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New Leadership Brings New Ideas For The Auxiliary Future!

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As you all know, the Tenth International Convention of the Auxiliary of the United Transportation Union was held August 2-6. If you look back in our Auxiliary history you will see that the numbers of Auxiliary Delegates have declined over the years, but the 2010 Convention with 37 delegates set the course for the Auxiliary to revive and flourish in the 21st century. The Arizona Biltmore Resort provided a beautiful setting as the delegate spent a long week working on revising the Constitution and General Rules, finding a solution to the insurance matter and electing our new leadership for the next four years.

I chose not to seek reelection as president so that that I could return home to my family. After six years my husband will have to get used to living with me again! My heart and my spirit will always be with each of you. You have brightened my life and hopefully I have done the same for you.

The Auxiliary was welcomed to Phoenix by UTU State Legislative Director Greg Hines who delayed a personal trip to wish the delegates a very successful convention. UTU Vice President Arty Martin thanked the Auxiliary for their efforts and accomplishments over the years. Brother Martin continued to expressed how important the Auxiliary is to the United Transportation Union and how that relationship has blossomed in the past few years.

The delegates and the committees worked hard long hours to update our constitution and give us a direction for the coming years but more importantly the delegates elected new leadership to guide us into the future. Mae Parker- Lodge 771 was elected President

and Charlie Belden - Lodge 960 was elected Secretary/ Treasurer. I congratulate and offer my whole hearted support to the new Auxiliary officers (see page 2 and 3 for complete officers list) and I will work with each of them to assure a smooth transition.

We have set a new direction that will bring new members as we continue to grow the Auxiliary and support the spouses and families members in the UTU while remembering our roots. We were reminded of our roots at a beautiful Memorial Service conducted at the Convention Wednesday evening by Patricia Shacklette - Executive Chairperson, the District Vice Presidents and the Drill Team lead by Mary Ann Clements.

We concluded the Convention with the installation of officers; their terms will begin January 1, 2011. That evening we gathered together for a Saguaro Lake Dinner Cruise to relax as we watched the sunset over the beautiful Arizona Mountains.

In Sisterly Love,

Carol Menges

International President



Above: Building at which the Auxiliary of the United Transportation Union moved into May 17, 2010 with the United Transportation Union.