Hope everyone had a wonderful summer. Ours was very busy as usual between the SMART TD region meeting and convention. You will hear more about the election results from the convention from other Auxiliary officers. What I will share is that we are looking forward to working with the new officers and continuing to do our part in strengthening the union.

In addition to being busy with those meetings, Niki Wallace and I have been getting caught up on things at Grand Lodge as she transitions into the position on a permanent basis. She’s been doing a great job. She and I have been testing out new systems to streamline many of the things we do so we can focus more on educating, strengthening and growing our membership.

One of the areas we are looking to put more emphasis on is education and what to do if something were to happen to your spouse or family member. Those of you that have been to the Auxiliary Workshop at a region meeting have heard from Designated Legal Counsel (DLC) and understand the importance of knowing what to do. If you aren’t sure who your DLC is, you can view some of them on our website or it might be a good opportunity to have the discussion with your spouse or family member on who to contact and when. It is crucial you know what to do if an accident, injury or something worst were to happen.

Another area we are focusing on is the Presidential Election next year. It will be here before you know it. If you would like to get involved please contact our office. Currently we are working with the SMART TD Legislative Department on updating records in preparation of the election. There are also things you can get involved in locally which Pam Neal and Nora Grutzius discuss in this issue. If you aren’t sure where to start, you can reach out to Scott Saunders or your State Legislative Director (list can be found on our website) or if your state doesn’t have one and you would be interested in learning more about becoming one, you can also contact Scott or our office. There are so many different opportunities out there so please let us know of your interest in getting involved.

Your sister in solidarity,

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Good September to you all,

Yes it's September all ready. School has started, evenings are getting cooler, and the reminisce of our summer still lingers. Before you know it Halloween will be upon us. Well, it's on with a new chapter in our lives. As of October 1st, 2019, SMART-TD will have a new President and Vice Presidents as well as a whole slew of new faces. We as an Auxiliary plan to capitalize on that fact. The Grand Lodge has already had an informal meeting with President Elect Ferguson and feel he will be very good for the Auxiliary. He has offered his help in anyway he and the Union can.

We also have quite a few new members to shout about. President Seegmiller has placed their names in this newsletter. We have had a change in the Grand Lodge as well, namely ME. IST Mary Kay is no longer with us, as most of you know. I have taken the place of International Secretary/Treasurer and with the help of President Seegmiller am moving right along. A few missteps, but I'll get it. I'm making friends, finding new haunts (Halloween pun. I Love Halloween) and will find my footing here in the Grand Lodge soon enough. If any of you think of anything you can do to assist me in my position or any of our Lodges in anyway, please, don't be shy. Let me know. My phone and email is now connected in my office and my cell number is the same and open to all. My office and cell numbers are listed at the end of this newsletter.

I will be out and about Labor Day with my Husband. We are going to St Paul, MN for a big meeting with Canadian Pacific Local Chairs and a few of their spouses on September 4 & 5. I will be talking about the Auxiliary to as many people as possible. Never miss a chance to sing the Auxiliary's song!

I hope this letter fines you all happy, healthy, safe and leaning on each other. We as the Auxiliary are here to stand side by side in support and solidarity.

By the way I plan on dragging summer out as long as I can. I hear the winters in Cleveland can be deep and cold...ugh....

With great respect and solidarity,

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The opportunity to serve as your National Legislative Director has been one of the biggest honors of my life. Every day I am thankful to represent such an amazing auxiliary and support our great Union. The SMART-TD and SMART are only strong and impactful because of the people that are involved.

As you have heard, Unions across the country are under attack every day. A poll was released last week showing unions at a highest approval rating since the 1940s. Americans still see the value in unions. It is our job to make sure we let even more know just what we are capable of. I encourage you all to tell your friends and neighbors about SMART, SMART TD, or just about unions in general. Remind them that we represent the workers. We push for safety and fairness in the workplace. We are not greedy, we are assertive, just, and united. Corporations will not just hand out benefits, you must fight for them and remind them that we are the workers making your record profits possible.

We suffered a major blow when the FRA sided with the carriers in saying that they see no reasoning behind a two-person crew bill. We still will fight daily for one. The FRA even went as far as to say that state rules no longer apply. In response, SMART TD President John Previsich testified before the U.S. House Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials in June at a hearing to address the FRA’s decision. In his statement, Previsich described the decision by the FRA as an abdication of its safety oversight duties. In July, SMART Transportation Division further responded to the FRA by filing a lawsuit with the U.S. Court of Appeals Ninth Circuit Court, asking the court to overturn FRA’s ruling this is gross negligence on the part of the FRA and will not be tolerated.

This month the elections were held for the SMART-TD and SMART General Committee Representatives.

Delegates to the Second SMART General Convention elected the following officers to the union's General Executive Council (GEC):

Joseph Sellers, Jr., General President
Joseph Powell, General Secretary-Treasurer
Ronald Whatley, 1st General Vice President
Derek Evans, 2nd General Vice President
John Helak, 3rd General Vice President
Arthur Tolentino, 4th General Vice President
Gary Masino, 5th General Vice President
Rick Werner, 6th General Vice President
Chris Griffey, 7th General Vice President
James Paquette, 8th General Vice President
Luther Medina, 9th General Vice President
Timothy Carter, 10th General Vice President
Scott Parks, 11th General Vice President

On August 11th, delegates elected the following Transportation Division officers, who will also serve on the GEC:

Jeremy Ferguson, TD President
Gregory Hynes, TD National Legislative Director
Brent Leonard, TD Vice President
Calvin Studivant, TD Vice President
John Whitaker III, TD Vice President
Chad Adams, TD Vice President

Their terms begin on October 1, 2019.

In Solidarity,

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Huge shout out to the new leadership of SMART – Transportation Division. Congratulations to President Jeremy Ferguson and National Legislative Director Greg Hines as well as all the new Vice Presidents, including my-about-to-be-former boss, General Chairman Chad Adams who takes on his new role as a Vice President.

It goes without saying, John Previsich and John Risch, your passion and dedication will be sorely missed. Your years of fighting to further this Organization are greatly appreciated. You leave behind some very big shoes to fill.

A shout out also to our Auxiliary officers who hosted very informative sessions at the summer SMART -TD Region meetings. Thank you Kathryn, Scott and Niki. I know that everyone, even those of us who have attended numerous sessions in the past, took away something new. It was great meeting new members and seeing familiar faces.

Now for business: Auxiliary members, it is time to start making your plans for the upcoming political year. Are you going to register voters...work as an election judge...join the team of a local candidate you admire? There are so many ways you can have a positive impact on who represents you.

Contact your local party leader. There will be envelopes to stuff, doors to knock and calls to make. Your greatest impact will be registering voters if you are in a state that doesn’t have automatic registration of some sort. So many people, probably some of your neighbors or church members or family friends, have limited access to obtaining the required ID’s necessary to be able to vote. Please reach out, please make yourself available. Please help us see that anyone and everyone who wants to vote has the proper ID and access to a polling location.

Our current White House does not favor our union, it’s strength or it’s voice. It is up to you to put people in Washington and your own State houses who help protect our family members from the obsessive greed of the Carriers.

In Solidarity,

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Our Sincere Thanks to all lodges and individuals for their continued generous support to the Scholarship Fund.

BOARD NOMINATION PROCESS BEGINS
In the months ahead, we will be electing three (3) Auxiliary members to serve on the Scholarship Fund Board for a three (3) year term beginning in April of 2020. Inserted in the June issue of the Auxiliary newsletter, each Lodge Secretary should have received 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, 2019. 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, 2020.

RENEWAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2019
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 2019 term, a possible 44 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.

Thank you from some of our scholarship recipients and their family

From Ralph Amos ~ Again, thank you so much. This gift will be a great help to Gil, (and to his family).

My name is Irene Koury and I have been a recipient of the UTU Scholarship for the past four years. I have graduated from Slippery Rock University this past May and will no longer be accepting this scholarship fund. I am so grateful and appreciative of this scholarship program as it has helped my family and I tremendously throughout my college career. I am hoping this scholarship will be given to another student who needs it and will put it to good use as I have

I am honored to receive this generous scholarship by the UTU Auxiliary Scholarship fund and genuinely appreciate the support. ~Adam Lipscomb
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April 2019
The following numbers reflect scholarships given from 2003 thru the 2019-2020 school term; a sixteen (16) year period.

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

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

**392** - 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!*

**$560,000** in Scholarship Funds have been given out thru the 2018-2019 school year.

**Update for current 2019-2020 school year:** 17 new scholarships were drawn in April. 34 renewal scholarships are also possible this year. Therefore, a total of scholarships may be given out for the upcoming school year totaling **$51,000.00.**

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The Auxiliary of the UTU Scholarship is a very important part of the SMART-TD Auxiliary, and vice versa. I have been on the Scholarship Fund Board these past six years. When the Scholarship Board meets again in April, I will officially finish my term as secretary. You can serve for 6 consecutive years and then need to take a 3 year hiatus before possibly coming back on the board. I have enjoyed my volunteer work on the Board. It is very rewarding to see how many family members of the SMART-TD Auxiliary the Scholarship Board has touched.

This year the Board needs nominations to fill 3 positions. Please, will you consider volunteering to help the Board to fill these positions? The member going off will train the new member coming on so you are not going to go home to learn it on your own. A lodge can nominate one member. The nominee must to be available in April when we gather to pick the new winners. Call a Board member if you have any questions.

At this time, we have 23 of the scholarships paid out this year. It is very important that we get all the students information in a timely manner so they are awarded the funding they deserve. As your family member receives the scholarship, make sure they mail their information to the President of the Board. Even if they graduated, there is a form to state that so we can close out their folder and move to an alternate in that year to keep paying out what funding is due each year.

I will truly miss the yearly meetings when I am no longer an officer. These are meetings where you work hard, but it’s rewarding and makes you feel good at what you are doing. And the new bonds you make with each new member is also a blessing. We work together as a "team" and in the guidelines the board is founded.
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Exciting news from SMART TD Auxiliary Chicago Lodge 723

One of our own is running for office in her town. Our treasurer of Lodge 723, Gina Fezler, is running for Town Council this November for the town of St. John, Indiana. Gina’s husband of 15 years, Chris, is a Conductor/Engineer for Norfolk Southern R.R. in Chicago. They have two beautiful boys that keep them busy and involved in the community. Gina works locally for First Financial Bank as the Vice President, Treasury Management Officer for Northwest Indiana. She volunteers in many capacities and serves on several boards across Northwest Indiana. A few examples are President of the St. John Dyer Chamber of Commerce and on the Executive Board of Junior Achievement Northwest Indiana. We send our best wishes and support to Gina in her pursuit of Leadership in the town council of St. John Indiana.

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This rebuilding energy reminded me of what our Auxiliary is all about, helping our members, our organization and our community in whatever way we can.

With united efforts, we have the power to make a difference in ways we never thought were possible.

We may never know the extent of how we make a difference, but those we helped - know.

Being fraternal is who and what we are. The comeback is always stronger than the set back.

In Houston, we are busy assisting SMART-TD and BLE to plan the 4th Annual Solidarity Rally.

The purpose of the rally is to create and show solidarity in the railroad members from SMART-TD; BLE and any other rail labor unions interested in attending.

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