

# AUXILIARY of UTU TIMES

## REACHING FOR THE FUTURE

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RENEWING OUR COMMITMENT

FEBRUARY 2006

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The Christmas tree and all the Holiday decorations are again taken down and packed away for another year. The hustle and bustle of the holiday season has settled down and we are now back in the ordinary routine of our daily lives. Hopefully, we did not pack the “spirit of the season” away with the decorations. For that spirit is what keeps the *sparkle* in our eyes and our hearts.

As we begin a New Year, let us take time to reflect on the past year and begin to set and attain our goals for the Year of 2006.

Grand Lodge is no different as we also assess the Auxiliary last year. We are in good financial condition as we have had leaders who have made wise decisions in the past. We began to see growth in 2005 as we initiated 80 new members. See next page for the list of our new members since our “Lodge Challenge.” Among these new members you will notice we also have a new lodge - Lodge #81! The Auxiliary has made head way in being recognized by the United Transportation Union as a force that can make a difference in the lives of the rail, bus, and airline employees.

Now that all our hard work has just begun to show results, we need to find

more interesting ways to attract new members and bring the Auxiliary continuous growth. It is difficult in an age when many of the new hires do not know nor truly understand what “**union**” is! We are still the ones that have to reach out and make a difference. We are the ones that can lead by our example. So often we do not realize how our small acts make a big impact on others. Keep being active, contribute to the positive changes and become part of unionism.

As we enter this New Year of 2006, we are preparing for our Ninth International Convention in August. The Board of Directors and Board of Trustees will meet February 8 through 16, to review the past year and to help set plans and goals for this year. The timeless spirit that is in our hearts will dictate our future. We all have something to offer! (No matter how big or small) We can all be a part of the growth and the success of our Auxiliary. I ask once again, that you renew your commitment (of finding new members) to the organization that has meant so much to each and every one of us through the years, as we enter this New Year.

In Sisterly Love,  
Carol S. Menges  
International President

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

## “2005 LODGE CHALLENGE”

Lodge	Name	Lodge	Name
5	Lilly Biedenharn	431	Myrna Conditt
5	Kevin Brodar	431	Pamela Difatta
5	Barbarbara Schmidt	431	Linda Mc Comas
19	Marie McManus	431	Marilyn Mast
28	Sondra Knott	431	Paula Freed
28	Mariella Walsh	431	Gerlinde Hackney
28	Sheila Walster	431	Joanne Johnson
70	Cindy Dochterman	431	Lou Markus
70	Debbie Jenkins	431	Jennifer Neurauter
70	Cynthia Perdue	431	Teresa Neurauter
70	Gloria Yeager	431	Susan Paprocki
70	Lee Ann Welch	431	Norma Shafer
81	Stephanie Barnes	431	Cecilia Stewart
81	La Donna Bay	456	Denise Welch
81	Melody Boice	606	Peggy Boyles
81	Lisa Bolden	711	Jeannette Barker
81	Carol Dean	711	Becky Davis
81	Shirley Denney	711	Becky Galmarini
81	Karen Girkin	711	Elissa Heemer
81	Veronica Gonzales	711	Nicole Mielcusny
81	Mona Nigohossian Hynes	711	Judith Neely
81	Nancy Maser	711	Ashley Nogacek
81	Tanya Maser	711	Diane Nogacek
81	Jeanette Mc Daniel	711	Holly Nogacek
81	Alicia Mumford	711	Shirley Nogg
81	Kelly Pate	711	Patty Petkosek
81	Marsha Patton	771	Theresa Lacy
81	Jerri Thompson	771	Terri Medrano
81	Vonda Volesky	771	Cathy Sach
170	Josette Allen	771	Melody Yeager
170	Claudia Dawson	771	Sabrina Walters
170	Ashley Lynn	771	Jennifer Zauner
219	Donjna Cardone	778	Diana Huff
264	Sarah Dowling	803	April Futhey
264	Annie Roebuck	803	Amanda Griffen
264	George Shelton	803	Cindy Milbourn
264	Helen Shelton	803	Kelly Pope
314	Jean Boechel	915	Mary Sue Headrick
318	Glenda Gail Burke	932	Carol Wier
318	Kay Evans	933	Amanda Barrier
318	Fanicy Hope Hunter	933	Louise Eickhoff
321	Sharon Davis	933	Margie Ellen Johnson
321	Audrey Harris	933	Kimberly Preston
321	Jackie Kassing		
321	Dianne Sue Stanberry		
377	Susan Houk		

## A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

**HAPPY 2006!** Congratulations to UTU National Legislative Director James M. Brunkenhoefer on his reappointment to serve a three-year term on the congressionally created Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council.

If you have been listening to the news, you have heard that the current administration in the White House is providing us with more surprises from suspected bribes to wire-tapping. Where is the outrage? Why are Americans standing by and allowing this Administration to virtually have 'card blanche'? Why are we not standing up against the high gas prices, decreased funding for workers safety, increases in our utility bills, lower income, and increased cost of living, increases in medical coverage, and decreased benefits, not to mention Social Security and the new Medicare prescription package (which is so complicated the elderly have to seek help for an explanation)? I could go on, but I think you know what I'm saying. We must stand up and say, "Enough is enough."

In an attempt to get everyone more involved, below is a current list of the UTU Auxiliary State Legislative Directors along with their Lodge number. These people work with the UTU State Directors on local, state and national issues. Please contact the Auxiliary and/or UTU State Director to learn how you can help and become more involved. If you need a phone, number and/or email address (for those that have email) please contact the Grand Lodge or myself. Additionally, you will notice there are a few States who do not currently have an Auxiliary State Legislative Director. If you have

an interest or know of someone who would be interested in filling these slots, please have them contact Carol Menges, Auxiliary International President or myself.

A special thanks to all who have contributed their extra hard earned \$\$ to the Scott Belden PAC Fund.

### REMEMBER:

***We have to get our foot in the door  
before we can deliver your message.  
UTU PAC opens the door.***

***Make your contribution NOW!***

Yours in Sisterly Love,

***Charlie Belden***

National Legislative Director  
Auxiliary of the United Transportation Union  
Phone: 540-972-4627  
Fax: 540-972-8067  
Email: utuauxnld@aol.co

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### UTU Auxiliary STATE LEGISLATIVE DIRECTORS

#### ALABAMA

Mary Ann Clements  
Lodge 318

#### ARKANSAS

Hazel Vittitow  
Lodge 481

#### ARIZONA

Virginia Desmond  
Lodge 800

#### CALIFORNIA

Frances Mincer  
Lodge 156

#### COLORADO

Teresa Neurauder  
Lodge 431

#### CONNECTICUT

*Open*

#### DELAWARE

*Open*

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Julie Fritter  
Lodge 398

#### FLORIDA

Sue Boling  
Lodge 803

#### GEORGIA

Laverne Loden  
Lodge 606

#### IDAHO

LaRae Millward  
Lodge 270

#### ILLINOIS

Shirley Burner  
Lodge 177

#### INDIANA

*Open*

#### IOWA

Linda Stoffer  
Lodge 658

#### KANSAS

Judy Lindsey  
Lodge 391

#### KENTUCKY

*Open*

#### LOUISIANA

Judy Costanza  
Lodge 358

#### MARYLAND

*Open*

#### MASSACHUSETTS

Kathleen Hegarty  
Lodge 948

#### ME/VT/NH

*Open*

#### MICHIGAN

*Open*

#### MINNESOTA

*Open*

#### MISSISSIPPI

Jolene Backes  
Lodge 70

#### MISSISSIPPI

Shirley Davenport  
Lodge 707

#### MONTANA

*Open*

#### NEBRASKA

Ruth Northup  
Lodge 456

#### NEVADA

*Open*

#### NEW JERSEY

Helen Belle  
Lodge 765

#### NEW MEXICO

*Open*

#### NEW YORK

Erma Trommetter  
Lodge 314

#### NORTH CAROLINA

Janie Westbrook  
Lodge 580

#### NORTH DAKOTA

Irene Pitner  
Lodge 442

#### OHIO

Dana Garvin  
Lodge 565

#### OKLAHOMA

*Open*

#### OREGON

*Open*

#### PENNSYLVANIA

*Open*

#### SOUTH CAROLINA

Hope Suggs  
Lodge 593

#### SOUTH DAKOTA

Goldie Kuehn  
Lodge 388

#### TENNESSEE

Vicki Emert  
Lodge 439

#### TEXAS

Donna English  
Lodge 489

#### UTAH

*Open*

#### VIRGINIA

Reba Sue Nolen  
Lodge 377

#### WASHINGTON

Rhonda Hanson  
Lodge 105

#### WEST VIRGINIA

*Open*

#### WISCONSIN

Edith Tipple  
Lodge 200

#### WYOMING

Nancy Drummond  
Lodge 801

## DEPARTED MEMBERS

Lodge	Name	Date of Death	Lodge	Name	Date of Death
005	Georgia B. Condon	12-06-05	431	Sarah M. Arlen	11-07-05
005	Ruth E. Craig	10-14-05	431	Ida M. Greenwood	09-00-05
014	Macel McGilvery	11-07-05	431	Agnes Stueve	11-00-05
014	Beulah M. Wallace	07-18-05	442	Genevieve Ozland	09-15-05
028	Julia M. Bostwick	12-26-05	445	Emma H. Bedient	07-00-00
065	Mary Clark	12-07-05	456	Merle V. Cully	01-05-06
077	Madeline L. Stetler	01-11-06	457	Dorothy E. Hendrick	01-17-05
166	Edna M. Dundass	No Date	481	Hallie T. Wyatt	11-11-05
176	Adeline Delilo	11-10-05	500	Bette F. Soules	01-04-06
176	Betty S. Wilson	11-16-05	509	Claire Ledoux	04-23-05
180	Mary L. Maphis	01-06-06	509	Eva Robertson	08-04-05
197	Mary Dancoine	11-05-05	514	Thelma Flanders	12-31-05
200	Arlene L. Kowalski	09-10-05	539	Emily McCallum	11-10-05
200	Norma Loeffler	12-01-05	539	Doris L. McMahan	No Date
200	Lorraine D. Myers	11-12-05	541	Beatrice McKown	10-13-05
206	Ava S. Bell	11-12-05	565	Frances E. Rowlands	10-05-05
213	Jean A. Sarnowski	10-11-05	579	Maynie S. Lawson	12-07-05
219	M. Evelyn Hanelly	10-02-05	606	Jean P. McCall	10-13-05
219	Kathleen S. Winslow	01-04-06	609	Velma E. Witte	12-08-05
264	Loreen M. Lawyer	08-31-05	622	Myrtice E. Beck	06-25-05
312	Irma L. Steele	10-30-05	622	Janet Shaw	11-09-05
314	Hazel Smith	11-11-05	672	Margaret D. Marks	11-27-05
318	Mildred Johnson	11-26-05	707	Clayton A. Grimes	11-24-05
318	Mary Jane Smith	01-16-06	707	Virginia S. Smith	05-04-05
328	Dorna L. Farris	01-04-06	711	Hilda L. Briscoe	11-10-05
328	Lila M. Thayer	11-22-05	711	Margaret O. Miller	09-28-05
353	Doris R. Temborius	10-13-05	894	Geneva J. Russell	09-11-05
376	Sara Beaver	01-13-06	897	Katherine L. Brown	11-02-05
383	Hilda M. Fiery	08-06-05	897	Mary H. Mawbey	11-08-05
383	Edna C. McNiel	11-21-05	897	Sara D. Owen	10-01-05
387	Augusta L. Rowley	11-10-05	897	Martyne E. Ryan	09-16-05
391	Leta M. Conley	09-15-05	915	Vera Haynes	11-24-05
391	Virginia L. Gordon	12-12-05	915	Stellita C. Stewart	10-14-05
391	Margie L. Moore	08-18-05	932	Marilyn Woolsey	01-04-06
398	Lois E. Clark	01-09-06	948	Mary T. Maloney	10-01-05
430	Lillie B. Graef	09-05-05	948	Mary A. Manning	01-12-06

*We've been friends forever.*

*I suppose that can't be true.*

*There must have been a time before we became friends  
but I can't remember it.*

*You are in my first memory*

*and all my best memories*

*ever since. - Linda Macfarlane*



### **Lodge 391 celebrates a 40 Year Pin**

Sister Toonie Jones - President, is pictured presenting Sister Joy Priddy - Secretary, with a 40 year Membership Guard. The presentation was given during Lodge #391 Christmas Luncheon. Congratulations Joy, on being a loyal Auxiliary member!



### **Lodge 28 Annual Christmas Party**

Auxiliary of the UTU "Victory" Lodge #28 had their Christmas Party December 16<sup>th</sup>. As you can see by the above picture it was well attended. Besides lodge members and spouses, Carol Menges - Auxiliary UTU International President and Larry Foster - Missouri State UTU Legislative Director, were in attendance.

### **ADDRESS CHANGES**

If you or your fellow members are moving, or have recently moved, please send Grand Lodge the new address so we can keep our records up-to-date. Instead of letting the US Post Office return your mail to us. Worse yet, if you do not give us or the Post Office your forwarding address, we may lose you forever.

### **MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE**

We would like to inform any Social (non-insurance) Member that they may purchase insurance. The premium is only Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per year.

If you or any of your members qualify for this insurance and are interested in applying, you may obtain an application by contacting Grand Lodge.

### **CHANGE OF BENEFICIARY INFORMATION**

It may have been many years ago that you filled out your insurance form for Minnesota Life Insurance Company. Possibly you want to make a change to your original policy.

If you have any changes to make, do send the changes to:

**Minnesota Life Insurance Company  
400 ROBERT ST N  
ST PAUL MN 55101-2908**

### **U. S. Railroad Retirement Board**

will be holding their 2006 Informational Conferences at the locations below. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., with the programs beginning promptly at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 12:30 p.m.

Please check below for the dates and locations nearest you:

March 24      **Oakland, California**  
Ronald V. Dellums Federal Bldg  
North Tower, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Conference Room H  
1301 Clay Street  
(Bring Photo ID to Enter Building)

March 31      **Covina, California**  
Embassy Suites Hotel  
Blakes Conference & Banquet  
1211 E. Garvey Street

## AUXILIARY of the UTU SCHOLARSHIP FUND BOARD

**NOMINATIONS** for the Scholarship Fund Board were sent out with our December 2005 Newsletter to all of our Lodge Secretaries and a notice to all Lodge Presidents.

On Friday, January 20, 2006, President Patricia Shacklette drew the nominations out of a pool. The officers of Lodge 28, "Victory" St. Louis, MO. were witnesses. The nominees were placed on the ballot in the order drawn (listed below).

**BALLOTS** are being sent to *all Lodge Secretaries* in this February Newsletter to be voted on by their lodge and returned by March 1, 2006.

Carol Menges  
Lodge No. 933 Jefferson City, Missouri

Gertrude Hall  
Lodge No. 28 St. Louis, Missouri

Jo Fink  
Lodge No. 5 Cleveland, Ohio

Mary Brown  
Lodge No. 500 Indianapolis, Indiana

Sue Boling  
Lodge No. 803 Jacksonville, Florida

**Just a reminder:** The Scholarship Fund Board would like to remind our members that request for Scholarship applications are still being accepted. Contact:

Jo Fink  
Sec. Scholarship Fund Board  
1851 King James Pkwy #207  
Westlake, OH 44145-3427  
(440) 250-0027

### **An applicant must:**

- \*have attained at least a high school senior level education
- \*be no more than 25 years of age
- \*be enrolled as a full time student in an accredited college, or university
- \*be a child, stepchild, grandchild or step-grandchild of an Auxiliary member.

\*Only an original application will be accepted (postmarked on or before) March 31, 2006.

**Donations for future scholarships** will gladly be accepted from lodges or individuals. Make checks payable to: "Auxiliary of the UTU Scholarship Fund".

Mail to: Carol S. Menges  
Treas. Scholarship Fund Board  
3617 Schott Road  
Jefferson City, MO 65101-9026  
(573) 635-6415

**THANK YOU** for your generous contributions to our Scholarship Fund. With your continuous support this project is helping future generations with their education. We greatly appreciate your donation for our worthy project.

Lodge No. 264	\$ 50.00
Lodge No. 419	100.00
Lodge No. 500	200.00
Lodge No. 793	20.00

## UTU – PAC

One half of each dollar donated to the United Transportation Union - Political Action Committee is returned to the home state, unless specified differently, for the use of the State UTU Legislative Director. The remaining half is sent to the Washington Legislative Office of the UTU for promoting national issues and helping with elections of persons who will support labor and middle income persons. These dollars are still very important in the upcoming issues.

Our appreciation and gratitude go out to the following for their generous support:

Lodge No. 431	\$ 75.00
Lodge No. 793	50.00
Lodge No. 863	25.00

**When sending in your donation –  
Please make check payable to:**

"United Transportation Union – PAC"

## **There Is A Reason**

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package.

“What food might this contain?” The mouse wondered – he was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap.

Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning. “There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!”

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, “Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it.”

The mouse turned to the pig and told him, “There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!”

The pig sympathized, but said, “I am very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured you are in my prayers.”

The mouse turned to the cow and said, “There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!”

The cow said, “Wow, Mr. Mouse. I am sorry for you, but it’s no skin off my nose.”

So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer’s mousetrap alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house – Like the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey. The farmer’s wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught. The snake bit the farmer’s wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital, and she returned home with a fever.

Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup’s main ingredient.

But his wife’s sickness continued, so friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig.

The farmer’s wife did not get well; she died. So many people came for her funeral, the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them.

The mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness.

So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and think it doesn’t concern you, remember – when one of us is threatened, we are all at risk. We are all involved in this journey called life. We must keep an eye out for one another and make an extra effort to encourage one another.

**REMEMBER: EACH OF US IS A VITAL THREAD IN ANOTHER PERSON’S TAPESTRY; OUR LIVES ARE WOVEN TOGETHER FOR A REASON.**

Submitted by: Olga Moore, Lodge 5

## **Newsletter Articles**

Do you have any interesting items that you want to share with your fellow Auxiliary Lodge Members? Please send articles and/or pictures to Grand Lodge (or e-mail to: [utuauxiliaryintpres@utu.org](mailto:utuauxiliaryintpres@utu.org)).

This is an excellent way for lodges to share activities, thoughts, and or information with each other.

Keep in mind space is an issue. If we have room we would love to include your current items of interest.

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**INFORMATION  
ENCLOSED**