AUXILIARY OF THE UTU Newsletter

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

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As summer begins and your lodge makes plans for meetings, I hope you might consider either a summer BBQ or a day at a local waterpark or theme park. Also I encourage you to invite the SMART TD local. It's my hope that we continue to see more lodges focusing on building and strengthening these connections. We share similar goals and it would benefit both of us to work together. I can still remember when I was a kid going to fun summer activities with the local and it would be really great to see us doing more of that.

As you know we made several goals this year and I am pleased to report that we're doing well on our goal to open more lodges. In the past couple months we have opened 2 lodges. One of them is located in Chicago and the other is in San Bernardino. Both of these lodges were the first to be opened without a Grand Lodge Officer present and they did so without any complications. We have some wonderful people in these lodges which helped make it possible.

The region meetings are upon us and I look forward to seeing some of you there. As usual the Auxiliary will be conducting a couple of meetings and we hope you'll make plans to attend. In San Antonio the meetings will be held on June 13th and in New York on July 11th. On both of those dates they will run 10:45a-12:30pm and 2p-4pm. The presenters and topics covered in both the AM and PM are different so please make it a point to attend both. Have a wonderful summer!

Your sister in solidarity,

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INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY/TREASURER

Sisters and Brothers,

Let's remember what Memorial Day and the 4th of July is about. Let's not forget those brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice to keep us safe.

Remember in your prayers:

Vickie Nelson in the loss of her mother **Ofilia P. (Perez) Perales** on May 5, 2017.

Georgene Withrow in the loss of her mother Beverly Stoops on May 5, 2017.

Beverly has served on Scholarship Fund Board for three years.

Anna Mae Whaley still recovering from heart surgery.

Let's not forget all our departed members listed.
All our members that have been effected in all the flooding

Kathryn and I have been busy visiting hotels in downtown Cleveland to host our 2018 convention. I believe our final choice will be cost efficient and pleasing to all. There are many things to do in the city Cleveland: Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the Great Lakes Science Center and several museums.

I have taken the liberty to file all 2016 990-N EIN #'s for all our lodges to make it easier on the lodge treasurers. You should have received them by email and lodges that do not have an email address you should have received them by mail.

If you have any questions please call my office.

In Solidarity,

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Auxiliary of the UTU Scholarship Fund News – JUNE 2017

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

The members of the Auxiliary of the UTU Scholarship Fund Board of Directors met in North Olmsted, Ohio on April 19th thru 21st, 2017. During the meeting, scholarships were drawn from the **68** applications submitted by Auxiliary members for the 2017 - 2018 school year. The Board must "spend" at least 5% of our average annual net worth on scholarships to meet our IRS obligations. Through a random drawing, the Board awarded twelve (**12**) scholarships this year. These scholarships were drawn by Kevin Brodar, General Counsel, Transportation Division, SMART-UTU the afternoon of April 21st, 2017.

2017 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The following winners of the $1,000 Auxiliary Scholarships for 2017-18 are listed in the order the applications were drawn:

Kendra England
Grandchild of Patricia England
Emporia ,KS, Lodge 391,

Jason Ingerick
Child of Terri Ingerick
Asheville, NC, Lodge 782

Molly Mullen
Child of Sheri Mullen
St Louis, MO, Lodge 28

Jordan Martinez
Child of Angie Martinez
Cleveland, OH, Lodge 5

Gina Cole
Grandchild of Kathleen Cole
St Louis, MO, Lodge 28

Annie Lynn McElhaney
Grandchild of Shirley A Nolte
St Louis, MO, Lodge 28

Molly Suzanne McGuire
Grandchild of Nancy S Coburn
Toledo OH, Lodge 565

2017 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS (Cont)

Harper Anderson
Child of Mary Anderson
Lincoln, NE, Lodge 456

Victoria Collins
Child of Lisa Collins
Bellevue, OH, Lodge 225

Jonathon Dutro
Step-child of Cheryl Dutro
Bellevue, OH, Lodge 225

Mason D Ward
Grandchild of Kenneth Raymond Edwards
Bellevue OH, Lodge 225

Christina A Watts
Child of Marvin Watts
Cleveland, OH, Lodge 5

Congratulations *to all of the winners and their families!*

PERSONAL DONATION AND MEMORIAL
Lodge 565 - $20.00 in Memory of Opal Osborn
Lodge 225 - $50.00 in Memory of Erma Miller

Donations are appreciated and should be made payable to: Auxiliary of the UTU Scholarship Fund
Mail to: Rebecca Allgyre, Scholarship Fund Board Treasurer, 12503 E.CO Rd 6 Attica Oh 44807-9435

Our Sincere Thanks to all Lodges and individuals for their continued generous support to the Scholarship Fund!

SCHOLARSHIP FUND BOARD ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Election of officers was held at the Annual Meeting on April 21. They were as follows: Marilyn Spangler, President; Geralyn Gardner, Secretary; Georgene Withrow, Web Director; Ryan Butt., Asst. to the Secretary; Rebecca Allgyre, Treasurer.

STUDENT LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

Auxiliary of the UTU Scholarship Fund Board,
I am very grateful for the scholarship your organization has given me the past three years. I graduated with my Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in accounting. My future endeavors include working for a public accounting firm along with obtaining my CPA license. Thank you again for the scholarship.

Kyle Menges – Alternate who graduated
Sponsor: Geneva Menges, 933

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Dear Scholarship Board,

Thank you very much for the scholarship you awarded me. The yearly amount of $1,000 for 4 years will be very helpful financially.

Sincerely,
Ethan Grasmick – 2014 Winner
Sponsor: Linda McComas, Lodge 3

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Dear Scholarship Board,

Thank you so much for this scholarship, I appreciate it so much!! I was so happy when I found out I got the scholarship as it will help greatly with paying for my school to become a respiratory therapist!

Thank you again!
Hannah Magrum - 2014 Winner Sponsor: Wilma Kappel, Lodge 933

BOARD NOMINATION PROCESS BEGINS

In the months ahead, we will be electing two (2) Auxiliary members to serve on the Scholarship Fund Board for a three (3) year term beginning in April of 2018. Inserted in the September issue of the Auxiliary newsletter, each Lodge Secretary should receive the nomination form and instructional letter. Lodge Presidents should receive a memorandum telling them about the nomination process. Each Lodge may nominate one (1) member to run for a Scholarship Fund Board position. Nomination forms must be returned postmarked by October 1, 2017,
The Scholarship Fund Board is looking for individuals who have **both** the **ability** and the **willingness to serve.** Each board member holds an office with assigned responsibilities throughout the year. Although the position is not salaried, expenses will be reimbursed according to Scholarship Fund Board policies. **Lodges are encouraged to nominate qualified candidates.**

The upcoming election information and ballot will be sent out with the **December** Auxiliary newsletter. Lodges will be able to vote and return ballots postmarked on or before February 15, 2018.

RENEWAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2017

Scholarships awarded thru the Auxiliary of the UTU Scholarship Fund may be renewable for up to four (4) continuous years if certain requirements are met. Students must be enrolled full-time and maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average to qualify for the continuous renewal award.

For the upcoming **Fall** 2017 term, a possible **33** scholarships could be renewed. Students should be receiving their renewal informational letters by June. When a student completes their education or does not meet board criteria, the next available alternate is offered the remainder of the scholarship award.

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

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DEPARTED MEMBERS

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Mary Elizabeth Arledge (3)

Irene Mae Starr (3)

Mary Rose Kennedy (170)

Hilda Mae Chronister (376)

Florence E Jordon (376)

Ruth Fehl Daum (376)

Margaret Farley Hughes (398)

Beverly Stoops (711)

Charlotte Kidd (933)

GOT NEWS?

Do you have some exciting news that you'd like 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

2017 SCHOLARSHIP FUND BOARD NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

Left to right: Carol Menges - Past President, newly elected President Marilyn Spangler lodge 5, newly elected Treasurer Rebecca Allgyre lodge 225.

Congratulation Scholarship Fund Board elected officers.

Marilyn presented Carol with a plaque of appreciation for her service on the scholarship Fund Board from 2004-2009 and 2011-2017
Also, a special thank you to Patricia England for her service on the scholarship Fund Board.

Geralyn Gardner presenting Carol Menges and Patricia England with an award certificate for their time volunteering on the board

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Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen v. Virginia, 84 S.Ct. 1113 (1964)

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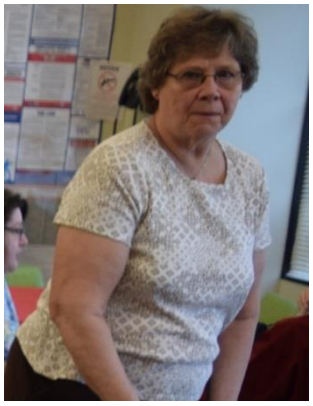
Goodtimes Lodge 5 in Cleveland, OH

Hosted a salad luncheon to raise funds for the scholarship program.



President Hastings presented Rebecca Allgyre with a Volunteer of the Year Award and pin.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome our newest members!

Donald Davis	(28)
Charlene Mayfield	(136)
Paula Johnson	(218)
Natasha Lancour	(218)
Grace Ann Winters	(225)
Natasha Ferrer	(331)
Monique Ferrer	(331)
Carmen Ferrer	(331)
Troy Goates	(331)
Stetson Loyd	(331)
Andrea Saenz	(456)
Lisa Beck	(723)
Gina Fezler	(723)
Lois George	(723)
Renne Klimala	(723)
Araceli Orona	(723)
Janet Rodiguez	(723)
Patti Ross	(723)
Karen Schuttler	(723)
Erin Vaughan	(723)
Viva White	(723)
Linda Aldridge	(782)
Dana Bennett	(782)
Rebecca Jennings	(782)
Kelsey Oxford	(782)
Julie Ortiz	(811)
Cindy Rivera	(811)
Vanessa Lopez	(811)
Otilia Palomino	(811)
Diana Norman	(811)
Sabrina Pasillas	(811)
Alejandrina Delgado	(811)
Amy Rodriguez	(811)
Maria Huey	(811)
Terry Macias	(811)
Carolyn Sue Lee	(933)
Ronald Dofflemyer	(960)

NEW LODGES

Lodge 723 Auxiliary of the UTU Chicago

Lisa Beck, Gina Fezler, Lois George, Nora Grutzius, Renee Klimala, Araceli Orona, Tracie Rivera, Janet Rodiguez, Patti Ross, Karen Schuttler, Erin Vaughan and Viva White.

Lodge 811 SMART-TD Auxiliary Southern California

Julie Ortiz, Cindy Rivera, Vanessa Lopez,
Otilia Palomino, Diana Norman, and Sabrina Pasillas

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ALTERNATE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR PAM NEAL

Proms are winding down, graduations are going on and spring weddings, well, they are everywhere. I take this opportunity to say a great big congratulations to my niece Caitlin Hopkins on her marriage to Cody Dudley. Caitlin is one of our original founding Auxiliary members for Lodge 331 in Temple, Texas. In fact, there were enough of our members in attendance at her wedding to have an informal meeting. I hope fun was had by all and thanks to those who joined in our celebration!

As I write, Memorial Day is just around the corner. For many, it means school is over and it's that first weekend of the year to get out on a favorite lake and see just how cold the water still is. It means barbecues and picnics; it means rodeos and parades and maybe even a quick trip to a coast somewhere.

While we enjoy our long weekend with friends and families, I hope everyone will take a few moments to acknowledge the true meaning of the day. I hope everyone spends a few quiet moments in reverence and sincere thought as to why the last Monday of May is Memorial Day.

To those who sacrificed their life in service to our Country, my sincere gratitude. To the families left behind, my insufficient words of thank you. May we honor those fallen by being good stewards of this Country. May we be informed and active in preserving that for which they gave the last full measure.

In Solidarity,

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We ask that you continue to share information about the Auxiliary with other SMART–TD spouses and families and if your spouse is a retired SMART-TD/UTU member, remind them they can join.
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- Home recovery and convalescent benefit
- Family rider available

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- $20,000, $40,000 or $60,000 death benefit
- $600 daily ICU benefit
- Daily family lodging and meals
- Family rider available

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- Two benefit levels to choose from
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- Benefits payable at full value regardless of other insurance
- Family rider available

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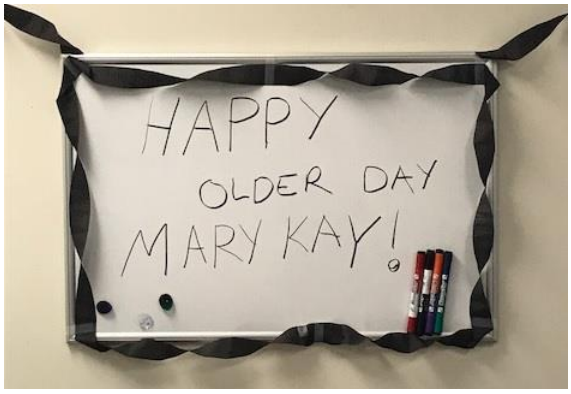

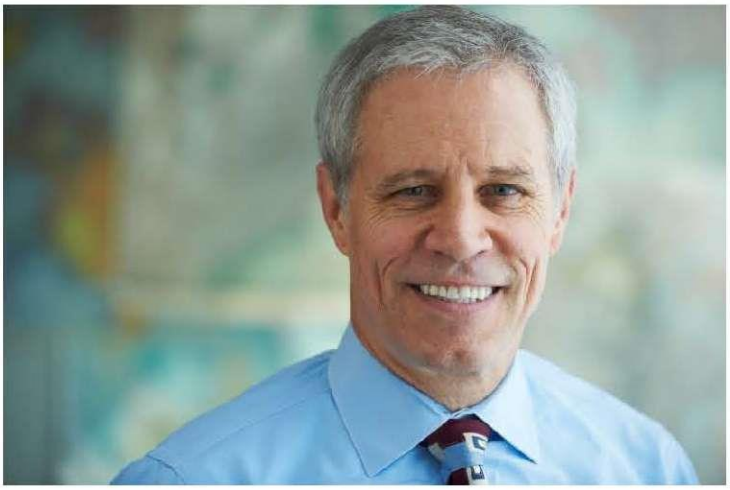

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