Conference. We had a great time and learned so many valuable things. We appreciate your support and for making Utah look good!

“Plan now to attend the Utah League of Cities and Towns Conference in Salt Lake,



Elaine and Thurl Bailey

Sept. 10, 11 and 12. We will hold our business meeting on Thursday, September 11 at 9:45 a.m. After our meeting, we will make the short walk to the Federal Reserve Bank for a tour of their facility at 10:30 a.m. For those of you who have been to the Reserve before, it is always interesting to see the process. The afternoon will be spent attending the workshops planned by the League.

If you will be attending our business meeting and going to the Federal Reserve, please email me by September 2. [susan.b@hydeparkcity.org](mailto:susan.b@hydeparkcity.org) or give me a call at 435-563-6507 ext. 12. The Federal Reserve needs to have names of individuals touring their facility. Please bring your photo ID, i.e. driver’s license and plan on a security screening very similar to airport screening, but not as stringent. If possible, any bags, backpacks, purses or cameras should be left outside the Bank.

### 2014 UAPT Spring Conference Summary

This year's Super Bowl of Treasurer's conferences, the UAPT Spring Conference took place at a venue new to the UAPT, the St. George Abbey Inn.

Richard Ellis & Dave Damschen, two sure to be Hall of Fame Treasurers took the first snap of the conference and successfully quarterbacked a presentation on current MSRFB developments and a review of the Money Management Act.

After a time out to refuel at the Pizza Factory a panel of merchant card explained the rules of the merchant processing game by fielding questions from the players.

It was apparent that the presenters were on a roll when they handed the ball off to Ronn Gilson who taught the Treasurers how to put 101 points on the scoreboard in his Payroll 101 training.

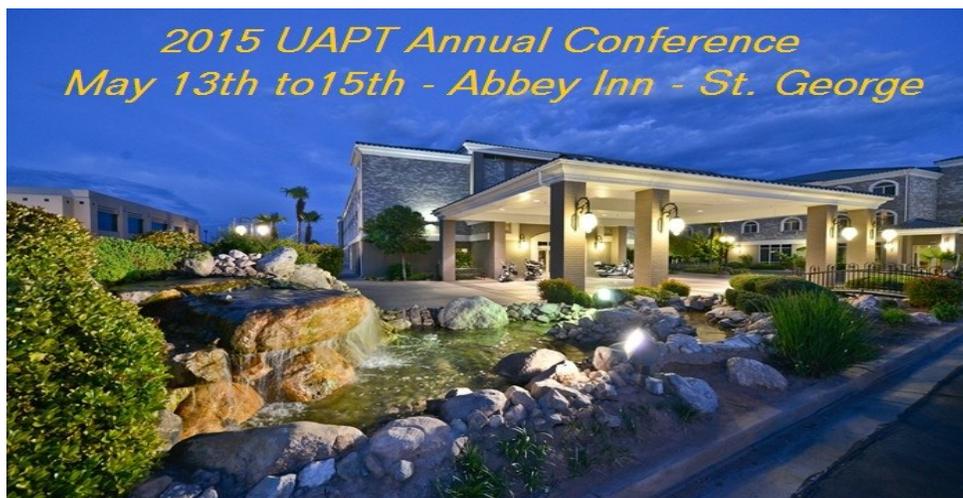
Half way through the conference, Robert Kirby of the Salt Lake Tribute humored the treasurers by putting on a halftime performance that would make Michael Jackson jealous.

Other highlights at the conference included presentations on Health Savings Accounts (HSA's), Excel, Google Drive, forms, retirement, how to hypnotize a Treasurer, and an update on Utah's economy.

The grand finale' of the conference included a heroic performance by Ron Warren a leader in the US Army who delivered an inspiring message of courage and hope.

The 2014 UAPT Spring Conference in St. George was a victory for all who attended! We would like to thank the 109 Treasurers and Sponsors that participated in this unforgettable event and hope to see all of you again at next year's conference.

Tyler Jacobson



### APT US&C 2014 Annual Conference

The 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association of Public Treasurers of the United States & Canada was held on July 27 – 30, 2014, and it was a smashing success. There were a total of 127 registered treasurers, with almost 45% of attendees, 57 treasurers, from Utah.

Thanks to the efforts of Elaine Openshaw, 2014 National Conference Chair, and the Utah State Treasurer's office, we listened to speakers from across the country teach about Internal Controls, MSRB and compliance issues, the economy, payments collection, fraud and technology changes, investing, among other topics. There were also opportunities to receive advanced training on a variety of subjects, including a class for Certified Public Funds Investment Manager which was attend by several Utah treasurers.

We had amazing opportunities to network and meet other treasurers from across the country, sharing ideas and getting to know one another. Events included a social at the Clark Planetarium where we enjoyed an IMAX 3-D presentation of the Hidden Universe, an extraordinary journey deep into space. On Monday, we enjoyed dinner and entertainment at the Gallivan Center, where we were wowed watching several treasurers under hypnosis. They acted like children and famous performers while the audience laughed and applauded with excitement. We also witnessed the installation of the new board at the closing reception.

One highlight from the conference was Thurl Bailey, former NBA player with the Utah Jazz. He sang our National Anthem and O'Canada at the opening session and returned to on Wednesday to present the closing session. He spoke about his experiences with high school, college and professional basketball and the importance of remembering that nothing can be accomplished without the help of your team, coaches, or teachers.

This was my first opportunity to attend a National Conference and I was impressed by the level of training, the networking opportunities and the wonderful people I was able to meet. I hope that I will be able to attend more conferences in the future to bring more knowledge and experiences back to my city.

Tiffany LaJoice



A hypnotic performance by Steven Nelson while watching Arthur

# It was a "hypnotic" evening



Jody is very concerned—and cold

The closing session with Thurl Bailey was exceptional. He stayed after and had a "Kodak" moment with Tiffany, as well as many others.



Debbie took Steven's phone and he went to the corner and sulked



Debbie, Brooke and the world famous "Butt Drummers" were there.