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REACHING FOR THE FUTURE

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Letter from International President

It's hard to believe that spring is upon us once again. It seems that Easter just came and went without asking us if it could come this early.

The month of February was quite a busy month here at Grand Lodge, with preparing for the Meetings of Board of Directors, the Board of Trustees, and the Annual Audit.

The success of our meetings was the tribute of the hard work and dedication of our fellow Sisters:

The Board of Directors

Carol Menges, Intl. President
Joan Montgomery, Intl. Sec. / Treas.
Patricia Shacklette, Chairperson of
The Executive Board
Jacquelyn Price-Chairperson of
The Board of Trustees
Mary MacLellan, Canadian
Member of the Board of Trustees
Charlie Belden, National Legislative
Director

The Board of Trustees:

Jacquelyn Price-Chairperson
Kathleen Cole, Secretary
Mary MacLellan, Member
Kathy McIntyre, Alternate

With the combined teamwork of Grand Lodge and the above Sisters we were able to accomplish what we set out to do. We have a balanced Annual Audit and together we are now definitely starting our new journey to get our Auxiliary up and growing. I was very impressed by the open discussion, the power of brainstorming, and

the true Sisterhood that these Sisters displayed the whole time they worked at Grand Lodge. Their support for our Auxiliary did not waver even when the hours drew long and some days longer, yet

Many items were discussed at the Board of Directors Meeting and the consensus was that it is very important that our organization reaches back to its ground roots and begin again to be involved in the issues that affect our membership and their families.

We have a definite need to establish our "**Action Tree**" in order to get the membership involved when Legislative Issues need immediate response. In order to make this happen, Grand Lodge needs to get the **current e-mail address, phone numbers, and correct address with the additional 4-digit zip code number of each of our members**. This does create more work now for Grand Lodge, Vice Presidents, and Lodge Treasurers; but when this information is compiled it will save so much time in the future. It will be great having this information at our fingertips. Be assured that this information will be used only for Grand Lodge purposes.

Grand Lodge would like to thank each and every one of you for your support and dedication to our Auxiliary. Keep up the good work of getting new members.

In Sisterly Love,

Carol S. Menges

International President

AUXILIARY WEB PAGE

Hopefully, you have noticed that we have our Auxiliary Web Page up and running. Thanks to the United Transportation Union, our Web Page is now at so many fingertips. It is so important that we stay up with the times. The computer connection is definitely the answer to touching more potential members. Check it out at www.utu.org and click on the UTU Auxiliary Link.

ALABAMA STATE MEETING

Montgomery Lodge 856 will host the Alabama State Meeting on Friday, April 22, and Saturday, April 23, 2005. The meeting will be held at:

Holiday Inn
2598 Cobbs Ford Road
Prattville, AL
Phone: 334/285-3420

The activities begin with Registration on Friday at 3:00 p.m. Registration continues Saturday at 8:00 a.m. With the Informational Meeting starting at 9:00 a.m.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

CELEBRATION OF 100th BIRTHDAY

Louis Scott, Vice-President-District 3, along with family and close friends helped Sister Harriet Elizabeth Harris celebrate her 100th birthday March 25th. She joined the Auxiliary Lodge 736, September 1923. Currently is a member of Golden Rule, Lodge #439, Knoxville, TN. Hope you enjoyed your special day.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Do you have interesting items that you want to share with your fellow Auxiliary Lodge members? Send articles and pictures to Grand Lodge or e-mail to utuauxiliary@aol.com.

TO MY FRIENDS---

If you should die
Before me, ask if you
Could bring a friend.



---Stone Temple Pilots

If you live to be a hundred,
I want to live to be
A hundred minus one day,
So I never have to live without you.

---Winnie the Pooh

True friendship is like sound health;
The value of it is seldom known
Until it is lost.

---Charles Caleb Cotton

A real friend
Is one who walks in when the rest
Of the world walks out.

Don't walk in front of me,
I may not follow.
Don't walk behind me,
I may not lead.
Walk beside me and be my friend.

---Albert Camus

If all my friends were to jump off a bridge,
I wouldn't jump with them,
I'd be at the bottom to catch them.

Everyone hears what you say.
Friends listen to what you say.
Best friends listen to what you don't say.

We all take different paths in life,
But no matter where we go,
We take a little of each other everywhere,

---Tim McGraw

A friend is someone who knows the song
In your heart and can sing it back to you
When you have forgotten the words.

Hold a true friend with both your hands.



DEPARTED SISTERS MARCH

| Lodge | Name | Date of Death | Lodge | Name | Date of Death |
|-------|-----------------------|---------------|-------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 5 | Doris J. Green | 08-12-04 | 439 | Sarah A. Sayne | 12-19-04 |
| 5 | Nellie I. Shaffer | 02-11-05 | 445 | Nancy K. Hagen | 01-17-05 |
| 12 | Lilliam L. Weaver | 10-10-04 | 445 | Virginia L. Hunt | 12-24-04 |
| 14 | Evelyn M. Cook | 12-11-04 | 445 | Margaret LaChance | 03-06-05 |
| 19 | Rita M. Kocsik | 12-09-04 | 500 | Barbara Wilson | 05-07-04 |
| 19 | Marjorie L. Wilshusen | 01-03-05 | 521 | Rachael S. Ward | 02-22-05 |
| 28 | Mary C. Clawson | 11-26-04 | 541 | Ruby Johnson | 01-07-05 |
| 28 | Kathryn A. Tice | 12-26-04 | 622 | Florence Fenstermaker | 12-24-04 |
| 66 | Mildred L. Clink | 02-18-05 | 626 | Nora G. Cobb | 06-14-04 |
| 66 | Leora M. Phelps | 02-00-05 | 642 | Enid M. Lash | 01-26-05 |
| 105 | Verna C. Abel | 08-30-04 | 656 | Margie E. Cooper | 01-15-05 |
| 105 | Rita M. Whatley | 12-28-04 | 658 | Ann E. Ellinger | 12-21-04 |
| 120 | Mary Coblentz | 12-17-04 | 667 | Therese Cyr | 12-14-04 |
| 120 | Anne Polisk | 12-13-04 | 675 | Mary Ann Summerhayes | 12-08-04 |
| 120 | Margaret L. Ronsky | 10-31-04 | 675 | Donalda M. Tower | 11-01-04 |
| 125 | Gladys B. Hammant | 02-18-05 | 694 | Esther L. Broce | 11-27-04 |
| 143 | Sarah E. Miller | 12-07-04 | 725 | Inez C. Millson | 02-23-05 |
| 177 | Wilhelmina M. Dacar | 12-14-04 | 725 | Ruby S. Pate | 01-07-05 |
| 180 | Margaret Carroll | 07-02-04 | 729 | Gertrude M. McMillan | 12-20-04 |
| 197 | Geraldine S. Larson | 10-19-04 | 732 | Frances L. Rutlin | 12-27-04 |
| 204 | Vernetta Zalowski | 01-01-05 | 751 | Mable M. Norvell | 02-04-05 |
| 213 | Juanita E. Green | 09-09-04 | 770 | Wally B. Hill | 07-02-04 |
| 213 | Julia Plummer | 04-12-04 | 770 | Viola F. Hutchins | 06-21-04 |
| 213 | Elaine M. Welty | 01-26-05 | 774 | Darthie C. Little | 12-00-04 |
| 255 | Lerrine W. Pafford | 09-27-04 | 778 | Mary C. Hobbs | 02-23-05 |
| 258 | Agnes Mongell | 12-19-04 | 778 | Maudel B. Hunt | 01-11-05 |
| 270 | Verda T. Homer | 01-03-05 | 778 | Bertha Peterson | 02-22-05 |
| 289 | Lydia F. Little | 01-08-05 | 793 | Betty J. Mancini | 01-06-05 |
| 289 | June Weaver | 11-27-04 | 803 | Mary Lou Hodges | 11-15-04 |
| 312 | Elva C. Dewey | 01-27-05 | 808 | Mildred B. Skinner | 01-12-04 |
| 312 | Mildred Nix Harper | 01-26-05 | 856 | Julia I. Bedgood | 01-00-05 |
| 312 | Ida P. Haynie | 01-17-05 | 856 | Louise A. Ward | No Date |
| 318 | Helen Beck | 08-30-04 | 894 | Bessie M. Judah | 02-05-05 |
| 318 | Katie B. Miller | 01-30-05 | 897 | Martha C. Caster | 02-22-05 |
| 328 | Lillian A. Reef | 12-17-04 | 897 | Eleanor Frankel | 02-23-05 |
| 370 | Marion E. Perault | 06-27-04 | 897 | Gwendolyn M. Hammack | 12-06-04 |
| 379 | Gladys G. Guernsey | 12-14-04 | 897 | Bethel L. Hennick | 12-29-04 |
| 387 | Verda L. Crane | 01-23-05 | 897 | Louzella A. Leach | 01-16-05 |
| 391 | Doris A. Davis | 01-16-04 | 915 | Doris J. Presson | 05-28-04 |
| 391 | Lela E. Gordy | 09-26-04 | 915 | Marjorie M. Rose | 01-24-05 |
| 391 | Madeline L. Hodge | 08-27-04 | 932 | Betty B. Camren | 07-21-04 |
| 391 | Barbara M. Rogers | 12-28-04 | 932 | Mary B. Haycock | 12-20-04 |
| 398 | Pearl L. Alley | 02-13-05 | 958 | Ethelene Williams | 01-04-05 |
| 431 | Doris M. Davis | 01-15-05 | 965 | Alice Newsome | 12-25-04 |
| 431 | Rosella A. Stepp | 01-15-05 | | | |

A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

I recently had the privilege of attending the Board Meeting at Grand Lodge in Cleveland, OH. I say 'privilege' because I witnessed the tremendous effort and dedication that our Board Members and our new President, Carol Menges bring to the Auxiliary. President Menges is a boundless burst of energy and brings with her some very invigorating and fresh ideas. I urge all spouses, daughters, sons, husbands, any UTU family member, to attend the Region Meetings in Anchorage and/or Orlando to be a part of our efforts there. I believe you will find it very important, educational, and informative.

Well, I have mentioned in prior articles that Amtrak would be raising its ugly head once again and it has, with all its force. The current Administration has advocated zero funding for Amtrak and is seeking to drive them into bankruptcy.

An amendment to provide Amtrak with 1.4 billion dollars was presented by Senator Robert Byrd (D – W.V.) Wednesday, March 16, 2005. A roll call vote was taken and the amendment was defeated by a vote of 54 – 45.

While this is by no means the end of Amtrak as it tries to work its way through the budget process, the amendment's defeat in the Senate certainly serves as a warning signal to us all that we had better swing into action and do it now. The Legislative Office needs your help to convince your Congressional delegation, Democrat and Republican alike, that Amtrak is a viable source of transportation in this country and needs their support if it is to continue to operate.

What you need to say is, "***you are in favor of supporting Amtrak as a national transportation system***". The Administration wants Amtrak broken into shorter routes and the shorter routes to be funded by the states through which

they run. The various states simply cannot afford to fund such measures.

Hopefully you have been working on your 'action tree' and have a minimum of 5 people you can contact to make calls. You should also have the names of your Senators and Congressmen next to your phone. Again, if you don't have this information, please contact Grand Lodge or me, an Auxiliary State Legislative Director, a UTU State Director or the Washington, D.C. Legislative Office.

DID YOU KNOW?

In the last election, Bush got 62,027,582 votes. Kerry got 59,026,003 votes. 79,279,000 eligible voters didn't show up: (NYT, Dec. 26, 2004). That's well over a third of the eligible voters who didn't go to the polls. If more than a third of Iraqis had not gone to the polls during their recent election, no country in the world would have considered that election legitimate.

REMEMBER

1. We need to rebuild UTU PAC so get those contributions in as soon as possible.
2. Get your congressional delegation information together
3. Gather contact information on Lodge members.
4. Recruit , recruit, recruit

I also want to extend a special 'thank you' to those Lodges who have requested the Power Point Presentation for UTU PAC. Please be sure to supply us with some feedback.

Yours in Sisterly Love,

Charlie Belden

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UTU – PAC

The United Transportation Union – Political Action Committee is the UTU's voluntary legislative and political arm.

The Auxiliary supports this effort to help friends in Congress and in the State Legislatures by donating our time and our dollars to this important cause that recognizes the problems that affect the UTU railroad, bus, and airline workers and their families.

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

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| Lodge No. 431 | \$100.00 |
| Lodge No. 456 | 50.00 |
| Lodge No. 474 | 100.00 |
| Lodge No. 481 | 50.00 |

Please note: make check payable to:
"United Transportation Union – PAC"

AUXILIARY of the UTU SCHOLARSHIP FUND BOARD

NOMINATIONS for the Scholarship Fund Board were drawn January 21, 2005. The nominees were placed on a ballot in the order as drawn and then sent to all Lodge Secretaries (with a special insert in the February 2005 Newsletter).

On Friday, March 18, 2005, the ballots were checked for authenticity with the help of the officers of Lodge No. 28, St. Louis, MO. President Patricia Shacklette along with witnesses counted the ballots of nominees for the winning results.

Our new Scholarship Board Members are:

Charlie Belden
Lodge No. 960 Shenandoah, Virginia

Kathy McIntyre
Lodge No. 803 Jacksonville, Florida

Congratulations

Grand Lodge and the Scholarship Board want to extend our sincere congratulations to both Sisters Belden and McIntyre! We know they will continue to do an excellent job the next three years, carrying on our strong commitment for aiding the education of Auxiliary family members.

A "**Big Thank You**" goes out to the following supporters for their contribution to our wonderful Scholarship Fund. What a great way to keep this project going for our future generations.

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| Lodge No. 431 | \$100.00 |
| Lodge No. 622 | \$100.00 |
| Edythe Walter-personal | \$1,000.00 |

THANK YOU

We at Grand Lodge would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all of our Vice Presidents and our Lodge Secretaries for taking time out of their busy schedules to help us get the current e-mail addresses, phone numbers, correct address with the additional 4-digit zip code number of our current members for our "**Action Tree**".

Sam Spady Foundation

SAM (Student Alcohol Management) intends to identify and help create an action prevention program at every college and university throughout the country. SAM's objective is to address the issue of high-risk and binge drinking among students in which awareness and education could save the lives of our young adults.

Be informed by contacting:
The SAM Spady Foundation
P.O. Box 701
Beatrice, NE 68310-0701

www.samspadyfoundation.org



U.S. Railroad Retirement Board

Will be holding 2005 Informational Conferences at various locations. Registration begin at 8:00 a.m., with program beginning promptly at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 12:30 p.m.

Please check below for dates and locations nearest you:

- April 1 **E Hanover, New Jersey**
Ramada Conference Center
130 Route 10 West
- April 8 **Covina, California**
Embassy Suites Hotel
1211 E. Garvey Street
- April 8 **Roanoke, Virginia**
Holiday Inn Airport
6626 Thirlane Road
I-581 & Peters Creek Road
- April 15 **Eagan, Minnesota**
Yankee Square Inn
3405 Washington Drive
I-35E & Yankee Doodle Rd
- April 15 **New York, New York**
Doubletree Metropolitan Hotel
569 Lexington Ave, at 51st St.
- April 15 **Nashville, Tennessee**
Prime Hotel and Suites
1112 Airport Center Drive
- April 22 **St. Louis, Missouri**
Holiday Inn South Co. Center
6921 S. Lindbergh Blvd.
- April 22 **Little Rock, Arkansas**
Holiday Inn Airport
3201 Bankhead Drive
- April 29 **Renton, Washington**
Holiday Inn Select
One South Grady Way
- April 29 **Lincoln Park, Michigan**
Robert Jones
Knight of Columbus Hall
25160 W Outer Drive
(2 blocks west of I-75)
- May 6 **Huntington, West Virginia**
Ramada Inn Conference
3140 16 St. (Hal Greer Blvd.)
- May 6 **Ashland, Nebraska**
Mahoney State Park
28500 W. Park Highway
- May 6 **Kansas City, Missouri**
Embassy Suites Hotel
7640 N.W. Tiffany Springs
- May 6 **Independence, Ohio**
Holiday Inn-Independence
6001 Rockside Road
(I-77 and Rockside)
- May 13 **Smyrna, Georgia**
Holiday Inn Express Vinings
1200 Westchester Drive
- May 13 **Denver, Colorado**
Radisson Hotel
Denver Stapleton Plaza
3333 Quebec Street
- May 20 **Billings, Montana**
Billings Hotel & Convention
1223 Mallowney Lane
- May 20 **Kings Island, Ohio**
Holiday Inn Express-Kings
The Conference Center
5589 Kings Mills Road
- June 3 **Fargo, North Dakota**
Ramada Plaza Suites
1635 42 Street, SW
- June 10 **Wichita, Kansas**
Holiday Inn Select
549 South Rock Road

CHOCOLATE CROWN BUNDT CAKE

1 ¼ cups sugar Heat oven to 325°
1 cup butter, softened
4 eggs
3 cups all purpose flour
1 cup milk
2 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
1 ½ teaspoon vanilla
½ cup chocolate syrup
½ teaspoon baking soda

In large mixing bowl, mix sugar and butter until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Add all remaining ingredients except chocolate syrup and baking soda; mix well. Spoon ¼ of the batter into a small bowl, stir in chocolate syrup and baking soda; mix well. Pour chocolate batter into prepared greased and floured Bundt Pan, (if using a 10 cup pan, fill 2/3 full and make 3 to 4 cupcakes with the remaining batter); spoon white batter over chocolate batter. Bake for 50 to 55 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes. Remove from pan; cool completely on rack. 16 servings

ORANGE POUND BUNDT CAKE

2 cups sugar Heat oven to 325°
1 cup butter, softened
1 cup (8oz) orange or vanilla yogurt
2 Tablespoons orange juice
¼ teaspoon salt
1 Tablespoon grated orange peel
6 eggs

3 cups all purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
Grease and flour Bundt Pan. This is a large cake, for best results use a 12 cup pan or fill a 10 cup pan ¾ full and make 3 to 4 cupcakes with the remaining batter. In large mixing bowl, mix sugar and butter until light and fluffy. Add yogurt, juice, peel; and eggs; mix well. Add all remaining ingredients; mix well. Spoon into prepared pan. Bake for 60 to 65 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Let cool 10 minutes. Remove from pan; cool completely on rack.

16 servings

WORDS

A husband read an article to his wife about how many words women use a day...30,000 to a man's 15,000.

The wife replied, "The reason has to be because we have to repeat everything to men!

The husband then turned to his wife and asked, "What?"

WHO DOES WHAT

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning.

The wife said, "You should do it, because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee."

The husband said, "You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee."

Wife replies, "No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee."

Husband replies, "I can't believe that, and show me."

So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says.....
"HEBREWS"

MARRIAGE SEMINAR

While attending a Marriage Seminar dealing with communication, Tom and his wife Grace listened to the instructor, "It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other."

He addressed the men,

"Can you describe your wife's favorite flower?"

Tom leaned over, touched his wife's arm gently and whispered, "It's Pillsbury, isn't it?"

(The rest of the story gets rather ugly, so I'll stop right here.)

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IMPORTANT

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES

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**INFORMATION
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