

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” ~Helen Keller

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Greetings! A lot has happened since our last newsletter. We had another election cycle which Scott and Pam will cover. Here at Grand Lodge Georgene Withrow from Lodge 136 and Marilyn Horne from Lodge 700 were in working on the Proceedings from Convention. I'm happy to report that Mary Kay is working to get it printed as well as updating the Constitution. We have also been working on new charters with our name change. We hope to have all of these items out by the end of the year. We held an Executive Board conference call with both the existing and newly elected officers in preparation for the transition at the beginning of the year.

On the subject of our Executive Board, I want to apologize to a couple officers that I failed to mention by name in our last newsletter. I am very grateful for them and want to give them a huge thank you; they are Carol Menges Vice President District 6 and Executive Board Chair, Barbara Purdon Vice President District 8 and Pat Maccagno Vice President District 9. I have really enjoyed working with them all and feel honored and privileged that I have the opportunity to do so. I look forward to continued work with Carol and Barbara as re-elected Vice Presidents and with Pat who will be serving on the Scholarship Fund Board. These officers are very committed to the Auxiliary as you can see from their continued involvement.

In this issue of the newsletter we have added a *Vice Presidents Corner*, something we will continue. This time around you get to hear from Pat Maccagno who is one of the few remaining members from Canada. She has some very nice things to share about her history and involvement in the Auxiliary.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Holiday Season and an amazing New Year.



Your sister in solidarity,

Kathryn Seegmiller
International President
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International Secretary/Treasurer



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Season's Greetings from the Grand Lodge of the Auxiliary. As we move into this busy holiday season I'd like to take a moment to send you my best wishes for a wonderful and warm season to all of you. We've just wrapped up a month of gratitude with Thanksgiving celebrations. Soon the year 2018 is coming to a close and we'll hit the ground running in 2019. Here are a few things I'd like to share with you that will change beginning in January 2019.

First, the new Board of Trustees that were voted into office during this year's convention will officially begin work in January. Their first visit to the Grand Lodge is March 7-13, 2019. I'm looking forward to working with each and every one of the Trustees in the coming year. Here's a list of Trustees are:

Chairperson: Niki Wallace, **Secretary:** Leah Saunders, **Member:** Bettinna Moos

Another new change for 2019 is the increase in lodge **assessments** and the new membership application fee. There was much debate during the convention about raising the assessments to help continue the growth in the Auxiliary. A motion for increased assessments was introduced and voted. The results are as follows.

We will be collecting \$25 for March 15 assessments and \$25 for **September 15** assessments
Total assessment fee of \$50 per member each year.

Exceptions: The assessment fee for any honorary members who have more than 30 years with auxiliary or are over 80 years old.

We will be collecting \$10 for **March 15** assessment and \$10 for **September 15** assessments
Total assessment fee of \$20 per member each year.

The membership application fee has also been increased to \$10. This is a one-time fee for a **new member** to apply for lodge membership and **does not affect** any current members.

If you have any questions or need more information about membership fees, please contact your lodge treasurer. They will be able to advise you.

Finally, I'd like to close my letter to you with a general health and safety reminder. As winter hits hard in many areas across the country please be careful venturing out doors! Keep yourself warm and healthy and keep those who may be suffering or recovering from illness or injury in your thoughts and prayers.

Happy Holidays

Mary Kay



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NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR SCOTT SAUNDERS

The Mid-Terms are over, well almost. As I am writing this newsletter article, was are still waiting for results from California and Florida. There are a couple of major take-aways from this election: People are getting out to vote, and every single vote can make a difference.

The political climate is hotter than ever now as winter is coming. Huge Democrat pick-ups in the House, Big Democrat pick-ups in state elections, and an over 500% increase in the Youth Voting. If you expected things to settle down after the elections, you are in for a big surprise.

Right now, the Governor of Florida has sued Counties of Florida accusing “unethical Liberals” of trying to steal the election. What is going on is that the provisional ballots are still being counted. It is usual for this to take a while. Election results don’t end on Election Day. It takes time to count millions of votes. Sometimes, if there is a big gap between the candidates vote tally, you can call an election, but it is still too close to call. President Trump has weighed in supporting the Florida Governor and has accused the election officials of fraud, although there is no proof to back up this claim. The State of Florida is trying to make sure every vote is counted, while our elected officials seem to be doing everything they can to halt one of the core principles of democracy-voting.

I do want to thank all of you for participating in the Get Out The Vote (GOTV) Campaigns. I hosted 12 GOTV events myself and assisted many of you (19) across the country with those of your own. Together we made over 13,000 phone calls, mostly in Texas, Florida, California, and Arizona. Overall, I am very pleased with the results.

The SMART-TD supported both Democrat and Republican candidates across the USA and MOST of them won their respective seats. It is so important to stay informed and active in the political processes. Our Union is under attack every day and more and more right to work (for less) legislation is being filed every day.

As the Holiday season approaches, take some time to relax and refresh. The fight is far from over, but let’s take time to focus on our families. I want to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and Happy Holidays. As always, I am here if you need me please contact me anytime you would like to get involved. If you are a Legislative State Director for the Auxiliary, Please give me a call or send me an email, I would like to hear your stories of your GOTV efforts. Thank you for your time.



In Solidarity,

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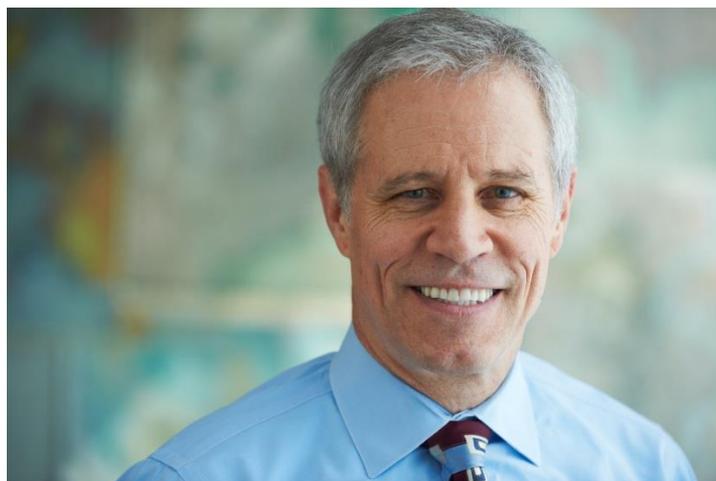
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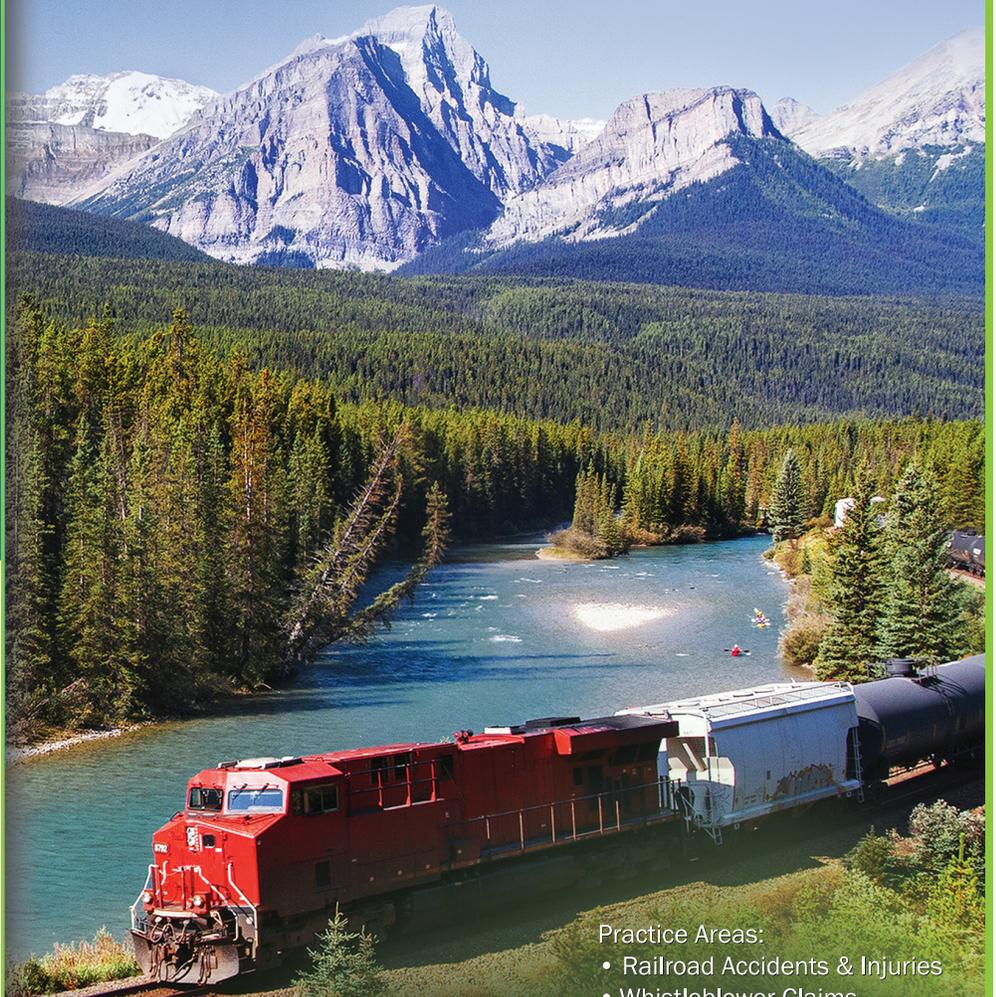
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ALT. NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR PAM NEAL

For those who happened to catch it in the last newsletter, I somehow managed to send the previous issues letter in error. My main message was naturally encouraging you to volunteer for a campaign and help get the vote out, as I'm sure you expected. However, I do want to include the following excerpt:

"Congratulations to all the officers re-elected as well as those newly elected during our Quadrennial Convention this summer in Cleveland! I greatly appreciate the vote of confidence shown by re-election to the post of Alternate National Legislative Director. Thank you for your continued support.

It was a true pleasure to sit down and meet new Delegates attending their first Convention. The number of young, enthusiastic members in attendance assures me that our Auxiliary will continue to grow and will have strong leadership at the helm."

Now to the present. While votes are still being counted and probable recounts remain, we can take a few moments to reflect. Many of us worked for candidates we truly believe in. Some won, others lost. The good news is that a number of labor friendly people will be taking their seats in offices poised to support our rail, bus and air members. We can look for those to stand with us on the issues of safety, fatigue, healthcare and all the ways our government impacts our lives.

We cannot, however, become complacent. While there were gains made, we still have work to do. I know no one wants to hear this, but 2020 is not that far away.

Take the next several weeks to enjoy family and friends while we sit down to Thanksgiving dinner and then gather to celebrate our Christmas and other holiday traditions.

Then, as we ring in the New Year, give serious thought to how you can make a difference. Don't wait until October of 2020. You can help register voters, if your state doesn't have some form of automatic registration. If you know someone who seems to have a voice you find you agree with, encourage that person to run for office. Then volunteer to help with their campaign.

If you feel you have something to say and see changes that need to be made, be the person to make that change. I'm not asking you to run for President, though maybe you should!

One more time, *all politics is local!!!* So much of what happens in our communities is due to local politics and policies. Remember also that in most local elections you need not declare party affiliation.

Whether you knock on doors, make phone calls or stuff envelopes, each and every one of us are capable of helping to elect people who will stand with labor. It is up to each of us to take responsibility for what happens in our City Council meetings, in our State Houses and in Washington.

You and I have the power to put people in office who will keep 2 people in the cab, protect pensions, prohibit unsafe trains that stretch for miles and so many other issues faced by our railroaders. Be a part the solution.

And now, I'll climb down off my soapbox!! Enjoy the upcoming holidays. I hope each and every one of you spends as much time as possible with those you love. Be safe in your travels and blessings to you and your families.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!!



In Solidarity,

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VICE PRESIDENT CORNER

DISTRICT 9 PAT MACCAGNO

I am Pat Maccagno, at present, Vice President of District 9, Canada, comprised of the Province of Alberta and the Province of Nova Scotia, my home and my Lodge is #667. Once upon a time we had thousands of Canadian members under the banner of, "The Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen". Quite the title and you should have seen how hard it was to get this written on the tiny space provided on a Postal Money Order, our preferred method of sending dues to Grand Lodge.

My Grandmother was a member because my Grandfather was a Conductor on the CNR (Canadian National Railway). She was a delegate to Convention a few times. My sister and I saw the records at Grand Lodge where she attended as a Delegate from Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, in 1930. Imagine travelling to Convention by rail, of course, back in those times! For my Grandmother, it was very exciting! Both my Mother and Father worked for the CNR at various times. My Mother was also a Lodge Member and the Canadian Legislative Delegate for many years followed by serving on the Board of Trustees, again for many years, with her final position being held as Vice President of District 9 which eventually included all of eastern Canada up to Alberta.

One of my highlights with the Auxiliary, and there were many, was attending my very first Convention in Columbus, Ohio, when Catherine Smith was the International President. We had a large contingent of Canadian Delegates and it was very exciting to take part in all the proceedings. Since that time I have attended many Conventions as a Delegate and Vice President of District 9. Throughout my years with the Auxiliary, I have made many wonderful friendships and got to visit many U.S. cities especially during the fourth of July.

Now we are coming to an end of an era when our Canadian Members have died off and we have no access to new ones because the Canadian UTU joined up with the Teamsters Union. Regrettably our Canadian Lodges must surrender their charters. Luckily I will still be a Lodge Member but of Lodge 933 Jefferson City, MO while I still live in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

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225	Eleanor L. Gibson
377	Oleitta Marie Swartout
933	Shirley Mae Wilson

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for I'm still here,
by your side
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To: Chief Executives, Railway Labor Organizations:

Following are the informational conferences to be held in December 2018.

All informational conference registration begins at 8:00 AM, with programs beginning promptly at 8:30 AM and ending at 12:15 PM.

Scheduled Informational Conferences



First conference for 2019 won't be until March when the next newsletter comes out

December 7

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Auxiliary of the UTU Scholarship Fund News – December 2018

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The Scholarship Fund Board requirements are:

- *Member must be available to attend the annual April board meeting in Cleveland, Ohio.
- *Member must be available for necessary conference calls, special meetings & e-mail votes.
- *Member must be willing to perform the duties of their office in a timely, efficient manner.

Each member of the board holds an office with assigned responsibilities throughout the year. Knowledge and skills in the use of computer, keyboard, and interact are highly recommended.

There will be no election there was only one nominee.

Congratulations to Pat Maccagno Lodge 933.

SCHOLARSHIP BROCHURES AVAILABLE

Please help us get the word out to our Auxiliary members by sending 2019 scholarship brochure with the member's dues request or receipt. Brochures are always available upon request from Grand Lodge.

PLEASE NOTE: Reminder to Auxiliary Sponsor Members-membership must be retained throughout the duration of the scholarship award.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Scholarship Fund application is included in this newsletter. These applications will be accepted as original. Applications must be completely filled out and postmarked on or before March 31, 2019 to be eligible. Auxiliary Members may continue to request additional Scholarship applications for 2019-2020 school years from the Scholarship Fund Board Secretary.

Applications will be accepted from January 1st thru March 31st, 2019. The scholarship drawing will be at the Annual 2019 Scholarship Fund Board meeting.

For applications contact: Geralyn Gardner
utuauxscholarsec@gmail.com

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Complete Address of Parents _____

Parent's Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

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(Have you ever applied under a different name? If so, list above.) (circle one)

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Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

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Major Course of Study _____ Degree Program () yr

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Geraldyn Gardner, Secretary
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Signature of Student

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