

AUXILIARY OF THE UTU Newsletter

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

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September 2016

I hope everyone has a great Labor Day weekend. I am proud that our organization is associated with such a great labor union. We have so much to be thankful for with the labor movement and Labor Day is a nice tribute to that.

We have a lot going on as we draw closer to this year's Presidential Election. I can't stress it enough that we must all vote. This election is so important and we need to be voting our paychecks. I want to enlist your help with several projects we currently are working on and ones that are about to start. We need volunteers for making phone calls, updating records and going door to door to name a few. Also, if you or your lodge can help by contributing to UTU PAC, please do so. If you don't have a lot of free time, we have jobs that you can do when you have an hour here or there, every little bit helps. We will update our website and Facebook page with additional opportunities as they become available so make sure you check those options frequently or subscribe to our website.

I want you all to know that I really appreciate our members helping out. In our last newsletter I mentioned that we started a *Volunteer of the Year* award to promote volunteerism. As you go forward these next few months volunteering and getting involved with the election, make note of those people in your lodge that are going the extra mile. I can't wait to see how many applications we receive. If you didn't keep the application from our last newsletter, one can be found on our website. The deadline is December 31st.



In Solidarity,

Kathryn Hastings

International President

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INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY/TREASURER KATHY CALLAHAN

Hello Everyone,

I hope you all had a good summer. I want to let you all know that I have put in my resignation as your International Secretary/Treasurer. I will be leaving in September and your new International Secretary/Treasurer is going to be Mary Kay Gubics. A lot of you already know Mary Kay as she has been the Auxiliary's office manager since 2012. I have enjoyed working for the Auxiliary and all the people I've worked with. I will miss seeing and talking to everyone. I want to thank you all for your support and help during my 2 years here. I hope you will all support Mary Kay the way you did me. She is a great asset to the Auxiliary.

I looking forward to my retirement and being closer to and spending time with my family/friends and doing some traveling with my husband. I am also looking forward to the Arizona weather. The Ohio weather has been quite an adjustment for this Arizona girl. I have made some great friends here while working for the Auxiliary.

Thank you all again for your support during my time as the International Secretary/Treasurer.

In Solidarity,

Kathy Callahan
International Secretary & Treasurer
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INCOMING INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY/TREASURER

I am pleased to be assuming the position of International Secretary/Treasurer of the Auxiliary of the UTU. I have been working with Kathy Callahan, our soon to be leaving International Secretary/Treasurer, so we can make the transition of this position smoothly.

I look forward to serving the needs and concerns of all our lodges and am always open to hearing from our members. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of assistance.

I'm sure the Auxiliary will prosper and continue to be strong in the coming years. I appreciate this opportunity to serve you.



In Solidarity,

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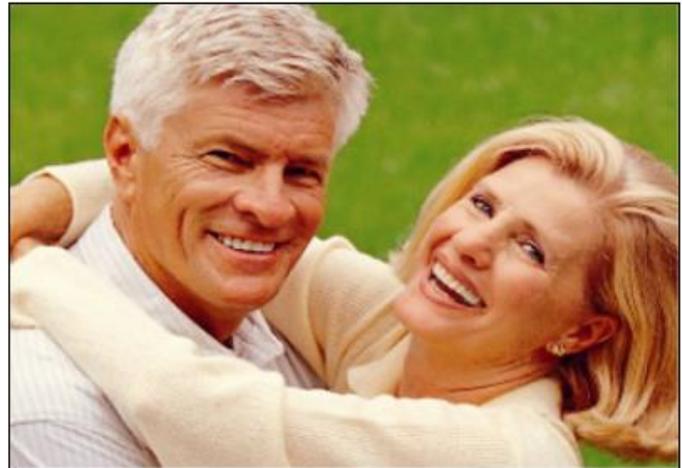
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Auxiliary of the UTU Scholarship Fund News – SEPTEMBER 2016

BOARD NOMINATIONS DEADLINE NEARS

Nomination forms for the upcoming election for the Two (2) open positions on the Auxiliary of the UTU Scholarship Fund Board for 2017 were included in the June Auxiliary Newsletter to all lodge secretaries. Each Lodge may nominate one (1) member to run for a board position. It is the Scholarship Fund Board's hope that lodges seek qualified candidates from their lodge membership.

Please keep in mind that candidates need to have both the ability and the willingness to serve as a board officer with assigned duties throughout the year. A working knowledge in the use of computers is necessary. Candidates must be available to attend the Scholarship Fund Board annual meeting at the Grand Lodge headquarters each April. The position is NOT salaried; however, board members are reimbursed expenses as allowed by Scholarship Fund Board Policy.

Nomination Forms must be completely filled out. Three signatures are mandatory - those of nominee, lodge member nominator, and lodge treasurer. (Signature of Treasurer verifies that the nominee is in good-standing.) **The form is to be returned to the Aux. Scholarship Fund Board President** - Carol Menges, 3617 Schott Rd, Jefferson City, MO 65101-9026. **Form must be postmarked no later than October 1, 2016** to be eligible. Election information and ballots will be included in the upcoming December Auxiliary Newsletter to all Lodge secretaries. Lodges will be able to vote and **return ballots postmarked no later than February 15, 2017**.

FULLFILLING WORK ON FUND BOARD

The Auxiliary has always held a special place in my heart. Being involved in the Scholarship Fund is such a passion of mine.

Working with the Scholarship Board is an avenue of giving back to the members of the Auxiliary by helping their families in fulfilling their children's and grandchildren's education.

It is very gratifying, to say the least, to know that through the Scholarship Trust Fund Auxiliary members, parents and recipients are so very grateful and appreciative for the scholarships they received. Carol Menges - Scholarship Fund Pres.

DONATIONS AND MEMORIALS

PERSONAL DONATIONS

San Francisco, CA, Regional Meeting

Marilyn Spangler, Lodge 5	\$20.00
Geralyn Gardner, Lodge 225	\$25.00
Cash Donations	<u>\$70.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$115.00</u>

Chicago, IL, Regional Meeting

Marilyn Spangler, Lodge 5	\$20.00
Geralyn Gardner, Lodge 225	\$60.00
Cash Donations	<u>\$92.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$172.00</u>

A special thanks to Bonnie Garrett (Lodge 136) for her in-kind donation of "Thirty-one" Bags that were used at the Chicago Regional Auxiliary Meeting.

PERSONAL MEMORIALS

Elaine Tressler, Personal, Lodge 565 \$100.00

In Memory of Gladys Deck
Walbridge Lodge (Merged with Lodge 565)
Member for 58 years, 1952 – 2010

Jacquelyn Price, Personal \$25.00

In Memory of Edythe Walter, Past President

Donations are appreciated and should be made payable to: Auxiliary of the UTU Scholarship Fund

Mail to: Patricia England
Scholarship Fund Board Treasurer
2153 N Hwy 99
Emporia, KS 66801-8101

The Scholarship Fund is maintained through the combination of your continuous generous donations and support. The interest from the investments has made it possible to preserve the original endowment for the future education of families of Auxiliary members.

Please note in order to be awarded and retain a scholarship, the recipient must be no more than 25 years of age, be accepted/enrolled as a student in an accredited degree program, and maintain full-time status as well as, at least, a 2.0 yearly GPA.

AUXILIARY OF THE UTU SCHOLARSHIP FUND - STATISTICS SHEET

April 2016

The following numbers reflect scholarships given from 2003 thru the 2015-2016 school term; an thirteen (13) year period.

\$1,100 - Scholarship Fund began with a collection from the 2002 Convention.

134 - Winners have been drawn for 4-year continuous, renewable scholarships.

210 - Individual students actually received funds. This includes alternates who were used to complete the 4-year awards. Total does not include any student who was offered funds and did not use them through refusing award, forfeits, or college's returning funds.

Every District has had a scholarship recipient !

\$450,000 in Scholarship Funds have been given out thru the 2015-2016 school year.

(This is the amount given out in only 13 years!)

Update for current 2016-2017 school year: **10** new scholarships were drawn in April. renewal scholarships are also possible this year. Therefore, a total of scholarships may be given out for the upcoming school year totaling \$ **40,000.00**.

Breakdown of Scholarship Awards Given:

School Term	# Awards Drawn	# Awards Renewed	Total Dollar Amt. Given
2003-2004	2	0	\$ 2,000
2004-2005	2	2	\$ 4,000
2005-2006	10	3	\$ 13,000
2006-2007	10	13	\$ 23,000
2007-2008	21	21	\$ 42,000
2008-2009	10	41	\$ 51,000
2009-2010	10	33	\$ 43,000
2010-2011	12	31	\$ 43,000
2011-2012	12	32	\$ 44,000
2012-2013	15	33	\$ 48,000
2013-2014	8	39	\$ 47,000
2014-2015	10	35	\$ 45,000
2015-2016	12	33	\$ 45,000

Thirteen Year Span 134 316
Total Scholarship Funds used thru 2015-2016 school term \$450,000

GOT NEWS?

Do you have some exciting news that you'd want to share with other Auxiliary lodges and 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 Mary Kay at mgubics@smart-union.org

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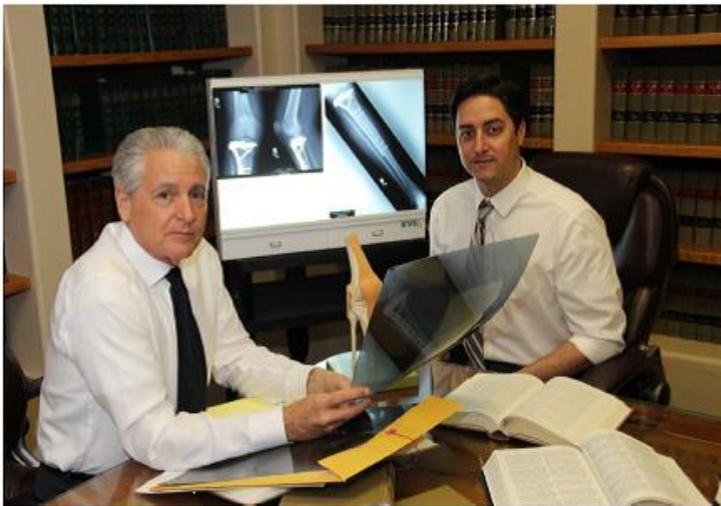


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NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR SCOTT SAUNDERS

Threats of assassination. Calling out the alleged “Creator of ISIS.” Top secret information being stolen by foreign countries. Millions of lives being left to hang in the balance between good and evil, doom and glory. You may think I am referring to the war on terror; what I am actually referring to is the U.S. Presidential Election Campaign. To put it lightly, things have been crazy.

While there is a huge emphasis on the Presidential Election, (I mean it could only shape the next 40-50 years with healthcare choices, Supreme Court Justice picks, and the selection of members to the FRA) there are also local and state elections that count.

A few weeks ago, we held a conference call with all State Legislative Directors for the UTU Aux. We discussed current political trends, as well as some opportunities in the future. We are planning another conference call in the coming weeks.

The UTU Auxiliary is taking a lead role in the “cleaning up” of our LAN (Legislative Activation Network) data. We will begin to target local and state communities where we feel there is an important election going on that may be winnable with just a little more inspiration and community involvement. If you have some extra time, a computer and a cell phone, please let us know if you would like to help. This is very important as it helps us to target an “audience of voters” and not waste resources on people that are not actually there.

The region meetings were great. There was a lot of information shared and the SMART – TD Legislative department is as busy as ever. Two- Person Crew Bills continue to be the main focus, but Positive train control, Coal, and In-ward facing cameras are close behind.

The SMART Executive board as well as the SMART TD Executives continue to offer their support for the auxiliary and are aware of the importance of having the families working and marching side by side with the workers. We will continue to lend our support and will work hard to keep us “Stronger than ever.”

Thanks again for all you do. It is an exciting time for Politics. Please contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns.

In Solidarity,

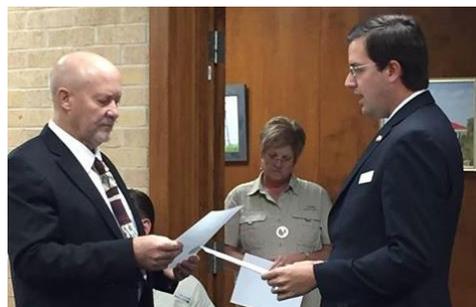
Scott Saunders

National Legislative Director

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Facebook page: UTU Auxiliary- NLD



JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST

Save a tree while saving the Auxiliary some dough by joining our email list.

There are two ways to join. You can register online at www.auxiliaryutu.com or by emailing Mary Kay Gubics at mgubics@smart-union.org. If you're already receiving the newsletter via email you're already on our list.

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"Laymen cannot be expected to know how to protect their rights when dealing with practiced and carefully counseled adversaries."
Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen v. Virginia, 84 S.Ct. 1113 (1964)

ALTERNATE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR PAM NEAL

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Say it with conviction...POWER...

Say it with passion...POWER...

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You have the power to VOTE!

You have the ability to elect people who will represent you in your city government, in your State government and in Washington. You have the power to elect the next President of the United States.

Too many feel powerless, that one individual vote does not matter. Those people are wrong. Each and every vote cast makes a difference. Each and every vote counts.

To make your vote stronger and more powerful, utilize your voice by helping to get others to the polls. You don't have to make a thousand phone calls; you don't have to canvas an entire city. Get a friend and knock on the doors in just your neighborhood to make sure everyone is registered to vote. If you aren't involved with your local party, give them a call and volunteer to make calls for just an hour a week from now until Election Day. Volunteer to drive the elderly or disabled to the polls. There are many ways to utilize your power. Be your best Super Hero.

Labor in general, our union and our pension in particular could very well be in the crosshairs, should we not elect people who support us. That is your power, to elect voices to represent labor. Vote and support those who will support our union.

No matter your age or economic situation, no matter your gender or ethnicity, do not waste your power. VOTE this election. And help us get the message out that our VOTES matter.

BE YOUR MOST POWERFUL SELF!

In Solidarity,

Pam Neal

Alt Nat'l Legislative Director

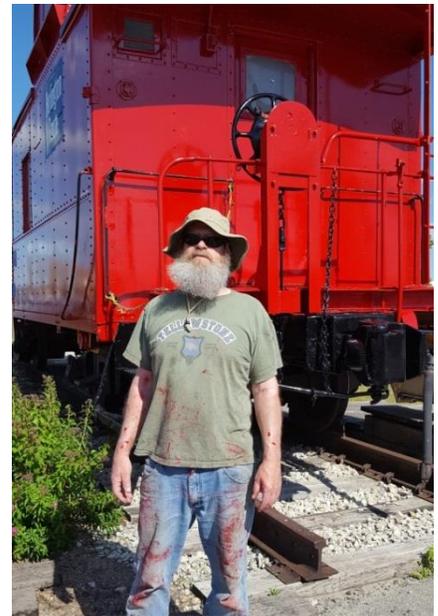
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CRESTON'S VOICE LODGE 199 IN CRESTON IOWA

The town of Creston Iowa was one of the host towns for RAGBRAI this year on July 26th and the theme was "Get Your Caboose to Creston". The Historical Society gave ownership of our uptown caboose to the Creston Auxiliary. It gets opened up for parades and tours. The lodge also maintains it and plants flowers. This year it needed to be painted! So with the help of lodge families they power washed and painted it!! A retired railroader repainted a few weeks after these pics were taken!



HISTORY



Pictured above is the Ladies Auxiliary of Centralia Illinois. Local Chairman Edward L Flanigan's (565) great-grandmother Cherry was a member of this Lodge.

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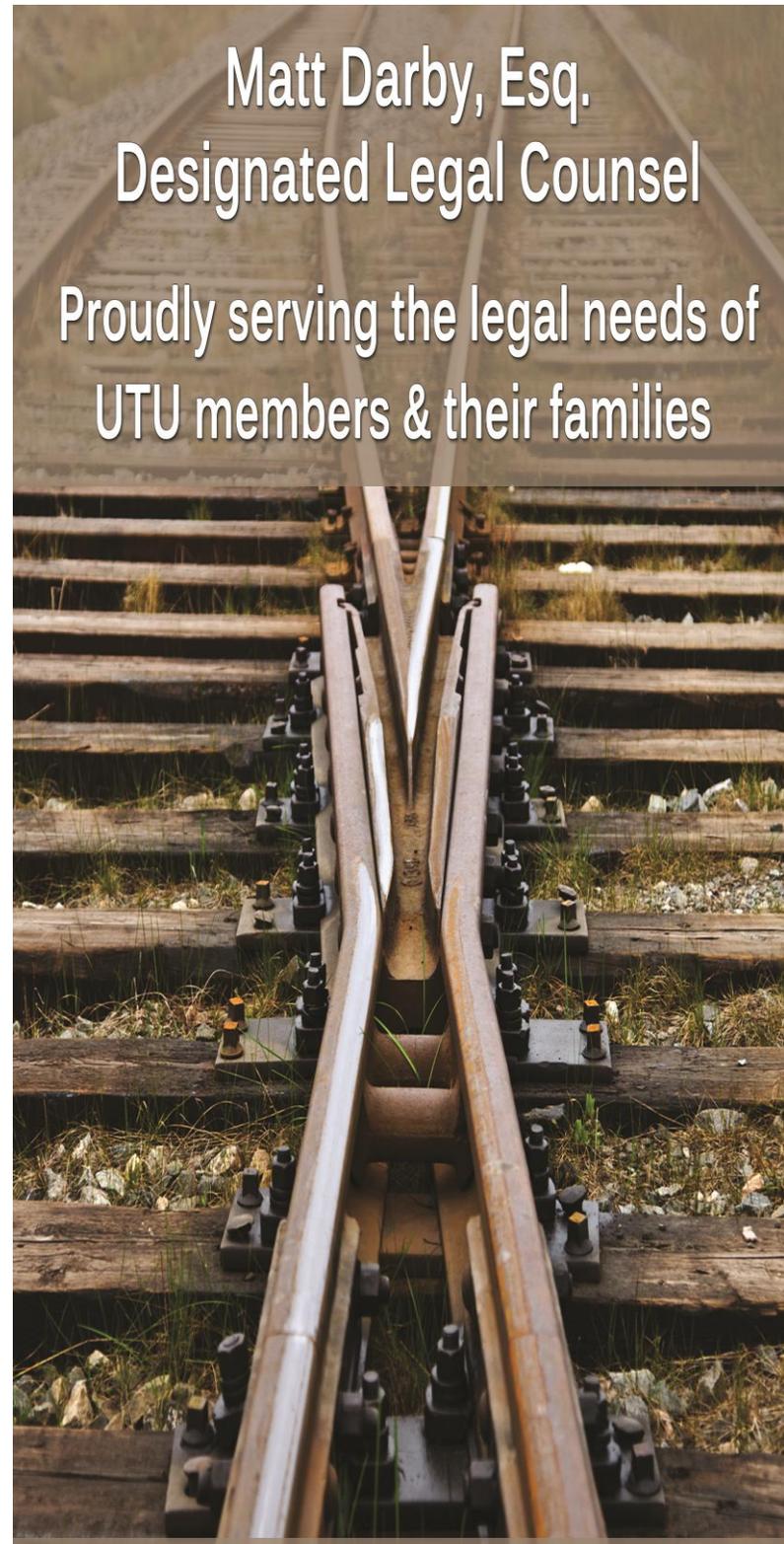
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**To: Chief Executives, Railway
Labor Organizations:**

Following are the informational conferences to be held in September through December 2016.

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

September

Friday September 16th

Decatur, Illinois
Decatur Conf Center
4191 US HWY

Friday September 16th

Roanoke, Virginia
Holiday Inn Roanoke
3315 Ordway Drive

Friday September 23th

Fort Worth, Texas
Courtyard Fort Worth
South University
3150 Riverfront Drive

Friday September 23th

Albany, New York
Albany Ramada Inn
3 Watervliet Ext.

October

Friday October 21st

Bellevue, Washington
Red Lion Hotel
11211 Main Street

Friday October 21st

Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
Greater PA Regional Council of
Carpenters Union Hall
650 Ridge Road

Friday October 28th

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Sheet Metal Workers # 19 Union Hall
1301 S. Columbus Boulevard

November

Friday November 18th

Charlotte, North Carolina
Fairfield Inn and Suites
8540 East Independence Blvd.

December

Friday December 9th

Metairie, Louisiana
Wyndham Gardens
6401 Veterans Memorial

Friday December 9th

Jacksonville, Florida
Embassy Suites by Hilton
Jacksonville-Baymeadows
9300 Baymeadows Rd

DEPARTED MEMBERS

***Death changes everything! Time changes nothing,..I still miss the sound of your voice,
the wisdom in your advice, the stories of your life and just being in your presence.***

So, no, time changes nothing, I miss you as much today as I did the day you died.

I just miss you!

5 Patricia Pshock
28 Virginia Hart
377 Lillian Fetzer Norris
377 Alam K. Reid
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398 Yvonnia Tasker

391 Vanessa Vanderford

331 Drusillia Fonward

807 Ken Karrels

565 Nora Grutzius

456 Daniel Collins

456 Darrell J Collins

391 Nancy Gabbert

854 Jynnifer Albano

854 Shanese Baker

854 Tracy Barton-Niles

854 Diane Foster

854 Jessica Gates

854 Christine Hobbs

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