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REACHING FOR THE FUTURE

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With new opportunities --- some changes will come!

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As the cool temperatures of fall come upon us we begin to prepare for the cold winter while waiting for the beauty of the fall colors to brighten our world. Autumn is a time of reflecting and planning. We look back on our gardens and flowerbeds and take an inventory of what worked or did not work. We make plans about what we will plant next year or begin planting fall bulbs for spring flowers. Autumn is the time to reap the beautiful rewards of our planning and but also a time to prepare for the future.

The Auxiliary is in autumn mode. We are beginning to reap the rewards of our many meetings and visits this summer. We have established 2 new lodges in Minnesota, and we will be establishing new lodges in Indiana and Texas in the coming weeks. It is great to see new faces coming into the Auxiliary as well as seeing our hard work pay off.

January 1, 2008, we will see the UTU merge with the Sheet Metal Workers. The merger will create a bigger and better union and will give us an even stronger voice in Washington, D. C. There will surely be changes, what and when we will just have to see! But do know that the future continues to shine bright.

The United Transportation Union elected new leadership at their 10th Quadrennial Convention in Hollywood, Florida – August 13-17, 2007. Mike Futhey elected President (the SMART Transportation Division President), Arty Martin, Assistant

President, and Kim Thompson, General Secretary and Treasurer. I feel that we will see a continuing, expanding role for the Auxiliary. During the UTU Convention the Auxiliary made contact with the UTU bus department representatives. The bus department provides us with the opportunity to attract new members as well as new ideas.

We must now plan for next year! We at Grand Lodge are always searching for new ideas on how to attract new members and to revitalize our organization. Let us know what works for you! To grow it will take all of us working together. We will have new opportunities for growth. Along with new opportunities some changes will come. We must be prepared to handle these changes head-on. Your ideas and comments are important! Working together we will meet the future and will make the future brighter.

We must remember our past through all of this. When Sophia Granger established the first lodge – she had a dream of the future. When Eugene Debs began the uniting of rail unions he had a dream. We must dream and act on that dream as we move forward. Let us hold on to our rich past while we move cautiously into the future.

In Sisterly Love,

Carol S. Menges

International President

Lodge 391 Celebrates a 90th Birthday

Sister Ida “Tooie” Jones – “Emporia” Lodge President celebrated her 90th birthday with about 150 of her friends on August 24, 2007. The excitement did not end there. Sister Joy Priddy, Treasurer presented Sister Ida with her 50 year pin (pictured below). Ida has been Lodge President for 10 years and she was Delegate at the 1994 Auxiliary Convention. “Congratulations!”



Left to Right: Sister Joy Priddy, 391 Lodge Treasurer presenting Sister Ida Lena Jones with her Auxiliary 50 year Service pin.

Lodge #391 hosted a covered dish affair on Sept 4, 2007. In attendance was Sister Joyce Heusher who turned 100 yrs in June.



Back Row (Left to Right): Sisters Betty Lusk-V. President Joy Priddy Jones, Treasurer, and Ida Jones – President.
Front Row: Sisters Virginia Lowry-Warden and Joyce Heusher.

Minnesota Life Insurance

If you are an insurance member and have any changes to your beneficiary or address. Please send this information to:

MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE
400 ROBERT ST N
ST. PAUL MN 55101-2908

Lodge #565 Annual Picnic

July 9, 2007 “Sisters of Glass City” enjoyed not only the food but enjoyed the wonderful friendships of fellow lodge members.



Left to right: Sisters Rose Vincent, Mary Thomasson-Secretary, Pat Robaszkievich, Opal Osborne, Anna Mae Whaley-Treasurer, Dana Garvin- (Int. S&T) Lodge President, and perspective new member – Rachael Garvin.

Elections of Officers

Election of Officers is in November 2007. All Officers are elected for a **Two (2) year term** with the exception of the Delegate, Legislative Representative and Alternate Delegate and Legislative Representative. They are elected for a **Four (4) year term**.

You will elect a **Legislative Representative and Alternate Legislative Representative** at this time. There will not be an election of Delegate and Alternate Delegate this year, unless the Office has been vacated.

Each Lodge President and Secretary or Sec./Treas. should have already received the Bulletin concerning “Election of Officers”. **Only the Secretary, or Secretary/Treasurer. will receive the Roster Form.** If you have not received this mailing please contact Grand Lodge.

To be listed in the 2007-2008 Directory, this form must returned to Grand Lodge on or before **December 15, 2007.** If you do not have a Secretary, the form was sent to the President.

Please return the Roster Form to Grand Lodge even if the same officers are retained. Grand Lodge does not know this if we are not advised.

A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE WASHINGTON D.C. OFFICE

Charlie asked me to update you on what is happening here in the National Legislative Office in Washington, D.C.

Now that Congress is back from their August recess, it is very busy here in Washington. We are working on quite a few bills including **H.R. 2095** – the *Federal Railroad Safety Improvement Act of 2007* and **S. 1889** - *Railroad Safety Enhancement Act of 2007*.

This legislation is the most comprehensive rail safety act in over 30 years and it includes many of the recommendations of both the Federal Railroad Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board. Issues that the legislation deals with include the fatigue situation and improvements in safety in track and grade crossings.

Other major legislation that we are working on include **H.R. 2125 / S. 953** the *Railroad Competition and Service Improvement Act of 2007*, **S. 772** *Railroad Antitrust Enforcement Act of 2007* and of course, funding for Amtrak.

Recently, UTU was very proud to be the first labor union to endorse Senator Hillary Clinton for President of the United States.

While the 2008 Elections are still just over a year away, it is never too early to register to vote and to tell your family and friends to do the same. And to remind people if they think they are going to have to work on Election Day 2008 or will be unable to get to the polls, to vote by absentee ballot.

Next fall before the elections, we will publish a list of SMART endorsed candidates.

The importance of the 2008 Election cannot be emphasized enough – not only is there an opportunity to take back the White House, it is also crucial that we not only keep but increase a Democratic majority in both Houses of Congress. On January 20, 2009 we can once again have a government that cares about the rights of working men and women.

We are looking forward also to January 2008 when we will be joining together with the Sheet Metal Workers to become SMART.

With SMART we will have an even stronger voice in Washington and in other state capitals around the country to work for the best interests of our members.

Jenny Miller
Assistant Chief of Staff

REGISTER & VOTE

*The job you save
may be your own!*

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

Yours in Sisterly Love,

Charlie Belden

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AUXILIARY of the UTU

DEPARTED MEMBERS

Lodge	Name	Date of Death	Lodge	Name	Date of Death
028	Ava M. Burke	06-03-07	452	Donna L. Lundquist	07-05-07
156	Margaret C. Shaw	05-16-07	456	Margaret R. Richardson	07-03-07
156	Elizabeth M. Shannon	07-17-07	619	Agnes M. Ridley	07-25-07
170	Anita V. Huggins	07-08-07	672	Irma B. Briley	08-20-07
184	Norma B. McLafferty	09-06-07	711	Roberta C. Nevill	11-22-06
197	Anne Moir	10-22-04	762	Jean M. Gillis	07-24-07
197	Meta Romanuck	07-04-07	774	Lois B. Dillard	07-27-07
197	Margaret Stephanson	12-25-04	775	Naomi Owen	09-05-07
219	Leah L. Lingenfelter	05-04-07	778	Helen K. Thompson	07-31-07
259	Mary M. Brogan	09-02-07	793	Flora B. Morrow	06-19-07
259	Helen N. Reedy	09-02-07	795	Marietta E. Oles	07-00-07
289	Josie L. Bower	08-07-07	803	Lucille B. Thomas	07-29-07
289	Katherine P. Martin	08-07-07	897	Minnie A. Lutz	06-19-07
312	Wanda L. Sheriff	06-13-07	897	Sarah M. Thomas	06-10-07
314	Caroline M. McClune	06-30-07	914	Bertha Banas	08-25-07
318	Clara E. Dinken	08-02-07	915	Rosalie C. Rains	07-21-07
328	Mary Evelyn Richards	07-15-07	915	Phyllis L. Lewis	08-28-07
399	Mary Bradford	No Date	932	Helen M. Carmean	08-02-07
431	Clara A. Hayden	05-17-07	932	Irene C. Tuscan	06-14-07
442	Alice M. Bowles	09-00-07	960	Sally L. West	08-04-07

“Leaving the Old Greeting the New”

It's kinda tough to have to leave, So many folks
 you've learned to know... And have them grip
 hands and tell, how much they hate to see you go...
 It's kinda tough to say Good-by, to Friends you've
 seen day after day, it's hard to break the happy
 hands of comradeship and move away...

It's hard to pack all of your thing, and leave your
 cozy home behind. The place where joys have come
 to you, where neighbor's all have been so kind.
 When at last your dearest pal... It's trying hard to
 make a bluff, at being brave and break right down.
 Its kind tough, -yeah- It's kinda tough.

But say it's great, to find new friends, just waiting for a
 chance, to show, how glad they are to have you come and
 live with them. It's great to know that folks are just about
 the same. No matter where you chance to roam, and if
 you let them have their way, you'll soon be feeling right
 at home.

So it's a long farewell, old friends, may God be
 mighty good to you. Across the miles and through
 the years, you'll find my friendship always true.
 And now I turn my eager heart, to meet where ever
 life extends to greet the folks that welcome you, and
 try to make 'em all my Friends.

It's kinda tough to leave the old neighborhood, but
 then it's surprising how many more nice folks there
 are once you get to know them. And I often thought
 when we moved so far, nobody said, we have to go.
 Hoping God will bless you all with happiness that's
 life you know, God be with you till we meet again.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND BOARD

The Scholarship Fund was established to help provide for the future education of Auxiliary families. Yearly Scholarships will be awarded through this Scholarship Fund. **Scholarship applications will be available after January 1, 2008 for the 2008-2009 school year.**

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:

Marion Trapp (personal)	\$ 10.00
Lodge No. 778	\$ 50.00
Lodge No. 873	\$ 30.00

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
Jefferson City, MO 65101-9026

Lodge #933 Informational Seminar

September 7-8, 2008, Local #933 hosted an Informational Seminar - Fish Fry on Friday and Bar-B-Q on Saturday.

The Auxiliary met for a Breakfast Meeting where presentations were given to educate spouses on the information that they need now and for the future.

I personally want to thank Pat Shacklette Vice President and Jolene Backes MO State Legislative Director for attending.

U.S. Railroad Retirement Board

The scheduled 2007 Railroad Retirement Informational Conference will be held at the dates and locations listed below:

- Oct. 12 **Huntington, West Virginia**
Radisson Hotel
1001 Third Avenue
- 12 **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**
Sheet Metal Workers #19
1301 S Columbus Blvd
- 19 **Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**
Greater Pennsylvania
Council of Carpenters
650 Ridge road
- Nov. 16 **Metairie, Louisiana**
Plumbers/Steamfitters Union
3515 N I-10 Service Rd W
- Dec. 7 **Jacksonville, FL**
Holiday Inn
9150 Baymeadows Road

UTU – PAC

The Auxiliary supports this effort to help friends in Congress and in the State Legislature by donating our time and our dollars. The UTU – Political Action Committee recognizes the problems that affect the UTU railroad, bus, and airline workers and their families.

When sending in your contribution Please make check payable to:

"United Transportation Union – PAC"

Newsletter Articles

Do you have items 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).

Keep in mind that space may be limited in some issues. We will do our best to get your items in our current newsletter

Democratic Washington Day

During the Democratic Washington Day in Topeka, Kansas, Sisters Suzanne Barbour and Ericka Hart members of Lodge #391 had the honor to be pictured with former President Bill Clinton and Governor Kathleen Sebelius



Left to Right: former President Bill Clinton, Sisters Suzanne Barbour, Ericka Hart, and Governor Kathleen Sebelius.

REFLECTIONS.....

“One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done.”

Marie Curie

Each life needs its quiet place.

Change brings freshness.

It's the little moments that make life big.

Nothing is difficult
to those who have the will.

Only when we are no longer afraid
do we begin to live.

What we see depends mainly
on what we look for.

Ability may get you to the top,
but it takes character to keep
you there.

Don't ask for an easier life;
ask to be a stronger person.

The best way to prepare for life;
is to begin to live.

Happiness is where we find it,
but rarely where we seek it.

Success is often the results of taking
a misstep in the right direction.

I take nothing for granted.
I now have only good days
or great days.

It isn't the load that breaks us down,
it is the way we carry it.

ÉCLAIR PIE

1-box graham crackers
2 large boxes instant vanilla pudding
3 cups milk
1 large container of cool whip
1 teaspoon vanilla flavoring
2 squares of semi-sweet or dark chocolate
2 lb bag powdered sugar
milk

Mix pudding with 3 cups milk as directed on the package. When pudding is mixed **fold** in the container of cool whip until thoroughly mixed.

Spray 9 x 13 baking dish with Pam and place two layers of whole graham crackers in the bottom of pan. Spoon ½ of the pudding mixture over the crackers and then place a single layer of crackers over the pudding. Spoon the remaining pudding mixture into the pan and top with another layer of crackers.

Cover and refrigerate overnight.

Melt chocolate squares in the microwave in a large bowl. When the chocolate is soft, add powdered sugar and a small amount of milk to get a spreadable consistency.

Spread chocolate frosting over the pie; refrigerate at least two hours.

Cut and Serve!

The United Transportation Union

Political Action Committee

Gives You a Voice in Washington, D.C. and in Your State Capitol

UTU members, both active and retired, need and deserve good government and sympathetic legislators. That is because, compared with others, their jobs, pensions and futures are more directly affected by the actions of state and national lawmakers.

The UTU must work for and help those people who feel are capable, knowledgeable and who recognize the problems that affect railroad, bus, and transit workers.

The best way to help elect representatives that understand the concerns of UTU members is by contributing to UTU PAC.

The best way to have a voice, a say, in matters that affect your finances and your family, is by contributing to UTU PAC.

UTU PAC contributes to qualified state and national political candidates, regardless of party affiliation.

UTU PAC protects the interests of active and retired members and safeguards laws, working conditions and pension rights.

UTU PAC is the largest political action committee for bus and rail employees.

UTU PAC has well-organized state advisory committees, and an office in Washington, D.C.

UTU PAC contributions can be made on a one-time basis by check, anytime, by active members, retirees, and all individuals who seek a more responsive government.

UTU PAC funds are split on a 50/50 basis, with one half being guaranteed for use within the state where the member's local headquartered, the other half being used at the statewide level. State funds are used for assisting candidates for offices which are statewide in nature, such as governor, attorney general, public utility commissioner, state treasurer or state legislators. National funds are used in Federal elections for national offices such as President, Senator or Member of Congress.

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