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International President Column

Hello all,

As is often the case this time of year, I find myself reflecting on everything we've done and how quickly it's flown by. This year was no exception! We were jammed packed between informational protests and solidarity rallies, contract negotiations, relocating our office, regional training seminars, Autism Speaks Walk, not to mention planning and executing a successful convention. Speaking of convention, I again want to give my congratulations to all our elected officers as well as give a heartfelt THANK YOU to the

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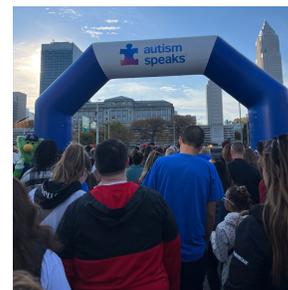
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two Vice Presidents who passed the torch to new officers. Those Vice Presidents are Terri Ingerick from District 3 and Mattie Thomas from District 7. It was a pleasure working with both of them. Terri's lodge was one of the first few lodges I had the opportunity to open. Terri also served on the Constitution Committee for the 2018 convention along with Mattie. They were both subsequently elected as Vice Presidents at that convention. I really appreciate all their hard work and dedication to the Auxiliary. Mattie has had the opportunity of working on the Salary Committee twice, once for the 2014 convention as well as this past convention. Both of these officers will be missed as Vice Presidents.

A few months following convention we participated in the Cleveland Autism Speaks Walk. It was held in near Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and the Browns Stadium as you can see from the pictures. It was another great event and we look forward to

participating again next year.



We've also been working closely with the TD's National Legislative Office on a few projects for the midterm elections. Now that those are over, we're switching gears to another project in preparation for future elections. If this sounds like something of interest to you, let us know. We truly appreciate members stepping up to the plate on these projects and getting more involved in politics both nationally and locally. In closing, I want to wish you all Happy Holidays!



Your sister in solidarity,



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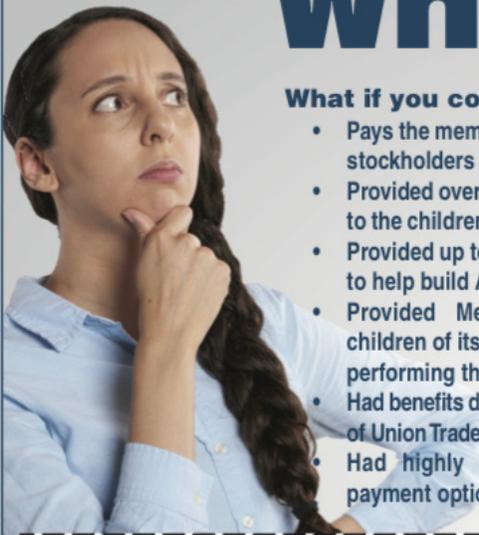
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International Secretary/Treasurer Column

To me, Halloween has not yet left and I'm just not ready for all that cold and snow. I do enjoy a white Christmas, but I truly enjoy a Scary as hell Halloween!!!! So, in that spirit, I started thinking once again of my family. I have told you all before, I am from a big family. Eleven of us. My Irish Catholic parents had their hands full for sure. My father, nevertheless, kept things interesting. He loved telling us stories. Ghost stories. It kept us on our toes, (and our skin goosebumped) He told us about things I thought were so scary I'd never sleep again... so, I have decided to give you a few Christmas ghost stories that I have found and also, tell you of an event that happened to me. A true story. And I'd like to thank my father for the imagination and courage he gave me... thank you Dad

I lived in the northern part of Wisconsin on a cranberry marsh, The Eagle River area, for several years. With me was my husband Wallace, two sons Dylon and Dustin, a daughter Sierra, with the best dog on the planet

Riley and of course, numerous cats. My boys came home from school one day talking about an urban legend. The Paulding Light. They said it was featured on some TV show. "That's Incredible" The more they talked about it the more intrigued I became.

I did a little research, asked around and found the place was very close to us. So, the Wallace's decided to take a trip to the Paulding Light

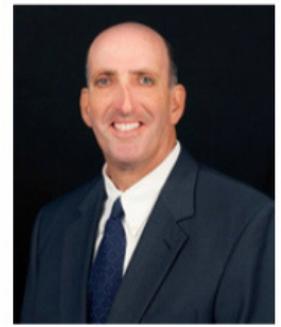
The folklore is, that the first recorded sighting of the Paulding Light was in 1966 when a group of teenagers reported the light to a local sheriff. Since then, a number of other individuals have reported seeing the light, which is said to appear nearly every night at the site.

Although stories related to the light vary, the most popular legend involves the death of a railroad brakeman. The legend states that the valley once contained railroad tracks and the light is the lantern of the brakeman who was killed while attempting to stop an oncoming train from colliding with railway cars stopped on the tracks. Another story claims the light is the ghost of a slain mail courier, while



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another says that it is the ghost of a Native American dancing on the power lines that run through the valley. According to John Carlisle of the Detroit Free Press, one legend is that it is a "grandparent looking for a lost grandchild with a lantern that needs constant relighting, the reason the light seems to come and go".

Whatever it is, we were determined to find it. We all piled into the truck and set off for a new adventure, and find it we did.

It was well after dark when we arrived. We parked the truck right up to the edge of the ravine. We all piled out and gazed at the sky. There was no light pollution at all. The stars were amazingly clear, the air cold and crisp, not a sound could be heard. Then the jokes started. "It's gone a get you", "You first", "Did you hear that" "Boo" ...

Hahah. All fun until our dog started barking furiously! Yes! Like you better run kind of barking. Did I tell you this dog was the best dog on the Planet???

Well, he was. This dog was a farm dog. The dog had chased off bear, bobcat, cougar and numerous other

critters while we worked and played on the marsh. This dog has saved my children several times from unwanted critters. This dog meant business. So, when he started barking, we all froze.

After regaining our courage, my daughter Sierra was the first to venture down the ravine, the boys followed. Me, I watched... I could see in the moon light where they were. They walked very close to each other with the dog by their side on guard. Then I saw it. A ball of light. It seemed to be on the powerline wires to the right and high on the hill. My husband walked closer to it. It moved away from him.

I could still see the kids, now get farther and further away. I called out to them, they kept walking. I called again with no response. I ran down the ravine, but before I got to them, the ball of light was in my path. I froze.

I moved to the right, so did the ball of light. I moved to the left, so did the ball of light. I started to walk backwards, and the ball of light got bigger. I froze again. I could hear the kids screaming and the dog barking. I



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called out to the kids and my husband and just like that, the light disappeared.

We all went back to the truck to regroup and to discuss the things all of us had just witnessed. My sons had tried to catch it by run after it. The closer they got the faster it would go. We witnessed it again on the powerline and watched it move around coming close to the truck then down into the ravine.

We had had enough for the evening and with all of us intact and safe, we ventured home with a great adventure and a few sleepless nights.

Now I know they think it's all about headlights on a highway, but that highway is pretty far off, and headlights do not chase people back and forth, nor is there any sound of a highway to be heard. I'm a believer. My kids are believers.

You can check it out for yourselves. It's a great ride to the great north country. I guarantee, it will not disappoint...

I also found these great Spooky train

stories for you. Enjoy, and tell a spooky story for Christmas. Shake it up a bit. **Happy Holidays.**



Paulding Light

Over 1.37 million kilometers of railroad crisscross the globe. Of this seemingly endless web of track lay several stretches said to be haunted by ghost trains.

Phantom locomotives have been spotted in multiple countries over the years.

Though not a prerequisite, ghost trains tend to be associated with tragedy and disaster, as the following examples show.





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Tay Bridge Phantom

“The Bridge is down, “the Bridge is down,” in words of terror spread;
The train is gone, its living freight
Are numbered with the dead.

On the night of December 28th, 1879, 80 mph winds ripped apart the enclosed midportion of the Old Tay Bridge as a train carrying 75 souls crossed the section. Everyone on board died in a tragedy ultimately attributed to poor bridge design. After inquiries and safety revaluations the bridge was rebuilt and remains upright to this day.

On the anniversary of the disaster, it's said the doomed train reappears on the bridge. Witnesses report hearing screams as the apparition tumbles into the waters below before fading away entirely.

**Pittsfield Ghost Train**

Employees and patrons of John Quirk's Bridge Diner in Pittsfield, Massachusetts were startled to see a steam train rumbling past their windows full speed not once but on two separate occasions.

For one, it was 1958 and steam trains hadn't been in operation for decades. Furthermore, the tracks running alongside the diner were not part of an active rail line.

It's believed these two events may be associated with an 1893 train wreck which occurred 30 miles to the east in the town of Chester in which 15 passengers were killed.

The train was traveling from Chicago to Boston and Pittsfield had been the only stop. Why the apparitions occurred twice in one year and never again is a mystery.

Another bridgerelated train wreck of the late 19th century, the Bostian Bridge incident was the worst train-related disaster in North Carolina history when it occurred in 1891. 23 people died in the derailment attributed to excessive speed, wherein

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the train was said to go completely airborne before crashing into the trees below.

Legends persisted for years regarding the train's ghostly reappearance on the anniversary of the disaster. In 2010 a young man was struck and killed by an actual train while on the hunt for the phantom locomotive. How did he not hear it or see it coming?



Silverpilen (Silver Arrow)

The subway tunnels of Stockholm, Sweden are home to a particular metro train dubbed "Silverpilen" due to its unique aluminum exterior (all the other trains are green.) Mass transit riders only occasionally catch glimpses of the train, if ever, giving rise to numerous urban legends.

One such legend affirms the train can only be seen after midnight, whizzing by platforms without anyone at the controls, and consequently cannot be ridden.

Another myth connected to Silverpilen is that those who get on it are never seen again.



The St. Louis Light

Saskatchewan is a prairie and boreal province in Western Canada, the middle of the three prairie provinces. This may explain why there's been so much attention paid to the so-called St. Louis Ghost Train, or the St. Louis Light, which is said to run along an old rail route outside the village of St. Louis. The phenomenon was featured on an episode of *Unsolved Mysteries* and is said to either be an unidentified ghost train or the lantern light of a lost signalman said to have frozen to death in his search to find home.

Two Saskatchewan high schoolers, however, decided to investigate the St. Louis Light as a science project. Their award-winning conclusion, later duplicated, was that the headlights of cars on a nearby highway were the cause of the bizarre event.

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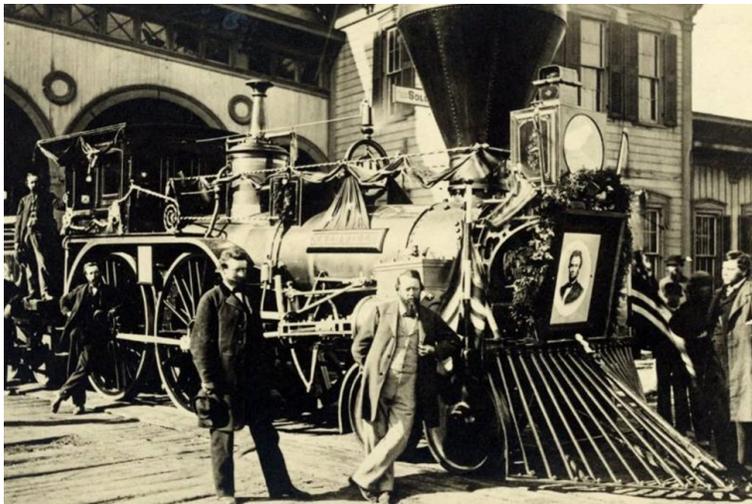
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Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen v. Virginia, 84 S. Ct. 1113 (1964)*



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Lincoln's Funeral Train

Abraham Lincoln, after a life stretching from a log cabin to the White House, became the first US President to be assassinated. It was decided by Lincoln's family and the powers that be to bury the murdered commander-in-chief in his adopted hometown of Springfield, Illinois, rather than in the nation's capital. The result was a massively orchestrated funeral procession by train throughout much of the northern United States.



On the anniversary of Lincoln's death, it's said a phantom funeral train is seen running the route originally taken by the dead president's locomotive. Clocks and watches in towns along the way are said to stop cold as the train passes by.

The world is covered in rails. The overwhelming majority are unmarked by disaster, while some are said to

host the manifestation of crashed trains and other remnants of past tragedy. Whether the delusions of bored locals or true spectral phenomenon, reports of ghost trains are found all across the globe.





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Alt. National Legislative Director Column

Greetings Brothers & Sisters,

I realize that as we enter another Holiday Season, everyone is very busy with Holiday preparations with family and friends. My hope is that you also consider this a time for reflections on the past and the future as well.

Consider for a moment, these recent 2022 Elections. This election was definitely NOT what anybody expected:

The midterm elections were neither a Republican landslide nor a Democratic surprise - however there is still a long way to go before we have winners in several key races, and control of the Senate isn't likely to be known for a while. The jury has returned a true verdict - The press and the pundits, which forecasted a gaudy red wave, got it horribly, terribly, magnificently wrong.

The lesson to be learned for all of us is – we can not let our collective guard down, not for one minute, we must continue to GOTV – get the vote out, from our members, but also our friends and family. Our stakes (safe working conditions and fatigue

mitigation for our RR workers, the preservation of Railroad Retirement) are always high!

For example, as I am writing this article, you all should be aware that our SMART TD members rejected the tentative National Agreement. Even though President Ferguson and the SMART TD negotiating team, and the coalition of rail unions worked hard to achieve this TA back in September of this year, a slim majority of our members said NO.

Why? In a nutshell – the Carriers do not value their work force, otherwise they would not treat their workers as they do – they work them round the clock (if they could), un-reasonable time off policies, sick days, and the ever imposing harassment, and the threat of being fired on a whim!

While the union is in a cooling off period, on Monday, November 28, 2022 President Biden called on Congress to pass legislation to avert a rail shutdown before Dec. 9, warning of major disruptions to the U.S. economy if lawmakers don't act.

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He said Congress should pass a bill “immediately to adopt the Tentative Agreement between railroad workers and operators — without any modifications or delay — to avert a potentially crippling national rail shutdown.”

As the old saying goes – Elections have Consequences! A friend of Labor and of SMART TD has weighed in: Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) says that the tentative agreement between rail management and labor does not go far enough as Congress tries to enact legislation to avoid a strike that could inflict major damage to the economy.

“I would like to see management come to the table and treat their workers with respect,” Sanders said, according to The Washington Post. “If they don’t, then Congress has got to act to make sure that there is guaranteed sick leave for these workers.”

Sanders said the tentative agreement that Biden backed in September doesn’t go far enough “by any means.”

In response to Biden’s call, Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) said in a statement, “This week, the House will

take up a bill adopting the Tentative Agreement — with no poison pills or changes to the negotiated terms — and send it to the Senate.”

“It is my hope that this necessary, strike-averting legislation will earn a strongly bipartisan vote, giving America’s families confidence in our commitment to protecting their financial futures,” Pelosi said.

When we elect Legislators that understand our issues, we support them, hopefully they come to our aid when it is necessary.

In conclusion, my hope is that our members get an Agreement that is just, and fair and returns the dignity in their jobs that they deserve!

I hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration, and I am wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Fraternally yours,



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Alaska: Murkowski (R-AK), Nay Sullivan (R-AK), Nay
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Connecticut: Blumenthal (D-CT), Yea Murphy (D-CT), Not Voting
Delaware: Carper (D-DE), Yea Coons (D-DE), Yea
Florida: Rubio (R-FL), Yea Scott (R-FL), Nay
Georgia: Ossoff (D-GA), Yea Warnock (D-GA), Not Voting
Hawaii: Hirono (D-HI), Yea Schatz (D-HI), Yea
Idaho: Crapo (R-ID), Nay Risch (R-ID), Nay
Illinois: Duckworth (D-IL), Yea Durbin (D-IL), Yea
Indiana: Braun (R-IN), Yea Young (R-IN), Nay
Iowa: Ernst (R-IA), Nay Grassley (R-IA), Nay
Kansas: Marshall (R-KS), Nay Moran (R-KS), Nay
Kentucky: McConnell (R-KY), Nay Paul (R-KY), Nay
Louisiana: Cassidy (R-LA), Nay Kennedy (R-LA), Yea
Maine: Collins (R-ME), Nay King (I-ME), Yea
Maryland: Cardin (D-MD), Yea Van Hollen (D-MD), Yea
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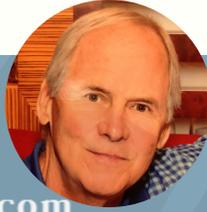
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STAND IN SOLIDARITY

The last time U.S. Railroaders went on strike was 1992. That strike lasted 2 days before Congress intervened. An extended rail shutdown has not happened for a century, partly because of the Railway Labor Act of 1926 that governs rail negotiations, make it harder for rail workers to strike.

Railroads haul 40% of the nations' freight each year. The Association of American Railroads estimates that a rail strike would cost the economy \$2 Billion a day. If the strike drags on for a month some 700,000 jobs would be lost as manufacturers who rely on railroads would shut down. Prices of nearly everything would increase even more and the economy could be thrust into a recession.

The potential for immediate disruption affects passenger train operations as

well. Roughly half of all commuter rail systems rely, in part, on tracks that are owned by freight companies and nearly all Amtrak long distance trains run over the freight network.

The question today is if the essential nature of railroad commerce is vital to a healthy economy, then why isn't the well being of its workforce just as vital to the railroad companies. If Congress is to impose a solution they must address the unfair attendance and sick leave policies railroads impose on their workforce that have led to widespread anger and frustration among rank and file railroad workers on major freight lines.

SMART TD voted down the deal offered by 50.9%. Better working conditions including sick pay, more flexible scheduling and the relaxing of stringent attendance policies are sought.

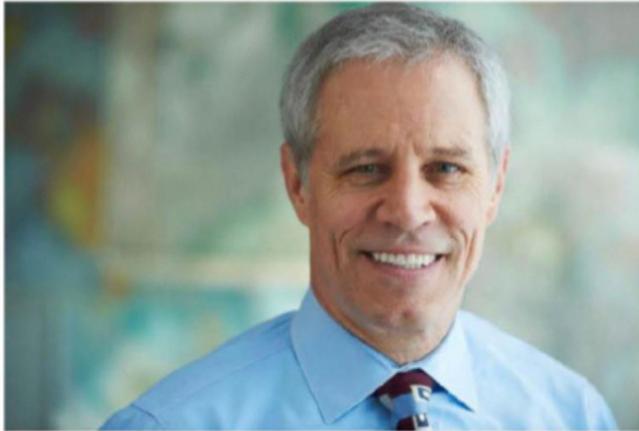
It is unclear what will transpire over the next few weeks. As spouses and loved ones of dedicated railroaders we know the need for more humane attendance policies, paid sick leave, attention to fatigue issues and more family time.

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“Coats for Kids” and donating coats for homeless Veterans is a project UTUIA

and many VFWs and Legions are doing at this time of the year.

If you go through your coats and sweatshirts, hats, gloves and neck

scarves, I am sure you could find something to donate and help out the needy at this time of year when it is graciously appreciated.



Veterans Day is a day to always give thanks and remembrance of all who served and

sacrificed for our freedom. Our town had the ceremony at our local VFW Post because the weather was not cooperating to have at our memorial park area. It was a beautiful service and one

of our VFW members received the “Quilt of Valor”, made by the Grateful Threads quilting group from Fremont, Ohio to honor, with his family members there to participate. This honor definitely brought tears to the eyes, very emotional!



Later on Veterans Day, the auxiliary hosted a dinner for 46 veterans (free) and the community. We work together as a team for the community to make these endeavors successful. Becky, from our SMART-TD Auxiliary, is our



kitchen person with her talents, purchasing the food, making and guiding us to serve.

Being dual members, we help when we can. This is a community outreach program for the VFW to involve other groups in functions.



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The VFW Auxiliary took orders for pumpkin rolls to help offset some of the expenses for the children's Christmas party.

Everyone loves the pumpkin rolls at this time of year to help with their Thanksgiving meal.

Remember, they do freeze well for later on also!

At this time of year, try to reach out and touch someone by just a visit, a phone call or drop off a dish to someone

struggling. People are in need all over, and a simple jester can brighten their day.

From Mad River Lodge 225, we wish you all a merry Christmas and a bright New Year!



WANT TO OPEN A LODGE?

- It only takes 10 members

members can be active or retired SMART TD members, their family (age 16 yrs & older) or their spouse
- Hold a pre-meeting to discuss lodge goals and connect with the SMART TD local
- Contact Grand Lodge and request a charter



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Memories are always created every time the Menges Family gets together!

Through the years the Menges family has followed old Family Tradition that were started by generations past on both sides of the family. This year was no different-bear with me and you will see what I mean!



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Fall brings Youth Deer Camp at the farm, where all come together to just be with each other.

“Deer Stand” becomes a sacred place for observing wildlife at their best, or for cousins to catch up on being with each other, or just plain napping!



This year we celebrated Granddad's 70th Birthday.



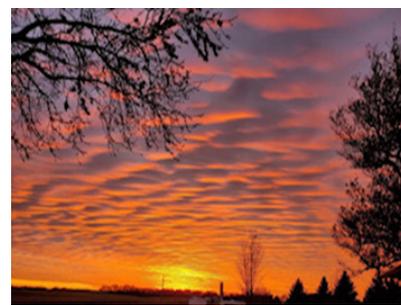
...An hour nap later

After Friday night's Deer Safety Training which includes guns, clothing and gear and then to bed for an early rise!

Enjoyment by all from the beginning of the day until the very end of this great day – Missouri Style!



1st morning picture group



2nd morning picture group





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Hello my sisters and brothers in Solidarity, thank you to all who came to support and help at the Solidarity Rally on October 18th. It was the best one yet. As an Auxiliary 281, we provided the decorations, desserts and served meals. Our International President Kathryn Seegmiller was in attendance also and she made sure that every member that walked through the door was signed in.

SMART Transportation Division President Jeremy Ferguson and Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen President Dennis Pierce stood shoulder-to-shoulder as they answered direct questions from a standing-room-only crowd. Hundreds of members and officers from SMART-TD, BLET and the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way were in attendance. This was Solidarity at its Best Ever.

The members of the unions were generous with their donations to help

us with our membership dues. We collected \$602, which will pay our due the second part of this year.



Kathryn Seegmiller and Mattie Thomas



Mattie Thomas and Carmen Martin



FOR THE NEXT COMMUNITY EVENT

Christmas is fast approaching and we have always helped an organization with toys for children less fortunate. This year we have been asked to participate with Rho Xi Fraternity Christmas with Santa, by donating toys and helping to serve breakfast.

This event will take place on:

DATE: December 17, 2022

TIME: 9:00a,

PLACE: Alcott Elementary School

5859 Bellfort St.

Houston, TX 77033

I am asking for your help by donating toys (unwrapped) and coming out to help serve and put a smile on a child's face.

Please let me know if you are willing to help and if so please contact me at 281-300-7679 (cell) to collect the toys or you can give a financial donation and we will purchase toys.

Your help is needed and appreciated.

In Solidarity,

Mattie Thomas

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Auxiliary of the UTU Scholarship Fund News

APPLICATIONS

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW ONLY AVAILABLE ONLINE. The application can be found on the SMART TD Auxiliary website www.smarttdauxiliary.org under the Scholarship tab.

These applications will be accepted as original. Applications must be filled out on or before March 31, 2023 to be eligible.

Applications are accepted January 1st thru March 31st, 2023. The scholarship drawing will be held during the 2023 Annual Scholarship Fund Board meeting.

For application help please contact:



Barbara Purdon
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An update on scholarships awarded this year: We have now issued 54 scholarships. Many alternates were used to fill the open scholarships. This is good news for the students who were not drawn in the first year you apply. Your name is still in there for the next three years as alternates. Your name could be pulled in any year to finish up a scholarship that was not fully used.

REMINDER

Auxiliary Sponsor Members – membership must be retained throughout the duration of the scholarship award.

SCHOLARSHIP BROCHURES ARE AVAILABLE

Please help us get the word out to our Auxiliary members by sending a 2023 scholarship brochure with the member's dues request or receipt. Brochures are always available upon request from Grand Lodge.

Auxiliary of the UTU Scholarship Fund News

We received one nomination from Edelmira Todd Lodge 225 who will fill one of the two openings on the Scholarship Board this year. The other member of the board will extend their term.

We have received many *thank you letters* from our students and their families. Here is one of them:

Hello Ms. Spangler,

I'm a few weeks into the fall semester and I wanted to thank you for all your help with my UTU auxiliary scholarship! It successfully went through and is in my college account.

*Thanks again,
Jerrid Rolfe*

Thank You

DONATIONS

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

Donations are appreciated and should be made payable to:

Auxiliary of the UTU Scholarship Fund

Mail to:

Rebecca Allgyre

Scholarship Fund Board Treasurer

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