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International President Column

Hope this edition of the Auxiliary News finds you well. We've been busy wrapping up our 1st virtual annual review with the Board of Trustees and our CPA. If you recall from our newsletter last year the Trustees were in town when everything started shutting down due to the pandemic. Like most organizations we've had to adapt to ensure the job gets done and we're happy to report our virtual review proved to be successful.

Other 1st for us you may have noticed is that we've started holding Zoom meetings for all members and lodges to participate in. In May we held a Mother's Day themed bingo night. It was a lot of fun and we got to meet members which we may not otherwise have gotten to. We had 3 winners from that evenings games who each received a \$25 gift card for Amazon. The winners were Paula Grant from lodge 5, Michelle

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International President Column continued

Seegmiller from lodge 136 and Mattie Thomas from lodge 281. Going forward we will be holding monthly virtual meeting and activities for all lodges and members to participate in so make sure to watch for more details coming up on our June meeting. For June we're planning to do something Father's Day themed or something geared toward Father's. Looking further out, we're working to put together informational workshops to be held in July and/or August. We didn't want another year to go by without providing a workshop like we typically do at the region meetings so we've decided to bring our workshop to you virtually. We enjoy the opportunity to meet and connect with our members while providing important information and we really hope you'll make it a point to join us for these workshops. If there are topics, games or workshops you'd like us to plan in the future, please let us know.

On the topic of meetings, I wanted to take this opportunity to share an activity my lodge recently participated in to collect and donate items for hygiene kits for a local school. Our lodge President Maureen Rodabough found this school through a website called **JustServe.org**

and I wanted to share that with you since I'd never heard of it and I think it's a great resource for lodges to use when looking for ways to serve in your local community.



On a different note I found very impressive that you'll notice later in this issue is that the Auxiliary Scholarship Fund gave away almost double the minimum amount of scholarships they do every year. In a typical year they give a minimum of (8) eight \$1000 scholarships that renew annually for upto 4 years. This year they were able to give away (15) fifteen. This years winners can be found back in the scholarship section.



Wishing you a wonderful summer and looking forward to seeing you on one of our upcoming Zoom meetings.

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International Secretary Treasurer Column

Most of you know, I am not a writer and most of you know my spelling can be a bit interesting, to say the least. In the past, I have tried to make things interesting and informative in these newsletters and will try the same here. I ask for your understanding of my shortcomings and thank you in advance.

I was going to write about an amazing pioneer in the women's effort for equality and fair pay in the 1970s. My husband, Mr. Wallace, pointed out to me an article on



social media of the 1st female locomotive engineer. I was intrigued and started research on this incredible woman. Her name is Christine Gonzalez. She is from El Paso Texas. Her family was 4th generation railroader and she

became the 1st female locomotive engineer in a time when women were fighting for a voice

in the workplace along with equal pay (as we still are today which sets my hair on fire..ugh) This was no an easy thing to break into. Most great paying jobs were wrapped around a man and his power. Women were left out. Heck, a



woman couldn't have a credit card without a man co-signing for it in the 70s... times were crazy. So I was excited to write about



her. But then I listened to a narrative from a



young 18-year-old women's letter in a Facebook post which caught my heart and my attention.

The young woman's name is Darnella Frazier. She, at this time, was a young

woman of 17. On the day of May 25, 2020, she had in one hand a cell phone and the other her 9-year-old cousin. She changed the world. At 17 years of age, this young woman stood her ground with strength and tenacity that one could only pray for. While an officer threatened her and her cousin, she videotaped

a murder of a man by police in the street of Minneapolis, a murder of great



significance. One which, because of her courage, has changed the world forever. Her video went around the world, changing hearts, enlightening, waking people who didn't know they were sleeping. It brought all kinds of peoples together, changed policymakers, changed policy, changed laws, created laws, change people's ideas and minds

International Secretary Treasurer Column continued

in Congress. Even the President of the United States was involved because of this courageous 17-year-old girl. Yes, she changed the world,

That one act of strength brought about a movement that could not be stopped and will not be stopped. That movement is the "Black Lives Matter" movement. Oh, I can hear a few of you saying now that "All Lives Matter", and at its surface, it's true, all lives do matter, but at its core, some lives matter less than others. For black and brown, our indigenous brothers and sisters, the Asian community, and many other oppressed people, all life does not matter as much as others. Until that hits home, until we understand that fact, we are doomed to repeat the egregious, horrific acts and outcomes over, and over, and over again. I have placed a copy of this young woman Facebook article below. No doubt, you can imagine the change she herself has gone through as a witness to this brutal murder as well as her young cousin. I placed it in bold print to make it easier to find ♥ and to honor her boldness as well.... may we all change for the better.

Stay well, peace.

FACEBOOK POST

A year ago, today I witnessed a murder. The victim's name was George Floyd. Although this wasn't the first time, I've seen a black man get killed at the hands of the police, this is the first time I witnessed it happen in front of me. Right in front of my eyes, a few feet away. I didn't know this man from a can of paint, but I knew his life mattered. I

knew that he was in pain. I knew that he was another black man in danger with no power. I was only 17 at the time, just a normal day for me walking my 9-year-old cousin to the corner store, not even prepared for what I was about to see, not even knowing my life was going to change on this exact day in those exact moments... it did. It changed me. It changed how I viewed life. It made me realize how dangerous it is to be Black in America. We shouldn't have to walk on eggshells around police officers, the same people that are supposed to protect and serve. We are



looked at as thugs, animals, and criminals, all because

of the color of our skin. Why are Black people the only ones viewed this way when every race has some type of wrongdoing? None of us are to judge. We are all human. I am 18 now and I still hold the weight and trauma of what I witnessed a year ago.

It's a little easier now, but I'm not who I used to be. A part of my childhood was taken from me. My 9-year-old cousin who witnessed the same thing I did got a part of her childhood taken from her. Having to up and leave



because my home was no longer safe, waking up to reporters at my door, closing my eyes at night only to see a man who is brown like me, lifeless on the ground. I couldn't sleep properly for weeks. I used to shake so bad at night my mom had to rock me to sleep. Hopping from hotel to hotel because we didn't have a home and looking over our back every day in the process. Having panic and anxiety attacks every time I seen a police car, not knowing who to trust because a lot of people are evil with bad intentions. I hold that weight. A lot of people call me a hero even though I don't see myself as one. I was just in the right place at the right time. Behind this smile, behind these awards, behind the publicity, I'm a girl trying to heal from something I am reminded of every day. Everyone talks about the girl who recorded George Floyd's death, but to actually be her is a different story. Not only did this affect me, my family too. We all experienced change. My mom the most. I strive every day to be strong for her because she was strong for me when I couldn't be strong for myself. Even though this was a traumatic life-changing experience for me, I'm proud of myself. If it weren't for my video, the world wouldn't have known the truth. I own that. My video didn't save George Floyd, but it put his murderer away and off the streets. You can view George Floyd anyway you choose



to view him, despite his past, because don't we all have one? He was a loved one, someone's son, someone's father, someone's brother, and someone's friend. We the people won't take the blame, you won't keep pointing fingers at us as if it's our fault, as if we are criminals. I don't think people understand how serious death is...that person is never coming back. These officers shouldn't get to decide if someone gets to live or not. It's time these officers start getting held accountable. Murdering people and abusing your power while doing it is not doing your job. It shouldn't have to take people to actually go through something to understand it's not ok. It's called having a heart and understanding right from wrong. George Floyd, I can't express enough how I wish things could have went different, but I want you to know you will always be in my heart. I'll always remember this day because of you. May your soul rest in peace.



May you rest in the most beautiful roses.

- Darnella Frazier



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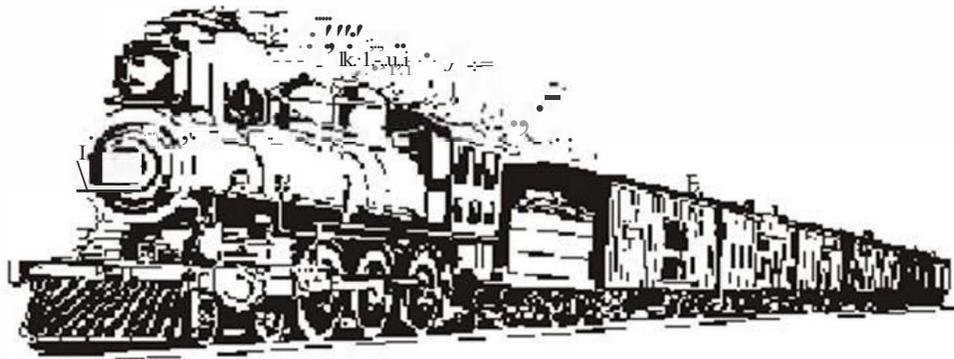
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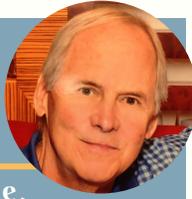


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Rules and regulations are said to have been written in blood because the trial and error nature of life is how we learn. Especially in learning what not to do.

Every railroader develops habits and ways of going about their work that are an attempt to keep themselves and those they work with safe and out of trouble. As the saying goes, 'It's easier to stay out of trouble than it is to get out of trouble'. But, sometimes trouble finds you through no fault of your own.

Like when an automobile attempts to beat the train at a highway rail crossing and gets T-boned by the locomotive. Although this happens less frequently than it did when I started my railroad career in 1972 (there were 12,000 annual incidents). In 2018 there were 2,231. A remarkable improvement yet still over 6 per day with 846 people injured and 260 deaths. These tragedies must be avoided.

Every Conductor, Engineer and Trainman perform their duties with an eye on coming home safe and sound at the end of their always eventful tour of duty. Let's make it our job to give 'em a big hug when they arrive, they've earned it.

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VP Corner**

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I love all of the fresh fruit that starts appearing at the market as we travel through spring, and summer approaches! Berries have got to be my favorite (watermelon is a close second.) I love all kinds of berries and I could eat them for days. Another part of summer I enjoy is getting outside and going on picnics with my family, or visiting with friends and cooking out. With those thoughts in mind, I want to share my favorite fast and easy sweet recipe - Mixed Berry Dump Cake. All you need to do is dump a few simple ingredients into a 13x9 baking dish and pop it in the oven for an easy treat that's ready in no time. You can even substitute fresh berries for frozen mixed berries. I hope you give it a try, and enjoy!

MIXED BERRY DUMP CAKE

Ingredients

3 cups fresh blueberries

3 cups fresh raspberries

1/2 cup sugar

1/2 teaspoon ground ginger

1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1 box yellow cake mix
3/4 cup butter
Vanilla ice cream, if desired

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Heat oven to 350°F. Spray 13x9-inch pan with cooking spray.
2. Spread berries evenly in the bottom of the pan. In a small bowl, mix sugar, ginger and lemon peel; sprinkle over berries. Drizzle lemon juice over top.
3. Top with dry cake mix; gently shake pan to distribute evenly
4. Pour melted butter over top, tilting pan to cover as much of the top with butter as possible - or, better yet, freeze the butter and grate it over the pan to cover the area more evenly.
5. Bake for 45 to 50 minutes or until top is light golden brown, mostly dry on top and bubbly around edges. Cool 15 minutes before serving. Top individual servings with ice cream.

Remember to make time for yourself, family, and friends in this busy, busy world!



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



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It is a cold and rainy Mother's Day here in Bellevue, Ohio 2021. Our Bellevue VFW Auxiliary decided to put on a drive thru BBQ chicken dinner today. It was a success, but it does take planning. After a year of doing nothing for fundraising, our Post is seeing us come alive and doing different things and hope to see us grow together is a goal we have.

We did presale tickets again, advertising on Facebook and calling the people who bought from our first dinner in April (that was a success with 275 dinners sold). There is a lot of work to presell tickets. My oldest sister was given the "fun" (I had the fun in April) to keep tabs on the ticket sales. She says there has to be an easier way for this, we just need to figure out how to make it easier for us. We know we have a max of how many we can sell, especially if making baked potatoes.

Becky has the knowledge of putting dinners together for her church, so we depended on her to get us organized to do our first dinner in April. We told her how many dinners we planned (of course numbers changed in each

dinner by adding more dinners to our count since we could get more chicken halves ordered at last minute, then making other items short after Becky did the shopping) and she purchased accordingly. She has the coleslaw

recipe for 300 so she makes the liquid part early since

it has to cool, then we mix it ahead of time for the marinate part. So while at the Post, we try to get other work done that day and we can do the other prep work the morning of the dinner with the other volunteers we get to help us.

So we did wash the potatoes and wrapped in foil on Thursday. We said it would be fine, doing it that early.

Our Madame President (my oldest sister) was concerned and later called the

Health Department. We were not happy what they told us. We got more potatoes and washed them up and placed out on towels to dry, and Saturday evening we wrapped them in foil (coming next time...Is your baked potato safe).



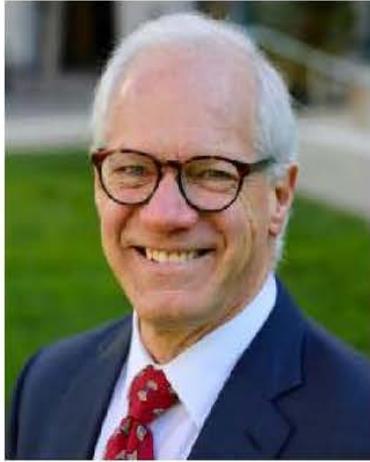


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On Sunday, we have a volunteer that got our first batch of potatoes in the ovens so they would be done around 9:00 and put in coolers to keep hot, then put the next batch in so they would be done around 11:30. I got there around 7:30 so I could get some of the items lined up for the next volunteers when they got there and then started cupping up the coleslaw. As the helpers got there, we had to let them know what needed done. As coleslaw was cupped up, they worked on bagging dinner rolls and butter pats. When we had that all done, we formed an assembly line on the table to bag up the extra meal items in a brown bag. At this time a few more helpers showed up and we started to make our bags up for each meal. Teamwork always makes the work easier!



Before you know it, the chicken shows up and we got the table line set up and people are already waiting for their dinners.

We needed people to greet and take the dinner tickets and money for the ones who still needed to pay(our last minute ticket sales). We also used this area for a bake sale of extra cookies and the extra coleslaw that was much requested to have for sale. The next area took the ticket to know how many dinners they needed, along with selling

tickets on an Uncle Sam and for poppy donations. The dinners were passed to the people and on their merry way to have an enjoyable dinner they did not have to cook and have easy clean up after!

We did our April and May dinners for the scholarship program of our VFW Auxiliary. Local senior students who have a parent or grandparent (including step- and adopted) that has military affiliations, are eligible to apply for our local scholarships. There are four \$1,000 continuing education scholarships available nationally yearly that is also available to VFW membership.

Scholarship funding also includes the Patriots Pen, for grades 6-8, contest theme for 2021-2022 is "How can I be a good American?", Voice of Democracy, for grades 9-12, contest theme for 2021-2022 is "America: Where do we go from here?" , an Art contest and Music contest. There is

money paid at different levels, local, district, state and national, and can go as high as \$35,000! You do not

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When you do see the Poppy Drive in your area, please support them. This program assists the disabled veterans who make the poppies, veterans and their families and the



National Children's Home. All gave some, some gave all, we would not be here

without our veterans. Thank a Veteran, teach your young ones to thank a Veteran.

Consider joining your local VFW and Auxiliary to help support Veteran causes. We can all make a difference!

Now, back to the potato. The following information came from: statefoodsafety.com. It was an interesting read and should be shared to help keep people safe. Who doesn't love a baked potato?



Keep you baked potato safe to eat! 1) Serve or store potatoes immediately after baking. 2) Don't leave potatoes at room temperature for more than 4 hours. 3) Remove foil from potato before storing them in the fridge. 4) If you put foil wrapped potatoes in the fridge, botulism bacteria can grow. The most concerning consequence of cooling a baked

potato improperly is the potential growth of *Clostridium botulinum*, which is a group of bacteria that can cause botulism. Botulism is a serious illness that can lead to paralysis and even death if left untreated. Symptoms include difficulty breathing and swallowing vomiting, blurred or double vision, dry mouth and baggy eyelids.

The good news is that botulinum bacteria needs a low oxygen environment to grow and thrive,



which means that most food is safe from botulinum bacteria. The bad news is that when you wrap your potato in aluminum foil to bake, the potato is then in a low-oxygen environment.

Aluminum foil will keep the potato skin soft and it is safe as long as you don't allow your baked potato to cool down to a dangerous temperature while still in the foil after cooking.

Your potato is at a dangerous temperature when it is between 41-135 degrees

Fahrenheit. Food experts call this range the temperature danger zone because within these



temperatures, it is easiest for bacteria to multiply to unsafe levels on your food.

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VP Corner - GERALYN GARDNER continued

You need to be aware of the temperature your baked potato is at, you also need to be conscious of the amount of time you leave it out of the oven too. These two factors are important because baked potatoes are considered to be a time/temperature control for safety (TCS) food. TCS foods, as they are



commonly called, are foods that require attention to time and temperature,

meaning you need to be aware of how long you leave food out at room temperature as well as how you cook and cool it. It is important to be conscious of TCS foods because, if kept in the temperature danger zone for four hours or more, TCS foods can

grow harmful amounts of bacteria on them, creating foodborne illnesses. Here are ways to



ensure your baked potatoes are safe to eat:

DON'T let your potato sit out in the open at room temperature for over four hours regardless of whether or not it is wrapped in aluminum. Although botulinum bacteria cannot grow without the presence of aluminum foil, (or something that prevents the potato from being exposed to air other bacteria can still grow on the potato if it is left out at room temperature.

DO serve potatoes immediately after baking



them or store them in the refrigerator to keep your potato at a safe temperature. If you use aluminum foil, remove the foil directly after baking to prevent botulinum bacteria from growing.

DON'T place a baked potato in the refrigerator with aluminum foil still on it. Your potato will have to pass through the temperature danger zone as it cools down and if the aluminum foil is still on it, botulinum bacteria may have the potential to grow.

DO remove the aluminum foil from your potato before storing it in the fridge.

By following these guidelines, you can feel confident that your next baked potato bar is a safe and scrumptious success. Don't be afraid to use aluminum foil-just remember that your potato needs to breathe too.



<https://www.statefoodsafety.com/Resources/Resources-my-baked-potato-safe-to-eat> on your website or social media.



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Mother's Day Girls Trip to Holland, Michigan's Dutch Tulip Festival



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Our First Girls Family Trip! We decided we have not seen much of each other in the past year, so my mom, sisters (n-laws too), daughter with my granddaughters, and nieces all rented an Airbnb for Mother's Day Weekend in Holland, Michigan. Holland, Michigan at this time of year hosts a Dutch Tulip Festival. There are literally millions of gorgeous tulips all over the town at six different locations. One of the locations, Veldheer Tulip Farm has 4 million tulips! Some residential streets are lined in tulips. Tulips are in rows with signs stating the type so you can order straight from Holland in time for Fall planting. My favorite colors were the El Nino an orange and yellow fiery looking tulip mixed with magenta called the Barcelona.



At Windmill Island Gardens there is a 250-year-old working Dutch Windmill "De Zwann" (meaning graceful bird). The only authentic Dutch windmill operating in the United States, grinding locally grown wheat into flour. The Windmill was moved here by ship from the Netherlands (Holland) and moved to Holland Michigan in 1964. There are authentically-costumed guides that will guide you on a tour, you can go up onto the deck and might even catch the milling process. Throughout the gardens you will find a replica of a Dutch Inn, gift shops, a Dutch carousel, children's playgrounds, picnic areas, horses in the back pasture, so much beautiful landscape, and much more. What a great spot for photo ops.



VP Corner - Nora Grutzius continued

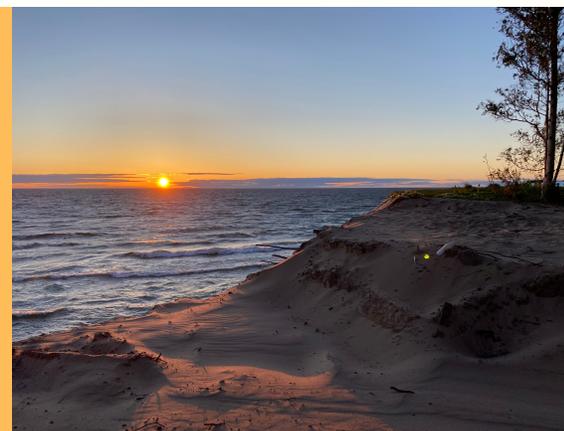
Nelis' Dutch Village takes you a step back into the Netherlands of over 100 years ago with Dutch Dancing, festivities for the entire family, a petting-zoo, carousel, wooden shoe carving, food, drinks and shopping. We stopped here for the two-year-old to have fun at the petting zoo, and all of us had a great time.



The Holland Museum was originally the Post Office from 1914. It was established in 1937 to preserve the early Dutch Immigrant history. We didn't have time to visit but would be great for next time.



Our Airbnb overlooked Lake Michigan with bluffs and beautiful sunsets every evening. Michigan is known for adventure, peace, and lakes and rivers. You are never more than 6 miles from a body of water in Michigan. The town of Holland wraps around Lake Macatawa. If you travel south of Holland, Michigan you can see the Big Red Lighthouse in Saugatuck Michigan. There was so much to see and do even if the Tulip Festival is not on your agenda, the quaint downtown Holland district was fun and walkable with plenty of shopping and restaurants. We will be back to visit again!



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Who would have ever thought that we would have to “learn” how to socialize again—even with our own families! This pandemic has taken a toll on all of us. It was definitely a learn as you go process—for us and the medical world.

First, we isolated ourselves, even from our families, to protect them and us. The fears of the unknown caused undo stress and contention. Those of us still working began to work from home, learning to juggle work with home life. We became teachers for our children and grandchildren as the world went virtual. Then gradually we began to carefully venture out, hoping we had taken all the precautions. Thank God that we have all the modern technology so that we could Facetime and Zoom!

Many of us lost family members and friends to this horrific virus and every day that we thought we were making progress, the virus raised its anger head and said, “Not yet!” The stress and anxiety continued to build. As we worked through the struggles, we were hopefully for the creation of a vaccine that would allow us to return to a new normal. Once the vaccine arrives, again the stress of, “is it safe—should I get it or wait.”

I am one that let stress and anxiety sneak into my life and COVID did not help. As always, it is with prayers and the support of friend, family and our Auxiliary family that we are able to work through these tough times and will be able to look back and say, “Remember 2020!”

Remembering that it is the Grace of God that put us where we are in this world. Why were we placed here in this time by God? We live in a country that has privilege. We live in a country that has the ability to be at the forefront in research. As we return to “normal”, let us not forget about the rest of the world that is still in the tight grip of this pandemic.

That brings us back full circle to the mission of our Auxiliary. We were founded to provide support to our families. While the world around us continued to change and our members fanned out across this great country, the Auxiliary change from a neighborhood club to a far-reaching, tech savvy, organization. We need to remember that it is the little things—the short phone call, the little note, the hello that make the biggest impact.

It is easy to get caught up in our daily lives and forget how lucky we are! It is by sharing the good around us that we make our Auxiliary the best it can be!

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It is my honor to serve on the UTU Auxiliary Scholarship Board. Geralyn Gardner trained me long distance, through mail, e-mail and phone conversations.

On January 1st the UTU Auxiliary Scholarship was open for applications. This year all the applications were done online and enrollment ceased March 31st.

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 2021 term students should have received their renewal information via email on May 7. 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, Remember Auxiliary Sponsor Members must retain their membership throughout the duration of the scholarship award.

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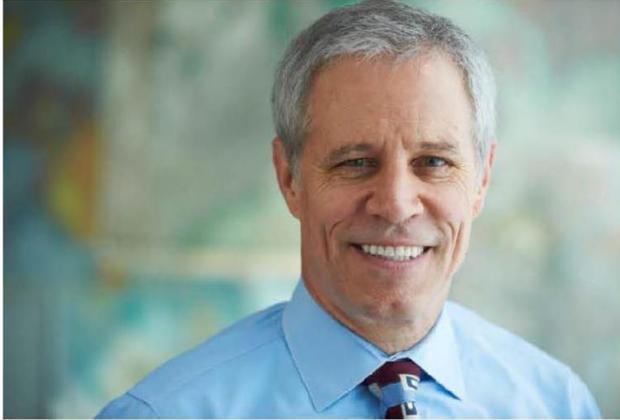
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Auxiliary of the UTU Scholarship Fund News

SCHOLARSHIP FUND BOARD - ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

No elections were held this year because there were no positions open. Current officers are as follows:

Marilyn Spangler, President

Barbara Purdon, Secretary

Paula Grant, Assistant to President

Pat Maccagno, Assistant Secretary

Rebecca Allgyre, Treasurer

We want to thank Past President/ Advisory Committee Carol Menges for her help and guidance during our April Scholarship Board meeting. There have been some challenges arise with the COVID-19 restrictions and Carol helped address these questions and kept us in line with our constitution.

RENEWAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2021

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 2021 term, a possible 36 scholarships could be renewed. With additional new scholarships of 15, we should total 51 scholarships paid to students this year. 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.

We really appreciate hearing from the winners and knowing we have helped. Here are a couple of new ones sent our way.

Ms. Spangler,

Thank you so much for the information regarding the scholarship for Owen. He is excited and honored to have been awarded this scholarship. It will be a help with his college expenses as he attends Auburn University in the fall.

Thanks again,

Robin Evans

Auxiliary of the UTU Scholarship Fund News

During the Zoom Bingo night for Mother's Day, Cheryl Rolfe gave a shout out to let us know that all 3 of their sons, Dustin, BayLee and Jerrid have won scholarships and they were extremely appreciative.

Pictured from left to right: Rebecca Allgyre (Treasurer), Paula Grant (Assistant to President) and Ashley Burgos Legal Assistant of the SMART-TD Legal Department



2021 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The following are winners of the \$1,000.00 Auxiliary Scholarships for 2021-22 and are listed in the order applications were drawn:

Jillian Allgyre

Child of Jan Allgyre
Lodge 225 Bellevue, OH

Elizabeth Dofflemyer

Grandchild of Martha Dofflemyer
Lodge 960 Shenandoah, VA

Ashleigh Stegmann

Grandchild of Marilyn Stegmann
Lodge 28 St. Louis, MO

Haley Kramer

Child of Jane Kramer
Lodge 225 Bellevue, OH

Dawn Sherman

Grandchild of Joyce Dothage
Lodge 28 ST. Louis, MO

Owen Evans

Grandchild of Linda Ragusa
Lodge 5 North Olmsted, OH

Logan McCool

Step-Grandchild of Wanda Fisher
Lodge 933 Jefferson City, MO

Elizabeth Goss

Child of Stanley Goss
Lodge 782 Ashville, NC

Zoe Edwards

Grandchild of Kenneth Edwards
Lodge 225 Bellevue, OH

Alexander M Duley

Grandchild of Deanna Duley
Lodge 933 Jefferson City, MO

Bethany Menges

Grandchild of Carol Menges
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Avery Edwards

Grandchild of Kenneth Edwards
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Child of Matthew Fritz
Lodge 225 Bellevue, OH

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National Legislative Director Column

Does life ever slow down, nope...and for a SMART family ...it is always in hyper drive. The CDC has recommended that everyone in America get a COVID-19 Vaccine. It's almost impossible to plan ahead as a SMART family and even harder when you are required to be available again in 30 days for an additional shot. AND when we do get it, we don't know how mild or severe the reaction may be. We do the best that we can with the time that we have. PLEASE make an effort to get vaccinated, if not for yourself, then for your friends and family.

The Biden Administration has breathed new life in to Unions all over the United States. It truly looks like he will charge ahead with American goods and manufacturing. One of his better ideas is his desire to pour support and assistance in to infrastructure. This includes rail, bus, and subways. President Joe Biden signed his \$1.9 trillion American RescuePlan on March 11 that was intended to stabilize the nation's economy as it continues the task of rebounding from the COVID-19

pandemic that has killed more than 525,000 people in the United States. The plan has \$30.5 billion in emergency funding reserved to assist transit in the country rebound after an immense drop in use as a result of the coronavirus outbreak.

The bottom line is, we need to capitalize on this momentum and keep it going on the right track. This is the best shape unions have been in for decades, lets make sure the future continues to look bright.

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