

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

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Greeting from Grand Lodge



As I reflect on this past year, I missed so many things. In the month of December at the office we'd typically have a holiday meal with SMART TD and UTUIA. It's always been nice to enjoy a meal with others in the office as well as a fun time to dress up in our holiday attire like I'm pictured in below. The same is true for Halloween and in this issue we'd normally have a slew of pictures to share from our Halloween potluck however like many things it was also cancelled this year. I am looking forward to when we can get back to activities like those again. During these different times we've had the opportunity to learn or get better at doing things virtually. For some it's been challenging and others not so much. In either case, we need to embrace this new virtual world because it's not going anywhere. Sure we will resume old activities when the time is right, however this new virtual world is here to stay.

Prior to 2020, Grand Lodge had discussed the possibility of holding virtual meetings however it was never a huge priority until this year. Since the pandemic, we've held several Executive Board, Legislative, Trustees and Lodge meetings. We know our lodges could greatly benefit from these types of meetings to connect with lodge members, especially those lodges with members not so close. I strongly urge those lodges that haven't met virtually to try it out, if you need help, we are here for you and would gladly host a meeting for your lodge.

As we close out this unique year and look to the future and for ways we can improve upon things, we wanted to remind those who haven't filled out our survey that was emailed a few months back to please do so. We have it currently pinned in our Facebook group to access easily. For those not in our Facebook group, you can find our group and page by searching for "SMART TD Auxiliary". We've also added the link for the survey on our website so please take a minute to give us your feedback, it's greatly appreciated.

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season and a beautiful new year!



Your sister in solidarity,

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# INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY TREASURER

The year is about over, thank goodness. It has been a year (+ 3) of confusion, uncertainty, lies and out right hate. People with great needs and people with too much. We can start this New Year with much to be grateful for or more hate in our hearts. As for myself and family, we are holding close to gratefulness.

With the new administration coming into office, we as railroaders can expect much more fairness, safety and more of a voice at the table. I'm holding on to the hope for a push with the two-person crew. A Biden administration leans more towards the Unions and working-class people, just other thing to be grateful for. But we are still in the mists of a cleanup, I fear. So many of our Union Brothers and Sisters have drank the Kool-Aid. We must be patient with our fellow workers, families and friends. We must be a guide to reason as much as possible. No matter what side you have been on, it's time to reflect and allow our constitution to work, for everyone. I believe people will come around once the dust of trump is in our rear-view mirrors.

It has been a bit of a test for my family these last few months. As I'm sure it has been for much of you, with COVID on the rise in so many States. Patience my friends. Life will be normal (whatever normal will be) again before long. We all have something to be thankful for. We just need to look a little closer and start count. The blessings are numerous if we just look.

With all of that said. I must wish all a very merry holiday season.  
We must be kinder to ourselves and each other, we must...

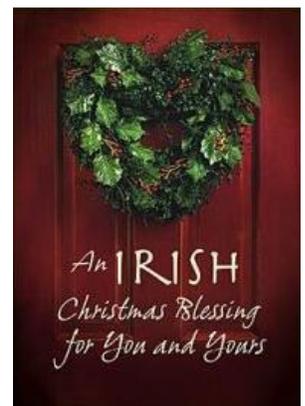
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The light of the Christmas star to you  
The warmth of home and hearth to you  
The cheer and good will of friends to you  
The joy of a thousand Angels to you  
The love of all you love with peace to you



Peace and joy to you all,

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# NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR SCOTT SAUNDERS

TO say that we just went through one of the most pivotal and consequential elections in history would be an understatement. The votes are in and we will have a new President in January, Joe Biden. I think it is important to know that President-Elect Biden Fully intends to support unions and collective bargaining. This is especially important when it comes to arbitration and appointments. Here is a quote Directly from Biden:

“Strong unions built the great American middle class. Everything that defines what it means to live a good life and know you can take care of your family – the 40 hour workweek, paid leave, health care protections, a voice in your workplace – is because of workers who organized unions and fought for worker protections. Because of organizing and collective bargaining, there used to be a basic bargain between workers and their employers in this country that when you work hard, you share in the prosperity your work created.

Today, however, there’s a war on organizing, collective bargaining, unions, and workers. It’s been raging for decades, and it’s getting worse with Donald Trump in the White House. Republican governors and state legislatures across the country have advanced anti-worker legislation to undercut the labor movement and collective bargaining. States have decimated the rights of public sector workers who, unlike private sector workers, do not have federal protections ensuring their freedom to organize and collectively bargain. In the private sector, corporations are using profits to buy back their own shares and increase CEOs’ compensation instead of investing in their workers and creating more good-quality jobs. The results have been predictable: rising income inequality, stagnant real wages, the loss of pensions, exploitation of workers, and a weakening of workers’ voices in our society.

Biden is proposing a plan to grow a stronger, more inclusive middle class – the backbone of the American economy – by strengthening public and private sector unions and helping all workers bargain successfully for what they deserve.

As president, Biden will:

Check the abuse of corporate power over labor and hold corporate executives personally accountable for violations of labor laws;

Encourage and incentivize unionization and collective bargaining; and

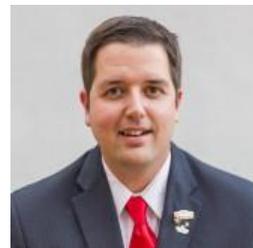
Ensure that workers are treated with dignity and receive the pay, benefits, and workplace protections they deserve.”

Now is the time to stand strong in the power of your union. To remain active and fight for your rights to safety and a fair wage. Contract negotiations are going on now, and it seems as though we have a fighting chance at a fair contract.

PLEASE reach out to me if you have any questions, comments or concerns. Have a Merry Christmas.

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First and foremost, I hope this finds each and every one of you and your families safe and healthy. For those who have contacted Covid-19 or had loved ones affected, you are in my thoughts daily. Please know that our Organization is here for you, just reach out with whatever your needs may be. It's a big part of the reason we exist. We'll find a way!

I don't know about you, but I am ready for 2020 to be over, done with and in the books! Never did I expect to still be sheltering in place, masked when I make my bi-monthly grocery trip and missing family and friends so much that it hurts. But shelter I will, text, email and Facetime and do my best to stay safe and healthy for when we are all able to be together again.

For those of us who are fortunate enough to be drawing retirement or still have a salary at this time, I hope we will take time to stop and think of those who are struggling to exist. There are so many furloughed railroaders as well as service industry folks having to make the awful decision, do I pay the electricity or do I buy groceries. And with winter fast approaching, that decision becomes even more meaningful.

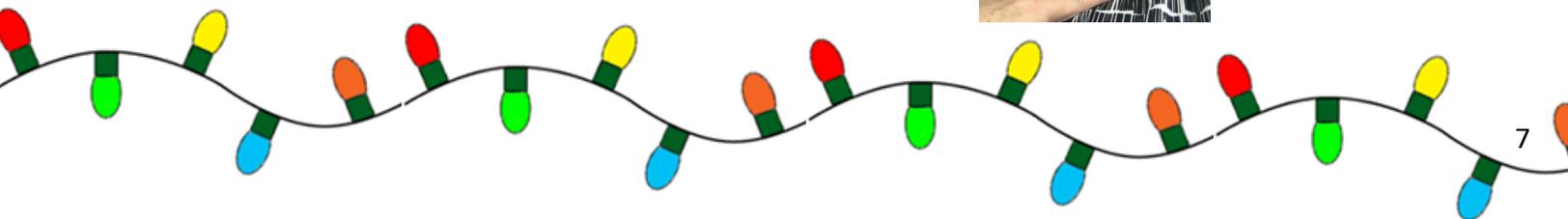
Furloughed employees so often fall through the crack. They didn't work enough, if at all, to establish friendships and connections with their local union officers or other members. Let's find a way to follow up and track them down, see if they are struggling. So many of us are able to buy extra groceries or put presents under the tree for children who will otherwise go without. Talk to the officers of your spouse's local. Times like these are when the true meaning of being part of a Union should be first and foremost in our minds.

On another note, election day has come and gone, although control of the Senate will not be decided until the Georgia run-off. I'm sure we could use your help in contacting members and retirees. You may feel burned out by all the politics, I feel your pain, but please always keep in mind that Railroad Retirement, Amtrak, Health Insurance, Crew Size, Salaries and Safety are always part of the Carriers agenda and your opportunity to have a say, your ability to have your voice heard and your power to impact the outcome all depend in large part on the Georgia election. Elections matter. Appointments matter. Being represented matters. We simply cannot let up!

And on that note, here's wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.



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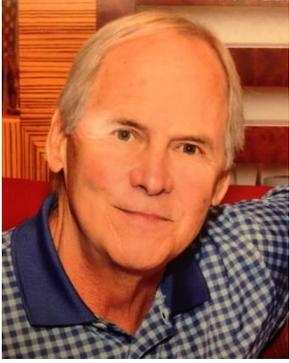
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Outside the leaves are falling. Our first hard freeze has left a familiar chill in the air even with bright sunshine. Inside I'm warm, gazing out the window watching my neighborhood function like it's any other day. I am thankful for the many blessings life affords those of us who have retired from our work and now have the time and inclination to just observe. I now must say I AM SO CONFUSED. Do you think it's an onset of Alzhiemers? Am I demented? I feel like I am being pulled in every direction but forward. Didn't WE THE PEOPLE of the USA just have a Presidential Election where 155 Million of us voted? Didn't one candidate garner 51% of the vote to 47% for the other candidate? Didn't one candidate win 306 electoral votes and the other 232? Does Majority rule in our Democracy? Or, am I crazy?

If I knew what was going on I'd have something to say about it! After all, I'm an American. Born in the good ol' USA. Raised in a two parent household. I've got a sister and a brother. I went to public school K-12. I worked a lifetime on the railroad, during which I got married and raised a family. We bought a house and paid our bills on time. Took part in our community through church, scouting and sports. Volunteered time and talents. Voted in every election. You might say I've got skin in the game. Having experienced all that, you'd think I might know something about what's going on. And that I wouldn't hesitate to tell you what I thought about it. But this time, I DON'T HAVE A CLUE! I'm dumbfounded. Like most everyone in the world I'm already in my pajamas, I may as well go to bed. Please wake me when it's over.



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My father passed away in 2005 from the terrible disease ALS-Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. This disease affects parts of the nervous system that controls voluntary muscle movements-the muscles that people move at will, like those of the arms and legs. A-myo-trophic comes from the Greek language. "A" means no, "myo" refers to muscle and "trophic" means nourishment" no muscle nourishment."

ALS is referred to as a progressive disease, symptoms continue to get worse over time. People with ALS gradually lose strength in their muscles and become weaker, which can limit movement and the ability to live an independent life.

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As ALS progresses, it will eventually affect muscles that control chewing and swallowing food, and breathing, which will be the fatal end of their life.

ALS affects people of all ages, races and ethnic backgrounds. 6,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with ALS each year. This is a case every 90 minutes; a new case of ALS is diagnosed.

Familial ALS affects 5% to 10% of patients-cause: hereditary. Sporadic ALS affects 9% to 95% of patients-cause: unknown.



Do I have “good hearted” family members? We decided we needed to fundraise to make donations to the ALS Association. My dad was called ‘papa’ by his grandchildren and dad would call us ‘pistols’ (a notably sharp, spirited or energetic person) from time to time, henceforth our team name “Papas Pistols”.

In 2006 we started our first fundraiser being a car wash and bake sale. An Attica gas station that is situated at our two major state roads, allowed us to hold it on their property. We started with the Saturday of Memorial Day



weekend for the first years, then moving to the Labor Day weekend. God was good to us with the great weather He always provided to make it a successful day!

Then at Thanksgiving we started making pumpkin rolls. We would take orders at work, make them together and have fun delivering. People would see them and more orders were happening since we do not like to say “no” to anyone. Eventually my sister would say no since she was getting tired of bringing into work all the time. And of course, our family keeps getting busier as the holiday approaches in order to make time for more baking.



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Next up, Christmastime! At first we were making different cookies, fudge and buckeyes. After several years, we dropped the cookie ordering, unless we get a private request from someone. So soon we will be getting together for making fudge and buckeyes. One of my sisters husband's granny would always make her fudge, saying as she would stir "I believe that will be just fine", so to honor her we say that with each batch of fudge we make (it helps to make the perfect fudge).

I do have several of my lovely sisters in the local VFW Auxiliary in Bellevue as officers. We are learning a lot of a different kind of happenings and how to support veterans and families. Fundraising is much needed

to make funds for our expenses to support veterans and their families. With our love of pumpkin rolls, we started to make them two years ago, taking orders at the Post. This is a great time for comradery for those that who help to support our veterans.

Holidays are a great time of the year for thanksgiving and sharing a plate of sliced pumpkin roll, fudge and buckeyes added to a tray of holiday cookies, just makes the holidays more special. My family helps many families to enjoy these treats while supporting our causes.



"Operation Homefront" project was happening at the Dollar Tree in our local area store. With the collection of items, we made gift bags of the items to pass out to our Post family members who ordered our famous pumpkin rolls.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families! Enjoy the ties that bind a family at the holidays and share making things together with others.



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He began trying cases for injured railroad workers under FELA in 1974 as a plaintiff's attorney, when he tried his first FELA case before a federal jury in the United States District Court of New Orleans. The jury rendered a verdict for the plaintiff, an LSU college student, who had serious brain damage working as a signalman at the railroad for a summer job.

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## ***Trains are Beautiful!***

Recently, looking through some of my photography of road trips and vacations when I use to bring my 35 mm camera, I am thinking

how our new phones can take such great portrait shots, but not quite the right landscape photos. I miss my old hobby, my focus always taking a shot at that perfect angle. Nowadays, people considering themselves photographers, use software to create their perfect photo. Mine is still about that perfect shot. Sure, I would love to dabble



in editing my photos, but for me, it is the score of what I feel from that photo. When the snow falls, I itch to go out and search for some snow-covered trees or metal objects in which to take that perfect photo.

Any time of year is good for Railroad Buffs. Watching trains pass by a bridge, seeing historic engines or cabooses parked as a memory of old times forgotten, I forget about seeing railroad fans waiting to snap a shot of a train in all its heavy metal machine glory. Which made me think TRAINS are photogenic. Buses, planes, buildings, bridges also each hold a beauty we can capture as art. They are full of beautiful colors and sometimes in the most

pristine backgrounds, or sometimes dark, heavy, and lonely, but just as beautiful in a somber way. Along majestic mountains in peaks and valleys, near rivers and roadways, and in railyards we can capture art. I call it Industrial photography, taking pictures of metal objects. It is one of my favorite types of photography to take while touring a city or on vacation. Something about finding the right angle to find beauty in a bunch of metal. It can be skyscrapers, a bunch of chains balled up in a pile, or the angle of a



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machine. Mostly Railroad workers get the best pictures of trains barreling down the side of the mountain with different backgrounds of snow or fall colors. Most of us do not have access to these parts of the land or railyard. But sometimes there are sides of the road you can just pull off and get the perfect shot. If you are ever in the Chicago area, AAA put out an article about places to see trains in the September/October 2020 issue this year in the Chicago Southland.

I have seen people pulled to the side of the road waiting for their perfect shot, focused on snapping a photo when that next train tugs along. It is fun to take small children out to see some railyards or trains, just like watching planes overhead. And you can do this without getting out of your car, you can create a new or old hobby going out to take photos just for something to do during this time of chaos. Two things to remember is never go on the tracks because one, it is



dangerous and deadly, and two, it is trespassing almost all the time. So, take photos with a telescopic lens to stay out of harm's way, and do not ever take photos from on the tracks.

If you are visiting Chicago, here are those locations referenced from article, "**Train Spotting in Chicago Southland**", AAA Magazine, September/October 2020, page 12.

**Homewood Railroad Platform & Park**-The platform sits next to the historic Homewood train station, a Spanish Revival-style structure completed in 1923. The elevated train-watching platform provides bird's-eye views of three types of trains: regional commuter, intercity rail, and freight. There is also a Railroad themed restaurant nearby called, Flossmoor Station Restaurant and Brewery with train memorabilia.

**Park Forest Rail Fan Park**-A 500-foot boardwalk takes you to a platform overlooking a rare double-wye interchange where some 32 trains pass daily. There's also a restored Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railroad caboose and interpretive signs recounting the area's rail history.





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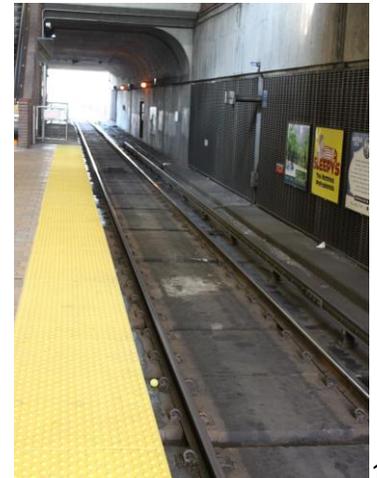
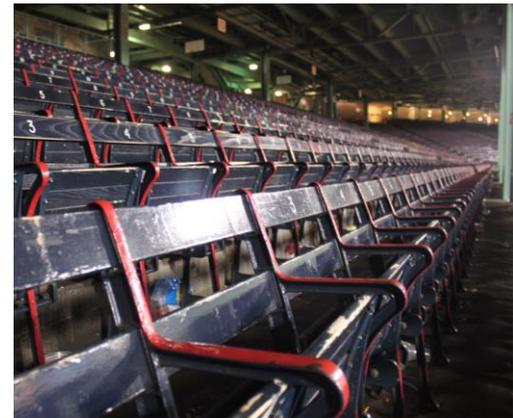
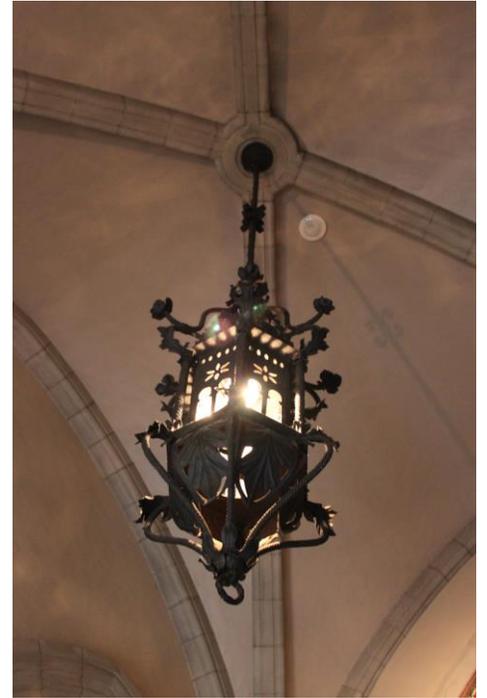


**Blue Island Double Diamond**-This double-diamond interchange features eight crisscrossing tracks just south of five massive steel bridges that span the Cal-Sag Channel. The interchange sees about 90 trains per day.

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We enjoyed a train ride from Chicago to Indiana with adoring railroad fans lined up along the route waiting to snap a shot of the historic Norfolk Southern passenger train.



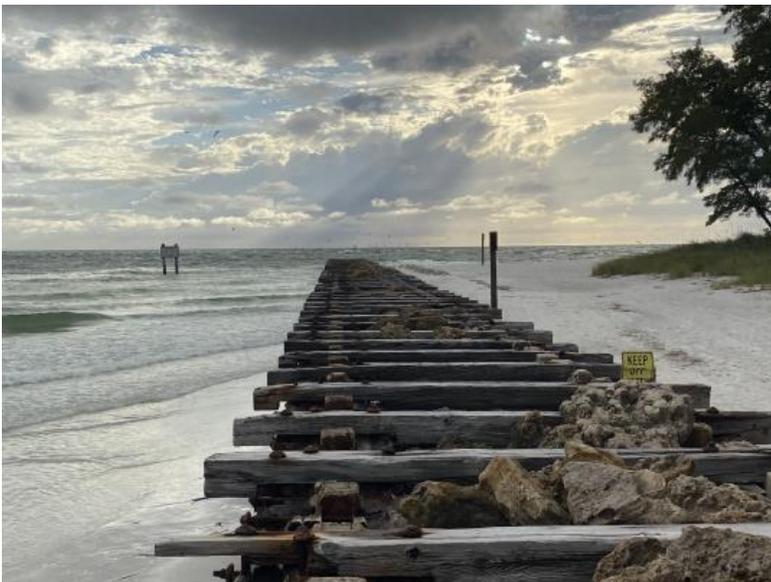
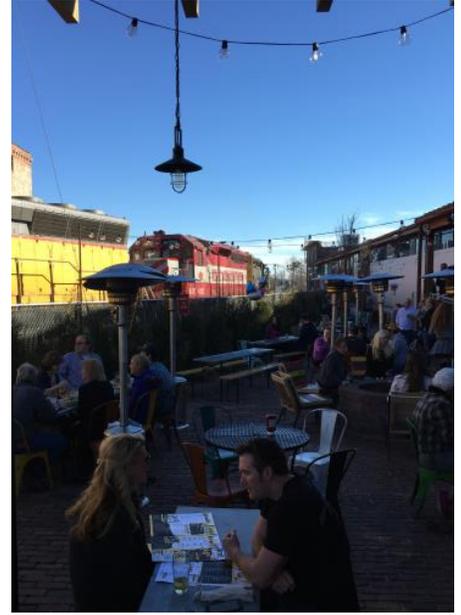
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Greetings from District 7

What an interesting year 2020 has been. In our District there has been many ups and downs but through it all we have much to be Thankful for and being able to write and read this newsletter is one of them.

We extend our condolences to the Sackett Family on the passing of long time Auxiliary Member Ruth Sackett from Lodge 281.



This year Auxiliary 281 held 2 Voter's Registration/Back To School Drive By Drives wity Social Distancing and registered many first time voters and gave out 72 Back To School Bags. We had State Representative Candidates, City Mayor candidates and many others to come out to support this drive and it gave us an opportunity to talk about our Auxiliary.

We want to thank Mr Darivn Scott for his generous donations and support of Auxiliary 281 "Back To School Drive".

The Annual Solidarity Rally that is held every September was cancelled and we hope to come back even stronger in 2021.

The Annual Toy Drive for Tots has been cancelled as well. Many members are dealing with personal health and family, making this year a challenging one but still we are Thankful.



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(Mattie con't) So as we come to a close of this unprecedented year of 2020, my wish for each of you to stay safe, practice patience and love and a simple act of kindness to all you meet.



Happy Holidays to All

### SMART TD AUXILIARY 2020 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM fill out info of nominee

Name of nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State or Province \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of volunteer activities \_\_\_\_\_

Total volunteer time (hours, minutes) \_\_\_\_\_ Value of contribution (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a separate sheet describing volunteer activities.  
The more documentation you can provide the better.**

*Complete and mail to:*

*SMART TD Auxiliary  
24950 Country Club Blvd., Ste.  
340 North Olmsted, OH  
44070-5333*

**Deadline is December 31, 2020**

### JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST

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# Auxiliary of the UTU Scholarship Fund News – December 2020

NEW AND OF NOTE: SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW ONLINE ONLY. The application can be found on the SMART TD Auxiliary website. [www.smarttdauxiliary.org](http://www.smarttdauxiliary.org) click on the Scholarship tab.

These applications will be accepted as original. Applications must be filled out on or before March 31, 2021 to be eligible.

Applications will be accepted from January 1st thru March 31st, 2021. The scholarship drawing will be at the Annual 2021 Scholarship Fund Board meeting.

REMINDER to Auxiliary Sponsor Members - membership must be retained throughout the duration of the scholarship award.

For application help please contact: Barbara Purdon at [utuauxscholarsec@gmail.com](mailto:utuauxscholarsec@gmail.com) or (406) 356-2793

SCHOLARSHIP BROCHURES AVAILABLE: Please help us get the word out to our Auxiliary members by sending a 2021 scholarship brochure with the member's dues request or receipt. Brochures are always available upon request from Grand Lodge.

We have no need for nominations to the Scholarship board this year because there are no open positions. Each member of the board is still filling their term. Next year we will be asking for nominations near the end of the year.

We have received many thank you letters from our students. Here is just a part of a couple of their letters:

My dad, Jason Hayden, told me about my scholarship from you guys this past weekend while I was home from school. I want to say thank you so much for choosing me. Thank you!

Ellyen Hayden

I'm so very grateful for the scholarship from the Auxiliary. Thank you so much! I'm graduating this month actually!! With my Bachelors Degee. Jesslyn

I am very happy and thankful that I am fortunate enough to be chosen. Jacob Kopczyk

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

We want to thank each of these members for their \$50.00 donations:

Marilyn Spangler lodge 5

Geralyn Stuart Lodge 225

Rebecca Allgyre Lodge 225



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



Mail to:

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- select “Our Agency” under the menu tab
- then “Office of the Labor Member”
- then “Pre-Retirement Seminars”
- then click on “View Pre-Retirement Seminar Presentation”



## OPENING A LODGE

*Minimum of 10 members*

*Railroad spouses/family members*

*Pre-Meeting planning*

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