

AUXILIARY of UTU TIMES

REACHING FOR THE FUTURE

Volume 9

CULTIVATE, FERTILIZE, AND NURTURE

April 2007

While in church this past week and paying attention to the scripture reading from Luke's Gospel concerning Jesus' parable about the owner of the fig tree wanting to cut the tree down. The gardener convinced the owner to let him cultivate, fertilize and nurture the tree.

Later on I was thinking about the Auxiliary and how we are much like this fig tree – we are still bearing fruit but we are in need of cultivating and nurturing so that we can grow in the future. It will take an effort from all of us if we are to succeed. Many of our senior members have spent long hours working for the good of the organization but it is now time for new blood to continue this work into the future.

Great strides were made in attracting new members but we have a lot of potential that still needs to be tapped.

The recent meetings of the Vice Presidents / Alternate Vice Presidents, the Board of Directors, the Board of Trustees and the Annual Audit were a huge success and set our direction for this next year.

We are making some updates in the office that will bring us into the 21st Century and hopefully help us to help you!

You are the gardeners. It will take time and cultivation to nurture the Auxiliary in the 21st Century. The tree will grow if we all do our part whether it is attending meetings, inspiring others or investing in our future. It is springtime so let the cultivation begin!

In Sisterly Love,

Carol S. Menges

International President



Auxiliary Vice Presidents' Meeting

Front row, left to right: Marilyn Horne, Sue Boling, Mary McLellan, Marie McCormick, Mae Parker and Barbara Duncan. Back row, left to right: Patricia Shacklette, Anna Mae Whaley, Sue Nolen, Carol Menges, Dana Garvin, Shirley Knull and Judy Phillips.

❧ **CANCER RESEARCH RAFFLE** ❧

Eunice Birkhead – Connie Thompson’s mother has donated a “Rose Album” Queen Size Quilt for a raffle with proceeds going to breast cancer research.

Auxiliary Grand Lodge Office will be accepting proceeds and tickets until Saturday, June 30, 2007. Tickets can also be obtained on the UTU Web at www.utu.org Select “UTU Auxiliary” in the red menu bar on the left-hand of the page, under Auxiliary News, click on “Auxiliary Cancer Research Raffle Tickets”.

If you are attending the two Regional Meetings you have a prefect opportunity to view this beautiful quilt of roses on white.



AUXILIARY of the UTU SCHOLARSHIP FUND BOARD

On Friday, January 19, 2007, before lodge meeting the officers of Lodge 28, “Victory” St. Louis, MO. drew the nominations out of a pool with President Patricia Shacklette as a witness. The nominees were placed on the ballot in the order drawn.

Ballots were sent to *all Lodge Secretaries* in the February Newsletter to be voted on by their lodge and returned by March 1, 2007.

On Friday, March 17, 2007, the ballots were checked for authenticity and counted by officers of Lodge No. 28 with President Patricia Shacklette as a witness. The outcome showed that the following sister was elected/re-elected to the Board:

Congratulations

Patricia Shacklette

Lodge #28, St. Louis, Missouri

Thank you for your continuous strong commitment of aiding in the education of the Auxiliary member’s family the next 3 years.

Thank you for your generous contribution 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.

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

Lucy Luker (personal)	\$ 50.00
Mae Parker (personal)	\$ 25.00
Lodge No. 170	\$ 50.00

Donations for future scholarships will gladly be accepted. 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

Memorial Donation – Lodge #856 gave a donation to our Auxiliary Scholarship Fund for lodge Sister, Doris Boan. What a wonderful way to show that you care.

❧ **SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAFFLE** ❧

Connie Thompson, member of Lodge #5, has donated a Queen Size Quilt in shades of turquoise/blues in a “Bargello” pattern for a raffle with proceeds going to Scholarship Fund. As of this date we do not have a picture of the Scholarship Fund quilt.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

Spring is just about here and our UTU National Legislative Office is patiently waiting for the Rail Safety Bill to start moving.

Currently, the Senate is preparing to move on a rail security and Amtrak bill, and The House has had hearings on rail safety and fatigue.

This is wonderful news, but before we get too comfortable -

DID YOU KNOW?

- Democrats' only have a margin of 13 in The House and in order to win, there would need to be a 97 percent 'yeah' vote from Democrats; *creating the imperative need for favorable relationships with both parties.*
- In the Senate, the Democrats are short one member due to a medical condition. This leaves the Democrats with 50 votes and the Republicans have 49, *creating the imperative need for favorable relationships with both parties.*
- It takes 60 votes to stop a filibuster in the Senate, *creating an imperative need for favorable relationships in both parties.*
- There is an ever present threat President Bush will use his veto pen, and
- A two-thirds majority in Congress is necessary to override a presidential veto, *creating an imperative need for favorable relationships with both parties.*

- We no longer have to 'watch our back' in fear of what Congress will do to us. It is good to know those days are over as long as the Democrats are in charge.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET:

1. **Contribute to UTU PAC** - *The best way to help elect representatives that understand the concerns of UTU members.*
2. **Start communicating your message.**
3. *Gather contact information on Lodge members*
4. **Recruit, recruit, recruit**
5. *Retirees stay involved!* Become a member of UTU for Life. For information write to Brother Cochran at 7935 N.W. 173rd St., Hialeah, FL 33015, call him at (305) 821-7015 or send an e-mail to cochranutu@aol.com

As always, if you have any questions or need my assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in Sisterly Love,

Charlie Belden

National Legislative Director
Auxiliary of the UTU
Phone: 540-972-4627
Email: utuauxnld@aol.com

DEPARTED MEMBERS

Lodge	Name	Date of Death	Lodge	Name	Date of Death
014	Betty J. Furlong	12-19-06	387	Frances E. Atherton	12-06-06
014	Eileen S. McCabe	09-24-06	387	Mildred M. Hayes	12-14-06
014	Rosalie Norman	12-07-06	388	Adelia Berglund	01-10-07
014	Elizabeth Schmidt	11-20-06	391	Elaine Davis	02-10-07
028	Lynette M. Hanson	01-30-07	391	Mary Ann Jaggard	10-31-06
028	Virginia Martin	02-28-07	399	Margaret Kramble	11-15-06
028	Mildred R. Olson	01-22-07	419	Edna M. Gooley	12-21-06
028	Janey D. Peterson	11-16-06	419	Irene Knoll	03-00-07
044	Marie D. Pettit	10-24-06	421	Betty L. Fleck	02-04-07
105	Alice F. Galloway	12-03-06	431	Minnie May Brasher	01-15-07
105	Helena T. Finch	04-13-06	442	Lois Costello	02-19-07
105	Gertrude F. McMahan	02-27-07	456	Hazel R. Vohland	01-04-07
105	Mercedes A. Wood	03-20-06	481	Maxine J. Russell	01-01-07
156	Erna M. DesVoigne	01-15-07	509	Jean Morton	12-31-06
176	Dorothy Friedlein	03-10-07	565	Elizabeth A. Kochan	01-04-07
176	Eleanor M. Nesterak	01-19-07	579	Cora V. Worsham	03-14-07
200	Ruby M. Gratton	12-15-06	606	Margie L. Wellborn	01-14-07
206	Martha R. Poquette	01-18-07	609	Lillian Barton	02-17-07
210	Jennie Brown	10-26-06	609	Ruth A. McDonald	06-20-06
210	Alice M. Meeker	11-09-06	622	Annie McGill	07-22-06
219	Mary C. Brindle	02-10-06	667	Dora M. Gould	12-23-06
219	Ann M. Kustenbauder	12-04-06	711	Mildred Klingensmith	10-21-06
219	Jean M. Schreiber	02-15-07	765	Margaret L. Eaton	11-06-06
259	Regina R. Fitzgerald	01-20-07	774	Pearl Easom	07-14-06
264	Ruth G. Selsor	12-16-06	779	Trula V. Styers	01-30-07
265	Lorene S. Kile	12-00-06	793	Elnice L. Tressler	02-13-07
289	Doris H. Faccone	01-18-07	818	Ruby Powers	02-10-07
305	Wauneta M. Taylor	01-10-07	851	Agnes M. Wilson	11-29-06
314	Joan A. Dedrick	07-21-06	857	Wilma E. Pfau	01-31-07
314	Leora McLoughlin	12-31-06	894	Mary Brackett	01-08-07
321	Martha E. Henderson	01-11-07	897	Ruth Ann Engel	09-18-06
328	Helen M. Brown	12-17-06	897	Beatrice Haines	12-31-06
367	Theodora A. Merdzinski	01-12-07	897	Hilda E. Bethel	10-03-06
372	M. Theresa Beausaleil	01-24-07	915	Helen Tallent	01-05-07
375	Willie Mae McCormick	01-13-07	915	Ernestine D. Watson	01-24-07
376	Miriam F. Miller	12-25-06	932	Irene Norkus	02-15-07
376	Rebecca S. Wagner	12-23-06	933	Pauline Rude	12-29-06
377	Marie H. Arthur	12-31-06	948	Helen M. Croft	12-01-06
377	Louise B. Littrell	11-19-06	948	Irene E. McGlynn	01-27-07
379	Lela G. Flynn	12-14-06	958	Lois R. Anderson	10-31-06
379	Eleanor L. Fry	11-13-06			

*Love is like a rose,
The Joy of all the earth.*

2007 U. S. Railroad Retirement Board Schedule

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., programs beginning promptly at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 12:30 p.m.

- April 20 **Nashville, Tennessee**
Hilton Garden Inn- Nashville Airport
412 Royal Parkway
- April 20 **East Hanover, New Jersey**
Ramada Conference Center
130 Route 10 West
- April 27 **Roanoke, Virginia**
Holiday Inn Tanglewood
4468 Starkey Road, S. W.
- April 27 **St. Louis, Missouri**
Holiday Inn South County Ctr
6921 South Lindbergh Blvd.
- April 27 **New York, NY**
Doubletree Metropolitan Hotel
569 Lexington Avenue at 51st Street
- April 27 **Eagan, Minnesota**
Best Western Dakota Ridge
3450 Washington Drive
I-35 E & Yankee Doodle Road
- April 27 **Romulus, Michigan**
Crowne Plaza Hotel
8000 Merriman Road
- May 4 **Kansas City, Missouri**
Clarion Hotel – Sports Complex
9103 East 39th Street
- May 4 **Oakland, California**
Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building
N. Tower, 5th Fl – Conference Rm H
1301 Clay Street
- May 4 **Ashland, Nebraska**
Eugene T. Mahoney State Park
28500 West Park Highway
- May 11 **Smyrna, Georgia**
Holiday Inn Express
1200 Winchester Parkway
- May 11 **Denver, Colorado**
Radisson Hotel Denver Plaza
3333 Quebec Street
- May 11 **Independence, Ohio**
Holiday Inn – Independence
6001 Rockside Road
- May 11 **Little Rock, Arkansas**
Hilton Little Rock Metro Center
925 South University Avenue
- May 18 **Spokane, Washington**
Airport Ramada
8909 Airport Drive
- May 18 **Birmingham, Alabama**
Medical Forum Building
950 22nd Street, North
- May 18 **Mason, Ohio**
Super 8 Motel – Conference Center
5589 Kings Mills Road
- June 1 **Fargo, North Dakota**
Best Western Kelly Inn
3800 Main Avenue
- June 8 **Billings, Montana**
Billings Hotel – Convention Center
1223 Mullaney Lane
- June 8 **Indianapolis, Indiana**
Holiday Inn Southwest
5120 Victory Drive
- June 15 **Tinley Park, Illinois**
Holiday Inn Select – Convention Ctr
18501 South Harlem Avenue
- June 22 **Portland, Oregon**
Hilton Garden Inn
12048 North East Airport Way
- Sept. 7 **Albany, New York**
Clarion Hotel AV Center
3 Watervliet Avenue
- Sept. 14 **Ft. Worth, Texas**
Radisson Inn South
101 East Alta Mesa Blvd.
- Sept. 14 **Renton, Washington**
Holiday Inn Select
One Grady Way
- Oct. 12 **Huntington, West Virginia**
Radisson Hotel
1001 Third Avenue
- Oct. 12 **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**
Sheet Metal Workers # 19 Hall
1300 South Columbus Boulevard
- Oct. 19 **Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**
Greater Pennsylvania Regional
Council of Carpenters
650 Ridge Road
- Nov. 16 **Metairie, Louisiana**
Plumbers & Steamfitters Union
3515 North I-10 Service Road West
- Dec. 7 **Jacksonville, Florida**
Holiday Inn
9150 Baymeadows Road

83 YEARS AUXILIARY MEMBER

Lodge 439 members along with Grand Lodge congratulate Sister Harriet Harris on her 83rd Auxiliary Anniversary. How can words express the excitement of Harriet as our longest member! Thank you for being a part of us and such a loyal member.

UTU PAC

The Auxiliary supports the UTU PAC—Political Action Committee because jobs, pensions, and futures of UTU railroad, bus, and airline workers and their families are directly affected by the actions of state and national lawmakers.

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

Lodge No. 170	\$ 50.00
Mae Parker (personal)	\$ 25.00

Please make donation check payable to:

United Transportation Union – PAC

LODGES MEETING IDEAS

Recently Grand Lodge received a list of suggestions to help with your lodge planning activities. These ideas may spark additional thoughts for your lodge program.

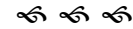
American History Party
Back to School/ Senior Opportunities
Bring in an ingredient (pizza/soup etc) Party
Budget/Insurance/Investment/Savings Ideas
Charities to Support
Chili Cook Off
Cookies Exchange
Health Issues
Labor Issues
Learn to Knit/Crochet
“Let Me Speak” Day
Masters of the Past/Present Party
Poker Party
Political Issues
Railroad/Union Issues
Safety Issues
Ugly Christmas Ornament/Decorations
Volunteering Opportunities
World Issues
White Elephant Party
Writing the Military

JUST A REMINDER

The Auxiliary is raffling off two (2) beautiful Queen Size Quilts for two (2) different causes. ***Separate checks are required.***

“Bargello” Quilt make check payable to:

“Auxiliary of the UTU Scholarship Fund”



“Rose Album” Quilt make check payable to:

“UTU Cancer Research”

Raffle tickets (found in this newsletter) ***can be copied and shared*** with family members and friends.

REFLECTIONS . . .

Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.

A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.

Words that soak into your ears are whispered...not yelled.

Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.

Every path has a few puddles.

The best sermons are lived, not preached.

Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen, anyway.

Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.

Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.

Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't botherin' you none.

If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.

The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every mornin'.

Good judgement comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgement.

Letin' the cat outa the bag is a whole easier that puttin' it back in.

Live simply. Love generously.

Care deeply. Speak kindly.

Leave the rest to God.

AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAFFLE

"BARGELLO" QUILT - QUEEN SIZE
Donated by *Connie Thompson*

6 TICKETS for \$5.00 or 13 TICKETS for \$10.00

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in the memo add **"Scholarship Fund"**

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