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The outcome of this election will affect your job

By John Risch, National Legislative Director

For those of you who don't know me, I'm honored to serve as your elected national legislative director. I came from the ranks, starting in the track department on the Burlington Northern and went into train service, spending more than 30 years in freight and passenger service in North Dakota.

My father was a truck driver and my mother was a stay-at-home parent who raised three children and a cousin of mine. We grew up poor, which gave me a real appreciation for the pay and benefits that a good union job provided. My 30-plus years working on the railroad has given me a real perspective of the issues we face, and drives me to protect what we already have and work to make our jobs better.

The outcome of the Presidential Election will determine whether we make progress on improving our jobs or whether we lose ground.

The next President of the United States will set the tone, and will make important appointments to positions that directly affect you.

The head of the Federal Railroad Administration will decide:

- Whether the two-person crew regulation is finalized or discarded
- Whether we enact regulations requiring uniform speed signs on railroads

- Whether there will be limitations on the use of inward facing cameras

- What to do about fatigue in the freight rail industry

Appointees to the National Mediation Board will intervene in our contract negotiations and influence things like wages and work rules. They will also appoint arbitrators who decide if an unjustly fired member returns to work with or without back pay.

The head of the Motor Carrier Administration will decide on how, or if, we will deal with the terrible problem of driver assault.

The next chairman of the Railroad Retirement Board will determine not only how our pension is administered, but how our unemployment, sickness and disability benefits are administered as well.

I'm very concerned about Donald Trump, should he be elected as our next President. He has repeatedly said he will discard regulations and get rid of government bureaucracy. These are good sound bites and none of us want more government rules than are necessary, but when you look at the pending regulations affecting us, like two-person crews, fatigue and locomotive cameras, this rhetoric takes on a different meaning.

I have a note on my desk that says: "My most impor-

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Chicago Regional Meeting recap in photos



Members pack the room at one of the many workshops offered at the Chicago regional meeting. See more photos on pages 6 and 7.

UTU Founding Father dies



UTU Founding Father, Alfred H. Chesser, died Sept. 25 at the age of 102. A full tribute will be printed in the next issue of the SMART TD News. An online tribute is available at www.smart-union.org/td.

Grandson of SMART TD staff member meets Clinton



Matthew Bankston, grandson of SMART TD Billing Audit Supervisor Barbara Bankston, was chosen to give a guided tour of his high school to Presidential Candidate Hillary Clinton during a scheduled campaign stop. Matthew is in 11th grade at John Marshall High School in Cleveland.



Matthew and Barbara Bankston pause for a photo after he gave the tour to Secretary Clinton.

Local 202 shares the importance of social media



This meme, created by Local 202, was seen by over 89,000 people and shared over 6,000 times on social media.

On July 22, SMART TD Local 202 (located in Denver) created and posted a meme with a link to the SMART Local 202 website informing members that GOP Vice Presidential candidate Mike Pence voted against the Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act of 2001 as a member of the 107th Congress.

The Local 202 Facebook post was seen by over 89,000 people, shared over 6,000 times and brought over 19,000 people to the SMART Local 202 website. Additionally, 76 additional people now follow SMART Local 202 as a result of the post, allowing the Local to take their message further.

"It is truly a testament to social media," SMART Local 202 Secretary **Jeffrey Maxfield** explained.

"We must use social media as an avenue to deliver our message to members. Our members do not come to us for information, we must take the information to them," stressed Maxfield. "With 72 percent of Americans on Facebook, social media is the best avenue to deliver our message, when used correctly."

National Association of State Legislative Directors meet in Cleveland



Above: Members of the National Association of State Legislative Directors met in Cleveland, August 15-18 to discuss legislative issues. SMART Transportation Division President John Previsich and Vice Presidents John England and John Lesniewski were in town for the meetings as well.

Below, pictured from left, **front row:** Michigan SLD Jerry Gibson, Kentucky SLD Jared Cassity, California Alt. SLD Louis Costa, Oklahoma SLD Dennis Scholle, Iowa SLD Jim Garrett, Ohio SLD Stu Gardner, Arizona SLD Scott Jones, Vice President John England, Vice President John Lesniewski, Transportation Division President John Previsich, National Legislative Director John Risch, Alt. National Legislative Director Greg Hynes, Indiana SLD Kenny Edwards, Kansas SLD Ty Dragoo, Georgia SLD Matt Campbell, Delaware SLD Jimmy Mallon, Missouri SLD Jason Hayden, Wisconsin SLD Craig Peachy, Minnesota SLD Phil Qualy, New York SLD Sam Nasca and Louisiana SLD David Duplechain. **Back row:** New Jersey Assistant SLD Ron Sabol, West Virginia SLD Bryan Goodson, Oregon SLD Randy Russ, Florida SLD Andres Trujillo, Idaho SLD Curtis Schmitz, Alabama SLD Neil Elders, Nebraska SLD Bob Borgeson, Texas SLD Kamron Saunders, Mississippi SLD Wayne Carpenter, South Carolina SLD Stephen Cox, Virginia SLD Ronnie Hobbs, South Dakota SLD Richard Walker, Wyoming SLD Stan Blake, North Dakota SLD Jim Chase, North Carolina SLD Ron Ingerrick, Connecticut SLD Fran Ariola, New Mexico SLD Don Gallegos, Nevada SLD Jason Doering, Maryland SLD Larry Kasecamp, Colorado SLD Carl Smith, Illinois SLD Bob Guy, District of Columbia SLD Willie Bates, Tennessee SLD Adren Crawford, Washington SLD Herb Krohn, New England States SLD George Casey, Utah SLD Jay Seegmiller and Arkansas SLD Gerald Sale III.



Around the SMART TD

Local 7, North Platte, Neb.



Local 7 had its second annual summer picnic August 6 at the Lake Maloney Ski Club.

“Even with cooler weather, we still had a great turnout where members could get a good meal, play games, listen to music, all while sharing in each others’ company,” Local President **Calvin Songster** said.

“Local 7 would like to thank Scott Dulin and the Hunegs, LeNeave & Kvas law office (DLC) for their support in making this happen. We would also like to thank Jodi Smith for helping with set up and Dean Dike for providing the music.”

Local 60, Newark, N.J.



Jennifer “Cookie” Doyle reported that Local 60 held a Railmen for Children Charity Bike Run July 16. The Railmen for Children takes approximately 300 disabled children on a train ride with Santa, Mrs. Claus, a Reindeer, Snowman, Elves and Clowns in

December of each year. Railmen for Children has been doing this every year for 33 years. Each child receives a box lunch and a gift from Santa. Proceeds that are raised during the year support this event.

“The run was a great success thanks to our members, friends, family and sponsors,” Doyle said. “We have many volunteers that help throughout the year with wrapping presents, decorating the train and on the day of the ride. We have this bike run out of the Tramountin Harley Davidson located in Hope, N.J. in support of the train ride. We couldn’t do this without Harley Davidson Manager Nancy and her staff. We hope to see more locals join us next year.”



Local 1445, Elizabeth, N.J.



The members of Local 1445 congratulated Legislative Representative **Dennis Farrell** (pictured seated) on his retirement. Farrell retired from Conrail Shared Assets with 43 years of service.

Local 845, Seattle, Wash.



Freeman

Local President **Earnie Conley** reported that Local 845 is mourning the loss of Brother **Stuart Freeman**, 51, who died August 9.

“Stuart was a greatly respected union brother, switchman, husband, father and friend,” Conley said.

“Those who knew and worked with Stuart agree that the workplace will not be the same without him. His stories filled the yard office with laughter and his work ethic commanded respect from his peers. We love you, Big Man. Rest in Peace.”

SMART TD offers their condolences to Freeman’s family, friends and local.

Local 1816, Toledo Ohio



Baldwin

Retired Local Chairperson **Hank Holland** (Local 1816) reported that **William “Bill” Baldwin**, 78, died February 14, 2016.

Baldwin served in the Army National Guard and hired out on the New York Central Railroad in Elkhart, Ind., as an electrician’s helper following his military service. Baldwin transferred to engine service in 1958 at Toledo, Ohio where he became a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen (BLF&E) until it became part of the United Transportation Union in 1969.

He served his local as local chairperson, secretary and treasurer and as delegate. Baldwin retired after 43 years of service, having worked as an engineer on the New York Central, Penn Central, Conrail, Amtrak and CSX railroads over the course of his career.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary Lou; children Leeann (Fred) Barker, Bill (Angie) Baldwin Jr., Tom (Debbie) Baldwin and Tony (Shelly) Baldwin; brothers Gary, Dave and Carl; grandchildren, nieces and nephews. SMART TD offers their condolences to the local, friends and family of Baldwin.

To have your local featured on this page, email your submissions to:
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Schmitt’s commitment to safety earns Operation Lifesaver award



Schmitt stands with OL President and CEO Bonnie Murphy

SMART TD member and Kansas City Southern trainman **Thomas J. Schmitt** (Local 1974 at Ft. Worth, Texas) is no stranger to receiving accolades for his volunteerism with Operation Lifesaver (OL), and for good reason. He is a tireless advocate on behalf of OL to promote safety.

His most recent honor took place at the Operation Lifesaver Leadership Conference in San Antonio, Texas, May 11-12, 2016. While there, Schmitt, along with several other nominees, was recognized for his dedication to the OL mission by being nominated for the F. Tom Roberts Memorial Volunteer Award.

The F. Tom Roberts Memorial Award originated in 1994 as a memorial donation from the widow of F. Tom Roberts. Roberts was a man known for committing his life to reducing or eliminating deaths and injuries along railroad tracks. In keeping with this legacy, the F. Tom Roberts Memorial Award honors individuals who demonstrate outstanding dedication to Operation Lifesaver’s mission - which is dedication to reducing collisions, fatalities and injuries at highway-rail crossings and trespassing on or near railroad tracks.

Similarly, and almost a year ago to the day, Schmitt was chosen as the 2015 UTUIA Volunteer of the Year as a result of his charitable work with Operation Lifesaver.

Upon being nominated for the F. Tom Roberts Memorial Award, Schmitt commented, “It is very humbling to be recognized by a national award, and if through this recognition I can help spread the word about safety, then others can do it too; which ultimately saves lives.”

SMART TD congratulates Schmitt for his commitment to safety. Visit Operation Lifesaver’s website at <https://oli.org>.

Local 1910, Macon, Ga.



Pictured from left are Charles Hudson, Local Chairperson Dan Doster, Reginald Browner, Secretary Anthony Roland, Harrison Millines, Local Chairperson Thomas Williamson Jr., Stephen Pharr, Lois Exum, Thomas Williamson Sr., Timothy Patrick, Kareem Brown, Mark Durah, Local President John Pitts, Lamartelle Crowder, Local Chairperson Charles Ellington, Reginal Russell, Ga. State Legislative Director Matt Campbell and Trent Shuper (DLC Warshauer Law Group) at an informational conference held by Local 1910. Members listened to presentations given by the Ga. legislative board, DLC, RRB and general committee. The conference was sponsored by SMART TD DLC Warshauer Law Group.

FTA issues final rule on safety program



The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) issued the final rule for the Public Transportation Safety Program that establishes procedural rules for FTA to administer a comprehensive safety program to improve the safety of federally-funded public transportation systems.

The final rule formally adopts the Safety Management System (SMS) approach to safety

as the basis of the FTA safety program.

“With this action, FTA continues its steady progress in establishing the regulatory framework needed to implement and strengthen our new and existing safety transit oversight and enforcement authorities,” said FTA Acting Administrator Carolyn Flowers.

This rule also establishes procedural rules for the FTA to conduct inspections, investigations, audits and examinations of Chapter 53 grant recipients’ public transportation systems, withhold or direct the use of Federal transit funds, and issue directives.

STB issues two decisions in passenger rail proceedings

The Surface Transportation Board released two decisions related to its oversight of Amtrak’s operations under the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (PRIIA).

First, the Board decided that it would consider on-time arrival and departure at all stations along a passenger train’s route for purposes of assessing on-time performance. The Board will deem a train “on time” if it arrives at, or departs from, a station no more than 15 minutes after its scheduled arrival or departure.

The Board also announced that it is withdrawing its proposed policy statement on issues that may arise, and evidence to be presented in proceedings under PRIIA, in

favor of a case-by-case approach to these complex matters.

“Reflecting careful consideration of an extensive public and stakeholder response to our most recent passenger rail proposals, these decisions will better position the Board to implement its responsibilities under the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008,” stated Board Chairman Daniel R. Elliott III.

“Improved passenger train on-time performance is an important goal, and the Board’s decisions will support that goal by clarifying the trigger for starting a proceeding, while allowing more complex and detailed issues to be resolved in the context of individual cases.”



SMART TD members in Louisiana need your help!

The Baton Rouge, Louisiana flood waters, caused by an unprecedented, “thousand-year rainfall” have subsided, yet the devastation left behind in loss of life and destruction of property is immeasurable.

Baton Rouge is located nearly 100 feet above sea level, and was not considered a high flood risk area, which left most homeowners without flood insurance. Even those who had flood insurance are realizing nearly all of these insurance policies cap out at \$30,000, which barely covers the cost of clean-up.

Some of those affected by the devastation are our Brothers and Sisters of SMART Transportation Division who live in and near the Baton Rouge area. The silver lining is the generosity of citizens around the country who are giving what they can to help those

affected to reclaim their lives.

We are asking the SMART TD family to rise to the call and give what you can, so that the daunting task of starting over and rebuilding can begin. Your generous donation will help lessen the struggle and bring real hope and relief to our SMART TD members who are suffering from this great loss.

SMART TD will administer donations sent to the **UTU Disaster Relief Fund**. Questions? Please call 216-228-9400.

Contributions may be sent to:

UTU Disaster Relief Fund
24950 Country Club Blvd.
Suite 340
North Olmsted, OH 44070-5333



Rail members: healthcare open enrollment has begun

Railroad employees covered under the National Railway Carriers/UTU Health and Welfare Plan or the Railroad Employees’ National Health and Welfare Plan should have been mailed a notification of the online open enrollment period that begins Oct. 1 and ends Oct. 31 at midnight. The enrollment site is available 24/7 during the enrollment period. The information should be specific to the current enrollment for you and your eligible dependents.

The online enrollment capability provides the ability to view your personal information, add, delete and update dependent information, view enrollment materials, enroll in benefits for next year, and receive an immediate confirmation statement. There is no need to mail in a paper enrollment form. However, if you need assistance, have questions or require a paper enrollment kit, call Railroad Enrollment Services at 800-753-2692.

The enrollment website can be found at <https://www.yourtracktohealth.com>.

You are encouraged to visit the online enrollment site and review all the information available. Use the login instructions at

the end of this article to access and review your personal information and spend some time learning about the benefits and resources available on the site.

You will also be able to search medical provider networks.

It is required that covered dependent Social Security numbers (SSN) be provided to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Please supply the missing SSN on the Dependent Information screen.

If you are currently enrolled in the Health Flexible Spending Account, the election and yearly contribution will not rollover to the new plan year. You must enroll in your Health Flexible Spending Account every year.

Click “Login” located in the upper right corner of the screen. If you have already registered, enter your username and password.

If you have not yet registered, select “New User?” at the bottom of the screen to complete your registration.

Once logged in, select the option to “Enroll Now for 2016,” located in the upper left corner of the screen.



Your Track to Health

SMART TD conductor carries tourniquet, saves life



Conductor Robert Forrest (left) and Engineer Joseph Ojeda worked together to save the life of a civilian.

Spotting a person on the tracks ahead is a train crew’s worst nightmare, and it happens daily. According to the FRA, a person or vehicle is hit by a train every three hours.

On July 13, 2016, SMART TD Vice Local Chairperson, Conductor and U.S. Army Veteran **Robert Forrest** (Local 202 in Denver) and Engineer Joseph Ojeda faced that nightmare with courage and skill.

At approximately 10 p.m. on a run just north of Longmont, Colorado, Forrest and Ojeda spotted a person laying motionless on the tracks, just 100 feet ahead. Ojeda instantly applied the brakes, but there wasn’t enough time to stop the freight train, and the young man was hit.

While Ojeda called 911, Forrest grabbed the emergency trauma kit (that he always brings with him while on duty) and as soon as the train came to a halt, he jumped off in search of the victim.

“I first looked underneath the train, then found him toward the front, right behind the steps. I couldn’t believe he was still alive. His leg was severed and his other foot was pinned beneath the train. The train had dragged him at least 80 feet,” Forrest said.

Calm but hurriedly, Forrest put on medical gloves and applied the tourniquet. Both Forrest and Ojeda stayed with him, trying to keep him awake until paramedics arrived.

When asked how he kept calm, Forrest cited his military experiences and training. “I went into autopilot mode. You do what you have to do and this wasn’t the first crisis situation I’ve faced, so I’m sure that helped.”

When paramedics arrived just a few minutes later, Forrest and Ojeda worked together to move the train several inches to free the young man’s leg. The first responders moved the victim to the ambulance and the 22-year-old man was life-flighted to a nearby trauma center. Paramedics told local reporters that if Forrest hadn’t applied the tourniquet when he did, the man likely would have died.

Two crewmembers and an emergency trauma kit on every train


“Without a doubt he (the victim) would’ve died had there not been two of us working together—this couldn’t have been successful without the help of the engineer. I needed to attend to the victim immediately and Ojeda needed to make calls and move the train. We had only minutes, seconds to save his life, and there would have been no way to do that if only one of us was operating the train that night,” Forrest said.

Forrest brings his own tourniquet to work, because carriers don’t supply them.

“I bring my own tourniquet, it’s trauma-grade. That’s my choice, but crewmembers shouldn’t have to bring their own. Carriers should supply every train, freight and commuter, with a first-aid trauma kit that includes a tourniquet – they aren’t expensive and are obviously life-saving,” Forrest said.

Two crewmembers and one emergency trauma kit – that’s not too much to ask and seems like the logical, lifesaving and right thing to do.

Get registered and Vote Union this election season



SMART
General President's
Column
By Joseph Sellers Jr.

With this important election quickly approaching, I cannot stress enough the importance of your involvement in helping decide who will serve as your elected local and federal officials in the course of the next four years.

This Presidential race will determine the future for not only working families, but for every American across the country.

Donald Trump is a dangerous candidate who has already stated his opposition to government regulations designed to protect not only your health and safety, but your job as well.

A Trump administration would appoint individuals to the Presidential Emergency Boards, which have intervened when we faced resistance from employers.

Imagine if Donald Trump had appointed the Presidential Emergency Board members that settled the disputes on the Long Island Rail Road or New Jersey Transit.

To get a glimpse of how Trump would run his administration, look at the mindset of the people he puts in leadership positions and his surrogates, like his own Vice Presidential running mate Mike Pence.

While in Congress, Pence was one of only a handful of Republican legislators who opposed changes to improve railroad retirement for our members.

Pence's track record as Governor is just as bad; his first priority was to eliminate a bipartisan program that had protected the wages

of our construction industry brothers and sisters on publicly funded projects.

Pence clearly indicated his stance on working family issues by using his first action as Governor to lower the wages of his constituents.

"Hillary Clinton has fought for working people. She will invest in our country's coal industry...and she is committed to addressing our members' safety concerns about two person crews and Positive Train Control."

Hillary Clinton has spent her entire career striving to better the lives of American working families. From her early days expanding children's healthcare to advocating for a living wage and access to paid sick leave, Hillary Clinton has fought for working people.

She will invest in our country's infrastructure and coal industry which has been affected by lower overseas demand, and she is committed to addressing our members' safety concerns about two-person crews and Positive Train Control.

She has stated her opposition to bad trade deals like the Trans Pacific Partnership and has an actual economic plan that will keep and promote jobs here in the United States.

To ensure union families have a seat at the


table—in your city hall, in your state house, and in Washington we must make sure that Hillary Clinton and our endorsed local and federal candidates win this November.

There is too much at stake in this year's election to be sitting on the sidelines. Get involved in this election, get your family involved, and use your Union's resources at www.smartvote2016.org.

Go to our election tool at: www.smart-union.org/voter-registration to ensure you, your family and friends are registered to vote or to have your ballot delivered to you, if applicable in your state.

I know, as a condition of your work, you may be traveling far away from home during Election Day, so use our site to identify the early voting options you have in your state to ensure your voice is heard.

Get registered and Vote Union this election season.

Fraternally,

Joseph Sellers Jr.
SMART General President

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Aviation Department News

News affecting our aviation membership

Great Lakes Airlines announces new flights, in negotiations for more

Daily flights from Denver



Beginning December 17, Great Lakes Airlines will begin to provide daily year-round service from Denver to Telluride, Colo.

The airline plans to average 10 flights per week. During busier times, Great Lakes will provide two or more flights per day. During less busy times, Great Lakes will provide one flight daily.

For these flights, Great Lakes will continue its relationship with United Airlines, allowing travelers to utilize United's network and book directly through United.com.

"Commercial air service to Telluride Regional Airport (TEX) is hugely important to both visitors and residents alike, and we have been diligently working on its return for the past two years, exploring every possible option," Colorado Flights COO Matt Skinner said. "Ultimately, we are more than pleased to have our original partner, who knows the airport and the operation, back flying here."

Flights to Los Angeles in the works

Great Lakes Airlines and the city of Modesto, Calif., are in negotiations to provide flights from Modesto to Los Angeles.

Modesto's airport has not had passenger flights since June 2014, when SkyWest Airlines ended its daily flights between Modesto and San Francisco. A recent market study conducted for Modesto showed Los Angeles as the top destination for the county's air travelers, with Phoenix coming in second.

Although in the early stages of negotiations, if a contract is reached between Great Lakes and Modesto, flights could begin within six months to a year.



Bus Department News

A message from your bus department leadership

Leadership comes with Responsibility

Dear members,

"The ability of an individual or organization to lead or guide other individuals, teams, or entire organizations," is the definition of the word leadership. Leadership is the ability to help people achieve things they don't think is possible. It is the art of serving, having a positive energy and treating people the way you want to be treated.



Hughes

Your local officers and committee of adjustment represent the leadership in your local. The local president is in charge of the local meetings and the general chairperson leads the committee of adjustment and the labor agreement.

Leadership has a direct impact on membership. Our leaders have to make tough decisions daily, and those decisions should always focus on the betterment of our membership.

Effective leaders help guide membership through challenges, and are always on the lookout for solutions to foster the long-term success of the local. Rather than making a situation personal when they encounter problems, or assigning blame to individuals, leaders look for solutions and focus on moving forward.

It doesn't stop there. Members also have the responsibility to attend local meetings, engage in union activities and encourage new members to become involved in the local.

Achieving our common goal to make SMART TD the best we can be begins with the leadership and membership of each local. This cannot be accomplished without the participation and commitment of each and every one of us.

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Back to basics

In the July/August edition of the SMART Transportation Division News, both SMART General President Joseph Sellers and SMART Transportation Division President John Previsich wrote extensively about the importance of this election cycle. General President Sellers detailed why Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton was the obvious choice for any working man or woman, while illustrating why Republican candidate Donald Trump is not our friend, as his legacy is one of divisiveness, reneging on contractual commitments, bankruptcies that leave workers holding the bag, and producing his own brand-name products overseas.

President Previsich's column elaborated on the importance of a Democratic president, pointing out that the numerous federal agency appointments made by the president directly affects your employment and working conditions on a daily basis. His article also illustrated numerous facts regarding the candidates and their agendas, leaving no doubt that we desperately need to elect a United States president who is labor-friendly. That candidate is Hillary Clinton.

While I certainly concur and echo the sentiments raised by both President Sellers and President Previsich from an employment standpoint, my concerns with the 2016 presidential election are much more elemental. I, too, am convinced that former Senator and Secretary of State Clinton is by far the most experienced and qualified candidate, a fact which seems to have been lost in the Trump smokescreen of outrageous comments and allegations, but the most compelling reason I support Secretary Clinton is my fear of Donald Trump's narcissism, thin skin and toxic personality.



SMART
Transportation Division
Vice President's Column

By John Lesniewski

In the spirit of full disclosure, I have been a Democrat my entire life, although I have voted otherwise when circumstances truly warranted it. I am praying now that my Republican friends, Independents and disenfranchised Democrats recognize the current presidential election as just one of those unique circumstances. My trepidation over Donald Trump goes far beyond his narcissism or his penchant to insult every group, race and religion that doesn't look like him or share his beliefs. It goes to the ease with which he can be manipulated through compliments and to his irresistible impulse to retaliate with full force against anyone who disagrees with him, threatens his authority or disparages him in any manner. While I have not shared common political views with past Republican presidential candidates and presidents, I have never feared their impulsive temperament and lack of sound judgment would put my country, my loved ones and my friends in harm's way. I have that fear now.

You see, I was a living witness to the terror of the Cuban Missile Crisis. I remember the terror that gripped the nation during that time and I never want to see that again. Although I was a child, and my parents did their best to shield me from the looming possibility of a nuclear holocaust, they couldn't fully conceal the distressed look on their faces or the anxiety that permeated the air during those hor-

rible 13 days in October of 1962. They couldn't hide the 13 days we were glued to our black and white televisions watching for updates; or the ID bracelets parents placed on their children so they or their bodies could be identified if the worst occurred; or the emergency drills we practiced in school. They also could not conceal their relief when President Kennedy defused that crisis.

What does this have to do with the 2016 presidential race? Only that the Cuban Missile Crisis, along with President Kennedy's assassination just 13 months later, prompted me to become a student of presidential history. Among the books I read on the subject was Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr.'s "A Thousand Days: John F. Kennedy in the White House," where I was awestruck by the realm of knowledge a president must possess about every conceivable issue and contingency, and just as important, understanding the personalities and temperaments of leaders from nations around the world, both small and large. Every decision made by our president affects each nation's leader in a different way, and their potential reaction must be considered before any and all foreign policy decisions are rendered. No decision can be made on impulse or out of emotional distress.

I thank God that during those precarious days in October 1962 President Kennedy took full measure of the consequences of his actions before ordering a full scale invasion, despite the fact he was being encouraged by many in the military to engage immediately. Had the president overreacted, and he was given ample cause to do so, the results would have been catastrophic. Post-crises

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State Watch

News from SMART TD State Legislative Boards

Indiana



Pictured from left: Indiana AFL-CIO President Brett Voorhies; Edwards; Leader of the Indiana House Democratic Caucus Scott Pelath; Assistant State Legislative Director Tim Norment; Local 1202 Legislative Vice Chairperson Andy McKeeman; Alternate State Legislative Director Jimmy Carrico Jr.; Legislative Secretary Cody Walker; Indiana AFL-CIO Representative Rob Henderson; and the Indiana House Democratic Caucus Chief of Staff Trent Deckard.

The Indiana State Legislative Board held its bi-annual candidate endorsement meeting Aug. 16, reported State Legislative Director **Kenny Edwards**. The board considered candidates vying for state and federal positions.

"Joining in the discussion were representatives from the Indiana AFL-CIO and the Indiana State Legislature," Edwards said. "Committee members made endorsements by considering a variety of factors - the most important consideration is being a friend to rail labor. Our PAC funds are finite and therefore must be employed as effectively and efficiently as possible."

New Jersey



The N.J. State Legislative Board endorsed Rep. Chris Smith (R) for his support of our New Jersey Transit members' efforts to get a new contract. SLD Daniel O'Connell (right) stands here with Smith.



State Legislative Director Dan O'Connell (left) stands in support of Rep. Frank LoBiondo (R). Rep. LoBiondo is a cosponsor of H.R. 1763 (two-person crew bill) and also signed the NJ Congressional Delegation letter in support of our members at New Jersey Transit to obtain a contract.

Nebraska



SMART TD members were joined by State Sen. Al Davis (R-Dist. 43) in a parade in Crawford, Neb. Davis introduced a two-person crew bill in the state and has also sponsored the legislative board's uninsured/underinsured bill and the board's resolution on two person crews. The legislative board was awarded a first place ribbon for their SMART TD mini train.

Ohio



Pictured from left: Gardner, Brandow, Brown and Lechlitter. Ohio State Legislative Director **Stu Gardner**, Assistant SLD **Ralph Lechlitter** and Assistant

to the President **Jeff Brandow** met with Ohio Senator Sherrod Brown (D) to discuss the state of the coal industry and two-person crews.

Gardner said of the meeting with Brown, "We were able to ask some important questions. I asked the Senator's opinion on how the current state of coal fits into the long-range plans of how we utilize coal into the energy mix of our country.

"We also touched on the FRA's proposed two-person crew rule and how I believe this regulation will achieve SMART TD goals."

Utah



Pictured from left: Legislative Chairperson Roger Barnes, Seegmiller, Harper, Sheet Metal Local 312 Business Representative Mark Kauffman and Legislative Secretary Danny Brewer.

Utah State Legislative Director **Jay Seegmiller** reported that the Utah State Legislative Board met Sept. 1 to decide on endorsements for the candidates running for state offices. The board welcomed guest Utah Attorney General Candidate Jon Harper to their meeting.

Wisconsin



State Legislative Director **Craig Peachy** reported that he attended the grand opening and dedication ceremony of the newly reconstructed passenger concourse at the Milwaukee Intermodal Station. Pictured here Peachy (right) shakes hands with the Wisconsin Commissioner of Railroads, Yash Wadhwa.

SMART TD: Learning Today - Leading Tomorrow

A Recap in Photos of the 2016 Chicago Regional Meeting



Kentucky State Legislative Director Jared Cassidy opens the Chicago Regional Meeting with the National Anthem.



Bus members, officers and legislative directors attend the Bus Legislative Workshop.



Local Secretaries & Treasurers listen at the "S&T Do's & Don'ts" workshop.



UTUIA President Ken Laugel addresses the membership at the luncheon on Monday.



Local 1589 S&T Christian Ohe-meng is on his way to the next S&T workshop.



Vice General Chairperson and Human Rights Committee member Billy Moye (left) meets with Bus Vice President Adhi Reddy (right).



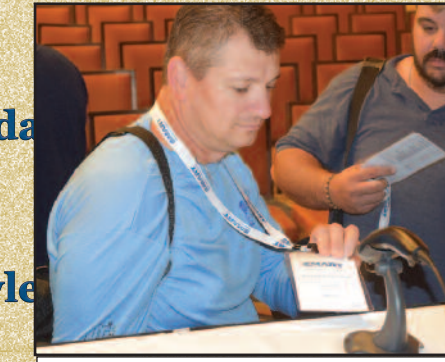
General & Local Chairperson Thomas Malone (front, center) takes notes in the "Local Chairperson Training - Best Practices for New & Experienced Local Chairpersons" workshop.



Jamie Modesitt, 1st GCA vice chairperson, presents in the local chairperson training workshop.



Local 1290 Chairperson Arnold Maxey (left) and Local 1290 Vice Local Chairperson Antwan Potts attend workshops together.



Local 1263 President Patrick Folsom scans in his badge to get credit for his workshop attendance.



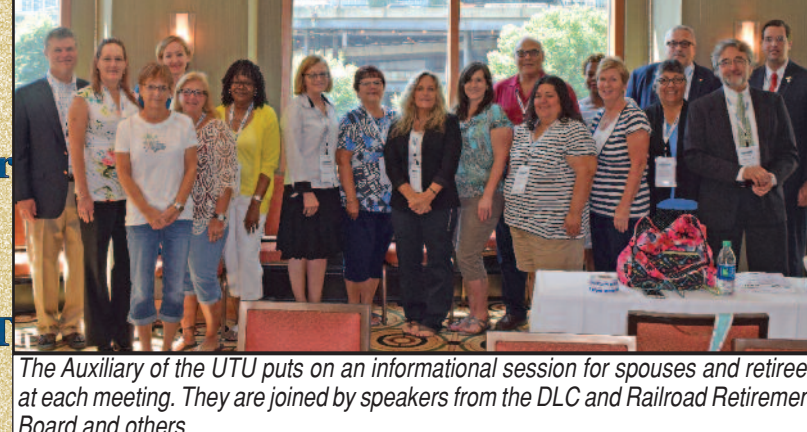
TD President John Previsich congratulates Local 830 Chairperson Gary Petrewicz on his retirement. Petrewicz served as LC for 30 years.



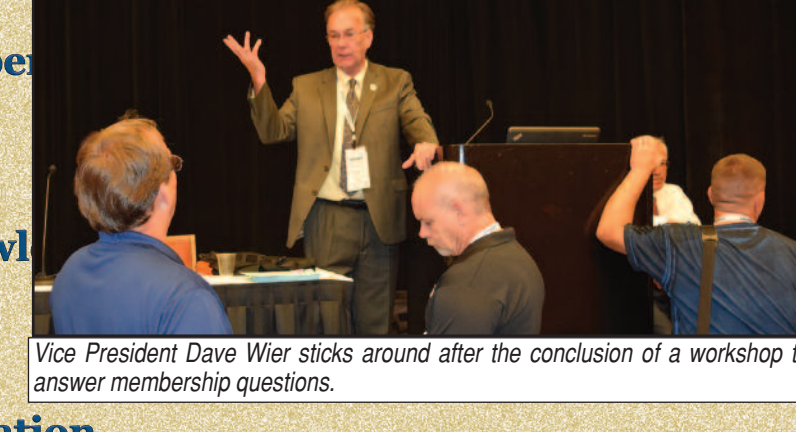
From left: UTUIA Field Supervisor Greg Hale, Local Chairperson Andrew McKeeman, UTUIA Field Supervisor Chris Fly and UTUIA President Ken Laugel discuss McKeeman's insurance needs.



FRA's Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety and Chief Safety Officer Robert Lauby gives a presentation in the "FRA - C3RS & Pending Regulations - New Minimum Training Standards - 49 CFR Part 243" workshop.



The Auxiliary of the UTUIA puts on an informational session for spouses and retirees at each meeting. They are joined by speakers from the DLC and Railroad Retirement Board and others.



Vice President Dave Wier sticks around after the conclusion of a workshop to answer membership questions.



Local President Justin Roper (left), S&T Jeremy Lambert (middle) and Local Chairperson Ronnie Knop (right) - of Local 847 - attend workshops together.



Members are engaged in discussion in this packed workshop.



SMART TD Director of Supply Joe Shvak scans in Local 924 Chairperson Jason Murrillo, giving him credit for his attendance.



Local 1393 Vice Local Chairperson Derek Rohde scans in his badge at the end of a workshop.



Pictured here are Local 1378 retiree and Alumni Association member Terry Tasker and his wife Vonnie. Tasker is working to open a new Alumni Association lodge in the Delaware area.



1st GCA Vice Chairperson Rob Warth gives a presentation in the "Local Officer & Member Training Part 1" workshop. He is joined by Alternate Vice President Alvy Hughes, Local Chairperson Larry Grutzius, Kentucky State Legislative Director Jared Cassidy, SMART TD Associate General Counsel Erika Diehl-Gibbons and Vice President Jeremy Ferguson.



Attendees take notes as the moderator answers questions.



Transportation Division President John Previsich (left) and National Legislative Director John Risch (right) greet Railroad Retirement Board Labor Member Walter A. Barrows (center) after his speech to the membership during Tuesday's opening session.



General President Joe Sellers visits with members of the Ohio state legislative board. Pictured from left are Geraldyn Gardner, Sellers, Ohio State Legislative Director Stu Gardner, Alternate State Legislative Director Clyde Whitaker, Assistant State Legislative Director Ralph Leichter and Legislative Secretary Jeff Darling.



Vice President John Lesniewski, SMART TD President John Previsich and Vice President John England take time out of their busy schedules for a photo.



Education and training is the focus of all SMART TD regional meeting workshops, including this workshop, which is designed to teach local officers how to properly run a local meeting.



Members hang on every word of the presenters in this workshop.

SMART TD Alumni

SMART TD Alumni Association

News, information for members of the SMART TD Alumni Association

Railroad Medicare open enrollment begins October 15

The annual open enrollment period for Railroad Medicare begins October 15 and runs through December 7.

During this period, you have the opportunity to make changes to your health care and drug plans, which include Part A (hospital insurance), Part B (doctors, labs, ambulance services, etc.), Part C (Medicare Advantage Plans) and Part D (drug coverage). Railroad Medicare is your Part B coverage.

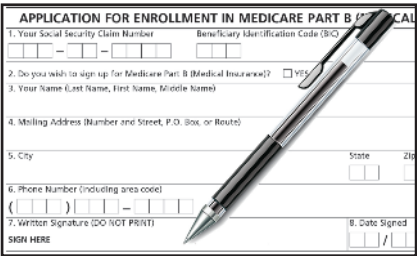
Retirees should soon receive a “Medicare & You” handbook from Palmetto GBA. This handbook explains the services that Medicare covers.

Once you receive your handbook, if you have questions or need help picking the right plan for you, your State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) may be able to assist you. Its

volunteer staff offers free local insurance counseling to people with Medicare.

Besides one-on-one assistance by phone, SHIP performs face-to-face counseling and conducts public education presentations. SHIP volunteers are trained to help you with your Medicare rights, complaints about your medical care or treatment, billing problems, and plan choices related to the open enrollment period. SHIP counselors are not connected to any health plan or insurance company.

To find the telephone number of the SHIP in your state, call the Palmetto GBA Beneficiary Contact Center at 800-833-4455, or for the hearing impaired, call 877-566-3572. Customer service representatives are available Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. EST.



Alumni Chapter 9 announces monthly meeting

Local 586 retiree **Walter Demich**, coordinator of Chapter 9 in Lorain, Ohio, has announced that the chapter meets on the second Tuesday of every month.

- What:** Alumni Chapter 9 meeting
When: Second Tuesday of every month
Where: 4632 Telegraph Rd. (Rte. 113), South Amherst, OH
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Contact: Walter Demich at (440) 233-7801

Former Georgia SLD, Bob Bullington dies



Brother **Robert “Bob” Morgan Bullington Jr.**, died August 18, 2016, at the age of 92.

A friend and mentor to countless brothers and sisters of the former UTU (now known as SMART TD), Bullington worked for over 40 years in the rail industry, and served our members with integrity and dedication as the Georgia State Legislative Director.

Bullington was dedicated to family, community, the union and nation, and worked diligently advocating on behalf of workers’ rights, benefits and safety issues for rail and transit workers.

Bullington served our country in the U.S. Air Force and was honored with several medals for his service during WWII and the Korean war.

Bullington was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, Eleanor Floyd Bullington and six of his seven sisters. He is survived by son Stanley Robert Bullington; sister Geraldine Bullington Williams; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

To leave condolences for the family visit www.paulkfuneralhome.com. Memorial donations may be made to Blue and Gray Community Hospice, P.O. Box 1447, Fitzgerald, GA 31750.

Important contact information

- SMART Transportation Division**
- www.smart-union.org/td
 - (216) 228-9400
- UTU Insurance Association (UTUIA)**
- www.utuia.org
 - (800) 558-8842
- Railroad Retirement Board**
- www.rrb.gov
 - (877) 772-5772
- Social Security Administration**
- www.ssa.gov
 - (800) 772-1213
- Medicare**
- www.medicare.gov
 - (800) 633-4227
- Railroad Medicare (Palmetto GBA)**
- www.palmettogba.com/rr
 - (888) 355-9165
- Department of Veterans Affairs**
- www.va.gov
 - (800) 827-1000
- Landfall Travel (Alumni Travelers’ Club)**
- www.landfalltravel.com
 - (800) 835-9233

16th annual rail reunion and retirement dinner in Calif.



The 16th annual rail reunion and retirement dinner is being held Friday, November 11 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the **Sierra Lakes Golf Course, 16600 Clubhouse Dr., Fontana, CA 92336.**

The reunion is for all active and retired crafts of Southern Pacific, Union Pacific, Pacific Electric, Metro Link and Amtrak railroads.

“Everyone is welcome to come - all crafts of employment with any railroad, working or retired,” said Local 240 Chairperson **Harry Garvin**.

The cost to attend is \$40 per person, \$75 per couple or \$45 per person at the door.

The deadline to make reservations at the discounted rate is November 7.

Call Garvin at **(909) 261-8878** or **(909) 481-7261** to RSVP.

The phone number for Sierra Lakes Golf Club is (909) 350-2500.

THE FINAL CALL

Following are the names of recently deceased members who maintained annual membership in the SMART TD Alumni Association, according to reports received at SMART TD Headquarters. These brothers and sisters will be missed by their many friends and by fellow SMART TD Alumni Association members.

Local	Name	City/State	Local	Name	City/State	Local	Name	City/State
R	Shipp, Joseph R.	Mableton, Ga.	587	Kells Jr., John J.	Greenfield, Mass.	1067	Everett, Larry C.	Cloquet, Minn.
31	McKinnon, Forest G.	Modesto, Calif.	597	Freer, Kenneth W.	Des Plaines, Ill.	1074	Celich, John A.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
118	Berry, John M.	Beckley, W.Va.	598	Roy, John J.	Mobile, Ala.	1083	Pigman, Robert M.	Urbana, Ill.
166	Boyde, James C.	Roy, Utah	631	Welty, James M.	Knoxville, Md.	1083	Sennezy, John L.	Oconee, Ill.
198	Snodgrass, Floyd B.	Peoria, Ill.	646	Bertelsen, Donald C.	Missouri Valley, Iowa	1183	Brennan Jr., Charles C.	Kimball, Mich.
225	Hartman, David G.	Conneaut, Ohio	655	Mulkey, Latha N.	North Tazewell, Va.	1313	Anderson, Clarence L.	Beverly Hills, Calif.
256	Corsale Jr., Joseph N.	Saratoga Springs, N.Y.	750	Brewton, Donald R.	Knoxville, Tenn.	1313	Clemence, Kirk R.	Amarillo, Texas
256	Samson, Gordon J.	Newport, Vt.	762	Cobb, Terrell K.	Auburn, Mass.	1358	Thomas, Terry D.	Danville, Ill.
281	Margules, Albert	Highland Park, Ill.	762	Pugh, James T.	Prattville, Ala.	1378	Foraker, Oscar T.	New Castle, Del.
298	Everson, Keith C.	Noblesville, Ind.	770	Duncan, Milburn C.	Howe, Okla.	1477	Rakovan, Lawrence E.	Westland, Mich.
316	Gardner, Roger J.	Fayetteville, N.C.	771	McConnell, Robert J.	Needles, Calif.	1504	Richarde, Michael W.	Debary, Fla.
318	Maillet, Francis J.	Dewey, Ariz.	782	Harrison Jr., James E.	Asheville, N.C.	1770	Bowles, David E.	Browns Valley, Calif.
322	Long, Dennis	Lady Lake, Fla.	894	Scully, Sam H.	Henryetta, Okla.	1816	Lear, Elmer R.	Lake Wales, Fla.
322	Murphy, James R.	Aberdeen, S.D.	904	Epperson, Theodore F.	Henderson, Ky.	1841	Hunt, David C.	Klamath Falls, Ore.
418	Hennessey, James E.	Vermillion, S.D.	904	Troop, Billy	Madisonville, Ky.	1883	Kortum, Danny L.	Griffith, Ind.
440	Richards, Honas H.	Cincinnati, Ohio	950	Waldon, J. L.	Hernando, Miss.	1929	Rodgers, Lloyd A.	Arnold, Mo.
500	Tucker, Merlin W.	Grand Junction, Colo.	977	Ferraro Jr., Joe	College Place, Wash.	1962	Mott, Dwane	South Branch, Mich.
525	Lunak, Bernard E.	St. Cloud, Minn.	991	Mullenbach, Michael A.	Wellsburg, W.Va.	1973	Rodgers, Thomas H.	Palmetto, Fla.
587	Hall, John	Greenfield, Mass.	1031	Smith, Curtis D.	Lawrenceville, Ga.			

Back to basics

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revelations verified that the Russians in Cuba already had tactical nuclear warheads for their artillery rockets and bombers, and Castro was prepared to recommend their use if the U.S. invaded, regardless of the devastation it may have caused his own country.

Donald Trump has demonstrated time and time again throughout this campaign that he would not have exercised the same self-control as President Kennedy did in 1962. He lashes out immediately in response to every threat, real or perceived, and tries to justify his reaction later through subordinates. Recently he threatened, “I’ll blow them out of the water” if Iranian boats circled our destroyers and made inappropriate gestures. Really? Does the U.S. really want to trigger a war costing thousands of U.S. lives over inappropriate gestures? Apparently a President Trump would. It’s sincerely scary.

Also, forget about your guns. There have been several Democratic presidents and not one has taken away your hunting rifles. Forget about abortion, Roe vs. Wade has been here since 1973 and is not likely to change during this president’s term, nor is the president likely to change anyone’s feelings on the subject. **When you strip away all of the peripheral political pundit buzz, the bottom line is Donald Trump is unstable, dangerous, and clearly governed by his own ego.** If there’s even a slight chance that his irrational and impulsive decisions can trigger an unnecessary war or, God forbid, a nuclear conflict, are you willing to take that chance? Are you willing to bet your life on it? Or the life of your loved ones? You need to be, because a vote for Trump is tantamount to placing just such a bet.

Let us not forsake the most qualified and experienced candidate for president in our lifetime, in favor of the least qualified candidate who has never held so much as a city council seat. Even if you bought into the recent Republican rhetoric about emails or audiences granted to donors from the Clinton Foundation, I would much rather have a president who had been careless with emails in the past, but has our back, than a president who is so unstable he could put our country and its citizens in harms way.

Also, don’t forget that a vote for a third party candidate is a wasted vote, and equivalent to a one-half vote for Trump. **There can be no doubt that Hillary Clinton is the only logical choice for president.**

Fraternally,



John Lesniewski
Vice President
SMART Transportation Division

FRA files violations against CSX

Acting on a SMART TD formal complaint, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) said it filed multiple formal violations and one defect against CSX for a March incident that involved a CSX manager “piloting” a student engineer who was performing his final qualifying run.

During the run, the piloting Road Foreman of Engines (RFE) used his personal cell phone twice to contact the dispatcher and also failed to reduce speed in a temporary speed restricted area.

The student engineer, SMART TD’s Illinois Assistant State Legislative Director **Joe Ciemny**, immediately notified the Illinois State Legislative Board about the incident.

The FRA issued violations to CSX for failure to comply with 49 CFR Part 220.305 regarding a manager’s unauthorized cell phone use and 49 CFR Part 240.307 for a failure to suspend a manager’s certificate. The FRA also found that the manager failed to report the covered service assignment on an hours of duty record and reported it as a defect.

UTUIA awards first Memorial Scholarship at Smart TD Regional Meeting

UTUIA Fraternal Benefit Society awarded the first of its new Memorial Scholarships to three of the six children of Troy and Dorothy Jordan of Local 1403 (Kansas City, Mo.) at the SMART Transportation Division Chicago Regional Meeting.

Last year, **Troy Jordan** took out a UTUIA life insurance policy to protect his wife and children, and like many men his age, thought that he would not need it for a very long time. Unfortunately, just 20 days later, tragedy struck as Jordan was killed in a rail accident.

“Our initial thoughts and actions were firmly focused on making sure Troy’s family received the benefits they deserved as fast as we could get them out,” said UTUIA President **Ken Laugel**.

Home office staff, working with Field Supervisor **David Landstrom** (446), had a check in Dorothy’s hands in less than 20 days.

“Our 149 year history started with the passing of a hat to provide funds for widows and orphans so we naturally wanted to ensure that Troy’s wishes were honored and we could alleviate some of the financial burden placed on his family,” explained Laugel.

And just recently, the UTUIA received approval and completed the development of its Memorial Scholarship program, which provides for \$4,000 per year for up to four years of college or two years of trade school.



UTUIA President Ken Laugel (center) presents three scholarships to the family of Troy Jordan at the 2016 Chicago Regional Meeting.

The scholarship is awarded to the children of a transportation worker, who is a UTUIA member, and who is accidentally killed in the line of duty.

“We made a promise to our membership at the 2015 Regional Meetings that we would develop this Memorial Scholarship and I am pleased that we accomplished that goal ahead of this tragic event,” added Laugel.

The UTUIA was proud to award three Memorial Scholarships to the Jordan’s children at the SMART TD Regional Meeting in Chicago in July. The Jordan family has been overwhelmed at the outpouring of support from SMART members, Local 1403 and the UTUIA.

“Troy would never have imagined how many people have rallied around our

family in this time of need and I want to thank everyone and especially the UTUIA for all they have done for our family. I would encourage all members of SMART to have insurance with UTUIA,” said Dorothy Jordan.

For more information about the UTUIA Memorial Scholarship program and video of the Award presentation go to www.utuia.org and click on *scholarship programs*. It is important for members and their families to know that they must be members of the UTUIA by owning an individual insurance product to qualify for the fraternal benefits we offer. Contact a field supervisor for more information.

The outcome of this election will affect your job

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tant job is to make sure that bad things don’t happen to our members.” I’m charged with the responsibility of protecting and improving the jobs of our members - an assignment I don’t take lightly. That job may be nearly impossible under a Trump administration.

In the book, *The Making of Donald Trump* by Pulitzer Prize winning journalist David Cay Johnston, Johnston explains many of Donald Trump’s human failings. I know the hardcore Trump supporters in our ranks have by and large ignored these failings, but I cannot. I care about our hardworking members and our country, and **quite simply Donald Trump is unqualified to serve as President of the United States.**

If he is elected, I’m afraid that he will appoint people to government that are equally unqualified, causing significant damage to the progress we have already made. While I pledge to do the best I can to improve things for our members, I can’t do it on my own. I need your help at the ballot box. We’ve endorsed Hillary Clinton; she will support our union, our issues and the progress that unions have made. This is serious stuff and we all need to do our part in making our jobs better not just for us, but also for those who follow. And that work starts with this election.

Anyone who wants to call and talk about this can call me, John Risch, at 202-543-7714. I work for you. What each of you has to say matters to me.

Discipline Income Protection Program

Below is a summary of the changes to the *Benefits and Premiums* section of the *Summary Plan Description*, dated March 1, 2015. These changes became effective Sept. 1, 2016.

Increase in Benefit Level

You may elect to increase your benefit level no earlier than one year after the effective date of your last election and your new election will take effect 90 days after it is received by the DIPP office.

Decrease in Benefit Level

You may elect to decrease your benefit level at any time and your new election will be effective on the first day of the month following the month in which the DIPP office receives the corresponding lower premium amount.

Member died in BNSF crash

Conductor **Kenneth Paul “K.P.” Smith Jr.**, 59, of Local 1313 in Amarillo, Texas, died June 28 when two BNSF trains crashed just outside of Amarillo. Two others, Cody Owens, 52, and Lara Gayle Taylor, 45, also died in the crash. In addition to those who lost their lives, another crewmember jumped from the train and received major injuries.

Smith had been a member since 1977, just shy of 39 years. He was known for having a love of the outdoors and had a passion for sharing his knowledge and skills with those he loved. In his free time, Smith enjoyed scuba diving and driving RZR’s.

“While devastated by the sudden loss of Kenny, we intend to spend the upcoming days and weeks remembering the love he had for his family and a good adventure. K.P. took great pride in his 39 years of service with BNSF Railway. He will be missed deeply by those whose lives he touched,” the family said in a statement to *Amarillo Globe-News*.

Smith is survived by his wife Donna Smith, daughter Sarah (Tomas) Wrotten, son Kellen (Tana) Smith, mother Nancy Smith, brother Ricky (Jacquie) Smith; grandchildren Saylor Wrotten; Avere, Kysen and Ansen Smith. He was preceded in death by his father Paul Smith.

A celebration of life service was held Saturday, July 2. Go to www.coxfuneralhomeamarillo.com to view Smith’s official obituary or to leave condolences for the family.

An obituary for Owens can be viewed at www.coxfuneralhomeamarillo.com. Taylor’s obituary can be viewed at www.meyersfuneralchapel.com.

Submit your local or legislative stories to SMART Transportation Division by email to: news_td@smart-union.org.



Vote SMART this Election Day!

Congressional Recommendations

Alabama

House of Representatives

- Dist. 2 Nathan Mathis (D)
- Dist. 3 Jesse Smith (D)
- Dist. 4 Robert B. Aderholt (R)*
- Dist. 5 Dr. Will Boyd Jr.
- Dist. 7 Terri A. Sewell (D)*

Alaska



Don Young (R)*

U.S. Representative, Alaska

Senate

Lisa Murkowski (R)*

House of Representatives

At Large Don Young (R)*

Arizona

Senate

Ann Kirkpatrick (D)

House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Paul Babeu (R)
- Dist. 2 Matthew D. Heinz (D)
- Dist. 3 Raúl M. Grijalva (D)*
- Dist. 7 Ruben Gallego (D)*
- Dist. 8 Trent Franks (R)*
- Dist. 9 Kyrsten Sinema (D)*



Kyrsten Sinema (D)*

U.S. Representative, Arizona

Arkansas

Senate

Conner Eldridge (D)

House of Representatives

Dist. 2 Dianne Curry (D)

California

Senate

Kamala Devi Harris (D)

House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Jim Reed (D)
- Dist. 2 Jared Huffman (D)*
- Dist. 3 John Garamendi (D)*
- Dist. 5 Mike Thompson (D)*
- Dist. 6 Doris Matsui (D)*
- Dist. 7 Ami Bera (D)*
- Dist. 8 Paul Cook (R)*
- Dist. 9 Jerry McNerney (D)*
- Dist. 10 Jeff Denham (R)*
- Dist. 11 Mark DeSaulnier (D)*
- Dist. 12 Nancy Pelosi (D)*
- Dist. 13 Barbara Lee (D)*
- Dist. 14 Jackie Speier (D)*
- Dist. 15 Eric Swalwell (D)*
- Dist. 16 Jim Costa (D)*
- Dist. 17 Michael M. Honda (D)*
- Dist. 18 Anna G. Eshoo (D)*
- Dist. 19 Zoe Lofgren (D)*
- Dist. 20 Jimmy Panetta (D)
- Dist. 26 Julia Brownley (D)*
- Dist. 27 Judy Chu (D)*

- Dist. 28 Adam B. Schiff (D)*
- Dist. 29 Tony Cárdenas (D)*
- Dist. 30 Brad Sherman (D)*
- Dist. 31 Pete Aguilar (D)*
- Dist. 32 Grace F. Napolitano (D)*
- Dist. 33 Ted Lieu (D)*
- Dist. 34 Xavier Becerra (D)*
- Dist. 35 Norma J. Torres (D)*
- Dist. 36 Raul Ruiz (D)*
- Dist. 37 Karen Bass (D)*
- Dist. 38 Linda T. Sánchez (D)*
- Dist. 40 Lucille Roybal-Allard (D)*
- Dist. 41 Mark Takano (D)*
- Dist. 43 Maxine Waters (D)*
- Dist. 44 Isadore Hall III (D)
- Dist. 47 Alan Lowenthal (D)*
- Dist. 51 Juan C. Vargas (D)*
- Dist. 52 Scott Peters (D)*
- Dist. 53 Susan A. Davis (D)*



Jeff Denham (R)*

U.S. Representative, California

Colorado

Senate

Michael Bennett (D)*

House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Diana DeGette (D)*
- Dist. 3 Gail Schwartz (D)
- Dist. 4 Bob Seay (D)
- Dist. 6 Morgan Carroll (D)
- Dist. 7 Ed Perlmutter (D)*

Connecticut

Senate

Richard Blumenthal (D)*

House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 John B. Larson (D)*
- Dist. 2 Joe Courtney (D)*
- Dist. 3 Rosa DeLauro (D)*
- Dist. 4 Jim Himes (D)*
- Dist. 5 Elizabeth Esty (D)*

Delaware

House of Representatives

At Large Lisa Blunt Rochester (D)

District of Columbia

House of Representatives

At Large Eleanor Holmes Norton (D)*

Florida

Senate

Patrick Murphy (D)



Gary Peters (D)

U.S. Senate candidate, Florida

House of Representatives

- Dist. 5 Alfred Lawson Jr. (D)
- Dist. 7 Stephanie Murphy (D)
- Dist. 9 Darren Soto (D)
- Dist. 10 Val Demings (D)
- Dist. 14 Kathy Castor (D)*

- Dist. 18 Randy Perkins (D)
- Dist. 20 Alcee L. Hastings (D)*
- Dist. 22 Ted Deutch (D)*
- Dist. 23 Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D)*
- Dist. 24 Frederica S. Wilson (D)*
- Dist. 25 Mario Diaz-Balart (R)*
- Dist. 26 Carlos Curbelo (R)*
- Dist. 27 Ileana Ros-Lehtinen

Georgia

Senate

Jim Barksdale (D)

House of Representatives

- Dist. 2 Sanford D. Bishop Jr. (D)*
- Dist. 4 Hank Johnson (D)*
- Dist. 5 John Lewis (D)*
- Dist. 12 Tricia Carperter McCracken (D)
- Dist. 13 David Scott (D)*

Hawaii

Senate

Brian Schatz (D)*

House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Colleen Wakako Hanabusa (D)
- Dist. 2 Tulsi Gabbard (D)*

Illinois

Senate

Tammy Duckworth (D)



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U.S. Senate candidate, Illinois

House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Bobby Rush (D)*
- Dist. 2 Robin Kelly (D)*
- Dist. 3 Daniel Lipinski (D)*
- Dist. 4 Luis Gutiérrez (D)*
- Dist. 5 Mike Quigley (D)*
- Dist. 6 Amanda Howland (D)
- Dist. 7 Danny Davis (D)*
- Dist. 8 Raja Krishnamoorthi (D)
- Dist. 9 Jan Schakowsky (D)*
- Dist. 10 Brad Schneider (D)
- Dist. 11 Bill Foster (D)*
- Dist. 12 C.J. Baricevic (D)
- Dist. 13 Rodney Davis (R)*
- Dist. 15 John Shimkus (R)*
- Dist. 16 Adam Kinzinger (R)*

Indiana

Senate

Evan Bayh III (D)



Evan Bayh (D)

U.S. Senate candidate, Indiana

House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Peter Visclosky (D)*
- Dist. 2 Lynn Coleman (D)
- Dist. 4 John Dale (D)
- Dist. 5 Angela Demaree (D)
- Dist. 6 Barry Welsh (D)
- Dist. 7 André Carson (D)*
- Dist. 8 Ron Drake (D)

- Dist. 9 Shelli Yoder (D)

Iowa

Senate

Patty Judge (D)

House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Monica Vernon (D)
- Dist. 2 Dave Loebsack (D)*
- Dist. 3 Jim Mowrer (D)
- Dist. 4 Kim Weaver (D)

Kansas

Senate

Patrick Wiesner (D)



Jay Sidie (D)

U.S. House candidate, Kansas

House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Dr. Roger Marshall (R)
- Dist. 2 Britani Potter (D)
- Dist. 3 Jay Sidie (D)
- Dist. 4 Daniel B. Giroux (D)

Kentucky

House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Samuel Gaskins (D)
- Dist. 3 John Yarmuth (D)*
- Dist. 4 Calvin Sidle (D)
- Dist. 6 Nancy Jo Kemper (D)

Louisiana

Senate

Foster Campbell (D)

House of Representatives

- Dist. 2 Cedric L. Richmond (D)*
- Dist. 3 Brett Geymann (R)
- Dist. 4 Marshall Jones (D)

Maine

House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Chellie Pingree (D)*
- Dist. 2 Emily Cain (D)

Maryland

Senate

Chris Van Hollen (D)

House of Representatives

- Dist. 3 John P. Sarbanes (D)*
- Dist. 4 Anthony Brown (D)
- Dist. 5 Steny H. Hoyer (D)*
- Dist. 6 John Delaney (D)*
- Dist. 7 Elijah E. Cummings (D)*
- Dist. 8 Jamie Raskin (D)

Massachusetts

House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Richard E. Neal (D)*
- Dist. 2 Jim McGovern (D)*
- Dist. 3 Niki Tsongas (D)*
- Dist. 4 Joseph P. Kennedy III (D)*
- Dist. 5 Katherine M. Clark (D)*
- Dist. 6 Seth Moulton (D)*
- Dist. 7 Michael E. Capuano (D)*
- Dist. 8 Stephen F. Lynch (D)*
- Dist. 9 William Keating (D)*

Michigan

House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Lon Johnson (D)
- Dist. 3 Douglas Smith (D)
- Dist. 5 Dan Kildee (D)*
- Dist. 6 Fred Upton (R)*
- Dist. 7 Gretchen Driskell (D)

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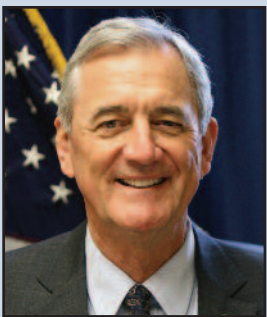
Congressional Recommendations

- Dist. 8 Suzanna Shkreli (D)
Dist. 9 Sander M. Levin (D)*
Dist. 10 Frank Accavitti Jr. (D)
Dist. 11 Dr. Anil Kumar (D)
Dist. 12 Debbie Dingell (D)*
Dist. 13 John Conyers Jr. (D)*
Dist. 14 Brenda Lawrence (D)*

Minnesota

House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Tim Walz (D)*
Dist. 2 Angie Craig (D)
Dist. 3 Terri Bonoff (D)
Dist. 4 Betty McCollum (D)*
Dist. 5 Keith Ellison (D)*
Dist. 7 Collin Peterson (D)*
Dist. 8 Rick Nolan (D)*



Rick Nolan (D)*
U.S. Representative, Minnesota

Mississippi

House of Representatives

- Dist. 2 Bennie Thompson (D)*

Missouri

House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 William Lacy Clay (D)*
Dist. 2 Bill Otto (D)
Dist. 3 Dan Hogan (L)
Dist. 4 Gordon Christensen (D)
Dist. 5 Emanuel Cleaver II (D)*
Dist. 6 Sam Graves (R)*

Montana

House of Representatives

- At Large Ryan Zinke (R)*

Nebraska

House of Representatives

- Dist. 2 Don Bacon (R)

Nevada

Senate

- Catherine Cortez Masto (D)

House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Dina Titus (D)*
Dist. 2 Chip Evans (D)
Dist. 3 Jacky Rosen (D)
Dist. 4 Ruben Kihuen (D)



Catherine Cortez Masto (D)
U.S. Senate candidate, Nevada

New Hampshire

Senate

- Maggie Hassan (D)

House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Carol Shea Porter (D)
Dist. 2 Ann McLane Kuster (D)*

New Jersey

House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Donald Norcross (D)*

- Dist. 2 Frank A. LoBiondo (R)*
Dist. 3 Tom MacArthur (R)*
Dist. 4 Christopher H. Smith (R)*
Dist. 5 Joshua Gottheimer (D)
Dist. 6 Frank Pallone Jr. (D)*
Dist. 7 Leonard Lance (R)*
Dist. 8 Albio Sires (D)*
Dist. 9 Bill Pascrell Jr. (D)*
Dist. 10 Donald M. Payne Jr. (D)*
Dist. 11 Rodney Frelinghuysen (R)*
Dist. 12 Bonnie Watson Coleman (D)*

New Mexico

House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Michelle Lujan Grisham (D)*
Dist. 3 Ben Ray Lujan (D)*

New York

Senate

- Charles E. Schumer (D)*



Peter King (R)*
U.S. Representative, New York

House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Lee Zeldin (R)*
Dist. 2 Peter T. King (R)*
Dist. 3 Thomas R. Suozzi (D)
Dist. 4 Kathleen Rice (D)*
Dist. 5 Gregory W. Meeks (D)*
Dist. 6 Grace Meng (D)*
Dist. 7 Nydia M. Velázquez (D)*
Dist. 8 Hakeem Jeffries (D)*
Dist. 9 Yvette D. Clarke (D)*
Dist. 10 Jerrold Nadler (D)*
Dist. 11 Daniel Donovan (R)*
Dist. 12 Carolyn B. Maloney (D)*
Dist. 13 Adriano Espaillat (D)
Dist. 14 Joseph Crowley (D)*
Dist. 15 José E. Serrano (D)*
Dist. 16 Eliot L. Engel (D)*
Dist. 17 Nita M. Lowey (D)*
Dist. 18 Sean Patrick Maloney (D)*
Dist. 19 Zephyr Teachout (D)
Dist. 20 Paul Tonko (D)*
Dist. 21 Mike Derrick (D)
Dist. 22 Kim A. Myers (D)
Dist. 23 Tom Reed (R)*
Dist. 24 John Katko (R)*
Dist. 25 Louise M. Slaughter (D)*
Dist. 26 Brian Higgins (D)*
Dist. 27 Diana K. Kastenberg (D)

North Carolina

Senate

- Deborah K. Ross (D)

House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 G.K. Butterfield (D)*
Dist. 4 David E. Price (D)*
Dist. 12 Alma Adams (D)*

Ohio

Senate

- Ted Strickland (D)

House of Representatives

- Dist. 3 Joyce Beatty (D)*
Dist. 4 Janet Garrett (D)
Dist. 9 Marcy Kaptur (D)*
Dist. 10 Michael R. Turner (R)*
Dist. 11 Marcia L. Fudge (D)*
Dist. 12 Pat Tiberi (R)*
Dist. 13 Tim Ryan (D)*
Dist. 14 David Joyce (R)*
Dist. 15 Steve Stivers (R)*

- Dist. 16 James B. Renacci (R)*



Joyce Beatty (D)*
U.S. Representative, Ohio

Oklahoma

House of Representatives

- Dist. 3 Frank D. Lucas (R)*
Dist. 4 Tom Cole (R)*
Dist. 5 Al McCaffrey (D)

Oregon

Senate

- Ron Wyden (D)*

House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Suzanne Bonamici (D)*
Dist. 2 Greg Walden (R)*
Dist. 3 Earl Blumenauer (D)*
Dist. 4 Peter A. DeFazio (D)*
Dist. 5 Kurt Schrader (D)*

Pennsylvania

Senate

- Katie McGinty (D)

House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Robert Brady (D)*
Dist. 2 Chaka Fattah (D)*
Dist. 3 Daniel LaVallee (D)
Dist. 5 Kerith Strano Taylor (D)
Dist. 6 Manan Trivedi (D)
Dist. 7 Patrick Meehan Jr. (R)*
Dist. 8 Michael Fitzpatrick (R)*
Dist. 9 William "Bill" Shuster (R)*
Dist. 11 Louis Barletta (R)*
Dist. 12 Erin McClelland (D)
Dist. 13 Brendan Boyle (D)
Dist. 14 Michael Doyle (D)*
Dist. 15 Charles Dent (R)*
Dist. 16 Thomas Houghton (D)
Dist. 17 Matthew Cartwright (D)*
Dist. 18 Timothy Murphy (R)*

Rhode Island

House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 David Cicilline (D)*
Dist. 2 Jim Langevin (D)*

South Carolina

House of Representatives

- Dist. 6 James E. Clyburn (D)*

Tennessee

House of Representatives

- Dist. 5 Jim Cooper (D)*
Dist. 9 Steve Cohen (D)*

Texas

House of Representatives

- Dist. 2 Pat Bryan (D)
Dist. 6 Ruby Faye Woolridge (D)
Dist. 7 James Cargas (D)
Dist. 9 Al Green (D)*
Dist. 14 Michael Cole (D)
Dist. 15 Vicente Gonzalez (D)
Dist. 16 Beto O'Rourke (D)*
Dist. 17 William Matta (D)
Dist. 18 Sheila Jackson Lee (D)*
Dist. 20 Joaquin Castro (D)*
Dist. 21 Thomas Wakely (D)
Dist. 22 Mark Gibson (D)
Dist. 23 Pete Gallego (D)
Dist. 25 Kathi Thomas (D)

- Dist. 26 Eric Mauck (D)
Dist. 28 Henry Cuellar (D)*
Dist. 29 Gene Green (D)*
Dist. 30 Eddie Bernice Johnson (D)*
Dist. 33 Marc Veasey (D)*
Dist. 34 Filemon Vela (D)*
Dist. 35 Lloyd Doggett (D)*



Gene Green (D)*
U.S. Representative, Texas

Utah

House of Representatives

- Dist. 4 Doug Owens (D)

Vermont

Senate

- Patrick J. Leahy (D)*

House of Representatives

- At Large Peter Welch (D)*

Virginia

House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Matt Rowe (D)
Dist. 2 Shaun Brown (D)
Dist. 3 Robert Scott (D)*
Dist. 4 Donald McEachin (D)
Dist. 5 Jane Dittmar (D)
Dist. 6 Kai Degner (D)
Dist. 7 Eileen Bedell (D)
Dist. 8 Donald Beyer (D)*
Dist. 9 Derek Kitts (D)
Dist. 10 LuAnn Bennett (D)
Dist. 11 Gerald Connolly (D)*

Washington

Senate

- Patty Murray (D)*

House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Suzan DelBene (D)*
Dist. 2 Rick Larsen (D)*
Dist. 4 Dan Newhouse (R)*
Dist. 6 Derek Kilmer (D)*
Dist. 8 Dave Reichert (R)*
Dist. 9 Adam Smith (D)*
Dist. 10 Denny Heck (D)*

West Virginia

House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 David McKinley (R)*
Dist. 2 Mark Hunt (D)
Dist. 3 Evan Jenkins (R)*

Wisconsin

Senate

- Russ Feingold (D)

House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Ryan Solen (D)
Dist. 2 Mark Pocan (D)*
Dist. 3 Ron Kind (D)*
Dist. 4 Gwen Moore (D)*
Dist. 5 Khary Pennebaker (D)
Dist. 6 Sarah Lloyd (D)
Dist. 7 Mary Hoeft (D)
Dist. 8 Thomas Nelson (D)

West Virginia

House of Representatives

- At Large Ryan Greene (D)

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