A lot has happened since our last newsletter. The world as we knew it has flipped upside down and most of us are trying to adjust to the new normal. There is so much we had to adjust to in such a short period of time.

In mid-March the Board of Trustees decided they would meet as originally planned for the Annual Review. I remember the day they flew in was the day we received the news that schools here in Ohio would be closing. Just a few days later when they were heading home almost everything was shutdown. We are happy to report they made it home safely and were able to complete their portion of the review. At this point with everything going on in the world it hasn’t been a huge rush for the CPA to finish their portion but as soon as we have it, we will get it out to the lodges.

As for operations at Grand Lodge, we’ve been going into the office once or twice a week to check mail while everything else is being handled from our home offices. We haven’t determined when we will back to the office, we are following the lead of the union and most of their employees are still working from home. During these uncertain times we have begun holding Zoom meetings. There are some lodges doing the same. If your lodge would like to start holding virtual meetings to stay connected with your members and you need help let us know.

As for other things going on, we’ve had lodges making masks and we’re still accepting those. We held a blood drive in late March with great success. There’s been a shortage and the American Red Cross has been limited on locations. We hope to be able to host one in the fall or end of summer as well. Please let us know if there’s anything we can help you or your lodge with.

Your sister in solidarity,

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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)
It's been a tough 4 months and counting for most of us. All the furloughed Railroad Union folks, office closings, restaurants, barber shops, hair salons, churches, parks, school closings, small businesses being faced with big challenges, folks without work or pay, food pantries being overrun and short of food. The list goes on. These are times where we can separate the “Will do, Can't do and Won’t do” in our life's. I have heard a lot of stories, as have most of you I'm sure. Some are so sad I tear up while reading them and others that sore my heart. The Auxiliary is one that has sore my heart. My Lodge, in of itself, has made over 100 masks for the Railroaders in our area.

I cannot take credit for the hands on making of these masks, (you would never wear them if I made them) I do however, have a very talented member who happens to be my Mother-in-law, Pat Wallace. I got some materials for her and she went to town! She emptied her closet and when she ran out of materials, she asked friends to help out.... She has very kind friends.

Not only did my lodge make these masks but so did many others Auxiliary lodges as well as friends to lodges. Very impressive....In times of need it is amazing what can be done. And now we stand at another challenge, during a pandemic no less. The challenge of who we are collectively and individually. The challenge of the right thing. It's been long known about our nation's history with Racism. We have a President in our White House fanning the fires and resisting all change. We have protests in the streets for change. We need to be the change. We need to educate ourselves to assist and make these changes happen. We need to run for office....any office, town council, town treasurer...anything. We need our voices heard. We need to vote and get everyone we know out to vote. We need to move forward with change not back to the 1960. Mahatma Gandhi said “You must be the change you wish to see in the world” and Doctor King said, “True peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice." I for one will stand with justice and be the change.

Keep wearing your masks, keep social distance as much as possible, this is not over....stay safe and well.

With my whole heart....In solidarity,

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Speak for the silent, stand for the broken
Ben B. Saunders was born and raised in New Orleans, Louisiana. Upon completing his undergraduate studies in Pre-Med at Louisiana State University, he attended Loyola University School of Law where he received his Juris Doctor degree. At law school he became the Managing Editor of the Loyola Law Review aside from writing articles for the publication.

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.

Since 1975, he has concentrated in the FELA field of practice. For over 40 years, he has tried FELA cases from New Orleans, Louisiana to West Palm Beach, Florida through Jacksonville, Savannah, Charleston, Raleigh to Washington, D.C. He has obtained half million to multi-million dollar results on cases in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia Texas & Washington D.C.

Over the last 25 years, he has taught FELA Law at seminars and meetings to both attorneys and union railroad workers. He authored "Preparing the Plaintiff for Direct Examination in a FELA Case," which was published in Trial Magazine in March 1994. He has been a Railroad Law lecturer at ATLA (Association of Trial Lawyers of America) Railroad Law Section CLE programs since 1993. In 1994, he served as Chairman of the ATLA Railroad Law Section. He also completed the Harvard Law School Negotiation Project for Lawyers in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He has spoken on the New Orleans Bar Association television program, It's the Law. He wrote the often quoted "Truth Wins Lawsuits" article for a NOBA Legal Seminar. He was asked to testify as an expert in FELA at Lloyds's of London in England on how to evaluate an injury sustained by a railroad worker.

He has served as Chairman of the Designated Legal Counsel for the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers (BLE) from 1999-2002. While serving as Chairman of the Designated Legal Counsel for the BLE, he published the Rules of Conduct for its Designated Legal Counsel Program. He was also President of the American Rail Labor Attorneys (ARLA) from 1999-2000. He is a permanent member of the Past President's Advisory Committee.

He is a member of the New Orleans, Louisiana State, Federal, and American Bar Associations, as well as the American Association for Justice and Louisiana Trial Lawyers, now LAJ where he served on the Board of Governors from 1992-1997. He has been listed as one of the National Trial Lawyers Top 100 and in Best Lawyers of America since 1999, and New Orleans Magazine has listed him as one of the Best Lawyers in New Orleans in the field of Railroad Law since 2000.

He also engages in the practice of Maritime Law (Jones Act) and Aviation Law where he was invited to lecture at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University January 2005.

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MASKS FOR SMART TD MEMBERS

Pictured left and below: Niki Wallace wearing masks made by Pat Wallace and friends from Lodge 200 in Portage, Wisconsin

Pictured below: Julie Fritter making masks from Lodge 389 in Washington D.C.

Pictured below: masks made by a friend to Marilyn Spangler from Lodge 5 in North Olmsted, Ohio
MASKS FOR SMART TD MEMBERS

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masks made by
Theresa Northup
and Carol
Buchheit Lodge
228 in Glasgow,
Montana

Pictured left:
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Terri Ingerick
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Asheville,
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The Coronavirus, COVID-19, whatever you call it, its here. The world as we know it will never be the same. A few months ago, a previously unknown enemy raced throughout the world. It has now impacted the entire human race and is wreaking havoc all over the earth.

We know that older people and those with chronic diseases are at real risk. We have a duty as a society to protect ourselves and above all to protect others - our parents and grandparents, our family and friends, co-workers and neighbors.

We have not witnessed a pandemic of this nature in living memory. This is unchartered territory.

We must move now to have the greatest impact.

You can play your part by hand washing, coughing or sneezing into your elbow, and seeking medical advice if you develop symptoms, and above all, STAY HOME if you can. This is now more important than ever.

Let me offer you a quick scenario... you go to the Dr.. your Dr says you have heart disease and need to diet, exercise and lose some weight, or you could possibly die soon. So, you go home and start to follow these guidelines. You lose a good deal of weight, start feeling better, go back to the Dr and they tell you that you have done a great job and your risk of death from the heart disease has decreased dramatically. Do you 

#1 go home and start back with your unhealthy habits, or

#2 do you try to stay healthy and possibly get in even better shape?

I hope you picked #2.

Right now, each of us individually are making decisions that will have an impact on not just ourselves, or families, but for all of us.

On that note, I would like to say a tremendous THANK YOU. To those working in the medical community... our doctors, nurses and CNAs who are on the front lines of this fight.

To our grocery store workers, our restaurant owners, and vital service providers, we are forever grateful for you.

To the kids and teachers, I know things are crazy... I know you miss your friends and students... but we needed this time apart, so that we will all be there when its time to get back together. To the seniors... WOW, you have been some of the ones to give up the most.... The end of your senior year, your last sports games, band
(Scott Saunders, con’t)

competition, prom, and the normal graduation ceremony. I am sorry that this has happened to you. Just
know that the community is proud of you.

On a political note... It is important to pay close attention to our leaders and elected officials. It is increasingly
evident that the current administration is underprepared and inadequate to say the least. We need change.
We need you to be active. PLEASE contact me for ideas on how to be an activist in your community. Get
Ready, an even bigger fight is coming.

In Solidarity,

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The Board of Trustees where in Cleveland in mid-March to work on the 2019 Annual Review.

Pictured above from left to right: Member-Board of Trustees Bettinna Moos (486), Chairperson-Board of
Trustees Geralyn Gardner (225), International Secretary/Treasurer Niki Wallace (200), Secretary-Board of
Trustees Leah Saunders (508) and International President Kathryn Seegmiller (136)
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For this railroad retiree, enduring the coronavirus pandemic has been an exercise in caution and care. My family life has become the central focus of each and everyday in a (so far successful) attempt to ward off COVID-19 and maintain our health. This has led me to appreciate the little kindnesses my loved ones extend to this 'old dog'. Yes, that 'old dog'. The hard headed one that can't be taught new tricks. I admit I am a creature of habit. In fact every time I leave the house I recite the litany of essentials needed. "Watch, pocketbook, handkerchief, keys" as taught to me by Southern Railway Washington District Conductor Leo A. Bailey. I've been saying it for 48 years. Learned behavior, engrained by repetition becomes habit. A good habit in this case. After all I need to be prepared when I step out into the world. These days it has been a challenge for me to add "face mask, hand sanitizer" to my well worn mantra. But, because of family I have to consider this as part of my essentials. "Watch, pocketbook, handkerchief, keys, face mask, hand sanitizer." Protect others by protecting yourself. It's healthy pack behavior for all 'old dogs'.

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There are so many essential workers that we have come to rely on, and be thankful for, more than ever over the last several months. These selfless people range from our own SMART-TD railroad workers and bus drivers, to mailer carriers, food and grocery workers, delivery drivers, caregivers, firefighters, paramedics, doctors, nurses, emergency medical technicians, and many more. Some of our youngest on the front line are the food and grocery workers (16 y/o+), caregivers (17 y/o+) and emergency medical technicians (18 y/o+). Since May 12-23, 2020 is EMS Appreciation Week - and our son, Jason Ingerick, is an EMT - I have chosen to take you on Jason's 7-month journey as an Emergency Medical Technician.

Jason, a lucky SMART-TD Auxiliary Scholarship recipient, attends Northeastern University in Boston, MA, one of the COVID-19 hotspots. He took an EMT course last summer, took the NREMT test in September, and has been working 16-24 hours shifts as an EMT on weekends, since October. If you were to ask him what he loves (other than his mom and his dog, lol) he would tell you that he loves chemistry and working as an EMT. This new occupation has taken some getting used to - for us. First, we had to become comfortable with the fact that other people were
(Terri Ingerick, con’t)
putting their lives in the hands of our 20-year-old son (this was actually hardest to accept for his two older sisters.) Second, after only taking public transportation for the last 2 1/2 years, they put our 20-year-old boy/man in the driver’s seat of an ambulance - in the city of Boston! He sent us a picture of himself behind the wheel the first night he drove - I didn’t sleep until I knew he was safe and back at home at 7 a.m. the next morning. Now, we are in the middle of a pandemic - and all of us are re-learning how to keep ourselves, and others, safe and healthy.

Like so many other students, Jason returned from Spring Break to find it extended, and all of his classes being moved online. Many students living on campus had to move and finish up the semester at home. Jason lives in an off-campus apartment so he had a choice. When I excitedly asked if he would be finishing the semester and/or summer school from home, he told me that he couldn’t - he had to work. He said that his co-workers needed him now, more than ever. Not only were they extremely busy with the onset of the novel coronavirus, but they were short staffed due to several senior employees who had volunteered to spend the next month or two aiding New York with their battle against the virus. In addition, he pointed out that his other co-workers had families, which now included children being home-schooled and older family members that relied on them for groceries, etc. My disappointment was instantly replaced with pride - and then, as it sunk in, concern. He has been away at school for almost 3 years now, but I’m pretty sure that I was still reminding him to wash his hands when he left, and I’ve visited, so I’ve seen how he and his roommates keep their kitchen and bathrooms. I thought, "Why is it that I have full confidence in the way he cares for his patients, but I struggle when it comes to him taking care of himself?" I had to admit, it had everything to do with me, and nothing to do with what he is capable of, it was time to loosen the grip again.

Several things began to put us at ease. In mid-March his employer required additional education and training with regard to treating patients with coronavirus, and the protocol for transporting
(Terri Ingerick, con’t)
them. Like our railroad workers and bus drivers, proper PPE has been hard to come by. We’ve had to reach out for help a couple of times (they were short on face masks, then face shields, and then surgical gown and caps.) People in the community have come through every time. I had posted on Facebook asking if anyone knew how regular people could purchase a face shield - when a high school friend in California instantly responded, saying that her company's Boston location was making face shields with 3-D printers. She sent a text to the person in charge, and Jason had the face shield that night. I think about how relieved and grateful we were, and then I think about all of the lodges that are making masks for our essential workers. Not only are those masks helping to protect the essential workers that are close to us, but others as well. Those masks are helping protect someone’s spouse, son, daughter, mother, father, sister, brother, co-worker, or friend - our communities.

Our favorite EMT’s birthday was May 21st. He received a reusable N95 mask from Mom and Dad, and spent his 21st birthday working a 16-hour shift from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. on the ambulance. It was EMS Appreciation Week so he received a submarine sandwich and a cookie from the hospital, and a Boston cream donut from Dunkin’. He went home, got some sleep, then woke up to take an online Orgo 3 exam. He spent two days doing the two things he loves the most, working as an EMT and doing chemistry - in his community.

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Who would have guessed our lives would change this much because of the coronavirus? We can only hope that by doing what our officials thought best, would help keep us safe and help stop the spread of this virus. At the start of this, I was working as an LPN at an assistant living facility with 38 residents and the employees working there. To see and watch the changes that were made daily, we eventually had to confine our residents into their apartments. Not being able to see family members or do daily activities outside of their room like the normal, was hard on us employees to watch the residents going thru this change. We, the workers, also saw our jobs change dramatically. Our new routine of working was running to each room to check on them regularly. Passing out 3 meals a day and the drinks, door to door, was a big adjustment for all.
(Geralyn Gardner, con’t)
My husband was planning his re-organization meeting for April 30th in Cleveland. He had to do a lot of planning, just to turn around to call and email all those Legislative Representatives & invited guests to cancel what he had planned, and to conduct a mail ballot election (as many other legislative boards had to do).

It was a sad time for our retirement, but we did both retire and taking it one day at a time (caring for his 96 year old mother, and updating our neglected house for the past 34 years will keep us busy for a long time). We do hope to travel when the time comes for us to be able to do that.

A BIG shout out of “THANKS!”, to District 4 Lodge 5 and Lodge 225, for working on making masks for our Brothers and Sisters of our SMART-TD workers. I am sure many are still working on making masks for other people, as this will be a normal item for all to have. My family is also involved with the veterans, so we are making them masks also. We can only hope these will help prevent the spread of the virus and keep us safe.

My job on the scholarship board was extended for another year due to this unfortunate pandemic. I was just asked by an auxiliary member if we had the drawing. This year is definitely a first for a lot of things. Phone calls, text messages and emails were used by the scholarship board to make the awarding possible this year. Please look at the scholarship information in this newsletter for more details.

Until next time, I hope you and your family stay safe and healthy.
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The past couple months has surprised and shocked each and every one of us.

In the midst of this COVID-19 crisis, life as we were accustomed to has changed right before our very eyes. We not only experienced stay-at-home orders, schools, businesses, restaurants closing; even seen empty streets.

After the shock wore off, we learned there wasn’t anything else to do but try going back to our new normal lives. How? We started to do what needed to be done to get through this together as a family and community.

The Auxiliary family started to see how they could help not only themselves, families, railroad workers but also our communities by making masks, mask hooks and reaching out by texting and making calls checking on each other.

With more stay-at-home time available, SMART-TD #933 walked more in the Spring SMART STEPS Health Challenge. Dennis and Geneva Menges made the “Million Step Club”, Geneva and myself made the “Most Improved” list. The team made the “Best Team Overall” and “Best Team Day”.

Even with social distancing, we are all connected in our hearts to make a difference in each other’s lives. We know that ordinary people are doing extraordinary things each and every day. Keep up the good work being hero’s to each other. Thank you for all that you are doing.

I know we can all get through this—Together.

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**GOT NEWS?**

Do you have exciting news? It’s an excellent way to share activities and ideas with other lodges and members.

Please send articles and/or pictures to auxiliary_td@smart-union.org

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Greetings from District 7:

A call for Action was initiated by our International President Kathryn Seegmiller and some of our Auxiliary responded. The following Auxiliaries responded to the call: Auxiliary 331 and Auxiliary 281

These masks will be distributed to the locals that are in need.

Auxiliary 281 would like to welcome our newest members.

Tina Solomon  ~  Shawn Dyer  ~  Barbara Klyng

Also, a big Congratulation to Pam Neal from Auxiliary 331 on her recent retirement.
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ANNUAL BOARD MEETING
The members of the Auxiliary of the UTU Scholarship Fund Board of Directors had scheduled the annual meeting for April 19-21st. Due to the corona virus the meetings were conducted by email and phone to keep social distance. During an online phone conference April 20th scholarship awards were drawn from the 30 applications submitted by Auxiliary members for the 2020 – 2021 school year. Through a random drawing the Board awarded eight (8) scholarships this year. These scholarships were drawn by Ashley Burgos, Legal Assistant of Smart-Td in North Olmsted, OH. The Board must “spend” at least 5% of our average annual net worth on scholarships to meet our IRS obligations.

2020 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS
The following winners of the $1,000.00 Auxiliary Scholarships for 2020-21 are listed in the order the applications were drawn:

Mary O’Neill
Child of Heidi O’Neill.
North Olmsted, OH, Lodge 5

Amy Orona
Stepchild of Araceli Orona.
Chicago, IL, Lodge 723

Jackson Horn
Grandchild of Kathleen Huston.
Jefferson City, MO, Lodge 933

Adam Dofflemyer
Grandchild of Martha Dofflemyer.
Shenandoah, VA, Lodge 960

Danielle Collins
Child of Lisa Collins.
Bellevue, OH, Lodge 225

Jerrid Rolfe
Child of Cheryl Rolfe.
St. Louis, MO, Lodge 28

Eric Stegmann
Grandchild of Marilyn Stegmann.
St. Louis, MO, Lodge 28

Jacob Kopczyk
Child of Barbara Kopczyk.
Chicago, IL, Lodge 723

Congratulations to all of the winners and their families!

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Delores Wilcox $50.00 in memory of Edythe Walter

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SCHOLARSHIP FUND BOARD - ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS
Elections of officers was held by email meeting in April. They were as follows:

Marilyn Spangler, President
Barbara Purdon, Secretary
Paula Grant, Assistant to President
Pat Maccagno, Assistant Secretary
Rebecca Allgyre, Treasurer

We want to thank Geralyn Gardner for her services on the Scholarship Board the last six years. We also want to thank her for sending out all the correspondence to the students this year since we had a time crunch and no actual meeting. She will keep Barbara informed and help her with training for next year. Thanks Geralyn for helping us through the Corona virus crisis.

RENEWAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2020
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 2020 term, a possible 41 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.

Drawing Scholarship Winners
Pictured is Ashley Burgos Legal Assistant of the SMART-TD Legal Department

Thank You Letter from Recipient Adam Dofflemyer

I am thankful to be awarded the Auxiliary of the United Transportation Union Scholarship. This fund will ultimately lead me to acquire a degree in Business Administration and a minor in Statistics. Thank you for leading a generous organization.

Best wishes,
Adam
Representing railroad workers and their families for over 30 years throughout the Eastern United States in claims brought under the Federal Employers’ Liability Act and the Federal Rail Safety Act.

Throughout the course of their career, Bob Myers and Mike Olley have secured numerous seven figure verdicts and settlements for both traumatic injury and occupational injury claims resulting from unsafe workplaces, defective and unsafe equipment and repetitive stress injuries as well as asbestos and diesel fume exposure.

In addition to their railroad practice, they have also represented railroad workers, their families and friends in all types of personal injury actions due to defective products, workplace injuries, motor vehicle accidents and medical malpractice.
The following numbers reflect scholarships given from 2003 thru the 2020-2021 school term; a sixteen (16) year period.

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

$\text{183} \quad - \quad \text{Winners have been drawn for 4-year continuous, renewable scholarships.}$

$\text{420} \quad - \quad \text{Individual students actually received funds. This includes alternates who were used to complete the 4-year awards. Total does not include any student who was offered funds and did not use them through refusing award, forfeits, or college's returning funds.}$

\text{Every District has had a scholarship recipient!}

$\text{605,000} \quad \text{in Scholarship Funds have been given out thru the 2019-2020 school year.}$

\textbf{Update for current 2020-2021 school year: } \text{8} \quad \text{new scholarships were drawn in April. 41 renewal scholarships are also possible this year. Therefore, a total of scholarships may be given out for the upcoming school year totaling } $ \text{49,000.00.}$

\textbf{Breakdown of Scholarship Awards Given:}

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\textbf{Sixteen Year Span} \quad 183 \quad 420
We are honored to represent the members of SMART and their families.

Cogan & Power are experienced and dedicated trial attorneys that are committed to providing the highest level of legal representation available. The Attorneys at Cogan & Power prioritize meaningful and consistent client communications. Our firm believes in a collaborative approach to legal representation, which allows us to provide our clients with a wide breadth of experience and skill, but maintain a small-firm level of client service and attention.
DID YOU KNOW?

Benefits of Auxiliary Membership

The SMART TD Auxiliary unites families of SMART TD. Also, the Auxiliary educates members on legislative issues affecting them and provides a forum for the exploration and sharing of ideas and information with other SMART TD families.

In addition, Auxiliary membership provides a variety of benefits, discounts and perks through Union Plus (AFL-CIO) such as:

- Computers
- Moving Assistance
- Tires
- Cell Phones & Service
- Entertainment
- Hardship Assistance
- Pet Services
- Credit Counseling
- Low-Cost Loans
- Health Clubs
- Hotel & Rental Cars
- Theme Parks
- Prescription, Dental & Vision
- Tax-Preparation Services
- Scholarships-$500-$4000
- Will and Estate Planning
- Automobile Insurance
- And many, many more

As an Auxiliary member you can register to receive these discounts at unionplus.org

STAND UNITED FOR TWO-PERSON CREWS!
Safety First!

Contact your legislators now! Ask them to support Two-Person Crews!