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News & Notes

UTUIA increases dividend

CLEVELAND – UTUIA announced that it is increasing its dividend payment to 6.25% from 6%. The dividend increase will affect thousands of UTUIA policyholders who have invested in their fraternal insurance company.

"We are pleased that the UTUIA can increase its dividend payment and help put extra money into our members' pockets," said Paul C. Thompson, UTU general secretary and treasurer. "UTUIA is financially strong and is one of the largest fraternal insurance companies in the country."

NMB calls off election

CLEVELAND – After first indicating on March 9 that a representation election on the Texas Mexican Railway (TexMex) would most probably take place, the National Mediation Board (NMB) on March 25 dismissed the BLE's application for an election against the UTU.

In calling off the election, the NMB said it "will not accept an application (for a representation election) for a two-year period" on the TexMex. The two-year bar, the NMB said, began on March 1, 2000, which is the date of the decision in the TexMex case.

In denying an election for at least two years, the NMB said its "rule is based upon the principle that labor stability is enhanced by providing labor and management a reasonable period of time for a collective bargaining relationship after a certification....When the board issued the certification for Train and Engine Service Employees on March 1, 2000, the result is that the Board will not accept an application for a two-year period."

Update on national negotiations contained in Assistant President Byron Boyd's column on page 4.

Unions ask Congress to improve pensions

Campaign begins to enact improvements in Railroad Retirement

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On April 17, the United Transportation Union (UTU) joined with a major coalition of 11 rail unions and retiree organizations, representing more than three million members, to launch a national campaign to convince Congress to enact the

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best improvements to the Railroad Retirement system in a generation.

"We are proud to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our brothers and sisters in 10 other unions to ask Congress to pass these major improvements to Railroad Retirement," said Charles L. Little, UTU International president. "Altogether we represent more than three million persons, and we are asking

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TPEL donors make UTU No. 1

For the second year in a row, Local 1421 in Franklin Park, Ill., was the top TPEL local in the U.S. in average donations per member.

TPEL raised \$1.55 million in 1999, making it more than four times bigger than the next-largest rail union PAC, the BLE.

"TPEL is the No. 1 rail union PAC in the U.S. and is more than one-and-half times as large as the next five rail union PACs combined," said Byron A. Boyd, Jr., assistant president.

Rounding out the Top 5 were Locals 1293 in Altoona, Wisc., Local 1129 in Raleigh, N.C., Local 17 in Marshalltown, Iowa, and Local 1933 in Washington, D.C. New to the Top 10 were Locals 1468 in Walla Walla, Wash., and 1933 in Washington, D.C.

BLE agreement permits remotes

Sixty railroaders to lose jobs on Montana Rail Link

CLEVELAND – At least 60 union railroad workers represented by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers (BLE) on the Montana Rail Link (MRL) will lose their jobs by the end of the year because of an agreement their union made with the carrier permitting the operation of remote-controlled "black boxes" in switching operations.

In December, the MRL revealed in a letter to employees that the BLE had agreed to replace operating employees with remote controls in some switching operations.

Now, the total job loss is known: at least 60 workers will be laid off by the MRL with the cooperation of the BLE.

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Cornell seeks member input

National study to examine effects of retirement

CLEVELAND – The UTU has been selected to participate in a national study that will examine how retirement affects the lives of working people in the service, construction and manufacturing sectors.

The study, conducted by the School of Industrial and Labor Relations (ILR) at Cornell University, hopes to help unions better tailor their retirement programs and activities to fit the needs of members who are nearing retirement or already in retirement.

The UTU enjoys a long relationship with Cornell's School of Industrial and Labor Relations. Over the past decade, the UTU has par-

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Around the UTU

News from around the U.S. and Canada

Local 421, Conneaut, Ohio

Much of Conrail may be history, but the annual Stoneboro Pensioners Party for Conrail retirees is going strong as it marks its 35th year, according to retired member **Harvey G. Firster**. The event includes dinner, is expected to draw 150 active and retired workers, and will be held Saturday, May 13, at the Hempfield Fire Company Station One, 20 E. Sixth St., Greenville, Pa. For information, contact Firster at (814) 425-2803, retired member **Bill Murray** at (724) 376-3954, or Terry Smith at (724) 376-3807.

Local 445, Niota, Ill.

Designated Legal Counsel **Hoey, Farina & Downes** will help members of the local, along with members of BLE Division 391, raise money through the Leshner-McIntyre Golf Outing to aid area rail families devastated by illness. To be held June 6 at Deer Run Golf Course in Hamilton, Ill., the event began three years ago to help the families of Local 445 member **Tim McIntyre** and BLE member Tim Leshner, who suffer from Lou Gehrig's disease. Benefactors can sponsor a hole for \$50, said Local Chairperson **Michael K. Ritchie**, who noted the two-person scramble costs \$75 per player, while \$15 buys admission to an all-you-can-eat dinner afterwards at Keokuk Yacht Club. For information, contact Ritchie at (319) 463-7449, BLE's Jeff Kurtz at (319) 372-9067, or BLE's Chuck Tanner at (319) 372-7535.

Local 469, Madison, Ill.

Retired switchman and field supervisor **Earl Koder**, 88, was honored at the local's regular meeting last month and presented with a UTU 60-year membership pin by Local President **Tom Kennedy**, said Secretary and Treasurer **John I. Payer**. Koder began his career with the Terminal Railroad in 1937 and joined Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen (BRT) Lodge 943. He became BRT deputy president in 1953, organized the Midwest Regional Committees in 1960, and served as field supervisor until his retirement in 1977.

Local 982, Rochester, N.Y.

Officers and committee members congratulate and thank the membership for persevering in pursuit of claims against the Conrail/CSX system. According to **Dave Murphy**, the carrier was substituting yard crews for road switchers to service various industries, failing to utilize the road lists. The recent decision of SBA 1121 in Award 5 provides for payments to involved train and engine service employees. Thanks are also offered to General Chairperson **C.D. Winebrenner** for his expertise in handling the cases.

Local 1042, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Members have overwhelmingly ratified a four-year agreement with Jefferson Bus Line, retroactive to March 1, 1999, that raises the top mileage rate and charter base rate, increases meal allowances, creates guaranteed vacation slots, improves language in grievance and arbitration provisions, and boosts the protection rate. International Vice President and Bus Department Director **Bernie McNelis**, who assisted the negotiators, commended Local Chairperson **Fred Rayman** and his committee, which includes **Charlie Pollard** and **Bob George**, for their hard work and dedication on behalf of their members.



From left, Gil Gorman and family, Phil Liberto (center) and his parents. (Photo courtesy of SEPTA.)

Fellow member brings training and better luck

"I was just lucky," declared Phil Liberto of Local 61, Philadelphia, Pa.

Luck comes in many forms, and sometimes in unsuspected ways. Liberto was fortunate to belong to a UTU local that includes a compassionate and well-trained member whose schedule coincided with his own.

At 5 a.m. on September 10, 1999, Liberto, an assistant conductor employed by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA), was headed to work when his car spun out of control on an icy road.

"The driver-side door slammed into a phone pole," Liberto said. "I broke my pelvis in four spots, broke two ribs, punctured a lung, and suffered a concussion."

Fortunately, mere moments after fate dealt him such nasty luck, a fellow member of Local 61, conductor Gilbert R. Gorman, Jr., was traveling the same stretch of road and came upon the wreck.

A volunteer fireman trained to handle emergency procedures, Gorman used his SEPTA radio to call for help, cut the seatbelt that was choking off air to Liberto's healthy lung, and kept the accident victim conscious until paramedics arrived.

Gorman also used his radio to alert Liberto's supervisors and parents to the situation, and met them at the hospital where Liberto had been taken.

Liberto, who had come close to death, instead spent five days in the hospital, worked at physical therapy for about two months, and found himself back on the job on December 1, thanks to Gorman's quick actions.

"A lot of people tell me if they would have found me that morning, they wouldn't have known what to do, and I would probably have died," said Liberto.

"I know in my heart he saved my life," Liberto continued. "If it hadn't been for him, it would have been over."

Local 1144, Melville, Sask.

A monument to Canadian National workers who died on the job, funded by local members in cooperation with BLE Division 764, was to be unveiled April 28 in Melville, said Treasurer **Keith H. Degerstedt**, whose father is among those honored by the six-foot granite cairn. The monument, which includes a marble plaque engraved with the names, birth dates, and death dates of 19 workers who lost their lives, is located in front of the CN station on a plot of land donated by the city.

Local 1161, Englehart, Ont.

Motor coach operators working for the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission have opened negotiations with their employer, seeking improvements to wages and benefits, according to Local Chairperson **Philip Koning**, who noted the previous contract expired August 31, 1999.

Local 1403, Kansas City, Mo.

Hurschel W. Trowbridge, 72, the local's secretary and treasurer since 1965 and the UTU Insurance Association's (UTUIA) 1999 Volunteer of the Year, passed away March 25 after a brief illness. Brother Trowbridge had been honored at the 1999 UTU Regional Meeting in St. Louis, Mo., for his life-long dedication to the UTU, its members, and their families. He is survived by his wife, Maxine.

Local 1501, Baton Rouge, La.

The local will host a pair of meetings this month, with a special one for those working out of New Orleans slated for Saturday, May 20, at 3 p.m. at the Holiday Inn New Orleans/Metairie at I-10 and Causeway Boulevard, said Secretary and Treasurer **M.E. Corzine**. Attending will be representatives of Designated Legal Counsel **Burge & Wettermark**, as well as General Chairpersons **Warner Biedenharn** (CN/IC) and **M.E. Matheny** (KCS). The following day, the local's regular monthly meeting will be held at 3 p.m. at the Days Inn at 10254 Airline Highway, Baton Rouge, La.

Local 1502, Wildwood, Fla.

CSX recently served notice on the local to operate trains from Wildwood through Jacksonville to Waycross, where the carrier maintains a big hump yard, said Local Chairperson **Gary Williams**, who notes all are working long hours due to a manpower shortage. The local, which runs interdivisional service from Jacksonville to Tampa, also represents workers on a former Atlantic Coast Line route who once belonged to a now-closed committee in Sanford, Fla. Regular meetings are held the first and third Mondays of the month at American Legion Post 18 on E. Hwy. 44.

Local 1558, Bergenfield, N.J.

Members are mourning the loss of two well-regarded members, including former retired General Chairperson **Samuel H. Hollands** (see story on Page 10) and **William "Bill" Marshall** of Oradell, N.J., who died after a heart attack on April 3, according to General Chairperson **Rich Deiser**. Marshall, survived by brothers Joseph and George, was a bus operator for Rockland Coaches (Red and Tan) from 1976 until his death.

Monthly winner

This month's lucky winner of her choice of any item bearing the UTU logo is **Diana J. Lane** of Pen Argyl, Pa. Sister Lane is an active member of Local 60 in Newark, N.J., which represents workers employed by New Jersey Transit. These items are awarded every month by random drawing as a show of appreciation to the many members who have supported the UTU throughout the years. Congratulations to Sister Lane!

State Watch

News from UTU State Legislative Boards

Indiana

With the signature of Gov. Frank O'Bannon, Indiana became the first state in the Midwest to pass the Midwest Interstate Passenger Compact, a program to promote and coordinate regional improvements to passenger rail service, including the possible development of intercity high speed service.

The commission created by this legislation will work with public and private sectors at the federal, state and local levels to ensure coordination among entities having an interest in passenger rail service. Other Midwestern states are eligible to join the compact.

"This is the same governor that helped protect our union jobs in Indiana during the Conrail acquisition. When the big utilities and shortline railroads were screaming for more adequate access, Gov. O'Bannon stood with his friends in the UTU," said State Legislative Director **James E. Carrico**.

"At the request of the UTU, Gov. O'Bannon helped protect our jobs and helped safeguard the IHB, EJE and the South Shore Railroad. Please do not forget this honorable man in his bid for re-election as governor in 2000."

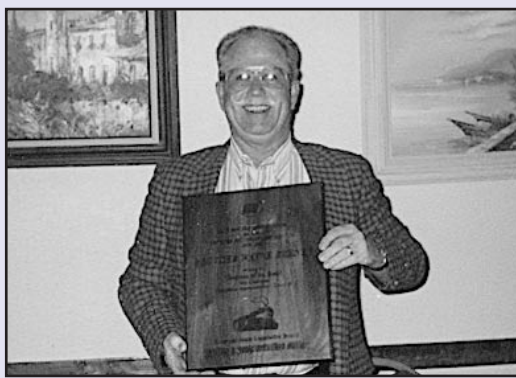
Carrico also praised state Senator Sue Landske (R), who sponsored the legislation. "Sen. Landske has been instrumental in helping the UTU and others with our endeavors to restore passenger service and enact into law the High Speed Rail Development Fund."

Idaho

Legislative Director **Dale Wheeler** became the first Democrat to announce his intention to run for Idaho's 11th District Senate seat, currently held by Republican Atwell Parry, who is retiring.

The 51-year-old engineer is a reserve sheriff's deputy for Canyon County, had served as secretary-treasurer of the Idaho AFL-CIO, and was instrumental in getting U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) to introduce Senate Bill 1590 last October, which would have forbidden the practice of "cramdown" in the country following railroad mergers.

Colorado



UTU Brother **O. Wayne Keeney** (49), above, proudly displays a plaque received from Legislative Director **Jack Shaver** for his many years of dedicated service to the Colorado Legislative Board. Keeney, who recently retired from the Colorado Fuel & Iron Railway at Pueblo, Col., had served as chairperson of the state board and had been a member of the board since 1978.

"My ideas and ideals are in line with the residents of my district," Wheeler said. "Big companies don't pay their fair share of taxes....The homeowners keep getting the brunt of all the taxes."

North Dakota

State Director **John Risch III** reports that the UTU's North Dakota locals will be holding year 2000 special meetings this month on the following dates. All active and retired members are welcome. Each meeting will include a lunch or dinner. **Local 525**: May 16 at 3 p.m. at the Ramada Inn Grand Forks; **Locals 980 and 1137**: May 17 at 2 p.m. at the Red River Inn Moorhead; **Local 1344**: May 18 at 1:30 p.m. at the American Legion Club of Mandan; **Local 1059**: May 19 at 1 p.m. at the International Inn in Minot.

Mississippi

Robert W. Snow was elected the UTU's state legislative director here by local legislative representatives attending the Mississippi Legislative Board's reorganization

meeting last month.

Snow, an engineer employed by the Kansas City Southern Railway, serves as local chairperson and legislative representative of his local, Local 1088 at Jackson, Miss. He has been working in the railroad industry since 1973.

Also elected at the reorganization meeting were Assistant Legislative Director **Jimmy F. Avery** (853) and Secretary **Raymond Ross** (1344).

Tri-State Boosters Association

Virginia Legislative Director **Richard Jeskey** has announced that the Tri-State Boosters Association of Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina will hold its 72nd annual meeting at the UTU's Regional Meeting in Birmingham, Ala.

The boosters will open their meeting on Monday, July 10, at 10:30 a.m. and hold their business meeting at 1:30 p.m. On that day, all events and meals will be covered by the \$50 registration fee.

Those wishing to attend other UTU events are welcome to do so at the cost of \$50 per day. Payment of the advanced registration fee of \$125 will cover all three days, including Sunday's welcome reception. (See page 11)

The Tri-State Boosters Association promotes fellowship among members and raises funds to provide four-year college scholarships (\$500 per year) to the children or grandchildren of UTU members in those states. This year, all scholarship applications must be received by Tri-State Boosters Scholarship Committee Secretary **Marjorie Jeskey** no later than June 10 at 3969 Horsepen Mtn. Dr., Vinton, VA 24179.

Requests for scholarship applications should be directed to Tri-State Scholarship Committee Chairperson **John C. Hancock**, 9550 Regency Square Blvd., Ste. 900, Jacksonville, FL 32225.

Bus Department

By **Bernie McNelis**

Carrying the most important cargo

It is a very stressful part of a school bus driver's life. It is the part of their job that, should an accident occur, many times is fatal, and it's never forgotten. It is the time when children are crossing the street in front of the school bus.

School bus companies have installed, as required, a stop arm on the side of the bus, which extends out when the bus is discharging or picking up children. At the same time, the lights on the school bus are flashing. This is the time when most school bus drivers become concerned about whether motorists will stop to honor the rights of the children to cross the street safely.

For you non-school-bus drivers: Think about it. You are responsible for young children crossing the street, and you see oncoming motorists. The kids are starting to cross the street, and you watch from your seat and hope that they will see and respect the school bus lights and stop arm. There is nothing you can do but hope the motorists will stop. You may blow your horn, but that may only scare the children crossing the street. However, most times you sigh with relief because most motorists do stop. The children for whom the driver is responsible have made it safely to school and home that day.

Even with the stop arms and flashing lights, children are killed every year when motorists, for one reason or another, fail to stop. Imagine, sitting in your driver's seat and watching a child getting hit by a motorist. You are helpless and you will never forget it.

In my opinion, it is an awesome responsibility. My hat, and all of our hats, should be off to school bus drivers who are dedicated to the safe delivery of school children.



Yardmasters

By **Don Carver**

Interim agreement for yardmasters

An interim yardmaster agreement has been reached with the St. Lawrence and Hudson Railroad (former Delaware and Hudson Railway).

On March 27, 2000, the initial conference was held with the StL&H on the committee's Section 6 notice. The committee was notified by StL&H labor relations that there would be a lengthy delay in continuing negotiations on the yardmaster contract due to dates scheduled for negotiations with the StL&H operating crafts. General Chairperson **Joseph M. Mercurio** was unwilling to accept the delays in securing wage increases for the yardmasters and pursued an interim agreement, with resumption of negotiations at a later date. On March 28, 2000, a 20-month agreement was reached. The agreement provides a 2% general wage increase retroactive to January 1, 2000, and a \$.65 per hour wage increase effective January 1, 2001, with no rules changes. A signing bonus of \$1,500 will be paid within sixty days and two \$650 lump-sum payments will be made prior to resuming negotiations on December 1, 2001.

Brother Mercurio reported a unanimous ratification vote to accept the interim agreement.

General Chairpersons **William B. Headrick, Jr.**, and **R.J. Cooper** were to have met in Atlanta, Ga., on May 3 and 4, with the Norfolk Southern on a system agreement for the yardmaster craft.

General Chairperson **Doyle K. Turner** also has begun contract negotiations with the New Orleans Public Belt. Negotiating sessions on a yardmaster contract are scheduled to begin May 15 and 16.



Charles L. Little, International President
Byron A. Boyd, Jr., Assistant President
Paul C. Thompson, General Sec./Treas.
James Brunkenhoefer, Nat. Legislative Dir.

Stand up for a better Railroad Retirement

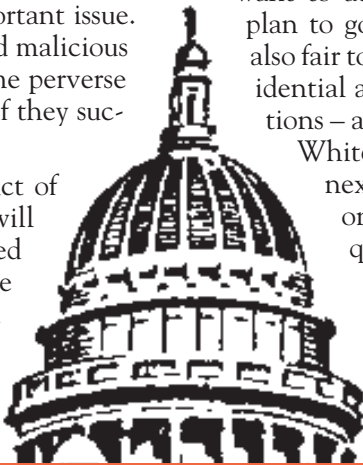
It is now your turn to take action. It's now up to the three million people represented by a coalition of 11 unions to convince Congress to enact the most positive changes to the Railroad Retirement system in a generation. It is up to you to stand up for the widows and widowers of railroaders who will be made financially whole by the passage of the "Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act of 2000."

UTU is proud to stand arm-in-arm with 10 other unions urging Congress to pass this landmark legislation. We are proud to join with the visionary leaders of these other fine unions, who have chosen to stick to their guns and make an historic decision that will provide railroad workers and retirees increased retirement benefits and peace of mind.

Therefore, we are proud to honor the members of our coalition: Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Transport Workers Union, International Association of Machinists, Transportation Communications Union, American Train Dispatchers/BLE, International Brotherhood of Boilermakers and Blacksmiths, Sheet Metal Workers International Association, National Conference of Firemen & Oilers/Service Employees International Union, and the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees union.

Unfortunately, two unions – BMW and BLE – have bizarrely chosen to stand outside of the House of Rail Labor on this vitally important issue. In fact, they are doing everything they can to spread false and malicious information to try to stop this legislation in its tracks for some perverse political reasons. So we ask: What will they tell the widows if they succeed in killing this legislation?

The "Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act of 2000" represents a serious progressive improvement that will benefit all segments of the railroad industry and its unionized workers immediately. We urge all of you to stand up and be counted. Tell your senators and congressperson today that you stand with three million others who want improved Railroad Retirement benefits. Don't delay. Take your retirement future in your hands!



We're "cautiously optimistic"

What's going on with national contract talks? Let me update you.

As chief contract negotiator, Charlie Little has given me one primary objective: Get the best possible economic contract for UTU members, and get rid of the two-tiered wage structure that has afflicted all operating employees since 1985.

We have recently concluded a substantive meeting with the carriers represented by the National Carriers' Conference Committee and made progress in promoting the UTU agenda. It is fair to report to you that we remain cautiously optimistic at this time. One thing is certain: We do not want congressional intervention on this contract as happened seven times between 1982 and 1991.

No other issue that this union is involved with right now – including our dispute with the BLE – is more important to us than negotiating this contract. We are focused on our issues and our ultimate goal.

UTU has one very simple and straight-ahead negotiating policy: we want to come out of the chute first. We are well prepared and we have told the carriers what we want to achieve. They know we plan to go all out to get it. It is also fair to say that the 2000 Presidential and Congressional elections – and who will control the White House and Congress next year – puts pressure on all the parties for a quicker settlement.

The carriers know that this time we are damn serious about ending the two-tiered pay system

once and for all. We plan to bring new hires – and post '85 hires – up to parity with their pre-'85 peers.

We believe in being first in negotiating, because history has proven that when UTU doesn't lead, rail employees get bad contracts. Unlike some unions that are proud to trumpet inferior contracts as major breakthroughs, UTU is not looking to make trade-offs to get other inequities improved. Our goal is to be first in negotiations with a solid contract.

UTU's philosophy does not include taking away one piece of the pie from one group and giving it to the other. It's not a matter of taking from pre-'85 employees and giving to post-'85ers. We just believe in making the pie bigger for us all. Our research shows that we have earned it by being the most productive rail workers in the world, and that we have substantially contributed to the economic health of the railroads.

When entry rates were enacted, no one ever considered that the rate of promotion to conductor and engineer would have collapsed into such a small time frame. Today, no conductor, engine foreman, engineer, or yardmaster should be subjected to entry rates. There is simply no room for paying these people less for doing the same work in the same position as their peers do. After 15 years, it's time to end the two-tiered "caste system" on the railroad.

As significant developments occur, we will keep you posted on the UTU website, in the *UTU News*, through your locals, and in special mailings. We will do everything possible to keep you informed.



By
Byron A. Boyd, Jr.

WASHINGTON WATCH

By James Brunkenhoefer

Railroad Retirement reform deserves support

Rail management has approached UTU several times with schemes involving Railroad Retirement. In the past, they have complained about the unfairness of the Tier II tax structure because it requires them to pay most of the Tier II tax. Almost all of the proposals would have kept the benefit system approximately the same. Any savings derived would have benefited them on a three-to-one ratio. UTU always gave the same answer to such proposals and we cannot repeat it here in our family friendly *UTU News*.



Management's proposals were such that we would get the same amount of money, we would take all of the risks, and they would reap any additional benefits. Eventually rail management recognized that no matter how many times they threw the bait on the table rail labor always saw the hook. About two years ago management began to move. President Little and Assistant President Boyd, along with the leaders of 10 other rail-labor unions, began to negotiate a Railroad Retirement reform package that would benefit current and future retirees, workers and spouses. At the conclusion of the negotiation process, instead of a three-to-one benefit for the carriers, the package reflects a 50/50 split. In other words, we went from getting 25% of the pie to gaining 50%.

Initially the railroads wanted us to take all the risk, but President Little and Assistant President Boyd were able to obtain many assurances at the bargaining table. First, any investment board would be made up of an equal number of labor and management members. That board would come under the

requirements of federal laws currently in place dealing with their responsibilities as they pertain to investments. These are the same criminal and civil penalties that apply to every person participating in similar activities. The money involved under this law alone would make it as safe as the retirement funds invested in the name of every other union member in the United States. Second, the legislation also requires that the railroads would be responsible if the trust fund falls below a certain level. If this happens, a tax would automatically be placed solely on the carriers in order to replenish the fund. In order to add a final assurance to the integrity of the fund, it is still bound by the full faith and credit of the United States government. They would be required to pay the obligations of the fund if, for some reason, the other safety nets in place were insufficient.

While the rest of the world under Social Security is looking at a steady increase in the retirement age, the UTU and coalition negotiators were able to move the retirement age in the other direction. As an added benefit, they have thrown in medical care, too. I know that this was extremely difficult to achieve. Obviously, neither side in the negotiations got all that they wanted. Both labor and management felt that they were entitled to more. But realistically, in order to pass this package into law, it will take the support of labor and management, Democrats and Republicans.

If we are to make the improvements that the widows and widowers so desperately need, we must act now. If we are to make the improvements that will lower the retirement age and provide medical care for early retirees, we must act now. Please visit, write, call, fax, and e-mail your congressman and your two senators, and ask your friends to do the same. The message: "Please support the Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act of 2000."

Feedback

Chesser supports disaffiliation from AFL-CIO

The following letter was received by International President Charles L. Little from Past International President Al H. Chesser regarding the UTU's recent decision to disaffiliate from the AFL-CIO.

Dear Brother Little:

I want to assure you that I agree with you 100% regarding your decision to disaffiliate from the AFL-CIO. You, the officers, and Board of Directors, have my full support if it is helpful in any manner.

The UTU, since its beginning, has been one of the most outstanding and successful labor organizations in the entire North American labor movement. The character and integrity of our union remains unblemished.



Chesser

WE have, through the years, been one of the greatest assets of the AFL-CIO. Two of our International presidents have served long tenures on the Executive Council of the AFL-CIO. We are not a "Johnny come lately" to membership in the AFL-CIO.

WE have set an example for the AFL-CIO as one of the strongest labor unions in North America.

WE have been one of the leaders among the AFL-CIO affiliates in securing better wages, excellent health and welfare benefits, working conditions, and educational opportunities for our members.

WE have been one of the leaders in the field of legislation to protect workers' lives, secure improved pensions, and to protect workers' welfare in general.

WE have asked for no trophies or accolades for our success as an affiliate of the AFL-CIO. Neither had we anticipated being sacrificed on the altar of labor by the officers of the AFL-CIO for an organization described by many as a small, scabby organization, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers (BLE).

WE can no longer be made to suffer the intended indignities and unjust treatment by the officers of the AFL-CIO.

They have chosen to interrupt our legal and rightful procedures under rail labor law. In doing so, they chose to protect a scab organization, the

BLE, whose folly has been to order its members to cross legal picket lines in time of a legal strike.

They have chosen to protect an organization that finds joy in "selling jobs" of our brothers and sisters in order to gain a few pieces of silver for their members.

Never in all my years in the labor movement, as an officer of my union, and as a member of the AFL-CIO Executive Council for many years, has the house of labor protected an organization which violates the very fundamentals of the American labor movement, and in doing so attempts to admonish one of its best affiliates.

Our character and dignity is something we cannot and must not sacrifice. So, in order to protect our membership from such harsh and unjust action of the AFL-CIO officers, we must take the high road and disaffiliate with the AFL-CIO.

You and I, and all of our officers and members, must never give up the fight to protect the working men and women of North America, and in particular those in the railroad industry. It is shameful that the officers of the AFL-CIO have forced us to make that fight separate and apart from the AFL-CIO.

Yes, brother president, you said it correctly in the last paragraph of your letter to AFL-CIO President Sweeney, which, I quote, "In conclusion, UTU wishes the federation well in its efforts to instill new life in the labor movement. UTU has the same goal, to rationalize and revitalize the representation of operating employees on the nation's railroads" end quote.

I extend my very best wishes to you, and your splendid and most successful administration of the UTU.

Fraternally yours,

Al H. Chesser
Past International President

Explanation of BlueCross BlueShield healthcare benefits

If your healthcare benefits are administered by Regence Life and Health Insurance Company of Portland, Ore., an independent licensee of the BlueCross BlueShield (BCBS) Association, the following information is very important to you in order to obtain maximum benefits under both the Comprehensive Health Care Benefit (CHCB) and Managed Medical Care Program (MMCP) programs:

For MMCP participants, to obtain maximum "in-network" benefits you should select only preferred providers from the BCBS provider directories.

Preferred providers are those which have the "PPO" designation following their name.

This will assure that you receive the "in-network" benefit for office visits and avoid any application of the "out-of-network" benefit level.

If you are covered under CHCB, your out-of-pocket expenses can be reduced by utilizing any physician from the provider directory.

Those physicians have a contractual arrangement with BCBS so that the 85% benefit of the CHCB program is based upon the amount charged by that physician.

By utilizing a physician from the BCBS directory there is no dispute with regard to the "reasonable and customary charges" which may result in additional out-of-pocket expenses to you through physician balance billing.

This is what BCBS refers to as "hold harmless."

The Regence customer service team will answer any questions you may have with regard to benefits, status of claims or identification cards. Call toll-free 1-888-977-2583 or fax 1-503-276-1801. Also, all members are reminded to call the UTU International with any questions they may have regarding any of the plan options or benefit providers under the NRC/UTU Plan or the National Health and Welfare Plan (formerly GA-23000).

Organizing Report

Laidlaw, Alex drivers in representation vote

Organizers for the United Transportation Union's Bus Department are hopeful that their latest campaigns will bring nearly 500 new members into the organization.

As this issue of the *UTU News* went to press, an April 28 election was scheduled for approximately 190 school bus drivers and aides employed by Laidlaw Transit Inc., in Riverside, Cal., to choose either the UTU or another organization as their collective bargaining representative.

Prior to the election, the UTU had obtained a sufficient number of authorization cards to be placed on the ballot.

General Chairperson James Harford, who represents Laidlaw Transit employees in San Francisco, and General Chairperson Karen Belcher, who works for the North County Transit District in Escondido, have been working closely with the Laidlaw employees who favor UTU.

The UTU also has filed a petition for election with the National Labor Relations Board on behalf of the van drivers for Alex's Transportation, seeking to represent employees at all locations that are not already working under a union contract.

About 290 Alex's Transportation drivers are eligible to vote at various locations in Washington, Oregon, California, Texas, Arizona and Oklahoma. No election date has yet been set.

In other news, the UTU has filed an unfair labor practice complaint against Milepost Inc., which has succeeded Renzenberger, Inc., as the transportation provider for Burlington Northern Santa Fe's rail crews in California.

Renzenberger employees had selected the UTU as their bargaining representative in an election last year and many of those drivers are now employed by Milepost, which refuses to recognize the UTU.

The UTU contends that Milepost now employs more than 50% of the former Renzenberger drivers and should be affirmed as their representative. A decision by the NLRB is pending.

the **POWER** *of* **ONE UU**

One Union with the Power of TPEL to Make a Difference in Your Life

UTU's TPEL is the Number One railroad union PAC in the United States and is more influential than all other railroad union PACs. In the 21st Century, TPEL is leading the way to a stronger political voice for rail and transportation workers.

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➤ **TPEL helped elect 95% of all candidates it endorsed in the last U.S. elections.**

➤ **TPEL ranks among the top 10 PACs - we are No. 10 - with funds on hand, and we are ranked in the top 20 - No. 19 - in receipts among the more than 3,600 registered U.S. PACs, including big business PACs.**

In the 21st Century, we need the Power of One - and the Power of TPEL - to make our voices heard even louder in Washington, D.C., and in your state capitol.

Special Unity Poster #7:

Display this poster to show your support for unity among UTU and BLE members

Pension reform

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everyone to step up to the plate and tell your representatives and senators to support our Railroad Retirement Improvement Act.”

The unions in the coalition include the UTU, Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Transport Workers Union, International Association of Machinists, Transportation Communications Union, American Train Dispatchers-BLE, International Brotherhood of Boilermakers and Blacksmiths, Sheet Metal Workers International Association, NCF&O/Service Employees International Union, and the Hotel Employees & Restaurant Employees union.

The Brotherhoods of Maintenance of Way Employes and Locomotive Engineers are not part of the coalition. The BMW and BLE oppose the legislation. Ironically, the American Train Dispatchers Division of the BLE has split with its mother union and supports the legislation.

A draft bill currently circulating in Congress, called the “Railroad Retirement and Survivors’ Improvement Act of 2000,” has been received favorably by key members. The union coalition is asking its three million members to contact their congressional representatives and senators immediately to request that they support the bill.

In a letter signed by all 11 unions (*at right*), the coalition urges its members to take charge of the political process and their Railroad Retirement futures.

When the Railroad Retirement Improvement Act of 2000 becomes law, it will:

- Increase benefits for surviving spouses of retired workers by stopping the bereaved from losing 50% of their Tier II annuity.
- Restore unreduced retirement benefits at age 60 with 30 years service.
- Expand the retiree health insurance plan to age 60 with increases in the lifetime benefit maximum indexed to the medical inflation rate.
- Allow for the Tier II system to invest in equities and thereby achieve a higher rate of return on investments. This would make both benefit increases for employees and retirees and tax decreases for the carriers possible.
- Guarantee that the railroads will ensure future solvency of the fund by absorbing any necessary future tax increases.
- Reduce vesting from ten to five years.
- Repeal the retirement benefit cap for current and future retirees alike.

“Our major legislative effort this year is to pass this legislation to dramatically improve Railroad Retirement, which also fixes the inequity in the so-called ‘widow’s benefit,’” said James Brunkenhoefer, UTU national legislative director. “We need everyone to get involved and to lobby their elected official in Congress.”

Union chiefs urge passage of reform measure

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Your retirement future is now in your hands.

As a major coalition of 11 rail unions and rail retiree organizations, representing more than three million members, we are now asking for your help to enact the best improvements to Railroad Retirement in a generation. We need your help right now. We need to do it this year. We now have a bill before Congress. While the draft bill does not yet have a number, it does have a title. The bill is called the “Railroad Retirement and Survivors’ Improvement Act of 2000” and it is now in the “discussion draft” stage. It has been received favorably by key members of Congress and is being reviewed by others. The bill has many more steps to go through in Congress before it becomes law, and now it’s your turn to become actively involved in the process.

In order to be successful, we hope you will take immediate action this and every other time you are asked. Right now we need you to contact your congressperson and your senators to support and co-sponsor the “Railroad Retirement and Survivors’ Improvement Act of 2000.” Please visit them, write them, call them, fax them and e-mail them. The success of this legislation, and the future significant improvements to your Railroad Retirement, rests with you, the active and retired railroad workers, your families and friends. When it becomes law, the legislation will:

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We urge you to ask your congressional delegation to prepare to support and co-sponsor the “Railroad Retirement and Survivors’ Improvement Act of 2000” that would put these provisions into effect through law. Addresses for your congressional delegation can be found in many local phone books under “Government Offices.”

Take charge of your future, and work with us to make Railroad Retirement the best it can be for you and your family. We need to do this now; we need to do it for each other. Step up and take action together – for our futures!



F. Leo McCann, president
American Train Dispatchers Department, BLE



W. Dan Pickett, president
Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen



Robert Roach, Jr., general vice president
International Association of Machinists



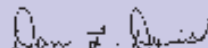
Robert A. Scardelletti, president
Transportation Communications
International Union



Sonny Hall, president
Transport Workers Union



Charles L. Little, president
United Transportation Union



Dan L. Davis, director of the Railroad Department
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers



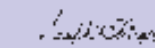
Isaac Monroe, administrative assistant
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Hotel Employees & Restaurant Employees
International Union



George J. Francisco, Jr., president
National Conference of Firemen and Oilers,
Service Employees International Union



Don C. Buchanan, director of railroad
and shipyard workers
Sheet Metal Workers International Association



Joseph A. Stinger, administrative assistant
to the president, director of the Railroad Div.,
International Brotherhood of Boilermakers

Jobs lost on MRL

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A recent report from the Montana AFL-CIO on a project to retrain displaced workers quoted the BLE asking for “assistance for its members who will be laid off due to automation of Montana Rail Link operations.”

Sources say that the BLE’s remote-controlled deal with MRL will cost 20 jobs in the near future and at least 60 by the end of the year. The layoffs will occur in Laurel, Helena and

Missoula, the sources said. They also said that at least one yardman will be eliminated from every train, leaving only a locomotive engineer and one yardman. In addition, the locomotive engineer will be required to leave the train to use the “belt pack.”

A March 11 report to the Montana AFL-CIO Executive Board by Dave Morey, director of “Project Challenge,” revealed the BLE’s request for assistance to retrain members laid off. Sources say the BLE’s Dave Ditzel made the request for help.

In a December 3 letter to employees, MRL

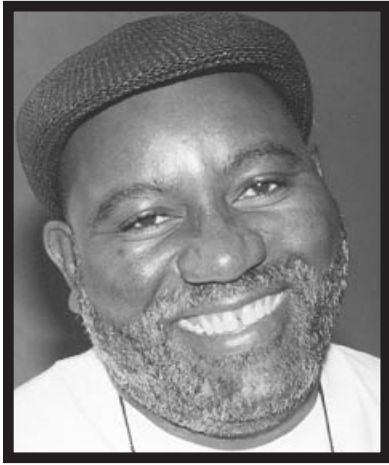
President Daniel K. Watts revealed that its “labor organization” (BLE) was working with the carrier and Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to develop operating plans for remote-controlled operations.

“I realize,” Watts wrote, “this decision is of great concern to MRL employees as it could eventually impact our current employment levels.”

Neither the BLE nor Watts ever said at the time that 60 union workers would lose their jobs. The BLE represents all operating employees on the Montana Rail Link.

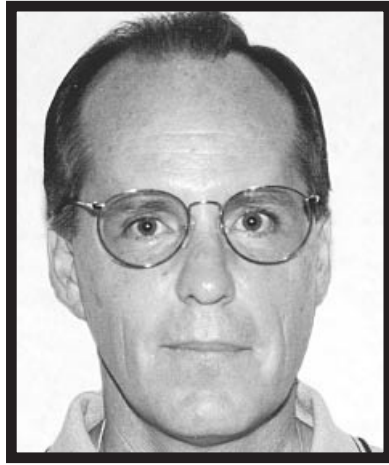
Voices:

Do you agree with the decision to withdraw from the AFL-CIO?



Willie Fulwiley
L-1563, El Monte, Cal.

"I'm an LACMTA bus operator with almost 24 years on the job. At first, I had some concerns about the withdrawal, but it's OK with me. Paying into something that we're not getting a return from doesn't make sense. I was concerned about strength and unity, but I feel we can grow and be strong enough that we can be the major player in transportation. Transportation being a major force in the economy, we need an organization that understands this industry and is willing to stand up for us. All brothers and sisters should be treated fairly, no matter where they are in this land."



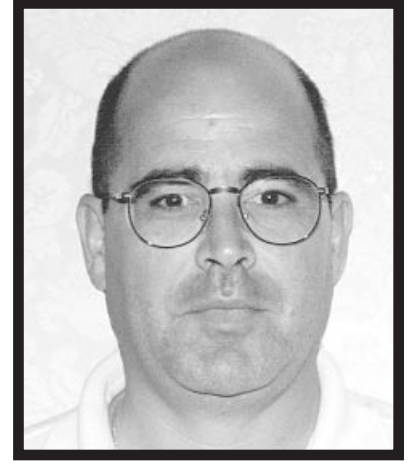
Robert W. Snow
L-1088, Jackson, Miss.

"I'm an engineer working for the Kansas City Southern, with about 27 years of railroading experience, and I agree with the decision 110%. I think the AFL-CIO does good things for other unions, but I really don't think they've done anything much for the UTU. I think the UTU has great leadership and will stand on its own. The UTU is fighting for the workers out there, and we need that because the BLE is trying to put the UTU out of business, especially with the black box. I know BLE engineers, and they'll sell a trainman's job out for \$5 a day. I'm glad Charlie Little pulled out."



Curt Jones
L-5, Kansas City, Mo.

"I've been a rail worker since 1977 and went into engine service on BNSF the following year. I suspected our withdrawal from the federation would be coming, and I agree with the decision. I remember when we left the AFL-CIO over the coal slurry thing. I have a problem with the AFL-CIO taking our money and giving it to the BLE so they can fight against us. I trust that what our organization is doing will lead to the unification of the UTU and BLE. That's what I'd like to see happen. We elect these people to do what's right for us, and at some point, you have to trust that's what they're doing."



Mike Ritchie
L-445, Niota, Ill.

"I'm a BNSF engineer with about 27 years of railroading, and I have no problem with the UTU withdrawing. I'm not a big AFL-CIO lover, and never thought we should belong to it. There's so many other unions there whose interests are opposite of ours, including some of the coal people and the airlines. I don't think it's a big loss. I think we should have done it earlier. I'd still like to see the operating unions join together, as do a lot of my BLE counterparts. We should be working together to be sure we have two people in the cab. We need to protect the craft of conductor."

Cornell study

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ticipated in two other ILR studies.

The upcoming study will occur in two phases. Cornell researchers will begin with interviews of UTU retirees and members nearing retirement age. Based on these interviews, they will develop a survey to track the retirement experiences of UTU members. Survey participants will be selected randomly from among all retirement-eligible members, and will be paid \$20 per interview. Interviews will take about 40 minutes. If Cornell researchers contact you, we hope you will agree to participate.

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United HealthCare announces changes to GA-23111 policy

At recent meetings with the railway labor organizations constituting the policyholder under GA-23111, a detailed study of the premiums and benefit payments under the various plans was made. It was agreed that the following payment rate changes would be made for coverage effective June 1, 2000:

Plan A: The monthly payment rate for Plan A will remain at \$6 for employee coverage and \$7 for dependent coverage effective June 1, 2000.

Plan B: The monthly payment rate for Plan B will remain at \$16 for coverage effective June 1, 2000.

Plan C: Due to the rise in the cost of medical treatment caused by inflation plus the additional utilization of medical care services, changes in the monthly payment rates for coverage effective June 1, 2000, will be as follows:

- Plan C for employees or dependents increases from \$265 to \$285;
- Plan C for each student child decreases from \$55 to \$50;
- Plan C for each incapacitated child increases from \$110 to \$130.

Plan D: Revisions to Plan D were made effective June 1, 1999, and provide benefits equal to or greater than any standard Medigap plan. The amounts paid under Plan D for pre-

scription drugs continue to increase at a rate of 21% from the previous year with similar levels expected in the next few years. Due to the continuing increase in the cost of medical services (particularly the cost for prescription drugs) covered under Plan D, the monthly payment rate for coverage will increase from \$165 to \$190 for coverage effective June 1, 2000.

Individuals participating in Plan D cannot change their coverage until the next open enrollment period.

Plan F: A new Plan F was created effective June 1, 1999. Plan F has benefits identical to Plan D except that it does not cover prescription drugs. The medical benefits, other than prescription drugs, are equal to or greater than any standard Medigap plan. The monthly payment rate for Plan F will increase from \$98 to \$102 for coverage effective June 1, 2000.

Individuals participating in Plan F cannot change their coverage until the next open enrollment period.

Plan E: The monthly payment rate for Plan E will remain at \$103 for coverage effective June 1, 2000.

Complete details of GA-23111 eligibility and benefit provisions are contained in the GA-23111 benefits booklet which can be obtained by calling United HealthCare at 1-800-809-0453.

Senior News



Surviving members of a five-man N&W crew from the longest, heaviest train ever in the northern hemisphere include (from left) Paul H. DuPuy, Jr., Donald Clark and R. G. "Joe" Sutherland.

Portsmouth star recalls rail record

The three surviving members of a five-man Norfolk & Western (N&W) rail crew knew their deed was enshrined in the Guinness Book of World Records, but there's nothing like getting recognition from the hometown crowd.

A distinguishing characteristic of Portsmouth, Ohio, situated along the Ohio River, is a flood-wall bearing stars signed by those whose celebrity or accomplishments bring glory to the area.

On Labor Day 1999, retired UTU members R. G. "Joe" Sutherland and Paul H. DuPuy, Jr., both of Local 496, Portsmouth, Ohio, and Donald Clark added their signatures to the wall.

The event that put them in the history books occurred November 15, 1967, when the longest and heaviest freight train in the northern hemisphere rolled into Portsmouth from Iaeger, W. Va., a distance of about 157 miles.

"When we got called for duty, we had no idea of what was in store," said Sutherland. "But the first thing we noticed was all kinds of officials."

The four-mile long, 47,000-ton train consisted of 500 coal cars, with three 3,600-h.p. diesels at the head end, and another three placed 300 cars back from the front as "slave units," Sutherland said.

"We heard different tales about the run," said Sutherland, head brakeman of a crew that included now-deceased workers J.W. Markum as engineer and B.L. Thornton as conductor. "But I think the N&W was just experimenting with slave units."

Sutherland hired on with N&W as a brakeman in 1961 and retired in 1998 as a conductor. "I don't think there was ever anything again nearly as long in my 37 years on the rails," Sutherland noted with pride.

U.S. Railroad Retirement Board notes earnings-rule amendments

Recently enacted Social Security Act amendments that ease the earnings restrictions affecting Social Security beneficiaries working after full retirement age also apply to annuitants covered by the Railroad Retirement Act, according to the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board (RRB).

About 2,500 Railroad Retirement beneficiaries are affected by the amendments, which are effective retroactive to January 1, 2000, the RRB said. Retroactive payments of benefits previously withheld for excess earnings, as well as the removal of any earnings deductions applied to those affected, should be completed by early July.

Elimination of the Depression-era "earnings test" also affects about 415,000 Social Security annuitants who lost benefits this year, the Social Security Administration (SSA) said. They should receive a refund in May.

The amendments eliminate deductions of \$1 in benefits for every \$3 in earnings over \$17,000 previously applied until age 70 to those of full Social Security retirement age. Full retirement age ranges from age 65 for those born before 1938 to age 67 for those born in 1960 or later. These deductions, however, remain in effect for the months before the month of full retirement age during the

calendar year of attainment, the RRB said.

In the years before the year of full retirement age, the earnings deduction of \$1 in benefits for every \$2 over the exempt amount, \$10,080 in 2000, also remains in effect.

Under the two-tiered Railroad Retirement System, Tier I benefits and vested dual benefits paid to employees, spouses and survivors, as well as the Tier II benefits paid to survivors, are subject to earnings deductions just like Social Security benefits.

The legislation did not eliminate the Railroad Retirement work restrictions which are not included in the Social Security Act. A Railroad Retirement annuity is still not payable for any month in which an annuitant works for a railroad or railroad labor organization, regardless of age.

Nor does the legislation affect the Tier II Railroad Retirement earnings deductions that apply to employees and spouses who work for their last pre-retirement nonrailroad employers. These additional deductions of \$1 for every \$2 in earnings up to a maximum reduction of 50% continue to apply to Tier II benefits, and supplemental employee annuities, regardless of age or the amount of earnings. The special restrictions that apply to disability annuitants also remain unchanged.

Three retired former general chairpersons die

Three retired former general chairpersons – **Elmer L. Dirks**, **Arlon M. Blount** and **Samuel H. Hollands** – have passed away.

Brother Dirks, 91, a retired former Milwaukee Road general chairperson, passed away February 28 in Lakeland, Fla. A member of Local 1382, Milwaukee, Wis., Dirks began his rail career in 1935 as a switchman on the Milwaukee Road, and joined Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen Lodge 982 in Milwaukee. He served as general chairperson from 1955 until his retirement in 1974.

Brother Blount, 85, a retired former Southern Pacific-Eastern Lines general chairperson, died in an automobile accident on April 14. A

member of Local 569, Ennis, Tex., he began his career in 1943 on the former Texas & New Orleans Railroad and was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen & Enginemen's Magnolia Lodge 226. He served as general chairperson for enginemen from 1968 through 1977.

Brother Hollands, 83, a retired former general chairperson for Local 1558 members working at Rockland Coaches in Bergenfield, N.J., passed away April 8 in Highland Falls, N.J. Hollands began his career as a bus operator with Rockland Coaches in 1942, and represented workers there as general chairperson from 1964 until 1978. He retired in 1980.

THE FINAL CALL

Following are the names of members of the UTU Retiree Program who have died recently, according to reports received at UTU International Headquarters. These brothers and sisters will be missed by their many friends and by fellow UTU Retiree Program members.

Local	Name	City/State	Local	Name	City/State	Local	Name	City/State	Local	Name	City/State
1	Blanchard, Charles M.	Fairview, PA	391	Ladouceur, J.F.E.	Chapleau, ON	759	Botel, Robert H.	Tucson, AZ	1381	Debolt, Charles A.	Escondido, CA
1	Koch, Howard J.	W. Seneca, NY	440	Gatliff, Jesse	Cleves, OH	793	Sharpe, St. Clare A.	Columbia, SC	1390	Cibar, John	Labelle, FL
2	Weir, James P.	Dover, AR	469	Brown, Rollie T.	Belleville, IL	847	Harris, Joseph E.	Birmingham, AL	1393	Dunworth, Robert L.	Buffalo, NY
5	Hackett, Carl E.	Ft. Scott, KS	469	Burger, Fred C.	Scott City, MO	857	Lang, R.W.	Fredericksburg, TX	1413	Dunne, James E.	Waldwick, NJ
72	Chaney, W.G.	Battle Creek, MI	469	West, Paul B.	St. Louis, MO	894	Shepherd, Ronald J.	Tulsa, OK	1445	Schelhorn, Fred J.	Roselle Park, NJ
94	Devers, William L.	Shawnee Msn., KS	473	Strand, T.R.	La Grande, OR	903	White, Connie A.	MacClenny, FL	1473	McDermott, F.	Stafford Spgs., CT
104	Dore, Albert J.	Sault Ste. Marie, ON	498	Carr, Gregory C.	Easton, PA	927	Kyllonen, Allen R.	Center Line, MI	1502	Hardy, James E.	Starke, FL
226	Ball, Kenneth A.	Centralia, MO	500	Bedford, Clarence A.	Pueblo, CO	942	Stokes, Arthur L.	Florence, SC	1522	Foster, Luther V.	Washington, DC
239	Hilzinger, Henry L.	Kenwood, CA	511	Taylor, Sammy	Macon, GA	965	Burts, William P.	Red Oak, TX	1549	Smith, Jerry	Jackson, OH
243	Davis, Jr., Chester S.	Portland, TX	524	Weeks, Ralph W.	Brownwood, TX	1000	Hayne, Russell L.	Oakdale, MN	1558	Hollands, Samuel H.	Highland Falls, NY
258	Jones, Charles M.	Sun City, AZ	569	Blount, Arlon M.	Houston, TX	1042	Washam, Virgil T.	Jackson, CA	1563	Chevlin, Sydney	Mohave Valley, AZ
262	Fanning, Edward F.	Cumberland, RI	577	Matys, Edward	Yorkville, IL	1075	Wood, Edward C.	Flat Rock, MI	1620	McKibben, Loy G.	Goshen, IN
292	Freytag, James R.	Whitesboro, NY	610	Ratcliffe, Henry M.	Baltimore, MD	1129	Montgomery, Horace W.	F. Varina, NC	1785	Lebert, Raymond J.	Big River, CA
333	Schneck, Arnold	Seymour, IN	645	Zakierski, Anthony J.	Sparta, NJ	1177	Mathis, Cyril A.	St. Cloud, MN	1895	Buffano, Bernard M.	Chicago, IL
338	Reph, Raymond E.	Ringgold, GA	656	Chumley, Woodrow W.	Bald Knob, AR	1345	Stewart, Edward C.	Etowah, TN	1910	Hatcher, Roy S.	Macon, GA
367	Eckert, Max E.	Omaha, NE	674	Harrell, Raymond W.	Spartanburg, SC	1365	Graziano, Andy	Girard, OH	1973	Hadt, Stephen	Griffith, IN
386	Baker, Robert E.	Sun Lakes, AZ	730	Carter, Lloyd E.	Simms, MT	1377	Pegg, Richard D.	Cincinnati, OH	1973	Hartman, Edward F.	Chicago, IL



Regional Meetings 2000

Each Regional Meeting lasts a full three days, with the President's Banquet on the evening of the third day. The \$125 advance registration fee per member or guest includes: Sunday welcome reception; Monday lunch and evening buffet dinner and entertainment; Tuesday lunch and evening theme reception and entertainment; Wednesday lunch and evening Presidential reception and banquet, as well as all training workshop materials. On-site registration is \$175 per member or guest. Your name badge will be your admission ticket to all events and festivities.

New this year are one-day registrations for those members who would like to attend the Regional Meetings but can't spare the time away from work or family. The cost of a one-day registration for any day is \$50. Payments for individual events, such as lunches and tours, can be made at each meeting. Also new this year are registration procedures, with separate registration forms for members and guests. Additionally, credit cards are now being accepted for payment of Regional Meeting fees. At this time registration is not available on the UTU website.

Make all checks (U.S. funds only, please) payable to "UTU Regional Meeting." **Send your completed forms to UTU Meeting Registration, 14600 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, OH 44107-4250.** You may cancel seven full days prior to arrival with no penalty. Please fax any changes or cancellations immediately to the UTU International at (216) 228-5755.

June 12-14, 2000

Reno Hilton

2500 East Second St., Reno, NV 89595

Hotel direct reservations: (775) 789-2126

Toll-free reservations: (800) 648-5080

Reservation code: UTU Regional Meeting

Room rate: \$99 single/double; \$109 triple; \$119 quad

Reservation deadline: *extended to May 21, 2000*

Self parking: free; valet parking: tip only

July 10-12, 2000

Sheraton Hotel

2101 Civic Center Blvd., Birmingham, AL 35203

Hotel direct reservations: (205) 324-5000

Toll-free reservations: (800) 325-3535

Reservation code: UTU Regional Meeting

Room rate: \$99 single/double; \$105 triple/quad

Reservation deadline: June 1, 2000

Parking: self \$7 per day; valet \$12 per day, both with in/out privileges

August 28-30, 2000

Minneapolis Hilton and Towers

1001 Marquette Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55403

Hotel direct reservations: (612) 397-4999

Toll-free reservations: (800) 445-8667

Reservation code: UTU Regional Meeting

Room rate: \$119 single/double; additional person \$20

Reservation deadline: July 20, 2000

Parking: self \$12.50 per day; valet \$20 per day both with in/out privileges

Golf at Regional Meetings

Arrangements have been made for golf outings in each of the UTU/UTUIA Regional Meeting cities. They are held the Sunday before the start of each meeting at challenging local golf courses. A registration form is printed at right. Please make note of the registration deadline for each golf outing. The registration fee, \$80 per golfer for each outing, includes the greens fee and golf carts, lunch and round-trip transportation to the course from the host hotel.

Reno, Nev., golf outing

Date: Sunday, June 11, 2000; *registration deadline June 1*

Place: The Golf Club at Genoa Lakes, Genoa, Nev.

Tee-off: 8 a.m. shotgun start

Birmingham, Ala., golf outing

Date: Sunday, July 9, 2000; *registration deadline June 30*

Place: Oxmoor Valley, Birmingham, Ala.

Tee-off: 8 a.m. shotgun start

Minneapolis, Minn., golf outing

Date: Sunday, Aug. 27, 2000; *registration deadline Aug. 17*

Place: Majestic Oaks Golf Club, Ham Lake, Minn.

Tee-off: 7:30 a.m. shotgun start



UTU Regional Meeting Registration Form

By registering in advance for the UTU/UTUIA Regional Meetings, you will speed registration procedures at the meeting sites and help organizers plan more accurately. Additionally, personalized name badges and information kits will be waiting for you upon arrival.

Which Regional Meeting will you be attending?

Reno Birmingham Minneapolis

UTU Local _____

Name _____

Title (if any) _____

Name for Badge (if different) _____

Home address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Daytime telephone number () _____

How will you be paying? By enclosed check By credit card

Circle type of credit card VISA MasterCard

Credit card number _____

Expiration date _____ Amt. charged _____

Signature _____

On-site registration is \$175 per member or guest

Guest Registration Form

To be used by spouses, children and guests of UTU members attending a Regional Meeting.

Which Regional Meeting will you be attending?

Reno Birmingham Minneapolis

Name _____

Name of Member _____ Local _____

Relationship to member _____

Golf Registration Form

Which golf outing will you be attending?

Reno Birmingham Minneapolis

Name _____ Local _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Handicap or average 18-hole score _____

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2 Luck comes in many forms, and sometimes in unsuspected ways. Local 61 member Phil Liberto found that out recently when he was involved in a car accident and luck intervened. Details on page 2.

5 Former UTU International President Al H. Chesser has come out in support of the UTU's disaffiliation from the AFL-CIO. His letter to International President Charles L. Little is printed on page 5.

10 The three surviving members of a five-man Norfolk & Western rail crew knew their deed was enshrined in the Guinness Book of World Records. Details on this record-setting feat on page 10.

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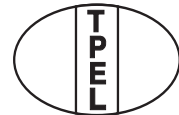
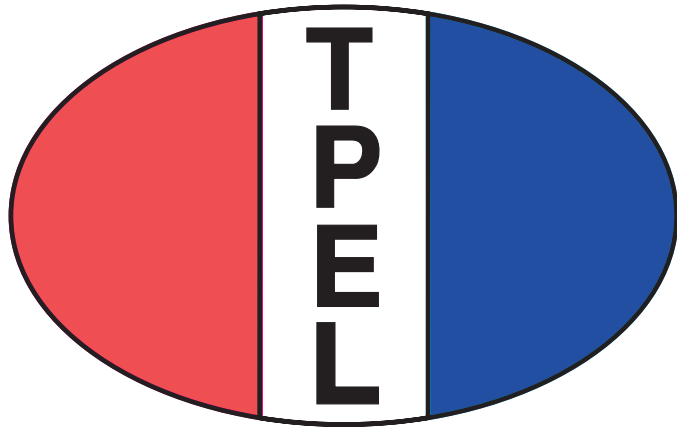
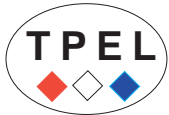
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SPECIAL PULL-OUT SECTION

TPEL TOPS ALL RAIL UNION PACs

This is what your vote as a union member means to your country: Had union families in Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin not voted in the 1996 presidential election, Bob Dole would be in the White House today, according to exit-poll data.

Many of those union families were UTU families. Many of you made a difference, and we know you will make a big difference this year as we move deeper into the 2000 Presidential and congressional elections.

As the most politically influential rail and transportation union in Washington, D.C., the 30,000 UTU members who contribute to our political action committee, the Transportation Political Education League, or TPEL, have the loudest voice at the White House and on Capitol Hill. And there's a very good reason for that.

You have turned TPEL into the dominant PAC in our industry. TPEL is more than one-

and-a-half times bigger than the PACs of the next five rail unions combined: BLE, BMW, TCU, BRS and ATDD. In fact, when stacked up against the BLE, the UTU's TPEL is more than four times larger.

In politics, money talks. And because nearly 30,000 of you believe in funding the political process through your union's TPEL, the UTU has been at the head of the table in Washington, D.C., and in many state capitals around the nation.

This annual special section honors all active and retired UTU members, and others, who have contributed or pledged \$300 or more to TPEL in the last year.

We urge all of our members who do not contribute to TPEL to sign up immediately and help us raise the funds we need so that the UTU's voice – and the voice of union families – can be heard loud and clear at the polls in November 2000.

You can begin contributions at any time, and they can be deducted automatically from your paycheck. Contributions can also be made on a one-time basis.

One half of every TPEL contribution is used within the donor's home state, and the other half is used for candidates running for federal office. So, the more money TPEL receives from, say, California, the more money TPEL can use inside California for our political purposes.

TPEL features different annual contribution clubs:

- PLATINUM: \$1,200 A YEAR OR MORE
- DOUBLE DIAMOND: \$600 TO \$1,199
- DIAMOND PLUS: \$599 TO \$400
- DOLLAR-A-DAY: \$365 TO \$399
- DIAMOND: \$300 TO \$364
- GOLD: \$100 TO \$299

All contributions of at least \$100 per year receive a baseball-style hat, lapel pin and TPEL membership card.

A MESSAGE FROM NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR JAMES BRUNKENHOEFER

There are many ways the United Transportation Union capitalizes on its political muscle.

One way is to have as much impact as possible on elected officials. One of the ways to accomplish this is through the ballot box. Obviously, your union hopes that you and all members of your family will register to vote, and then on Election Day cast your ballot, either at the voting booth or by absentee ballot.



History has shown that when the voter turnout is large, more candidates who are friends of working families get elected. UTU goes through a lengthy process before endorsing candidates. We suggest that you vote for those endorsed candidates. We think the UTU-endorsed candidates will work for the overall best interests of the UTU membership. We don't, however, tell you how to vote. That final choice is up to each individual.

UTU has another tool as well. We have a political action committee (PAC) that makes donations to candidates who support working-family issues. UTU's PAC is called the **Transportation Political Education League**, or TPEL. TPEL is one of the top political action committees in the country. TPEL contributes to both Democrats and Republicans. Although we cannot tell a candidate how to vote, it is our hope that after they receive our TPEL contribution, they will vote with you in mind and support your issues.

President Little takes into careful consideration many factors before he invests TPEL dollars into any political campaign or endorses any candidates in UTU's name. We support candidates who are concerned about the issues facing all of our members. We take into consideration the needs of school bus drivers in New York, airline pilots in Montana, Amtrak and commuter workers on the East Coast, carmen and track workers in New York, and freight railroad employees all over the United States. Every member of this organi-

zation has our ear in the endorsement process.

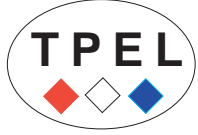
UTU has almost 30,000 members who participate in TPEL. It is through their individual and joint efforts that this union has an impact on the legislative process at all levels.

The process by which we elect lawmakers in the United States has many problems. There is no doubt that the U.S. election process needs reforming, but I don't expect reform will be coming anytime soon. As long as the process remains the same, it is imperative that UTU has as much impact as we can possibly muster. That impact is directly tied to the amount of involvement of our membership.

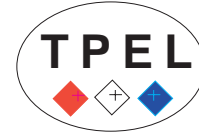
In this special section, there is a list of UTU members and others who have chosen to participate in higher levels of TPEL. I would like to express my personal appreciation to all of these people. I hope that if you are not a member of TPEL that you will become one, and if you are already a member that you will consider raising your contribution level. It is only through TPEL that our individual voices are collected and that collective voice is heard. If you see someone on the list that you work with, please take the time to thank them for helping us help you.

If you have any questions about how TPEL works, ask your local legislative representative, your state director or call me at (202) 543-7714.

J.M. Brunkenhoefer
UTU National Legislative Director



PLATINUM CLUB

**Alabama**

- 622 Birmingham
Alexander III, Joel F.
- 1291 Birmingham
Manley, Duncan Y.
- 1912 Mobile
Ramsey, Robert S.

Arizona

- 151 Winslow
Poland, Louis E.
- 807 Tucson
Johnson III, Daniel E.
Rabb III, Lloyd L.
- 1629 Phoenix
Olson, Scott T.

Arkansas

- 656 North Little Rock
Beavers, Donald R.
Youngdahl, Jay T.
- 950 West Memphis
Futhey Jr., Malcolm B.

California

- 240 Los Angeles
Garvin Jr., Harry J.
Jones, James P.
Webb, Robert D.
- 1201 Stockton
Gilwee, James F.
- 1422 Los Angeles
Feldman, Larry
- 1564 Los Angeles
Williams, James A.
- 1565 West Hollywood
Square, Charles G.
- 1570 Roseville
Anderson, Michael N.
Britt, Donald S.
- 1607 Los Angeles
Ortega Jr., Enrique
- 1608 Chatsworth
Baffoni, Victor G.
- 1813 West Colton
Pfiester Jr., R. Edward

Florida

- 903 Jacksonville
Higginbotham, Wm. Earl

Georgia

- 1245 Atlanta
Boyles Jr., Dan
Warshauer, Michael J.

Idaho

- 78 Pocatello
Martin III, Arthur

Illinois

- 168 Chicago
Harrington Jr., Robert E.
- 195 Galesburg
Fisher, Alan J.
- 528 Chicago
Downes, Daniel J.
- 577 Northlake
Harrington, Patrick J.
- 620 Chicago
Acker, Laurence C.
- 1290 Chicago
Szabo, Joseph C.
- 1421 Franklin Park
Babiarz, Gary F.
Drennan, Patrick D.
- 1433 Elmwood Park
Sophie Jr., Kenneth J.
- 1534 Chicago
Thompson, Robert B.
- 1538 Chicago
Sands, John C.
- 1895 Chicago
Hoey, J. Dillon

Indiana

- 1620 Elkhart
Brugess, George T.

Kansas

- 94 Kansas City
Thompson, Paul C.
- 533 Osawatomie
Lindsey Jr., Donald F.

Louisiana

- 1501 Baton Rouge
Biedenharn Jr., Warner E.
- 1836 New Orleans
Colvin, David L.

Maryland

- 610 Baltimore
Albertini, Guy M.
Earley, Robert W.
- 1949 Baltimore
Kratz, Ronald C.

Massachusetts

- 262 Boston
Naumes, Robert T.
- 1473 Boston
Freeley Jr., James F.

Michigan

- 72 Battle Creek
Van Bree, Frank E.
- 1438 Lincoln Park
Brickey, David H.
- 1709 Pontiac
Wigent, Bruce R.

Minnesota

- 727 Staples
Tangen, Robert A.
- 1000 Minneapolis
Barczak, Ronald J.
- 1882 Minneapolis
Tello, Michael F.

Missouri

- 226 Moberly
Foster, William L.
Thompson, Kim N.
- 1405 St. Louis
Callis, F. Lance

Montana

- 891 Whitefish
Marceau, Richard L.

Nebraska

- 305 Lincoln
Lineweber, Ray L.
- 627 Wymore
Diegel, Robert C.

New York

- 29 Babylon
Altier, Joseph P.

North Carolina

- 1011 Hamlet
Hancock, John C.
- 1105 Wilmington
Rutter III, C. Arthur
- 1129 Raleigh
Stem Jr., James A.

North Dakota

- 1344 Mandan
Risch III, John J.

Ohio

- 74 Marion
Davis, Larry R.
- 102 Toledo
Sharrock, John C.
- 693 Brewster
Patsouras, Peter L.

Oregon

- 1574 Portland
Bricker, Monte

Pennsylvania

- 150 Carnegie
Dunlevy, Donald W.
- 300 Philadelphia
Coffey Jr., Joseph A.
McGough, John J.
- 1418 Conway
McVay, William W.
Peirce Jr., Robert N.

Tennessee

- 750 Knoxville
Emert, Paul E.

Texas

- 18 El Paso
Bieganowski, Victor
- 20 Beaumont
Young, L. Steven
- 83 Houston
Brunkenhoefer, James M.
- 243 Ft. Worth
Boudreaux, Joe N.
- 1524 Houston
Little, Charles L.
Steinburg, Rodney V.

Utah

- 1366 Salt Lake City
Belden, Galen S.

Virginia

- 48 Norfolk
Moody Sr., Willard J.
Moody Jr., Willard J.
Wilson, Eddie W.
- 559 Roanoke
Jeskey, Richard E.

Washington

- 117 Vancouver
Boyd Jr., Byron A.
- 1468 Walla Walla
Zakovics, Zig I.

Wyoming

- 951 Sheridan
Kiker, David B.

* = Retired Member



DOUBLE DIAMOND CLUB

**Arizona**

- 113 Winslow
Childers, Joseph M.
- 807 Tucson
Lindsey, Craig I.
- 1559 Yuma
Spelce, Robert W.

Arkansas

- 507 Van Buren
McGowan, Thomas H.

California

- 240 Los Angeles
Nelson, Donald W.
- 1544 Maywood
Decoste, Serge J.P.
- 1564 Los Angeles
Jefferson, George F.
- 1732 San Jose
Johnson, Donald E.
- 1741 San Francisco
Harford, James T.
- 1770 Los Angeles
Baker, Robert A.

District of Columbia

- 1933 Washington
Fritter, Steven P.

Georgia

- 1033 Atlanta
Parker, Clayton L.

Idaho

- 265 Pocatello
Guidinger, Maurice D.
Mason, Jeffery L.

Illinois

- 171 Aurora
Mielke, Daniel G.
- 597 Des Plaines
Lewis Jr., Harry C.
- 1973 Chicago
Callahan Sr., Larry S.

Indiana

- 1282 Peru
Edwards, Kenneth R.

Iowa

- 306 Eagle Grove
Hendricks, Patrick C.
- 329 Boone
Dennis, Ralph J.
- 493 Waterloo
Kelly, Thomas R.

Kansas

- 707 Marysville
Ring Jr., Charles A.
- 1503 Marysville
Jenkins, Donald C.
- 1532 Kansas City
Huston, James A.

Louisiana

- 1501 Baton Rouge
Devall, Gary W.

Minnesota

- 650 Minneapolis
Ericksen, Donald C.
- 1000 Minneapolis
Filter, John W.
Virgin, Gary K.

Montana

- 891 Whitefish
Marceau, Francis G.

Nebraska

- 7 North Platte
Sullivan, Thomas E.
- 626 McCook
Hester, Richard A.
Ralston, Kenneth B.
Schroeder, Gary L.

North Carolina

- 782 Asheville
Clark, James H.
- 783 Spencer
Valley, Jimmy H.

Ohio

- 1962 Toledo
Miller, John A.

South Carolina

- 407 Charleston
Ramsey Jr., Jack D.

Tennessee

- 338 Chattanooga
Anderton, Jerry R.
- 1308 Bruceton/Hollow
Potter, James E.

Texas

- 331 Temple
Tibbit, Paul W.
- 489 San Antonio
English Jr., Cornelius M.
- 508 Smithville

- Saunders, John A.
- 564 Cleburne
Jones, Darrell H.
- 1313 Amarillo
Wilson, Penelope B.
- 1593 Brownwood
Boyd, Richard G.

Washington

- 556 Tacoma
Shelley, James P.

Wisconsin

- 311 LaCrosse
Dwyer II, Thomas P.



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Drumm, Russell H.
Shearer, David W.
- Arkansas**
462 Pine Bluff
*George, James A.
656 North Little Rock
Preyer, Talmon A.
- California**
771 Needles
Parker Jr., Larry A.
811 San Bernardino
Bresnick, Brian
Dawson, Stephen T.
835 Bakersfield
Smith, William J.
1564 Los Angeles
McCurdy Jr., John W
Owens, Vincent
1607 Los Angeles
Allen, Dwight
1785 Santa Monica
Williams, Byron A.
Auxiliary 445 Roseville

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- District of Columbia**
1933 Washington
Cunningham Jr., Miles R.
- Idaho**
265 Pocatello
Correll Jr., Jack L.
Wheeler, Steven W.
- Illinois**
195 Galesburg
Clevenger, William L.
432 Champaign-Urbana
Burner, John H.
597 Des Plaines
Babler, John W.
1895 Chicago
Hartig, Joseph H.
1929 E. St. Louis
Wolf, James M.
- Indiana**
490 Princeton
Hensler Sr., Thomas E.
- Iowa**
316 Clinton
Luckritz, Jule E.
329 Boone
Passet, Joseph R.
Reedy, Michael J.
- Kansas**
477 Newton
Wiemerslage, Mike T.

- 1503 Marysville
Draskovich, Richard M.
- Michigan**
72 Battle Creek
Criswell, Tolbert R.
1761 Saginaw
Hooper, James D.
Auxiliary 1, Port Huron
- Missouri**
933 Jefferson City
Frank, Lyman A.
Menges, Kenneth R.
Shelton, Wilbert J.
996 Ste. Genevieve
Wolk, Dennis F.
1216 Kansas City
Backes, Kenneth D.
- Montana**
486 Glendive
Huschka, Joseph L.
Nelson, Lloyd A.
891 Whitefish
Stubblefield, James E.
- Nebraska**
305 Lincoln
Doyle, Randy C.
McFall, Patrick L.
- North Carolina**
782 Asheville
Link, Roger L.

- 783 Spencer
Britton, William S.
1129 Raleigh
Smith, Michael E.
Westbrook Jr., Richard H.
- North Dakota**
1059 Minot
Schimetz, Thomas R.
1344 Mandan
Miller, Tom R.
- Ohio**
693 Brewster
Boda Jr., Joseph A.
Thompson, William J.
1962 Toledo
Cumby, James R.
- Oregon**
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*Johnson, Carrol E.
471 Eugene
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- Pennsylvania**
838 Philadelphia
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Iannone, Costantino A.
- Tennessee**
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Fenrick, Don E.

- Texas**
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613 Austin
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773 Galveston
Stubbs Jr., Joseph L.
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Welch, Glenn D.
1313 Amarillo
Arterburn, David M.
- Washington**
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Fitzgerald, John D.
- Wisconsin**
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Aubert, Gary J.
Crater, Norman R.
Tomten, James E.
312 Madison
Deneen, Timothy S.
832 Superior
Zuber, Randolph F.
- Wyoming**
951 Sheridan
Knutson, Randall S.



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847 Birmingham
Hogan, Barry A.
1053 Selma
Roberts, Roger D.
1291 Birmingham
Chappell, Lawrence E.
Freeman, Carl D.
- Arizona**
113 Winslow
Larremore, James W.
807 Tucson
Ball Jr., Elgin
Glasser, Robert H.
Woloshin, James P.
1081 Glendale
Bay, Glenn E.
Carmody Sr., John S.
Cowens, Cynthia K.
Hartsfield, Andrew G.
1629 Phoenix
Russo, Mike A.
1800 Tucson
Loud Jr., Charles E.
- Arkansas**
462 Pine Bluff
Hazard, Thomas A.
- California**
31 San Jose
McNussen, David E.
84 Los Angeles
Mesa, Robert
98 San Luis Obispo
Pointer, Freddy L.
240 Los Angeles
Billington, Mark C.
Lee, Ralph J.
Rogoza, Carl T.
771 Needles
Gordon, Douglas R.
O'Dell Jr., Huey M.
Skinner, Courtland H.
Smotherman, Jerry L.
811 San Bernardino
Freiler Jr., Raymond J.
Rehfeldt, Phillip M.
1201 Stockton
Hervey, Thomas K.

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Botts, Thomas H.
Valente, Steven L.
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1544 Maywood
Knott, William A.
Peterson Jr., Hans C.
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Faison, Maria
1564 Los Angeles
Cooper, Benjamin
1581 Bakersfield
Alexander, Robert G.
Bessom, David A.
Vanneman, Richard B.
1607 Los Angeles
Morales, Steven A.
1608 Chatsworth
McCrary, Terry L.
1694 Barstow
Smith, Kevin J.
1732 San Jose
Adams, Edward T.C.
Rosa, Mary E.
1798 Sacramento
Lucas II, Norman J.
1813 West Colton
Devasher, Douglas A.
- Colorado**
202 Denver
Coble, Stephen J.
Joslin, Glen J.
Peterson, Ronald J.
Repstine, Robert R.
Shaver, Jack V.
204 Pueblo
Mayo, Peter A.
500 Grand Junction
Wodke Jr., James C.
1136 Sterling
Dillon, K. Sean
Jackson, James E.
- Delaware**
1378 Wilmington
Seeney, Nelson G.

- District of Columbia**
1933 Washington
Bates, William H.
Bellamy, Bedwick E.
Benson III, William E.
Boone Sr., James E.
Dye, Lawrence T.
Key, Darrell R.
Maxey, Gerald W.
Morris, Richard A.
Prince, Charles W.
Reed, Lee A.
Taylor, Keyster L.
Thorpe, Andrew A.
Walker, Jerry L.
Wallace, Causa
- Florida**
30 Jacksonville
Lingane, Jeremiah
Pope, Thomas W.
1138 Miami
McElhiney, David L.
Ogelsby, Walter F.
1221 Tampa
Davis, Ben C.
Wall, Curtis A.
1502 Wildwood
Williams Sr., Gary E.
- Georgia**
674 Augusta
Glover Jr., James A.
Harley III, Carroll
998 Waycross
Strickland, Stephen C.
1031 Savannah
Pealstrom, Jerry R.
1033 Atlanta
Tatum, Larry C.
1261 Atlanta
Corley, Michael F.
1598 Manchester
Pike, Jerome W.
1910 Macon
Daniel, Bruce S.
- Idaho**
265 Pocatello
Carter, Robert E.
Guelzow, Harry L.
1058 Nampa
Wheeler, Dale L.

- Illinois**
195 Galesburg
Allison, Kenneth L.
196 Beardstown
Zillion, Richard D.
445 Niota
Bradish, Frank J.
Edwards, John M.
Lampman, Stephen C.
Latowski, James W.
Rippeteau, Stephen D.
Wolf, William F.
453 Clinton
Holman, Lloyd R.
469 Madison
Pickell, Frank R.
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Hargis, Donald G.
Wilson, Tom K.
577 Northlake
Bergeron, Michael A.
597 Des Plaines
Kirk, Eugene R.
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Zurek, Thomas J.
1883 Riverdale
Kortum, Danny L.
Pribs, James F.
1929 East St. Louis
Gray, Johnny W.
- Indiana**
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383 New Albany
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490 Princeton
Harrington, Jack R.
Lewis, James M.
1186 Gary
Wszolek, Albert F.
1518 Indianapolis
Everhart, Phillip R.

- Iowa**
17 Marshalltown
Wilkins, Stephen C.
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Duffy, Richard K.
Emery, Jon R.
Schultz, Janet L.
Teter, Clarence W.
493 Eaterloo
Barta, Ricky A.
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Bovenmyer, Steven R.
Wiebe, William D.
Wilson, Michael R.
- Kansas**
464 Arkansas City
Henderson, Robert W.
495 Salina
Crusch, Rafe K.
1227 Wichita
Rigg Jr., Howard A.
- Kentucky**
376 Louisville
Boling, Roy G.
Marshall, Robert W.
1315 Covington
Sullivan, James P.
Wethington, Joseph G.
1963 Louisville
Carver, Donald R.
- Louisiana**
781 Shreveport
Christian, Larry F.
1337 New Orleans
Boudreaux, Gilbert P.
1458 DeQuincy
Hakey, David L.
Overton, Larry L.
1836 New Orleans
Albarado, Thomas C.
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Lavoie, Lionel H.
Scott Jr., David V.
- Michigan**
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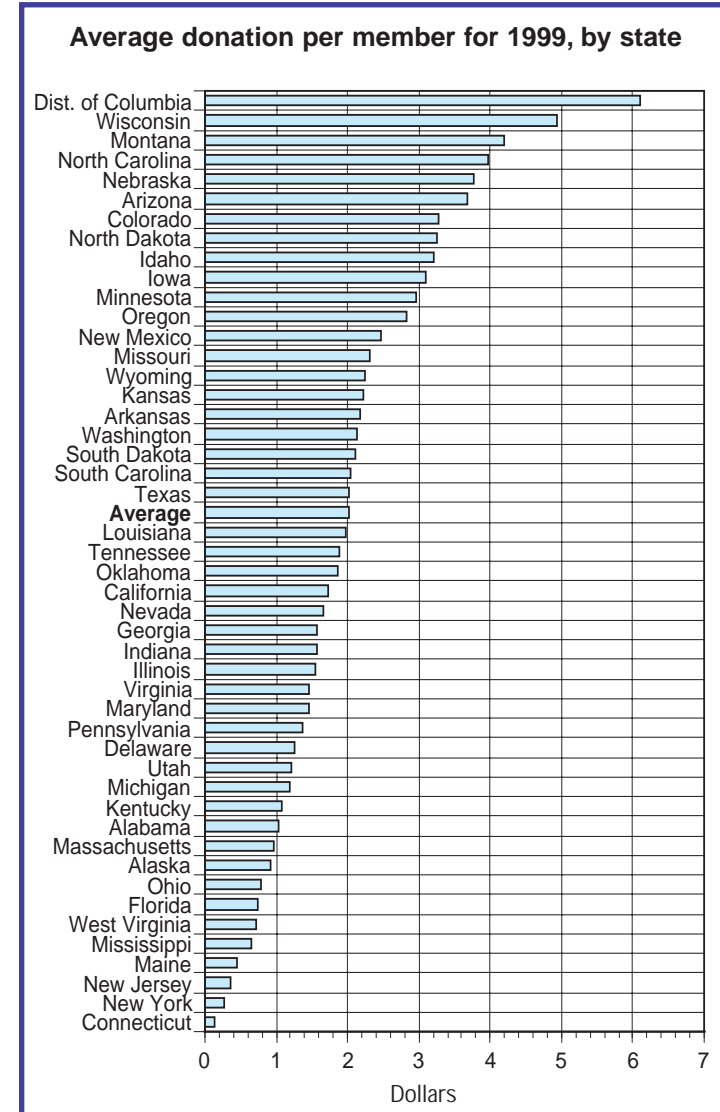
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How do the TPEL contributions in your UTU local compare?

Here is a list showing the average Transportation Political Education League (TPEL) contribution per member per local per year for the year 1999, based on contributions received from active, dues-paying members (no members on E-49 status are included). State averages are total contributions divided by total active members in the state. Want to help raise your local's average? See your local legislative representative, who can explain why a TPEL donation is your best investment in the future.

State	Local	Contribution	State Average				
Alabama	598 Mobile	.39	1.03				
	622 Birmingham	3.66					
	762 Montgomery	.76					
	772 Sheffield	.22					
	847 Birmingham	.42					
	1053 Selma	.86					
	1291 Birmingham	2.20					
	1887 Fairfield	.58					
	1912 Mobile	4.03					
	1972 Birmingham	.44					
Alaska	1626 Anchorage	.94	.93				
	State Average	.93					
	Arizona	113 Winslow		2.40	3.69		
		151 Winslow		2.67			
		807 Tucson		5.50			
		1081 Glendale		3.44			
		1629 Phoenix		4.44			
		1800 Tucson		2.35			
		State Average		3.69			
		Arkansas		221 N. Little Rock		2.02	2.18
462 Pine Bluff			1.98				
507 Van Buren			1.65				
656 N. Little Rock	2.35						
733 DeQueen	1.97						
950 W. Memphis	3.57						
State Average	2.18						
California	1732 San Jose		1.61	1.72			
	1741 San Francisco		.19				
	1770 Los Angeles		3.77				
	1785 Santa Monica	1.41					
	1798 Sacramento	2.59					
	1801 Stockton	1.89					
	1813 West Colton	2.27					
	1846 West Colton	2.90					
	1915 Tracy	1.61					
	State Average	1.72					
Colorado	49 Pueblo	1.49	3.28				
	201 Trinidad	2.73					
	202 Denver	3.03					
	204 Pueblo	1.91					
	500 Grand Junction	2.94					
	945 La Junta	8.09					
	1136 Sterling	3.49					
	1650 Pueblo	3.87					
	State Average	3.28					
	Connecticut	277 Hartford		.00	.14		
328 New Haven		.00					
1413 New Haven		.35					
1672 New London		.01					
State Average		.14					
Delaware		1378 Wilmington	1.25	1.25			
		State Average	1.25				
		District of Columbia	1522 Washington			1.94	6.11
			1933 Washington			8.41	
			State Average			6.11	
	Florida		30 Jacksonville		.96	1.76	
			903 Jacksonville		.67		
			1035 Lakeland		1.19		
			1138 Miami		.68		
			1221 Tampa		.82		
1312 Pensacola			.52				
1502 Wildwood			.76				
1900 Miami		.27					
State Average		.74					
Georgia		511 Atlanta	1.80	1.56			
	535 Macon	1.32					
	674 Augusta	1.16					
	941 Columbus	1.97					
	998 Waycross	.71					
	1031 Savannah	1.28					
	1033 Atlanta	1.30					
	1245 Atlanta	2.33					
	1261 Atlanta	1.75					
	State Average	1.56					
Idaho	78 Pocatello	3.90	3.21				
	265 Pocatello	3.34					
	1058 Nampa	2.01					
	State Average	3.21					
	Illinois	168 Chicago		.98	2.22		
		171 Aurora		2.21			
		195 Galesburg		2.73			
		196 Beardstown		1.33			
		198 Peoria		.05			
		234 Bloomington		.69			
258 Savanna		.61					
432 Champaign/Urbana		4.06					
State Average		2.22					
Indiana		6 Indianapolis	1.34	1.54			
	194 Elkhart	2.46					
	206 Peru	.66					
	298 Garrett	4.46					
	333 North Vernon	1.53					
	383 New Albany	.97					
	425 Indianapolis	.59					
	490 Princeton	5.68					
	744 Frankfort	1.52					
	State Average	1.54					
Iowa	17 Marshalltown	9.38	3.68				
	199 Creston	2.66					
	228 Cedar Rapids	3.68					
	306 Eagle Grove	4.06					
	316 Clinton	2.88					
	329 Boone	2.57					
	418 Sioux City	2.43					
	493 Waterloo	2.67					
	643 Fort Madison	2.65					
	State Average	3.68					
Kansas	44 Phillipsburg	.13	2.13				
	94 Kansas City	2.43					
	412 Kansas City	1.84					
	464 Arkansas City	4.16					
	477 Newton	1.53					
	495 Salina	2.24					
	506 Herington	.24					
	527 Coffeyville	3.63					
	533 Osawatomie	2.59					
	State Average	2.13					
Kentucky	376 Louisville	1.40	1.54				
	573 Danville	.54					
	630 Ashland	.89					
	785 Paducah	.44					
	1190 Ludlow	1.08					
	1310 Loyall	1.36					
	1315 Covington	2.10					
	1316 Ravenna	1.26					
	1328 Louisville	.64					
	State Average	1.54					
Louisiana	659 Leesville	1.93	1.97				
	781 Shreveport	.58					
	976 Shreveport	.97					
	1066 New Orleans	.19					
	1337 New Orleans	1.80					
	1458 DeQuincy	1.76					
	1501 Baton Rouge	4.95					
	1545 Monroe	1.37					
	1678 Minden	1.14					
	State Average	1.97					
Maine	663 Bangor	.02	.45				
	752 Brownville Jct.	.07					
	856 Houlton	.64					
	1400 S. Portland	.73					
	State Average	.45					
	Maryland	430 Cumberland		.60	2.13		
		454 Baltimore		2.14			
		600 Cumberland		.67			
		610 Baltimore		1.57			
		631 Brunswick		.95			
1470 Edmonston		4.04					
1591 Baltimore		.94					
1881 Baltimore		.36					
1949 Baltimore		.61					
State Average		2.13					
Massachusetts	254 Fitchburg	.37	2.31				
	262 Boston	2.13					
	352 W. Springfield	.23					
	587 Greenfield	.83					
	679 Attleboro	.24					
	898 Boston	.57					
	1462 Boston	.97					
	1473 Boston	2.19					
	State Average	.97					
	Michigan	72 Battle Creek		3.38	4.20		
278 Jackson		.71					
313 Grand Rapids		.81					
320 Saginaw		.85					
683 Detroit		1.01					
734 Battle Creek		.60					
886 Marquette		1.45					
State Average		4.20					
Minnesota		650 Minneapolis	2.52	2.46			
		727 Staples	5.66				
	911 Minneapolis	1.99					
	1000 Minneapolis	3.72					
	1067 Virginia	8.02					
	1175 Duluth	2.72					
	1177 Willmar	1.83					
	1292 Proctor	2.53					
	State Average	2.46					
	Mississippi	427 McComb	.55		.64		
584 Meridian		.36					
853 Amory		.27					
1088 Jackson		.60					
1334 Hattiesburg		1.74					
1400 S. Portland		.73					
State Average		.64					
Missouri		5 Kansas City	1.05	2.31			
		185 Brookfield	1.73				
		219 Hannibal	1.15				
	226 Moberly	3.47					
	259 St. Joseph	3.70					
	303 Springfield	2.88					
	330 Poplar Bluff	1.28					
	349 Kansas City	1.66					
	State Average	2.31					
	Montana	15 Billings	.00		4.20		
486 Glendive		3.40					
544 Havre		4.09					
730 Great Falls		3.58					
891 Whitefish		6.05					
1840 Glasgow		6.05					
State Average		4.20					
Nebraska		7 North Platte	3.21	3.76			
		200 North Platte	5.94				
		257 Morrill	2.25				
	286 North Platte	7.06					
	305 Lincoln	2.98					
	367 Omaha	4.13					
	626 McCook	7.51					
	627 Wymore	6.38					
	State Average	3.76					
	Nevada	105 Las Vegas	.01		1.67		
1043 Sparks		2.33					
1117 Las Vegas		3.04					
1775 Elko		2.75					
State Average		1.67					
New Jersey		60 Newark	.13	2.46			
		419 Camden	1.08				
		759 Newark	.37				
		800 Jersey City	1.14				
		1390 Trenton	.99				
	1477 Dearborn	.08					
	1709 Pontiac	2.00					
	1736 Flint	.70					
	State Average	2.46					
	New Mexico	1168 Clovis	3.79		2.46		
1687 Belen		1.88					
1745 Albuquerque		.19					
State Average		2.46					
New York		1 Buffalo	1.38	2.03			
		29 Babylon	.23				
		77 New York	.50				
		95 Rensselaer	.55				
		211 Binghamton	.67				
		212 Albany	.37				
	256 Watervliet	1.36					
	State Average	2.03					
	North Carolina	782 Asheville	3.87		3.98		
		783 Spencer	3.79				
1011 Hamlet		4.42					
1021 Greensboro		4.35					
1105 Wilmington		7.06					
1106 Rocky Mount		1.89					
1129 Raleigh		11.34					
State Average		3.98					
North Dakota		525 Grand Forks	1.50	2.05			
		980 Enderlin	3.07				
	1059 Minot	4.38					
	1137 Fargo	2.68					
	1344 Mandan	4.42					
	State Average	2.05					
	Ohio	2 Toledo	.85		3.25		
		27 Cleveland	.23				
		137 Cleveland	1.30				
		138 Lima	1.65				
145 Columbus		1.72					
225 Bellevue		.59					
284 Cleveland		.84					
378 Cleveland		.90					
State Average		3.25					
Oklahoma		770 Heavener	.89	1.87			
	894 Tulsa	1.16					
	1016 Enid	1.82					
	1042 Oklahoma City	3.15					
	1188 Oklahoma City	3.49					
	1289 Tulsa	1.37					
	State Average	1.87					
	Oregon	283 Portland	1.85		2.03		
		471 Eugene	5.72				
		473 LaGrande	3.13				
1573 Klamath Falls		3.81					
1574 Portland		1.81					
1794 Eugene		3.42					
1841 Klamath Falls		2.95					
State Average		2.03					
Pennsylvania		61 Philadelphia	.28	1.21			
		150 Carnegie	4.75				
	215 Harrisburg	.73					
	291 Meadville	.21					
	300 Philadelphia	4.04					
	309 Altoona	.55					
	340 Connellsville	.36					
	State Average	1.21					
	South Carolina	407 Charleston	1.80		2.05		
		793 Columbia	2.26				
931 Greenville		2.91					
942 Florence		3.61					
970 Abbeville		.68					
1814 Spartanburg		1.57					
State Average		2.05					
South Dakota		233 Aberdeen	3.02	1.88			
		375 Edgemont	2.14				
		State Average	1.88				
	Tennessee	338 Chattanooga	1.65		2.64		
		339 Jackson	4.04				
		459 Chattanooga	3.96				
		750 Knoxville	3.12				
		753 Memphis	.59				
		974 Nashville	2.20				
		1162 Erwin	1.56				
1301 Knoxville		1.94					
State Average		2.64					
Texas		9 Slaton	3.26	2.78			
	18 El Paso	2.53					
	20 Beaumont	2.12					
	83 Houston	6.52					
	110 Laredo	2.78					
	243 Fort Worth	2.66					
	293 Houston	1.60					
	331 Temple	2.18					
	State Average	2.78					
	Utah	166 Salt Lake City	2.11		1.46		
238 Ogden		1.20					
1038 Salt Lake City		.05					
1294 Milford		.55					
1366 Salt Lake City		1.32					
1554 Ogden		.97					
State Average		1.46					
Virginia		48 Norfolk	3.72	2.17			
		363 Roanoke	1.36				
		559 Roanoke	2.46				
	623 Clifton Forge	.43					
	629 Roanoke	.83					
	662 Richmond	.60					
	769 Alexandria	1.51					
	State Average	2.17					
	Washington	117 Vancouver	1.79		2.86		
		324 Seattle	2.23				
426 Spokane		2.83					
556 Tacoma		3.81					
845 Seattle		3.74					
855 Spokane		2.42					
977 Pasco		.81					
1238 Vancouver		.89					
State Average		2.86					
West Virginia		118 Hinton	.60	1.97			
	504 Wheeling	2.86					
	605 Grafton	1.97					
	655 Bluefield	.08					
	915 Handley	.72					
	1062 Huntington	.89					
	1172 Mullens	.65					
	1327 Peach Creek	.39					
	State Average	1.97					
	Wisconsin	281 Milwaukee	6.37		4.93		
311 LaCrosse		7.08					
312 Madison		7.48					
322 Milwaukee		4.48					
581 Green Bay		.09					
572 Stevens Point		.00					
590 Portage		2.37					
832 Superior		3.78					
State Average		4.93					
Wyoming		28 Cheyenne	2.27	2.25			
	446 Cheyenne	1.19					
	465 Gillette	2.15					
	866 Rawlins	.74					
	951 Sheridan	6.63					
	1279 Greybull	2.80					
	1280 Casper	2.09					
	1857 Green River	2.95					
	State Average	2.25					





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- 1760 Detroit
Lowe, Joseph P.
Muneio Jr., George J.
- Minnesota**
1175 Duluth
Brown, David K.
Caliste, Carla S.
Hickman, Franklin R.
Wicklund, David A.
- 1292 Proctor
Fish, Paul D.
- 1882 Minneapolis
Lambert, Mark A.
- Missouri**
219 Hannibal
Wells III, Orville W.
- 259 St. Joseph
Edwards Jr., Frederick L.
Felling, Eugene B.
- 947 Chaffee
Lapresta, Joseph M.
Loucks, Stephen W.
- 1216 Kansas City
Pinkston, Max W.
- 1405 St. Louis
Duncan, William L.
Smith, Terrance L.
- Montana**
486 Glendive
Clingsmith, Richard
- Nebraska**
257 Morrill
Kelley, Daniel E.
- 286 North Platte
Wesslund, Daniel M.
- 305 Lincoln
Halsey, Robert G.
Pueppke, David E.
Trauernicht, Kenneth E.
- 627 Wymore
Orosco, Robert L.
Weiner, Marlin A.
- Nevada**
1117 Las Vegas
Fetters, John M.
Johnson Jr., Hugh G.
- New Jersey**
800 Jersey City
Kreitz Jr., George
- New Mexico**
1168 Clovis
Williams, Benny R.
- New York**
29 Babylon
Bilello, Robert M.
- 1370 New York
Baskerville, Dorian V.
Prisco, Salvatore J.
- North Carolina**
782 Asheville
Biddix, Albert R.
Davis, Troy D.
Wallace, Robert D.
- 1011 Hamlet
Bruce III, Chalmers L.
Corbin, Stephen M.
Jones, Harry M.
Morrison II, Malcolm T.
Thigpen, James V.
- 1021 Greensboro
Griffin, Robert O.
Morris, Dwight M.
- 1106 Rocky Mount
Foster, Roy G.
- 1129 Raleigh
Diacont, Dale W.
Lamm, Glenn A.
- 1166 Charlotte
Holit, David L.
- 1715 Charlotte
Massey, Ruby K.
- North Dakota**
980 Enderlin
Fernow, Rodney J.
Steedsman, Raymond C.
- Ohio**
2 Toledo
Fink, John N.
Garvin, Thomas D.
McMillan, Jack E.
- 102 Toledo
Baldwin, William C.
- 137 Cleveland
Delvecchio, Patrick V.
- 881 Montpelier
Grice, Rex A.
- 1549 Springfield
Twyford, Richard W.
- 1638 Cleveland
Delguyd, Pat F.
Winebrenner, Charles D.
- Oklahoma**
1042 Oklahoma City
Minard, Kenneth W.
- 1188 Oklahoma City
Seals, Gary R.
- Oregon**
283 Portland
Atkinson, G. Michael
- 471 Eugene
Davis, Greg W.
- 473 LaGrande
Romine, Larry J.
- 1841 Klamath Falls
Snyder, David B.
Snyder, Gary B.
- Pennsylvania**
596 Albion
Camp, Raymond A.
- 838 Philadelphia
Tweddle, Allen H.
- 997 Enola
Hetrick, Donald L.
- 1374 New Castle
Finamore, Richard A.
Marino, Samuel J.
- 1375 Philadelphia
*Kenny, Edward C.
- 1379 Pittsburgh
Mateer, John L.
- 1594 Upper Darby
McNelis, Bernard J.
- 1628 Pittsburgh
Burton, Thomas M.
Tierney Jr., John J.
- South Carolina**
793 Columbia
Walls, Gary A.
- 931 Greenville
Allen, Thomas L.
Byars, Gerald L.
Robertson, Samuel W.
- 942 Florence
Bailey, Ronald
Sweat, Teddy
- 970 Abbeville
Wilson, James T.
- 1814 Spartanburg
Justice, James M.
- South Dakota**
375 Edgemont
Davids, Vaughn R.
- Tennessee**
338 Chattanooga
Elliott, William D.
- 339 Jackson
Lee, Jerry W.
- 974 Nashville
Elliott, Randal J.
- 1346 Nashville
Webb, Billy S.
- Texas**
9 Slaton
Clinton, Curtis L.
- 439 Tyler
Hollis, Don L.
- 773 Galveston
Owens, Richard G.
- 818 Ft. Worth
*Hodges, Homer R.
- 1593 Brownwood
Williamson, Randy K.
- 1886 Houston
Wilkins, Norman V.J.
- 1892 Houston
Hardy, Michael W.
Higdon, Clarron C.
Polvadore, Al D.
- Virginia**
924 Richmond
Chapman III, James A.
- 971 Crewe
Warner, Gregory A.
- Washington**
324 Seattle
Anderson, Kerry C.
Rookard, John R.
- 556 Tacoma
Goodwin, Gary N.
Renz, V.L.
- 855 Spokane
Watson, Clarence J.
- 1238 Vancouver
Dunn, John P.
Mudgett, Michael S.
- 1348 Centralia
Maj, Floyd R.
- 1468 Walla Walla
McKillip, Larry D.
- West Virginia**
504 Wheeling
Pennybacker Jr., John R.
- 605 Grafton
McKinley, Allen D.
Mewshaw, Mark
- 1062 Huntington
Hopkins, Douglas A.
- Wisconsin**
281 Milwaukee
Bartels, Terry D.
Cunningham, J.M.
Joslin, Leroy R.
Liverseed, Gerald R.
Malone, Dennis L.
Morris, Timothy J.
- 311 LaCrosse
Anderson, David E.
Seitz, Timothy J.
- 322 Milwaukee
Alba, Robert J.
Kunda, Danny R.
- 832 Superior
Beyer, James E.
Carlson, Bruce A.
Lagesse, Robert L.
- 1293 Altoona
Eckwright, James E.
Homme, David N.
Staves, Kenneth M.
- 1382 Milwaukee
Schill, Allan J.
- Wyoming**
465 Gillette
Kuhnel, Steven L.

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- Alabama**
622 Birmingham
Davis Jr., Rexford F.
- 1291 Birmingham
Hendricks, Thomas E.
- Arizona**
113 Winslow
Daniels, Richard R.
- 151 Winslow
Marquez, Mark E.
- 807 Tucson
Alexander, Jerry L.
Dains Jr., Victor
Galloway, Joseph N.
Harris, Daniel H.
Hicks, Daniel V.
Holsinger Jr., Lee R.
Hubbs, Vernon S.
Kneeland, Kreg H.
Mitchell, Billy R.
Moore Jr., Thomas F.
Smith, Edward G.
White, Timothy A.
- 1081 Glendale
Coffey, Steven B.
- 1559 Yuma
Magruder, Phil L.
Tucker, Cash M.
- 1629 Phoenix
*Bennett, Jay C.
- Arkansas**
656 North Little Rock
Karstetter, Richard E.
- 950 West Memphis
Cliett, Ronald E.
Cunningham, Joseph F.
- California**
23 Santa Cruz
Hickam, Anita
- 31 San Jose
Aylward, William W.
Clark, Kent W.
Witzel, Wilbur J.
- 84 Los Angeles
Lucia, Albert H.
- 98 San Luis Obispo
Klein, J. Kevin
- 239 Oakland
Dayton, Glen E.
*Johnson, Ronald R.
- 240 Los Angeles
Banks, Darnell B.
Dearo Jr., Jesse O.
Greene, Roger H.
Wilson, William D.
- 492 Sacramento
Stinchfield, Daryl M.
Warrick Jr., George T.
- 694 Dunsmuir
Norgaard, Douglas E.
- 771 Needles
Peterson, John W.
- 811 San Bernardino
Feldman, Carl G.
Gillard, Charles A.
- 835 Bakersfield
Gaona, John R.
Hobbs, Curtis W.
Lee, Kenneth D.
Montgomery, Stephen A.
Nowatzki, Michael J.
- 1201 Stockton
Armitage, Richard S.
- 1241 Richmond
Altmann, Michael A.
Payne Jr., Thomas J.
- 1422 Los Angeles
Brooks, Larry E.
Dannar, Jimmie W.
- 1544 Maywood
Barrymore, Paul K.
Dickinson, Bruce E.
Dohopolski, Michael A.
Downer, George K.
Gibbons Jr., John L.
Harris, Randall W.
Mock, David L.
Stansberry, James L.
- 1563 El Monte
Rodriguez, Ruben
Welch, Benjamin H.
- 1564 Los Angeles
Johnson, Ulysses
Reece III, Saul L.
- 1565 West Hollywood
Anderson, Wayne L.
Bell, Lawrence E.
Delcid, Edwin
Williams II, Don E.
- 1581 Bakersfield
Naworski, Norbert F.
Swind, Jack W.
- 1607 Los Angeles
Galang, Vickie
Horta Jr., Bonifacio J.
Moore, Robert D.
- 1608 Chatsworth
Gomez, Efrain R.
Lewenberg, Raul E.
Norton, Goldy
- 1674 Los Angeles
Davis, Cecil D.
- 1732 San Jose
Houghton, John G.
*Miller, Donald Q.
- 1770 Los Angeles
Tomlinson Jr., William E.
- 1785 Santa Monica
Palmer, Percival
- 1801 Stockton
Partridge, Lawrence W.
Paulson Jr., Robert E.
- 1813 West Colton
Schweigert, Larry A.
Vazquez, Antonio R.
Wilson, Bryan G.
- 1846 West Colton
Davies, Charles E.
Garcia, Adolfo P.
Hudgins, C.W.
Kelly, Terrence S.
Wallace Jr., Wade H.
- 1915 Tracy
Reich, Roland L.
- Colorado**
202 Denver
Allbright, Gary D.
Balluff, Stephan F.
Hackney, Nathaniel T.
Jackson, William G.
McGraw, Michael D.
Nabors Jr., William L.
Paprocki, Stanley L.
- 500 Grand Junction
Kent, Arthur B.
- 945 LaJunta
Bonewell, James W.
Bryant, Melbra
Engbrecht, Patrick M.
Fioretti, Philip D.
Mast Jr., Richard G.
Ponce, Cosme J.
Rodriguez, Roger J.
Rooks, Curtis W.
Smith, Lace D.
Vinduska, Leon M.
- 1136 Sterling
Agee, Russell L.

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**Connecticut**

1361 New Haven
Beebe, William A.

District of Columbia

1933 Washington
Dixon, Louis W.
Heflin, Clinton E.
Hetrick Jr., Raymond H.
Hilliard, Isaiah
Holland, Bobby N.

Florida

30 Jacksonville
Fletcher Sr., Joseph M.
1138 Miami
Cochran, Carl E.

Georgia

511 Atlanta
Keown, William H.
Tucker, Charles V.
535 Macon
Smith, Albert L.
1031 Savannah
Sapp, Frank K.
1033 Atlanta
Thomas, Brad
1245 Atlanta
Black, John W.
Trout, Barry K.
1790 Fitzgerald
Lann, Tony A.
1910 Macon
Woodruff, Lyle G.

Idaho

78 Pocatello
Nicholls, Melvin G.
Raymond Jr., Leland
265 Pocatello
Roberts, Steven S.
Whitworth, Arthur L.
Wilson, Gregory R.
Wright Jr., John S.
1058 Nampa
Patterson, Ronald N.

Illinois

168 Chicago
McKenna, Michael C.
171 Aurora
Brooks, Thomas P.
Dwyer, Timothy M.
195 Galesburg
Linroth, Ralph W.
Lufkin, Jerry G.
432 Champaign-Urbana
Birch, John W.
Coykendall, Wayne A.
445 Niota
Carroll, Daniel C.
1258 Elgin
Kaeplinger, William T.
1290 Chicago
Fantin, Jeffrey S.
Hale, Samuel C.
1402 Dupu
Walsh, Michael J.
1421 Franklin Park
Pastore, Joseph C.
1423 Galesburg
Mason, Kenneth W.
1433 Elmwood Park
Dvorak, J. Edward
1538 Chicago
Martz, Dennis G.

Indiana

194 Elkhart
Holbrook, Robert L.
298 Garrett
Babbitt, Bruce A.
Hartman, Richard H.
Marti, David A.
Schwab, Richard D.
490 Princeton
Baggett, Samuel A.
Calhoun Jr., William R.
Colvin, Donald C.

Russell, Ronald W.
Stuckey, Alan H.
1282 Peru
Prior, James O.
1381 Hammond
Wagner, Raymond G.

Iowa

17 Marshalltown
Backoff, William D.
Bacon, Harold E.
Hall, Jesse R.
Kerr, Keith K.
McNary, David H.
Schafer, Dean A.
Woodruff, Mark W.
199 Creston
Goodrich, Randal M.
316 Clinton
Hayes, Joseph A.
329 Boone
Engh, Lynda M.
McGuire, Richard W.
418 Sioux City
Bernhardt, Brad J.
Nordgren, Mark A.
Rasco, Jan
Sandman, James H.
Turner, John J.
493 Waterloo
Cunningham, Patrick D.
643 Fort Madison
Denning, Gregory R.
646 Council Bluffs
Price Jr., William R.

Kansas

464 Arkansas City
Oestmann, Duane L.
477 Newton
Ewy, Harold L.
Garver, Dale K.
Stevenson, Robert H.
Sturgeon, Patrick B.
495 Salina
Hazlett, Dean L.
Hight, Lyle W.
Mixer, Terrance E.
533 Osawatome
Crowl, James C.
1503 Marysville
Holsapple Jr., Glenn T.
*Steiger, Gerald L.
1532 Kansas City
Schlosser, Donald D.

Kentucky

1190 Ludlow
Baird, Jimmy R.
1310 Loyall
Rees, Ray W.
1377 Covington
Boling, Charles L.
Vogel, Edward F.

Louisiana

659 Leesville
Marcantel, Joseph W.
976 Shreveport
Hadwin, Richard V.
1066 New Orleans
Farrell III, Walter J.
1337 New Orleans
Pontiff, Horace J.
1458 DeQuincy
Brown, W. Tracey
Clem, Jeffrey P.
Seales, James E.
1501 Baton Rouge
Bradley, Aaron G.
Corzine Jr., Marvin E.
*Cutrer Jr., W.W.
Devall, Thomas W.
Marcantel, Thomas
Meadows Jr., James D.
Salter Jr., Weyman L.
Whiting, Thomas E.
1836 New Orleans
Boudreaux, Tyrone G.

Maine

1400 South Portland
Eichel, Jeffrey S.

Maryland

454 Baltimore
Tobash, Richard E.
610 Baltimore
McBee, Carroll E.

Massachusetts

262 Boston
Hersey, Michael J.
898 Boston
Lenfest Jr., Roger M.
1473 Boston
Casey, George T.
Maloof, Michael G.

Michigan

72 Battle Creek
Henry, John R.
Mathey, Gregory A.
313 Grand Rapids
Boruta II, Herman J.
683 Detroit
Nelson, Wayne B.
927 Detroit
Swarbrick, Donald G.
1709 Pontiac
Planck, Bennett H.
1765 Grand Rapids
Rowe, Richard E.

Minnesota

650 Minneapolis
Bauch, Paul H.
911 Minneapolis
Baker, Dennis E.
Marsh, Bruce A.
Ott, Jerome J.
Townner, Dennis W.
Zilge, Terrance L.
1000 Minneapolis
Begnaud, Blake P.
Burkard, John L.
Joyce Jr., George G.
Lyman, Thomas L.
Toughill, John K.
1067 Virginia
Busker, James J.
Rask, James R.
1177 Willmar
Connors, Patrick J.
1614 St. Paul
Thompson, Gary D.
1882 Minneapolis
Roberts, Christopher O.

Mississippi

1088 Jackson
Batton, Jerry L.
Fowler, Abe N.

Missouri

5 Kansas City
Anderson, Charles M.
*Sloan, George F.
219 Hannibal
Ellingsworth, Carl L.
259 St. Joseph
Bravo, Steven J.
Dietderich, Chester L.
Loehnig Jr., Richard K.
Lyford, Harold C.
Stafford, Bruce O.
303 Springfield
Kerley, Robert D.
Vahldick, Carl M.
607 Thayer
Olbright, Ted A.
933 Jefferson City
Sullivan Jr., John L.
947 Chaffee
Seyer, Donald J.
1403 Kansas City
Bounds, David C.
Kinne, Andrew L.
Moore, Michael J.
O'Donnell, Paul R.

Ogletree Jr., George R.
1780 Kansas City
Davidson, Jr., Harold E.
Nelson, Harold K.

Montana

486 Glendive
Locke, Clifford L.
Meyers, Terrance B.
544 Havre
Goggins, Timothy H.
Quinn, Michael D.
730 Great Falls
Berrum, Thomas R.
Corrigan, Robert K.
891 Whitefish
Vandeberg, Wayne C.
1840 Glasgow
Buchheit, Lawrence R.
Garten, Charles L.
Hartsock, Gene O.
Hartsock, Kevin R.
Nelson, Marc A.

Nebraska

7 North Platte
Merklin, Richard H.
200 North Platte
McConahay, Lee J.
Rosenthal, Jeffrey C.
257 Morrill
Ott, Patrick S.
Platt, William J.
Stedman, Steven
Vonwald, Shawn D.
286 North Platte
Austin, Steven W.
Fitzpatrick, Paul V.
Hasenauer, John R.
Keith, Theodore L.
Mohr, Randall L.
Moore, Albert L.
Reimers, James E.
Sigler, Terry E.
Smith, William F.
Weitzel, Rodney D.
Yanken, Lyle E.
305 Lincoln
Bogenreif, Billy E.
Brinkman, Leo M.
Calhoon, Charles E.
Dance, Bryan D.
Hamilton, John D.
*Layton, Harlan D.
Orr, Brian L.
Poole, Timothy H.
VanCleaf, John D.
367 Omaha
Harrison, Michael E.
626 McCook
Frank, Douglas L.
Hamilton Jr., James L.
627 Wymore
Foote, John F.
872 Omaha
Borgeson, Robert A.
934 Alliance
Lloyd, Richard V.

Nevada

1043 Sparks
Busch, Leon F.
1117 Las Vegas
Melchor, Joe L.
1775 Elko
Nelms, Charles R.

New Jersey

419 Camden
Brown, John L.
1390 Trenton
Suozzo, Albert L.

New Mexico

342 Raton
Lucero, Frank
1168 Clovis
Huguley, Ricke C.
Wilson, Stanley E.

1687 Belen
Elkins, Gary L.

New York

77 New York
Fischbeck, Lloyd J.
256 Watervliet
Boardman, William E.
982 Rochester
Murphy, David M.
1582 Albany
Cribbs III, James C.
Kucienski, Robert W.

North Carolina

783 Spencer
Honeycutt, Jr., Paul L.
Oliphant, Sr., Steven B.
Shoaf, Joseph S.
1011 Hamlet
Carlisle, Robert E.
Dunson, Jr., James H.
Napier, Donald L.
Samuels, Joseph A.
Smith, Henry R.
1129 Raleigh
Booth III, Sterling R.
McDonald, Dalton P.
Pipkin, Nathan E.

North Dakota

980 Enderlin
Chesley, Joseph D.
1059 Minot
Allard, Donald L.
Kraft, Patrick P.
Laumb, Thomas D.
Schoenwald, Larry W.
1344 Mandan
Berndt, Ronald D.
Spanjer, Larry A.
Zastoupil, James L.

Ohio

145 Columbus
Fetherolf, Glenn R.
Lynn, James D.
225 Bellevue
Gardner, Stuart W.
Strunk, Jr., Delbert G.
881 Montpelier
Nickloy, Russell M.
1517 Cincinnati
Reed, John T.
1638 Cleveland
Bottles, Raymond C.
1816 Toledo
Shiple, Jerome F.
1962 Toledo
Otten, David W.
Turner, Doyle K.

Oklahoma

894 Tulsa
Bookout, Charles F.
1016 Enid
Sykes, Charles M.
1188 Oklahoma City
Nugen, James L.
1289 Tulsa
Pompa, Paul G.

Oregon

283 Portland
Pearson, Robert G.
471 Eugene
Troutman, Doyle M.
473 LaGrande
Ashley, Allen D.
Gaertner, Terry W.
Hanson, Delmer E.
Pratt, Kenneth G.
Thielen, David J.
1574 Portland
Nelson, Lewis L.

Pennsylvania

150 Carnegie
*Smith, Albert L.

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- 386 Reading
*Morin, Louis
- 816 Harrisburg
Potteiger, Jr., Samuel E.
- 830 Harrisburg
Holland, Jr., Jack
- 838 Philadelphia
Yura, Charles M.
- 997 Enola
Stephens, Jr., James E.
- 1374 New Castle
Morley, Robert M.
- 1628 Pittsburgh
Thorne, Thomas F.
- South Carolina**
- 942 Florence
Turner, Jr., Nathaniel O.
- 1814 Spartanburg
Tuck, Jr., George P.
- South Dakota**
- 64 Huron
Hilligoss, Sr., David R.
Schinderling, Mahlon C.
- Tennessee**
- 339 Jackson
Barnes, John D.
- 459 Chattanooga
Jones, James L.
- 750 Knoxville
Eastridge, William H.
- 974 Nashville
Chappell, James D.
*West Sr., Ernest C.
- 1301 Knoxville
Grooms, Lawrence W.
- 1314 Etowah
Guy, Sr., Joe D.
- 1345 Knoxville
Davis, Robert M.
- Texas**
- 9 Slaton
Choate, Robert R.
- 18 El Paso
Fenter, Carl O.
Miller, Robert D.
Werner, James D.
- 83 Houston
Noblitt, James A.
- 243 Fort Worth
Martin, Craig L.
Rudel, Sammy B.
Stanley, Randal L.
- 293 Houston
Johnson, Ernest E.
Ottmer, Jr., Marvin L.
- 331 Temple
Drake, Dennis H.
Miller, Robert E.
Thompson, Gary W.
- 439 Tyler
England, James L.
- 489 San Antonio
Carrola, Andrew P.
- 508 Smithville
Saunders, Gary C.
Weaver, Edgar D.
- 513 Gainesville
Ellis, Teddy M.
Greene, Herman D.
- 524 Palestine
Bice, Gary M.
Ives, Delbert A.
Parsons, Hayden E.
Truley, Lester E.
- 564 Cleburne
Hauk, Bobby D.
Ivy, Joe D.
- 569 Ennis
Percival, William P.
- 594 Mineola
Harmon II, Charles C.
Humphreys, Alvin R.
- 756 San Antonio
Huff, Rodney C.
- 821 Del Rio
Crawford, Carl Lloyd
- 823 Big Spring
Barker, Jerry O.
- 923 Dalhart
Hamilton, James R.
Kelso, Jack E.
Kelso, James L.
Rigg, Howard A.
- 937 Mart
Thomas, Jerry G.
- 940 Wichita Falls
Pepper, Allen D.
- 1092 Teague
McAlpine, Robert L.
Sartor, Terry O.
- 1313 Amarillo
Condran, Terry E.
Hanna, Gary L.
Harris, Richard A.
- 1524 Houston
Holman, Kenneth E.
- 1892 Houston
Cates, Melvin E.
Garcia, Ismael
Hataway, Robert N.
Kruse, Dan J.
Rodriguez, Valentine S.
- 1957 Silsbee
Hardy, Terry W.
- Utah**
- 166 Salt Lake City
Seegmiller, F. Jay
- 238 Ogden
Pruett, Keith R.
- 1366 Salt Lake City
Spear, John K.
- Virginia**
- 363 Roanoke
Nance, Garry R.
- 629 Roanoke
Leedy, Mason G.
- 854 Portsmouth
Foster, Jeffrey D.
- 924 Richmond
Case, Jr., Donald F.
- 971 Crewe
Yeatts, Walter W.
- Washington**
- 117 Vancouver
Dreisbach, Jr., Kenneth A.
- 324 Seattle
Feeney, Donald L.
Koch, William A.
Zook, Joseph M.
- 426 Spokane
Montanye, Terry J.
Ross, Larry D.
- 556 Tacoma
Pace, John C.
- 845 Seattle
Smith, Bruce J.
- 977 Pasco
Patzke, James L.
Sanderson, Andrew J.
- 1348 Centralia
Retterath, Thomas R.
- West Virginia**
- 1172 Mullens
King, Jr., Luther P.
- Wisconsin**
- 281 Milwaukee
Charland, Jr., Lucien A.
Doyle, Michael R.
Kositzky, Dana M.
- 311 LaCrosse
Carlson, Paul V.
Fuchs, Jr., Carl J.
Haggerty, Jeffrey P.
Moen, Richard E.
Moser, Donald H.
Rowe, Norman K.
Skaalerud, Lawrence A.
Watson II, Ralph H.
Woods, Ricky W.
- 312 Madison
Dix, Allen C.
Kasten, Steven M.
- 322 Milwaukee
Brown, Dennis R.
Duris, Jeffrey L.
- 832 Superior
Banks, Peter
Hilborn, Wallace R.
Lawler, Thomas J.
- 1293 Altoona
Drabek, Robert E.
- 1382 Milwaukee
Crogan, Michael C.
- Wyoming**
- 446 Cheyenne
Kenny, Timothy D.
- 465 Gillette
Baumfalk, Daniel W.
Bennett, Susanna T.
Kershner, Jon A.
Montgomery, Billy
Stufflebean, Mike
- 866 Rawlins
Bagby, George W.
Whitfield, Vernon S.D.
- 951 Sheridan
Evans, Craig A.
- 1280 Casper
Hitchcock, Robb D.
Schoolcraft, Paul W.
- 1857 Green River
Barney, Karl R.

* = Retired Member

Members trust TPEL

It is no secret why the members of the locals listed on the top-ten list in the center of this special section believe in TPEL: They trust their money is being invested in their futures, their jobs and their families. The top three legislative representatives explain:

For the 60 members of **Local 1421 in Franklin Park, Ill.**, who work as conductors and switchmen on the Indiana Harbor Belt line in the Chicago area, supporting TPEL is the right thing to do. The local placed sixth on the top-ten list for 1995, fourth in 1996, seventh for 1997, first in 1998 and first again in 1999.

Legislative Representative **Joe Pastore** explains the success directly. "We stress to the guys that if you want to be heard it costs money. The companies that are against us spend a lot of money lobbying, and we have to do that too if we want to play with the big boys.

"The more money we contribute, the better we are heard. Lobbyists throw a lot of money at politicians, and I don't mean bribes, and you have to be able to do the same thing to succeed. You're lucky if your time in the spotlight with the legislator is a ride up in an elevator, but you have to be there. It's an investment of time and effort, and that costs money.

"The guys know that everybody who works for them is doing the best they can. They have faith in their representatives. That is reflected in their willingness to contribute to TPEL. They know the money is going to be spent wisely.

"(Illinois State Legislative Director) **Joe Szabo** works hard for us, and it's a pleasure to work for him. He's a bargain at twice the price. Lawmakers respect him, and the members respect that.

"The bottom line is, the more money we contribute, the better we are heard," Pastore said.

The 50 members of **Local 1293**, conductors and locomotive engineers working for the Union Pacific in the Superior, Wis., area, placed second on the UTU's top-ten list of locals in per-capita giving.

Legislative Representative **Kenneth Staves** said the passage of the Wisconsin two-person crew bill showed members in his local the value of TPEL donations.

"We were happy when we got the bill pushed through," Staves explained. "The members realized what TPEL was really doing for them, that TPEL was looking out for their best interests."

Staves also credited Local Chairperson **Mark Mueller** and former Legislative Representative **Dave Peterson** for their efforts.

The 85 members of **Local 1129**, working as conductors, engineers, switchmen and trainmen for Norfolk Southern and CSX in the Raleigh, N.C., area, also are staunch supporters of TPEL.

The local placed third on this year's top-ten list. In 1995, 1996 and 1997 the local was first on the top-ten list; it was second last year.

"We work on them a lot," said Legislative Representative **Glenn Lamm**. "We have incentives to get them to increase their donations. We try to keep them informed about what the legislative representatives are doing, and how much influence and power we can have by getting the right people elected to Congress and the state legislature. We keep them informed.

"Also, (Assistant National Legislative Director) **Jim Stem** was a real good salesman. Local Chairperson and State Legislative Director **Richard Westbrook, Jr.**, and Local President **Mike Talbot, Jr.**, also work hard for TPEL.

"TPEL is a valuable tool for us," Lamm said. "We have senators and congressmen come and speak to us and see the guys. They know the legislative representatives because of TPEL money. It works good."

TPEL Pledge Form

Mail to UTU, 14600 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, OH 44107.

I, (please print) _____, of Local _____, proudly pledge to UTU/TPEL the amount indicated annually to be pro-rated monthly and collected with my union dues:

- \$25 per year
- \$50 per year
- \$100 per year
Gold Club
- \$300 per year
Diamond Club
- \$365 per year
Dollar-A-Day Club
- \$400 per year
Diamond Plus Club
- \$600 per year
Double Diamond Club
- \$1,200 per year
Platinum Club

I wish to contribute \$ _____ per month, or I would like to make a one-time contribution of \$ _____. (Please enclose a check to "TPEL" with this form.)

I am a retired member of Local _____ and I still want to help. My \$ _____ contribution to TPEL is enclosed.

Signature _____ Effective Date _____

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