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REACHING FOR THE FUTURE

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Continually Building On Solid Foundation!

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As we look around our complex (yet simple world) we see the devastating effects of floods, hurricanes, storms, and fires. Yet out of these disasters we see the great human spirit to survive and rebuild. Why—because in the tattered remains we see a strong foundation. We see home and family. We see strength and know that in this strength is our faith.

We have all seen these “rebuilding’s” happen. When a building is remodeled the strength is kept. The foundation and framework built many years ago with strong hands and hard labor provides the strength and the framework for the new “future” building. Our Auxiliary is in this process now. We have a great foundation and framework. We have been working hard to build around that “building” to attract the new members that our organization will need to survive. It has not been easy but our hard work is paying off.

The Auxiliary was invited to attend the 2008 United Transportation Union Regional Meetings by UTU President Futhey. We have been to Denver, Colorado and will be headed to Nashville, Tennessee in a few weeks. While at the meeting in Denver we made many contacts and attended the General Chairman and State Legislative Board meetings.

UTU President M. B. Futhey and UTU Vice President Arty Martin attended our Auxiliary Meeting at the Denver Regional

Meeting (see pictures on page 2). Their wives are all members of our Auxiliary and it is a great show of support when the spouses of the UTU leadership are active in the Auxiliary. We thank April Futhey, Cindy Martin and Connie Thompson for their leadership and support.

The framework has been ready for the remodeling but it cannot be done by one person or one group. It will take each of us. It will take each Auxiliary member. It will take each UTU member. Do not leave the work to someone else. Contact the local UTU officers in your area. Invite yourself to their meeting. Promote and we will grow.

This election year we must work hard to get all our members to vote. This election will be about our future, the jobs that protect our families, and our retirement. We have a chance to change the course of this country. The working families can take back their country but we all have to

VOTE!

We are building and remodeling. The question is when we are finished will we have a house that is solid that is built on the solid foundation of our hard working traditions, that will withstand the test of time.

In Sisterly Love,

Carol S. Menges

International President

Fantastic Job

I would like to thank the following sisters for doing such a fantastic job at the United Transportation Union Regional Meeting on July 7 – 8 – 9, 2008 in Denver, Colorado:

Sister Dana Garvin
International Secretary/Treasurer

Sister Mae Parker
Vice President - District # 8

Sister Marilyn Horne
Vice President - District # 10

Sister Kathryn Hastings
National Legislative Director

The interest that was shown at this meeting was wonderful. We are definitely seeing great possibilities for new members and new lodges.



Standing Left to Right: Marilyn Horne – Vice President, Mae Parker – Vice President, and Carol Menges – Auxiliary International President.

Sitting Left to Right: Kathryn Hastings – National Legislative Director, Dana Garvin – Auxiliary International Secretary / Treasurer and Audrey Futhey.



Connie Thompspon – Lodge # 5 Member and Kim Thompson, UTU General Secretary/Treasurer's wife presenting her baby quilts for the Auxiliary Scholarship Raffle.



Pictured above; M. B. Futhey – United Transportation Union President and (Pictured below;)Arty Martin – United Transportation Union Assistant Vice President addressing the Auxiliary of the UTU meeting attendees.



**AUXILIARY of the UTU
SCHOLARSHIP FUND BOARD**

Thank You for your generous support to the Scholarship Fund. With your continuous contributions, we are able to fulfill our commitment of aiding in the future education of family members of the Auxiliary of the UTU. We greatly appreciate your donations.

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

Lodge No. 353	
Fort Madison, Iowa	\$ 50.00
Denver Regional Meeting (cash)	\$ 129.00

When sending in your donation - Please make check payable to:
“Auxiliary of the UTU Scholarship Fund”

Donations will gladly be accepted from lodges or individuals. When sending your donation - Mail to:

Carol S. Menges
Treasurer - Scholarship Fund Board
3617 Schott Road
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❧ Scholarship Fund Raffle ❧

Connie Thompson, member of Lodge #5 at Cleveland, Ohio, has donated three beautiful baby quilts to be raffled off at the U.T.U. Regional Meetings. The proceeds are to go to the Auxiliary Scholarship Fund.

At the Denver meeting, \$1,010.00 was raised on the 1st quilt. Thanks to all who participated in this raffle. Our hope is to raise even more money on the 2nd quilt at the Nashville meeting. The 3rd quilt will be awarded to the ticket drawn from the combined tickets from both UTU Regional Meetings.

Our special thanks to Connie Thompson for her generous donation of these beautiful baby quilts. Your special talent is greatly appreciated.

**BABY QUILT RAFFLE
DENVER, COLORADO**

The excitement grew, who would be the lucky winner of one of the beautiful baby quilts that were on display during the UTU Denver Regional Meeting. As you can see below drawing the winning ticket is very serious business.



Left to Right: Ed Carney, Master of Ceremonies, Bethany and Sydney Menges, and Connie Thompson.

Bobbie Black from Castle Rock, Colorado is the proud winner of the blue baby quilt. She was thrilled that her husband/Brother Brian Black, Retired Local Chairman of UTU #240 picked the correct color since she was unable to be present at the time of the drawing!



DEPARTED MEMBERS

Lodge	Name	Date of Death	Lodge	Name	Date of Death
012	Thelma A. Reed	06-08-08	398	Elizabeth M. Stefanski	04-01-08
019	Helen Martin	05-17-08	421	Margaret Riser	04-24-08
019	Lucy Moran	06-05-07	452	Helen Clarke	03-09-08
028	Eleanor M. Rainey	06-13-08	452	Suzanne Lacey	11-16-07
105	Emma M. Stephens	05-01-08	481	Ethel F. James	03-11-08
105	Thelma Smith	04-16-08	481	Kathryn Parker	05-08-08
200	Pearl Doerfler	04-25-08	500	Mary E. Boyd	03-24-08
200	Doris Rhyner	04-02-08	500	Edythe L. Ingle	03-30-08
210	Emma J. Trout	05-02-08	519	Florence M. Smart	04-17-08
213	Ruth Campbell	06-13-08	524	Julia W. McClure	06-19-08
213	Rita Papuga	05-06-08	565	Mary J. Queen	04-13-08
219	Marie M. Ream	05-03-08	580	Ethel K. Terrell	06-00-08
228	Crystal F. Gilkey	05-00-08	609	Ruth Hofmann	04-21-08
270	Mae E. Wright	04-16-08	609	Dorothy Plonka	07-10-08
312	Elizabeth A. Cable	02-19-08	609	Alice Walker	07-05-08
312	Ruth Cook	02-21-08	619	Josephine White	01-11-08
312	Martha Fielder	05-00-08	667	Rose A. Quellet	02-03-08
314	Angela DiBella	04-03-08	703	Bernice Hanson	07-10-08
314	Myrtle Fitzpatrick	03-25-08	711	Lunetta F. Hixson	02-03-08
314	Marion Walbridge	05-08-08	725	Elizabeth W. Cook	04-29-08
376	Eva Geake	04-06-08	771	Madeline O. Lenox	03-28-08
376	Josephine Mason	02-23-08	774	Ida L. Roberts	05-10-08
376	Natalie J. Potter	05-15-08	779	Dorothy M. Corhan	05-01-08
377	Bertie K. Payne	04-23-08	851	Margie W. Bruner	04-07-08
379	Lydia Vergith	04-30-08	851	Bernadine Monroe	04-13-08

When Special People Touch Our Lives

*When special people touch our lives,
then suddenly we see
How beautiful and wonderful
our world can really be.*

*They show us that our special hopes
and dreams can take us far,
By helping us look inward
and believe in who we are.*

*They bless us with their love and joy
through everything they give....
When special people touch our lives,
they teach us how to live.*

Walking Through Life's Garden

A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

Hello Brothers and Sisters. I wanted to first take a minute to again remind you what an important year this is for elections so make sure you and everyone in your house who is eligible to vote is registered. Also make sure any friends or family are registered to vote and share with them how you are planning on voting and why you are voting that way! Make sure you get out and vote this year if you need to make arrangements to vote by mail do so and don't delay!

The next thing I wanted to touch on is UTU PAC, it is a way for us to help get those people we want elected. What I encourage us all to do in our lodges is some fundraising to earn money for UTU PAC. In Denver we raised \$218 which was great but I would like to see us raise even more. As you look into different fundraising ideas or if you would like to share ideas that have worked in the past please let me know so I can share that with our other lodges because I would really like to see us raise more money.

Lastly, I have listed below the current Auxiliary State Legislative Directors, if your state does not have anyone listed and you would like to get involved, please let me know, this will be very important in the next couple months. Also for the current directors if you wouldn't mind contacting me to let me know the best way to contact you either by mail, phone or email (preferred) since many of you I have not met.

Yours in Sisterly Love,

Kathryn Hastings

National Legislative Director

Auxiliary of the UTU

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Edith Tipple

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Nancy Drummond

Lodge Challenge-New Members

Our continued “Lodge Challenge” is to find at least one new member per lodge! As of the present date we have a total of *thirty-one* new members (Jan. 1st – June 30th). Please give a “warm welcome” to our new members in the following lodges:

Lodge No.	Location	Members
05	Cleveland, Ohio	8
28	St. Louis, Missouri	3
70	Kansas City, Missouri	2
163	Princeton, Indiana	1
168	Clovis, New Mexico	1
353	Fort Madison, Iowa	1
391	Emporia, Kansas	1
489	San Antonio, Texas	3
573	Danville, Kentucky	6
914	West Park, Pennsylvania	1
932	Belleville, Illinois	1
933	Jefferson City, Missouri	3

LODGE 948 CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY and MEMBERSHIP

Sister Barbara Jones, a member in good standing for 62 years of the “Bostonian” Lodge in Allston, Massachusetts.

Sister Barbara celebrates her birthdays in special ways, for example she passed her driving exam and the road test on her 98th birthday. That was four years ago!

Presently, Sister Barbara enjoys life to the fullest never missing a beat at 102 years young.



LODGE 439 CELEBRATES MEMBERSHIPS AND 95th BIRTHDAY

“Golden Rule” Lodge in Knoxville, Tennessee met for their June meeting luncheon at a nearby Retirement Home to visit, Sister Ruby Roberts - Past President who is no longer able to attend their lodge meetings.

Sister Ruby was presented a certificate honoring her 95th birthday and her Auxiliary membership of 64 years. Currently she is the oldest member of the Tennessee lodge. This was a wonderful surprise for her and everyone enjoyed being able to get together.

The celebrating did not stop there, Sister Marie Reese - Lodge Secretary/Treasurer received acknowledgement for her 71 year membership and 12 years as Sec/Treasurer.

Thanks to both of you for all your years of dedication to your lodge and the Auxiliary!

Lodge members enjoyed themselves so much that they are already planning another visit and meeting in the near future.

UTU – PAC

The Auxiliary supports the UTU PAC—Political Action Committee because jobs, pensions, 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 for their generous support:

Lodge 353	\$ 50.00
Denver, Colorado Regional Meeting (cash)	\$ 73.00
Tommie Moffett (personal)	\$ 20.00
Nancy Dunson (personal)	\$ 25.00
Joyce-Hulen Montgomery (personal)	\$100.00

When sending in your contribution Please make check payable to:

“United Transportation Union – PAC”

NEW AUXILIARY STATE LEGISLATIVE DIRECTORS

Beverly Stoops (Lodge 711) has come forth and has accepted the open position of Auxiliary Pennsylvania State Legislative Director.

LODGE 5 WANTS TO SHARE

On July 22 "Good Times International" Lodge – Cleveland, Ohio had their annual Members picnic at a local lakeside park. Everyone enjoyed B-B-Q ribs complements of David Straub and a various variety of dishes (picture below).

Lodge 5 was able to collect over \$200.00 on a "Father's Day" (craftsmen's tool box) raffle the proceeds went to the Smiles Train



LODGE IS PROUD OF ITS OWN!

Sister Kathleen Cole, Secretary/Treasurer of Lodge 948 wanted to share that their lodge is as excited and proud as Sister Mary Fuller is about her son being drafted by the New York Mets.

Jim Fuller has had a lot of scouts checking out his pitching speed and performance.

We are all anxious to see what the future holds for Jim and the Mets.

FRIENDLY REMINDER

Grand Lodge will be sending in the 2009 Internal Revenue Annual Supplement Group Exemption Report by September. This filing will take care of the Annual Electronic Filing Requirement for lodges. This will take care of your lodge obligation.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

An old man walked up a shore littered with thousands of starfish, bleached and dying after a storm.

A young man was picking them up and flipping them back into the ocean.

"Why do you bother?" the old man scoffed. *"You're not saving enough to make a difference."*

The young man picked up another starfish and sent it spinning back to the water.

"Made a difference to that one," he said.

UNITED STATES RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

An informational Conference registration begins at 8:00 a.m., with the programs beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 12:30 p.m. check for the location nearest to you below:

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| Oct | 3 | West Des Moines, Iowa
Hampton Inn
7060 Lake Drive |
| | 3 | Huntington, West Virginia
Ramada Limited
3094 16 th Street Rd |
| | 17 | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Greater Pennsylvania Regional
Council of Carpenters Union
650 Ridge Road |
| | 24 | Wichita, Kansas
Holiday Inn Select
549 S Rock Road |
| | 31 | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Sheet Metal Workers
Union Hall
1301 S Columbus Blvd |
| Nov | 14 | Metairie, Louisiana
Four Points/Sheraton
6401 Veterans Memorial Blvd |
| Dec | 5 | Jacksonville, Florida
Holiday Inn
9150 Baymeadows Road |

* Additional conferences will be added to the list as dates and locations become available.

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