

AUXILIARY OF UTU TIMES

“It is History Which Propels Us Into The Future”

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“Stay Calm & Carry On”

Greetings Everyone,

This has been a very different year for our auxiliary. I fully expected that the first 6 months would be learning everything that I needed to know. We have had many ups and downs. Having two new officers come into the office at once has been a challenge. We have had good days, but just when it seems that we would get something going, then something else would break down. Trying to get ready for all of our insurance members next year has been tough. Our lodge and grand lodge officers have been great in doing everything they can to help and I want you all to know just how much I appreciate your help.

Our International Secretary & Treasurer Charlie Belden resigned in September. We will all miss her, and wish her only the best. Linda Ogburn, chairman of the board of trustees was assigned to come in and assume the role of secretary & treasurer until a new secretary treasure was appointed. We had 3 members that qualified for this position. It was a very tough decision, but I am proud to introduce your new **International Secretary & Treasurer is Cindy Milbourn** from lodge #136, Salt Lake City, Utah. I believe Cindy will fit right in. She is moving here to North Olmsted, Ohio where our office is located.

I would like to sincerely thank Linda for all of the hard work that she has put in. Linda has learned the secretary & treasurer job from the inside out and will be training Cindy the whole month of January.

REMINDER: Many of our members have moved. Their addresses and beneficiary forms need to be updated so when we receive the money from Minnesota Life next year, they'll get something back. We have had many problems with the computer system and our new office assistant, Tiffany Koehler, has been a tremendous help to Linda and myself and is working with the UTU computer techs on setting up a new member database. Hopefully by next year, all of the bugs will be worked out, but we have to have updated information for all members for this to be possible.

Also, when the money is received from Minnesota Life, every insurance member will be checked to make sure all dues have been paid, so please make sure your 2011 & 2012 dues are paid if your lodge requires it. **Insurance members must be in good standing with their lodge.** The money will be divided equally between the insurance member, or the beneficiary they have listed. This paperwork is going to take time and I think we will be lucky if we have it all done by June or July. I can't tell you whether it will be 50 cents, \$5.00, \$100.00, or more, but whatever the share turns out to be, you will receive it. Our members have earned this money and it will not be placed anywhere else.

Please remember that we here at grand lodge are here to serve you. When I was elected, I told you that our doors would be open at all times and I stand by that statement. We are only one phone call away, so please don't hesitate to call if you have some questions or if your lodge is having problems. We may not know all of the answers, but there are people that we may go to for the answers.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!

In Sisterly Love

Mae Parker- International President





Moving Forward Constructively

“Stay Calm and carry on” has always been the best advice during challenging times. It is appropriate advice for UTU members and employees as we move forward following the October 10 merger arbitration award.

That arbitration ruling makes the merger look very similar to the merger we were initially promised -- the merger the UTU membership and I voted for in 2007. The arbitrator recognized that maintaining the historical governance of the UTU was important by ruling that the UTU's cherished craft autonomy, along with general committee autonomy, be preserved post-merger; and that changes to the UTU Constitution not be unilaterally made by the SMWIA executive council. As required by the arbitration decision, I met with new SMWIA General President Joe Nigro, who took office July 1st. The meeting was productive and positive.

At a meeting in early November of all incoming UTU International officers -- a meeting traditionally held between a quadrennial convention and those officers being seated -- we discussed the events of the past four years. We agreed unanimously that UTU members' interests have been vigorously defended, and it is now time to move forward -- discussing with the SMWIA the rights and traditions of both organizations, and to collaborate constructively in finding the most efficient and equitable means of resolving any further outstanding differences, including pending litigation.

I know that I speak for Joe Nigro, as well, when I say that the leadership of both the UTU and the SMWIA has, as our highest priority, the delivery to our members of the wages, benefits and working conditions they expect and deserve. We also share a commitment to our loyal employees, who serve our members on a daily basis.

In the meantime, I assure you that our United Transportation Union and our United Transportation Union Insurance Association are each financially strong and are continuing to grow stronger notwithstanding this deep and lengthy recession.

As we put substantial merger-related litigation expenses behind us, and continue managing our other costs wisely, the UTU's monthly surplus will continue to grow and allow for improved member representation.

The UTU and its predecessor unions have persevered and prospered for nearly a century-and-a-half by being resolute in representing our members and flexible in the face of changing demands and events. It is a formula that has served our members well and will continue to serve us well.

UTU International President Mike Futhey



A Message from The Assistant President of the United Transportation Union

While the details of putting two great labor organizations together are very delicate, it is important to accomplish this feat that all interested parties or parts of the two organizations be remembered and considered during the upcoming meetings. I want to reassure all of our UTU Auxiliary Members that the intent of this merger is to represent the entire membership in the manner that we have all grown to expect. This includes the Auxiliary just as it does the UTUIA, and the DLC.

Remember everything is business as usual for the UTU today, tomorrow and into the future. On behalf of Mike Futhey, Kim Thompson, James Stem and myself I want to thank Mae Parker, her fine officers and all of the members of the Auxiliary for their support and dedication to the United Transportation Union. As the process moves forward all members, departments and subsidiaries will be kept advised and updated.

-Arthur (Arty) Martin



A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

Well, it's finally here. The color of the trees are changing, things are heating up around the house, people are placing things in their yards, and the TV commercials are increasingly festive; that's right, it's ELECTION SEASON!!!! (I bet you thought I was talking about the holidays?!) By now you have seen or heard of at least 12 GOP debates, seen so many polls you would think you were a telephone line repair guy, and have asked yourself at least once, "did I forget to go vote?" The hard truth is, the Presidential election is a year away! With all of the buzz going on about Herman Cain's "999" or the "Oops heard around the world" from my home state Texas Governor Rick Perry (no relation) it's hard to not get caught up in the Hustle and Bustle. I hope all of you are paying attention to at least some of the snippets and educating yourselves on what each candidate's viewpoints and agendas entail. If you have an opportunity to volunteer in your community in a Get out the vote campaign, I highly recommend it. If you want information on how to be more politically active please contact me, my information is found below and on our Facebook page. Next year's election Train has left the station and is moving full steam ahead, don't let it pass you by. Hop aboard and join the fun, you can and will make a difference!!

On a personal note, I want to thank the Cleveland Auxiliary lodge for the support they have shown for my community of Smithville and the Surrounding area in the Bastrop Complex fire. Over 1500 homes and 35,000 acres were destroyed including my families. It means a lot to know people from across the country care and are here to help. Just one more reason the Auxiliary with the UTU is, "Stronger than Ever!"

Scott Saunders Jr

Auxiliary National Legislative Director

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Board of Trustees- Linda Ogburn

Our Auxiliary has come a long way since its inception by Sofia J Granger. However, the concepts are still the same. We are here to support the workers belonging to the UTU and their families. Times are tough and we need to support each other now more than at any other time. I'm sure that everyone knows of someone who has been affected by these hard economic times. Many workers have been laid-off or are facing a lay-off in the future. Now is the time for us to support and encourage these workers and families.

Take time to be kind and caring to others. Give a gentle encouraging word, perform a kind gesture, or anonymously give a gift to someone in need. These actions could make the difference in the receiver's outlook on life and might also make a difference in your own life. In fact, these acts might make you feel so good that they might become an everyday action. What a difference it would make if everyone were to do something like this!

The holidays are fast approaching and this would be the perfect time to try out some of these gestures. I would like to take this opportunity to wish my Auxiliary family a very blessed holiday season. May it be filled with love and happiness.

In Sisterly love,
Linda Ogburn



Auxiliary of the UTU Scholarship Fund News - December 2011

ELECTION - SCHOLARSHIP FUND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2012

Nomination forms for the three (3) open positions on the Auxiliary of the UTU Scholarship Fund Board for 2012 were sent out with the September 2011 Auxiliary Newsletter to all Lodge Secretaries. Three (3) Lodges nominated candidates for consideration. One incumbent Board Member has placed her name on the ballot for consideration for a second term.

At the regular meeting of Emporia Lodge 391, held on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011, nominations were drawn with Scholarship Fund President, Wanda Fisher, as a witness. The nominees are listed below in the order drawn & as they will be on the ballot.

All Lodge Secretaries should receive an election ballot inserted in this December newsletter. A memo plus instructional information & return ballot envelope should also be included. (If your lodge does not receive the election ballot, please contact Grand Lodge.) Lodges are to vote on the three (3) candidates of their choice & return their ballot as directed. Ballots must be post-marked on or before February 15, 2012.

Below are the nominee's submitted qualifications and comments:

Carol Menges

Lodge # 933, Jefferson City, MO

"My understanding and support of the Auxiliary's scholarship process, provide me with experience to fulfill the duties required of this position on the Board."

Bonita Garrett

Lodge #136, Winslow, AZ

"Retired Marriage and Family Therapist; married 29 years to Robert Garrett; 2 college graduate children; 4 grandchildren in college. Available as required. Consideration appreciated."

Linda Foster – Incumbent

Lodge #933, Jefferson City, MO

"I am a member of Lodge 933. The scholarship fund is a very worth while and very rewarding, to the Auxiliary of the UTU."

Beverly Stoops

Lodge # 711, New Castle, PA

"Lodge 711 Treasurer and Delegate. PA Legislative Director. VFW Auxiliary Patriotic Instructor – help to promote essay contests in local schools for awards at local, state, and national level."

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AFTER JANUARY 1st

Beginning on January 1, 2012, Auxiliary members may request a Scholarship application for the 2012-13 school year from the Scholarship Fund Board Secretary. Only original applications are accepted – no photocopies allowed. Applications must be completely filled out and postmarked on or before March 31, 2012 to be eligible. The scholarship drawing will be held during the April 2012 Scholarship Fund Board Annual Meeting. To secure an application, auxiliary members should contact:

JANET INGRAM

Scholarship Fund Board Secretary

8564 Mapavi Drive

Bonne Terre, Mo 63628

or e-mail: eugeneingram@sbcglobal.net

Scholarship Applications – continued

INFORMATION YOU WILL NEED TO INCLUDE WITH YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REQUEST:

- Your Name
- Your Auxiliary Lodge number
- Your complete mailing address: street, city, state, and zip code
- Your phone number and e-mail address

Important Information

A Scholarship Applicant must:

- *Be a child, stepchild, grandchild or step-grandchild of an Auxiliary member
- *Have obtained at least a high school senior level of education
- *Be no more than 25 years of age
- *Be accepted or enrolled full time as a student in an accredited college or university
- *Maintain at least a 2.0 GPA while in attendance at said institution

TREASURER’S SIGNATURE ON
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
FORMS

The Lodge Treasurer’s signature on the Scholarship Application is **mandatory**. This signature indicates that an Auxiliary Member is a current dues paying member.

REMINDER: Do not wait until March to request a Scholarship Application. You will need to allow plenty of time to have student & sponsor member fill out their information and to also secure the signature of Auxiliary member’s Lodge Treasurer. A due’s receipt will not be accepted as a substitute for Treasurer’s signature. Don’t miss out on a possible scholarship for your loved one by waiting too long to start the process – it does take time!

DONATIONS TO SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Auxiliary Meeting at the UTU Regional Meetings

In San Antonio

Marilyn Spangler	\$10.00
50/50 Family	\$20.00
Mae Parker	\$25.00

In New York

Marilyn Spangler	\$20.00
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Cash contributions from both meetings \$358.52

Additional Contributions

Since the last newsletter, the following individual donations have also been made:

DONATION

Lucy M. Luker, personal	\$25.00
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MEMORIAL

Wanda Fisher	\$30.00
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“In Loving Memory of Sisters of Lodge 391”

Marlene Buck

And

Mae Kidwell

“Auxiliary Member for 68 years”

THANK YOU for your continued support to our Scholarship Fund. It is wonderful to know that so many of you share our mission of providing an educational opportunity to our family members!

Donations are always welcome! When your Lodge considers its yearly giving, won’t you consider a gift to the Scholarship Fund? A memorial for departed Auxiliary members is a wonderful tribute to their years of dedication to your lodge. Donations should be made payable to:

“Auxiliary of the UTU Scholarship Fund”

Mail to: Patricia England
 Scholarship Fund Treasurer
 2153 N. Highway 99
 Emporia, Ks 66801-8101

Departed Members of 2011

“A part of you has grown in me, together forever we shall be, never apart, maybe in distance, but not in the heart.” -Author Unknown

<u>LDG</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>LDG</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>LDG</u>	<u>Name</u>
003	Mary Ann Cordray	333	Margaret Hawkes	774	Mary Hardin
003	Louise Nixon	333	Charlotte Mearon	793	Dorothy Minerd
005	Rachel Kebort	376	Eleanor Schuler	793	Margaret Martin
008	Rita Braud	376	Althea Slider	793	Marian Stillwagon
019	Mary Davis	376	Mary Turner	801	Mary Walport
019	Ethel Mueller	377	Alice Barker	851	Lenora Bunch
028	Martha Ann Franklin	377	Christine Bowden	851	Clara McHam
028	Mary Sanders	377	Coy Futhey	851	Ivy Pennington
028	Blanche Zanko	377	Vivian Roop	851	Thelma Teague
028	Belle Nikolas	377	Glenden Scott	897	Martha Daugherty
168	Anita Gentry	379	Ila Sagesser	897	Anne Fowler
170	Audrey Morris	391	Marlene Kay Buck	897	Mildred Street
170	Frances Reynolds	391	Joan England	897	Hermine Youngman
170	Norrene Sorrells	391	Mable Lee	932	Marjorie Harper
170	Dorothy Steadman	391	Lucille Quarles	933	Helen Solee
176	Karen Angle	391	Mary Webb	933	Alice Westfall
176	Lillian Bartles	391	Lois Walters	933	Lucille Whitworth
176	Iris Eileen Dawson	400	Corla Hagenbruch	958	Verna Lucille Welsh
200	Dorothy Riley	401	Mary Miles	960	Una Cook
206	Viola Richardson	401	Virginia Steele	960	Erma Thompson
219	Alverta Bollinger	452	Elda Jane Galvin		
219	Veronica Conrad	452	Betty Rufener		
219	Sara Krumrine	452	Margaret Schmidt		
264	Elizabeth Aaron	456	Freida Weber		
265	Esther McGowan	481	Velma Hutchins		
289	Dolores McClure	499	Fay Larson		
289	Maxine Brown	521	Edith Bickett		
312	Edna Mayhall	565	Velma Burkhard		
314	Mildred Dart	565	Cecilia Dewyse		
314	Kathleen Franczyk	593	Ethel Stokes		
314	Ethel Fries	609	Rose Reynolds		
314	Edna Ricciardi	622	Thelma Thomas		
314	Margaret Stack	629	Helen Ghetty		
318	Florence Gladden	656	Ruby Richards		
318	Evelyn Hubbard	667	Helen Butcher		
328	Bernice West	707	Virginia McArthur		



*Goodbyes are not forever.
Goodbyes are not the end.
They simply mean I'll miss you until we meet
again!*

~Author Unknown

New Members of 2011

#5 "GOOD TIMES INTERNATIONAL"

KAREN CASHIN
EARLENE FREDERICK
CINDI A. MANYPENNY
KATHLEEN RISCH
PATRICIA STEELE
DIANE STRUNK
(TRANSFER FROM 565)

#12 "SILVER CITY"

KIM ISKRA

#28 "VICTORY"

CRYSTAL SWAIN
XIMENA BANKS

#136 "WASATCH"

LIANNA MADSEN

#228 "HIGH LINERS"

MARIAN BAILEY

#281 "EAST HOUSTON/MISSOURI CITY" TEXAS- New Lodge

RETTINGS BEAVERS II
RHONDA BEAVERS
PATRICIA GANT
JANICE GREENE
JANICE GREEN
CARMEN MARTIN
KATRINA MARTIN
ANGELA SCOTT
HATICE THOMAS
MATTIE THOMAS
JOHNNIE WILEY

#318 "VULCAN"

EMMA HUMPHRIES

#376 "QUEEN OF THE VALLEY"

TANYA MAZSA

#391 "EMPORIA"

PATRICIA RILEY

#426 "NW THUNDER BOLTS"

JULIE COLEMAN
JESSICA CUNDY
TRACY KNUTSON
CHRISTINA ROHRIG
JASON WHITE
KRYSTEL WINSHIP
SHERRY WINSHIP
JENNIFER HILLYARD

#439 "GOLDEN RULE" (RESTARTED VICKI EMERT)

BRIDGET BOLING
KATHY MCLAIN
LAURA MCLAIN
MICHELLE ROY
MARJORIE STRICKLAND
SHARON STRICKLAND
CHELSEY ROY
LANDON TURBYFILL
HELEN YONCE
APRIL TURBYFILL

#486 "ROSEBUDS"

MONTANA- New Lodge

LAURA J DOYLE
SHELLEY FRIEZ
KATHY HODUS
JUDITH KUCERA
VICKI MEEZ
DEVEN MILLER
LACI MILLER
SHELLY MILLER
RACHEL MUELLER
KIM NELSON
SANDY TREIB
REBECCA WARD
JANICE WATSON
CAROLE WIELGOSH

Cont. "ROSEBUDS"

BARB PURDON
PAM SHELTON
ANDREA STEMSON
SHANNON TALLENT

#489 "ALAMO CITY"

KIM PILAND

#656 "FOREST ROSE"

JEAN CAUDILL

#700 "WEAVER MOUNTAIN" ARIZONA-

New Lodge

CAROLE KENSON
KATHY KENSON
JERI ROBSON
JOLENE MILLER
KATHY MOORE
TIFFANY KOEHLER
LINDA HUSSEN
ELLARSOE GASTON
LORI DEVINE
KATHY CALLAHAN

#711 "SHOOTING STARS"

JENNIFER LEE
GEORGENE WITHROW

#804 "CIRCUS CITY"

ANDREA BRUCH
STACEY BUSSARD
DEBRA HANN
BRENDA KITT
AMY BOSWELL

#932 "PRIDE OF HI-GREEN"

LINDA SMITH

Welcome Members!

We apologize if we left someone out from your lodge. Please contact us and let us know to fix it. ☺

What are the advantages of having an Auxiliary?

1. Unite the families of the United Transportation Union.
2. To better understand various railway, bus, airline and other transportation issues.
3. To better understand legislative issues.
4. Better Understanding of a Spouse or Relative's job.
5. Getting Informed/ Involved.
6. Make the lodge FUN with friends.
7. Training: What to do in certain situations.
8. Guest Speakers: Health Insurance, Designated Legal Counsel, Rail Road Retirement, Officers from the local UTU and the UTUIA Insurance. Or any guest speaker of interest.
9. Scholarship Fund: **\$1000.00** scholarship per year for our children and grandchildren. Must belong to the Auxiliary for at least one year and be in good standing before with your lodge before getting an application. You must also maintain membership through the duration of the scholarship award. Scholarships are awarded to applicants drawn from a pool of our children and grandchildren.

How to Organize a New Lodge

In order to organize a new lodge, **you must have at least 10 qualified applicants.**

Qualified applicants are as follows:

- ✓ Any spouse or relative of a member of the UTU may qualify for membership. (The applicants must be at least 16 years of age.)
- ✓ UTU members and retired UTU members are not eligible for membership in the Auxiliary; however, they may visit if invited.

Once you have at least 10 applicants:

1. Contact the International office.
2. Have an organized meeting.
3. Elect a secretary pro tem.
4. Have qualified applicants fill out applications and collect dues.
5. After having at least 10 new members, send \$25.00 to the International Office for your charter.

Upon approval of membership applications by the International Office, the following needs to be done:

1. Choose the name and number for your Lodge.
(Check with the International office to make sure your name and number are not already in use by another Lodge.)
2. Decide on how much Local Lodge dues will be.
3. Pick a time and place for your Lodge meetings.
4. Have at least 6 meetings per year. A meeting can be held anywhere you have members gathered together.
5. Decide if your lodge is going to be Informal or Ritual.
6. Hold Elections: 14 Officers if Ritual, 6 Officers if Informal.



Mae Parker & Arty Martin



Scott Saunders Jr. presenting fire chief, Joe Brown, of Smithville volunteer fire department with the donation check from Lodge 5!



Cindy Milbourn
New International Secretary/
Treasurer



Annie Shea-Larkin
District 8 Int. Vice
President and Mae
Parker in Florida at the
UTU convention.



Pat Maccagno, Linda Ogburn, and Mae
Parker in New York for the UTU
regional meeting.



Members of
East
Houston-
Missouri
City Lodge
281.
Welcome
New
Members!

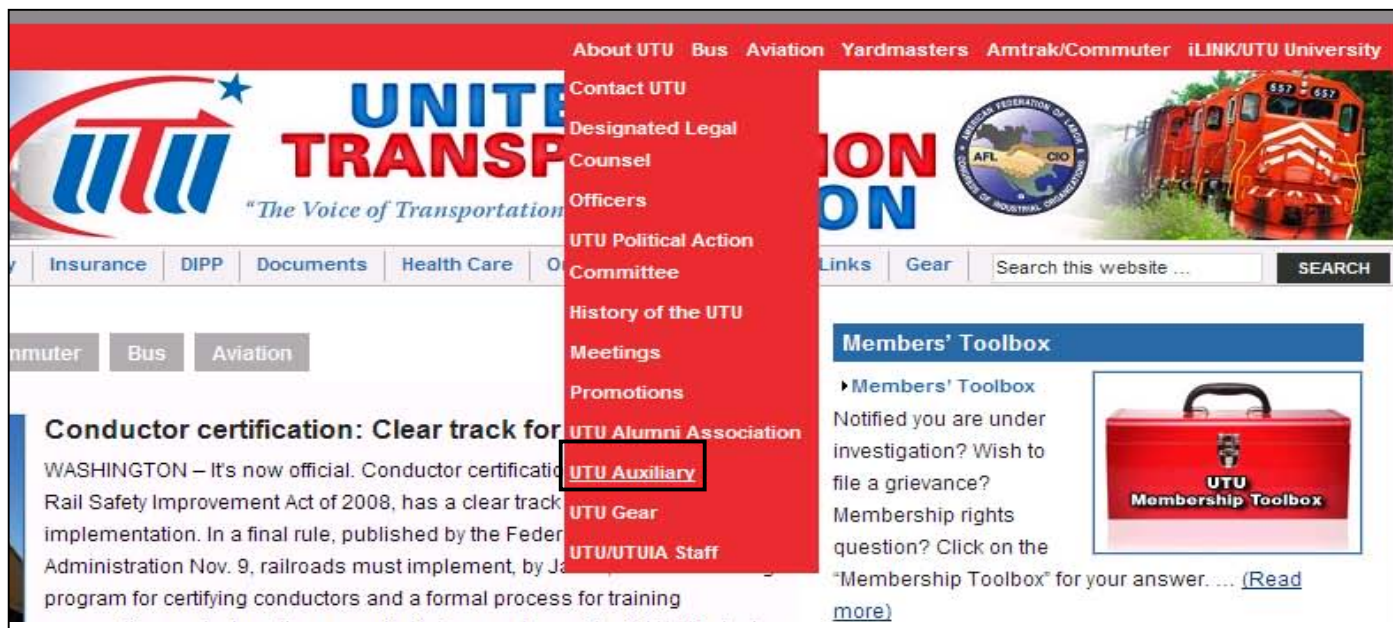
“The Rosebuds”
from Forsyth,
Montana- Lodge
486. Welcome
New Members!



Do you have access to the Internet? Would you like to save the Auxiliary the extra expense of mailing out your newsletter? Please let us know that you would like your name removed from our newsletter MAILING list!

How to find our website:

- 1.) Go to the UTU website at www.utu.org
- 2.) Hover your mouse over “About UTU” in the red bar across the top
- 3.) The link to our site is 3rd from the bottom.



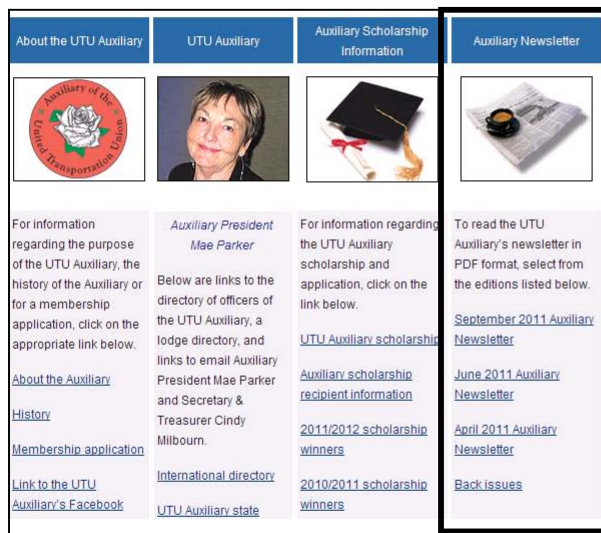
- 4.) Click on the link that says UTU Auxiliary.
- 5.) Save our website to your favorites for easy access!
- 6.) <http://utu.org/auxiliary/>

How to find our online Newsletter:

- 1.) Scroll to the bottom of our website
- 2.) Past & present newsletters are located under the blue box on the far left.

How to find us on Facebook:

- 1.) Sign into Facebook.
- 2.) In the search box at the top of your page type: **“Auxiliary of the United Transportation Union”**
- 3.) Once you are on our page, click **“Like”** to get updates from us as they occur.



Special Thank You To:

- ◆ All Auxiliary Members who donated to PAC this year. We collected a total of \$1,110.00 from personal, regional meetings and convention contributions.
- ◆ All of the new members this year! YOU are keeping this auxiliary strong and we thank you tremendously.
- ◆ Our new International Secretary/ Treasurer, Cindy Milbourn. Welcome to the Office Cindy!

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Do you have any interesting items that you want to share with your fellow Auxiliary Lodge Members? This is an excellent way for lodges to share activities, thoughts, and or information with each other.

Please send articles and/or pictures to Grand Lodge or e-mail to: utuauxiliaryintpres@utu.org.

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