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**Which candidate earned your vote?**

**See the list of UTU-endorsed candidates inside**

## Nov. 6: Vote your paycheck, benefits, safety

Election Day 2012 matters only if the ability to negotiate a favorable contract and your job security, workplace safety, pensions, Medicare, and preservation of Amtrak are important to you.

In ballot choices, working families are presented with one of the clearest contrasts in generations.

The choice is between President Obama and Vice President Biden, who understand, respect and support the agenda of working families; and Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan, who support an anti-union agenda – an agenda that would eradicate collective bargaining, safety regulations and Amtrak, fold Railroad Retirement into Social Security (causing the retirement age to

### Obama and Biden understand and respect working families

rise to 67), and replace Medicare with a voucher system requiring seniors to purchase health care insurance in private markets and at a higher cost than the vouchers they are given.

The choice also is between labor-friendly congressional candidates and political conservatives



who would stand with Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan to introduce and pass anti-labor legislation that undermine our jobs and pensions.

In deciding how to cast your ballot, read the columns inside this issue by National Legislative Director James Stem and Alternate National Legislative Director John Risch (page 4), and Bus Department Vice President Bonnie Morr (page 11), who provide solid reasons why the Obama/Biden ticket and UTU-endorsed congressional candidates deserve your vote.

The centerfold of this issue contains the names of UTU-endorsed candidates, arranged alphabetically by state. While working families have many more friends in the Democratic Party, note that there are many labor-friendly Republicans endorsed by the UTU, reflecting our union's historical bipartisan approach. What matters is that a candidate has a demonstrated record of support for working families and organized labor.

The article on page 3 of this issue contrasts the Democratic and Republican Party platforms, offering a chilling warning of what a Romney/Ryan victory and conservative Republican control of Congress would deliver.

On page 10, five state legislative directors speak out. The page also contains a graphic showing how middle-class family income has declined as union membership in America declined, providing a potent warning that an anti-union

### Anti-union Congress could undermine labor progress

administration and anti-union Congress could spell significant financial damage for working families and retirees.

If your job security, safety in the workplace, pension and Medicare are important to you, then you and your voting-eligible family members have a strong incentive Nov. 6 to vote for UTU-endorsed candidates.

Paychecks, benefits, workplace safety and pensions are all on the line this Election Day.

## Previsich elevated to asst. president/vice president

John Previsich has been elevated from UTU International vice president to assistant president/vice president by the UTU Board of Directors, succeeding Arty Martin, who retired Sept. 1.

UTU International President Mike Futhey said of Martin's departure, "It is difficult to lose a talent like Arty Martin with all the institutional knowledge he has gained through his years of service to UTU members. We certainly wish him and Cindy the best on their retirement adventure.



Previsich

"In turn, we are truly fortunate to have someone like John Previsich willing to take on the responsibilities of assistant president/vice president," Futhey said.

Previsich, age 58 and a member of Local 31 (San Jose, Calif.), began his railroad service with Southern Pacific (now part of Union Pacific) in 1973, working in yard, road and engine service. He currently holds seniority as a switchman, brakeman, conductor, fireman and engineer on UP, and worked in commuter and long-distance passenger rail service for 10 years.

He was elected to numerous positions, including local chairperson, vice general chairperson and general chairperson – the latter to which he

was elected five times by acclamation – representing brakemen, assistant conductors, conductors, firemen, hostlers, engineers and train dispatchers on short lines, passenger lines and Class I railroads.

As an elected Local 31 delegate, Previsich attended International conventions in 1991, 1995 and 1999. Additionally, he served on the peer support committee for UP's Operation Red-Block (1993 to 1998), UP's Safety Assurance and

### He succeeds Arty Martin, who has retired

Compliance Program, chairperson of the UTU's Union Pacific General Chairperson Association for three terms (2002-2006), and as the UTU's representative on Southern Pacific's 401(k) Plan board of directors.

Previsich was elected an International vice president in 2007 and re-elected in 2011. His assignments have included assisting general committees on UP, BNSF, Kansas City Southern, CSX, CN/IC, Canadian Pacific, Delaware & Hudson, San Joaquin Valley Railroad, Kyle Railroad, Nebraska Central, Birmingham Southern, Amtrak, Progressive Rail, Connex, Terminal

Railroad of St. Louis, Louisiana & Northwest Railroad, Dakota Minnesota & Eastern, Great Lakes Aviation and Lynx Aviation pilots' group.

He also was assigned to assist the National Legislative Office in passage of the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008, and serves on behalf

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### CN trainman struck; loses foot, breaks arms

A UTU-represented trainman employed by Canadian National Railway subsidiary Illinois Central was seriously injured at Millington, Tenn., early Sept. 5 when reportedly struck by a passing train on a mainline while performing duties on an adjacent track. Millington is a suburb north of Memphis.

**Shawn D. Hall**, 34, married with four children, reportedly lost one foot as well as suffering broken arms, ribs and internal injuries in the accident. Hall, a member of Local 753 in Memphis, has eight years of service. He was treated at Regional Medical Center in Memphis.



# Around the UTU

## Local 202, Denver

A new website for members of this joint Union Pacific/BNSF local is online at [www.utulocal202.org](http://www.utulocal202.org), Local Secretary **Jeff Maxfield** reports. The site has information about local and general committee agreements, membership rights, the Family Medical Leave Act, state and national legislative updates and local meeting times. Members can also use the site to report unsafe working conditions and defective equipment. "This a very comprehensive website and I hope all the members of Local 202 will take advantage of the services it provides," Maxfield said.

## Local 240, Los Angeles

Local Chairperson **Harry Garvin Jr.** reports that the 10th annual reunion and retirement dinner for employees of UP, SP, Pacific Electric, Metrolink, Amtrak and AT&SF (Locals 240, 32, 1422, 1770, 1813 and 1846) will be held Nov. 2, from 3-9 p.m., at Sierra Lakes Golf Course, 16600 Club House Dr., in Fontana. The cost is \$40 per person or \$75 per couple, with a reservation deadline of Oct. 26. The cost will be \$45 per person at the door. For more information, call Garvin at (909) 261-8878 or (909) 481-7261. Send checks or money orders to Garvin at P.O. Box 8396, Alta Loma, CA 91701-0395, and include names, address, telephone number, railroad and years of service, as well as your menu choice of tri-tip roast or chicken.

## Locals 363 & 706, Roanoke, Va.

Locals 363 and 706 participated in Roanoke's first Labor Day parade in more than 50 years, State Legislative Director **Pat Corp** reports. Included in the UTU contingent were Corp, Local Chairperson **Bubba Chandler** (363), Local Chairperson **Jamie Wallace** (706) and his son, Bryce.

## Local 583, Fond du Lac, Wis.

Local Secretary & Treasurer **Andy Hauck** has established a fund to assist the family of member **Larry Polk**, whose six-year-old stepdaughter, Layla Jones, was gunned down in a drive-by shooting while visiting family in Saginaw, Mich. Checks payable to the "Layla Jones Memorial Fund" may be sent to US Bank, 111 North Main St., Oshkosh, WI 54901, with account number 182376091522 on the memo line. In other news, members of this local last month honored retiring member **Neil A. Johnson** for his assistance in bringing UTU representation to the employees of Wisconsin Central in 1997 and in establishing the earliest agreements on the property.

## Local 756, San Antonio

While cooking on Local Chairperson **John Dunn's** pit barbecue Aug. 21 at San Antonio's Kirby Yard, officers and members from Locals 489, 756 and 857 were able enroll 60 new UTU PAC contributors. Working at the PAC drive were State Legislative Director **Connie English**, Legislative Rep. **Russell Castillo** (489), Legislative Rep. **Brian English** (756), **Scott Wood** (857), Vice President **J. Louis DuBose** (857) and Secretary & Treasurer **Burt Gonzales** (857).

## Local 1175, Duluth, Minn.

With the assistance of the state legislative board, this local has established the "UTU Duluth Flood Relief Fund" to assist active and retired members who were affected by severe flooding in June. Contributions can be made at any US Bank or can be sent to US Bank/Spirit Valley Office, 5330 Grand Ave., Duluth, MN 55807. Contact Local Legislative Rep. **Geoff Bowen** at (218) 349-6849 for more information.

## Local 1409, Kansas City, Kan.

This Union Pacific local presented a check for more than \$700 to Leroy Shull of "Fishing for Freedom," an organization that provides military veterans suffering from post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) a weekend of fishing at no cost, Legislative Rep. **Dan Bonawitz Jr.** reports. Travel, lodging, gas, fishing licenses and meals are all provided. The organization's website can be found at [www.fishingforfreedom.us](http://www.fishingforfreedom.us). "This will be



Norfolk Southern conductor Paul Tucker and his wife, Gwen, stand in front of the barbecue grill at the Cornerstone of Recovery's annual alumni reunion.

## Cooking keeps conductor on the road to recovery

Following his recovery from substance abuse that almost cost him his job, Norfolk Southern conductor **Paul Tucker** just wanted "to give back to the people that really helped me."

And that is what this Local 865 member has done for the past six years.

After failing to stay available for drug screening when reporting for work six years ago, Tucker was removed from service. The only way to return to work was to enter a substance abuse treatment program, so Tucker packed his bags and left his North Carolina home for a six-month stay at the Cornerstone of Recovery facility in Alcoa, Tenn.

Prior to leaving the facility for a weekend visit home, Tucker asked the administrators if he could bring his barbecue grill with him upon his return. They gave him the green light.

"I just enjoy cooking," Tucker said. "It is peace of mind for me. I created a sauce that a lot of people seemed to enjoy, so I began cooking more on my grill and catering on the side."

Tucker returned with his grill and prepared a barbecue for some staff and other facility residents.

Following his successful treatment at Cornerstone, Tucker returned to service with Norfolk Southern and stayed connected to the facility and his new friends through their alumni program. And for the past six years, Tucker, his wife Gwen and his grill have returned to the Cornerstone campus to prepare a barbecue banquet at the alumni's annual weekend reunion.

"I just wanted to give back to the people that really helped me. They changed my view on life. They helped me learn a lot about myself," he said.

GO 898 General Chairperson **Mark Cook**, who attended the latest alumni reunion this past Labor Day weekend, continues to sing Tucker's praises. And not only for his barbecue.

"Paul is a stand-up, straight-up good person. He has impressed me from the time I met him," Cook said.

Cook has spoken with NS about using Tucker as a peer counselor, but has not heard back from them. "There is no doubt in my mind that Paul would be a great asset helping others," he said.

a televised event this fall and we have been assured that UTU stickers will be on each of the boats," Bonawitz said.

## Local 1715, Charlotte, N.C.

General Chairperson **Kevin Moss** and Vice General Chairperson **Hasson Trent** won their second arbitration case July 18 since taking office nearly one year ago. Bus operator **Wilma Kinard** and her fellow workers were pleased to learn that

she would be reinstated to service with full back pay and benefits, Moss said. "All of our members are excited about the news and are standing with the union in its endeavor to achieve better working conditions and job security."

## Local 1741, San Francisco

Local Chairperson **Paul Stein**, Vice Local Chairperson **Shane Hoff** and Legislative Rep. **David Kush** attended a fundraiser Sept. 13 for Tom Ammiano, the representative for the California Assembly's 13th District. "Ammiano is a very strong supporter of the UTU, especially our San Francisco school bus drivers," Stein said. "Much thanks goes to State Legislative Director **J.P. Jones** for his support, and the Futhey administration for recognizing the importance of supporting progressive friends of labor."



Kush, Ammiano and Hoff

## Local 1869, Williamson, W. Va.

The members of this local held their 11th annual family picnic Aug. 11 at Grants Branch Park in Stone, Ky., Local Vice President **Stephen Mosley** reports. "This picnic is something all our members look forward to each year. It is a great opportunity for our families to get to know each other, as well as to see fellow union brothers and sisters who have retired," Mosley said. Members and their families played games, raffled prizes and shared hot dogs, hamburgers and all of their summer favorites. "Our picnic is only possible due to the donations we receive each year and to the hard work of our members who volunteered."



Pictured, from left, are Pat Sullivan, State Legislative Director Mark Mewshaw, Local President Chad Blackburn, Secretary & Treasurer Jim Browning, UTUIA Field Supervisor Malcolm "T-Bone" Morrison and Kentucky State Legislative Director Jared Cassity.

## Assistance sought for UTU hurricane victims

In the wake of devastating Hurricane Isaac, which caused significant property damage and loss to scores of UTU members in its path along the Gulf Coast in August, the UTU is soliciting donations to assist those struggling brothers and sisters.

To speed the collection and disbursement of donations, the UTU is using the same special bank account that was established to aid our brothers and sisters in the wake of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Thus, checks to aide UTU brothers and sisters in need of assistance following Hurricane Isaac should be made payable to Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund at:

United Transportation Union, Attn: Cheryl Sneed, 24950 Country Club Blvd., Suite 340, North Olmsted, OH 44070-5333



# Democrats vs. Republicans: Where they stand

In comparing the platforms of the Democratic and Republican parties, Steven Greenhouse of *The New York Times* says the GOP platform “calls for numerous steps that could significantly weaken America’s labor unions – public-sector and private-sector ones – and help speed organized labor’s overall decline.”

Rather than take his word, here are comparisons of the Democratic and Republican platforms on issues of concern to labor-union members and working families:

## ORGANIZING AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

**Democratic Party platform statement:** “Democrats believe that the right to organize and collectively bargain is a fundamental American value; every American should have a voice on the job and a chance to negotiate for a fair day’s pay after a hard day’s work. We will continue to fight for the right of all workers to organize and join a union. [W]e oppose the attacks on collective bargaining that Republican governors and state legislatures are mounting in states around the country.”

**Republican Party platform statement:** “We support the right of states to enact right-to-work laws and encourage them to do so to promote greater economic liberty. Ultimately, we support the enactment of a national right-to-work law to promote worker freedom and to promote greater economic liberty. We salute the Republican governors and state legislators who have saved their states from fiscal disaster by reforming their laws governing public employee unions. We urge elected officials across the country to follow their lead....”

Additionally, the Republican platform supports a law ending the use of “card check” as a means for workers to gain union representation. Card check allows employers to grant union recognition once a majority of workers sign authorization cards saying they wish to join a labor union. President Obama and Democrats in

Congress were blocked by a House Republican majority from enacting legislation giving labor unions the right to demand card check in organizing campaigns.

## MEDICARE

**Democratic Party platform statement:** “Democrats adamantly oppose any efforts to privatize or voucherize Medicare; unlike our opponents we will not ask seniors to pay thousands of dollars more every year while they watch the value of their Medicare benefits evaporate. Democrats believe that Medicare is a sacred compact with our seniors.”

**Republican Party platform statement:** “[S]ave Medicare by modernizing it [moving Medicare] away from their current unsustainable defined-benefit entitlement model to a fiscally sound defined-contribution model...we call for a transition to a premium-support model for Medicare, with an income-adjusted contribution toward a health plan of the enrollee’s choice.”

## RAILROAD RETIREMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY

**Democratic Party Platform statement:** “Find a solution to protect Social Security for future generations [and] block Republican efforts to subject Americans’ guaranteed retirement income to the whims of the stock market through privatization.”

**Republican Party platform statement:** “[Create] personal investment accounts as supplements to the system.”

## AMTRAK

**Democratic Party platform statement:** “We support long-term investments in our infrastructure [including] rail and public transit systems...all critical to economic growth, as they enable businesses to grow.”

Former CBS newsman Wes Vernon wrote in 2009: “For nearly 40 years, every president has viewed passenger rail with everything from benign neglect to outright contempt – until [Barack Obama].” In his 2011 State of the Union message, President Obama advocated a nationwide 17,000-mile network of high-speed and higher-speed trains that could provide 80 percent of the American population access to train travel by 2036.

**Republican Party platform statement:** “It is long past time for the federal government to get out of way and allow private ventures to provide passenger service to the Northeast Corridor. The same holds true with regard to high-speed and intercity rail across the country.”

Critics warn there is little private sector interest in operating passenger trains elsewhere than the Northeast Corridor, and the wholesale curtailment of nationwide Amtrak service would put most of Amtrak’s 20,000 workers out of a job.

When they cease paying into Railroad Retirement, the system would be financially crippled and likely force Railroad Retirement to be eliminated and folded into Social Security, significantly reducing pension benefits to railroad retirees.

## DON'T LET OTHERS DECIDE OUR FUTURE

“We must not back down in defense of what we have achieved. We must have every member, every spouse and every family member of voting age cast a ballot on Election Day to help protect job security, good wages, safety and retirement.

“Elections have consequences, and this November the stakes are too high to let others decide our future.”

-- International President Mike Futhey



## JUST THE FACTS...

### Mitt Romney said what?

“I support...Gov. Kasich’s effort to restrict collective bargaining in Ohio.”

*Cincinnati Enquirer*, Oct. 26, 2011

“I’ve taken on union bosses before. I’m happy to take them on again.”

*Detroit News*, Feb. 16, 2012

“I would...encourage more states to adopt right-to-work laws.”

*Greenville News*, S.C., Sept. 24, 2011

### Paul Ryan voted for what?

As a Republican congressman from Wisconsin, Paul Ryan voted:

- To abolish more equitable union election rules for rail and aviation workers;
- Nine times to eliminate or cut funding for Amtrak;
- Against “buy America” laws for publicly funded transportation projects;
- To allow foreign companies to take over U.S. airlines;
- To gut flight attendant security training;
- To zero out security funding for bus companies;
- Against security checks on foreign-based mechanics who repair U.S. aircraft;
- Against public employee funding to prevent layoffs.

(Source: House of Representatives roll-call votes)

### Mitt Romney did what as Massachusetts governor?

- Vetoed a bill banning foreign outsourcing;
- Sent \$7.1-million worth of public sector jobs to India;
- Supported bills to curtail collective bargaining rights.

(Sources: WashTech, Boston Globe, Press Associates, Inc.)

### The Obama/Biden record

- Directed \$8.4 billion in stimulus funds for transit;
- Directed \$8 billion in stimulus funds for higher- and high-speed rail;
- Directed \$1.3 billion in stimulus funds for rail projects to states and Amtrak;
- Directed \$1.3 billion in stimulus funds for aviation improvements;
- Fought Republican proposals to gut mass transit;
- Their Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administrator cracked down on unsafe, low-wage bus companies;
- Their OSHA-appointed officials cracked down on railroad practices of harassing and intimidating workers who report workplace injuries and safety concerns.





# Obama deserves your vote; here are the reasons

UTU endorsements for President of the United States and election to Congress are undertaken with considerable thought, responsibility and accountability.

Prior to issuing these endorsements, we did an exhaustive job evaluating the candidates' positions on transportation, collective bargaining, workplace safety, pensions and benefits, and Medicare.

The endorsements for President Obama and congressional candidates (which appear in the centerfold of this newspaper) are based on the following:

- President Obama has demonstrated by action strong support for Amtrak, transit, high-speed rail, Social Security, Railroad Retirement, Medicare, workplace safety,

## President Obama supports Amtrak, high-speed rail, Railroad Retirement and workplace safety

collective bargaining and the right to organize and belong to a labor union;

- President Obama dedicated billions of dollars for high- and high-speed passenger rail and public transit;

- President Obama supported and approved grant and loan programs for new and expanded freight transportation that railroads have used to improve operations, which have added hundreds of construction and operating jobs;

- President Obama supports a "hands-off" approach to Railroad Retirement, opposes privatization of Social Security, opposes the Republican plan to end Medicare as we



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By National Legislative Director

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know it, and supports public-employee pension plans and collective bargaining rights;

- Vice President Biden, who, as a U.S. senator for 30 years, rode Amtrak more than any other fare-paying person in America, commuting daily between Washington, D.C., and his Delaware home. He has a lifetime U.S. Senate voting record of 97 percent on issues vital to UTU members;

- Mitt Romney, by contrast, emphatically promises to eliminate all funding for Amtrak and high-speed rail;

- Mitt Romney supports the Republican platform approved in Tampa in August, which takes money from transit and rail to pour more concrete for highways;

- Mitt Romney has pledged to eliminate regulations that benefit unions and to regulate unions so they cannot effectively represent their members. He supports national right-to-work (for-less) legislation, which would drive down wages across America;

- Mitt Romney's vice presidential choice, Paul Ryan, is the author of a

conservative Republican budget proposal that turns Medicare into a voucher program. Instead of guaranteed lifetime medical benefits, beneficiaries would be given an inade-

quate lump sum to buy private insurance, and pay the rest out of pocket;

- The Paul Ryan-authored budget proposal would "conform Railroad Retirement benefits to those of Social Security." If this becomes law, our retirement date would move from age 60 to 67, and we would lose our occupational disability and other Railroad Retirement benefits.

Returning President Obama and Vice President Biden to office is not enough. We must also work to prevent conservative Republicans from gaining control of the Senate and retaining control of the House of Representatives.

After reviewing the records and pledges of President Obama and Gov. Romney, the choice was an easy one and is why we proudly endorse Barack Obama and Joe Biden for another term.

The recommendations for the House and Senate are printed in the

## President Obama cannot fulfill his promises without the support of Congress

centerfold of this newspaper.

President Obama cannot fulfill his promises to working families without the support of Congress.

We encourage you to consider your job security, wages, benefits, Railroad Retirement, Social Security, Medicare, workplace safety and collective bargaining rights carefully prior to casting your vote Nov. 6.



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# Your one vote can make a huge difference

Congressional elections do matter. They make a difference when it comes to our job security, wages, benefits, retirement and our safety in the workplace.

President Obama and labor-friendly congressional representatives and senators not only believe in supporting public transit, Amtrak and high-speed rail, they assured funding was available to purchase more equipment, expand service, repair equipment, provide training and enhance minimum safety requirements.

## The president chooses who regulates job security and workplace safety

One of the most important responsibilities of a president is to nominate members of federal regulatory agencies. President Obama nominated former UTU Illinois State Legislative Director Joe Szabo to head the Federal Railroad Administration; and former UTU Associate General Counsel Dan Elliott to chair the Surface Transportation Board, which determines labor protection in rail mergers, line sales and



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leases. Then, a Democratic controlled Senate assured these nominees were confirmed to their posts.

A "President Romney" will nominate management-friendly individu-

als to regulatory agencies such as the FRA, the National Labor Relations Board, the National Mediation Board, the Surface Transportation Board, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, OSHA and the National Transportation Safety Board.

Conservative Republicans who now control the House of Representatives have pushed to reduce, and even eliminate, funding for high-

speed rail, Amtrak and transit, with no protections for adversely affected workers who lose their jobs. Some conservative Republicans also want to privatize Social Security, replace Medicare with a voucher program, make it more difficult to join a union, enact a national right-to-work (for less) law, and criminalize

many labor union activities.

It is only because Democrats control the Senate (and labor-friendly Republicans who vote with them) that these terrible bills did not become law. If conservative Republicans take control of the House and Senate, they will pass these anti-

worker bills; and Mitt Romney, if elected, will sign them into law.

Yes, elections do matter. This election will make a difference in job security, our safety in the workplace, our pensions and whether transportation workers can effectively bargain collectively.

No matter the result, National Legislative Director James Stem and I, with help from state legislative directors and our new SMART partners in the Sheet Metal Workers International Association, will work to educate all elected lawmakers and appointed regulators.

Our efforts to protect UTU member jobs, paychecks, benefits, retirement and workplace safety will be consider-

## If conservatives control Congress, unions and working families will suffer

ably easier if we elect labor-friendly candidates to Congress and return Barack Obama to the White House.

I urge you to review the UTU voting recommendations in the centerfold of this issue and recognize the importance to you and your family of voting Nov. 6.



# State Watch

## News from UTU State Legislative Boards

### Illinois

State Legislative Director **Bob Guy** has been appointed by Gov. Pat Quinn to the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission (MIPRC).

The commission was established by the Midwestern states to coordinate their passenger-rail development efforts and to advocate for state and federal funding.



Guy

Guy said he was pleased with his appointment because it comes at a time of "tremendous promise" for passenger rail in the Midwest.

"Within two years, Illinois and Michigan each will have more than 200 miles of 110-mph track in operation on their busiest rail routes, Chicago-St. Louis and Chicago-Detroit," he said, calling the faster new train service "both a challenge and an opportunity."

"Think what that's going to mean for ridership and job creation," he said. "Ridership already is growing at seven to eight percent per year."

"When the trains start going 30 mph faster and the on-time performance improves even more, the ridership is going to shoot through the roof."

"I expect the Illinois and Michigan passenger-rail programs to become something of a model for the rest of the nation – as well as for Midwestern states such as Ohio, Indiana and Wisconsin that are still bashful about going all-in on passenger-rail development," Guy said.

"It's an exciting time and I'm proud to be representing our members as we look forward to improving and expanding the rail industry."

### Colorado



Carl Smith (left) presents a plaque from the members of Local 202 to Rick Johnson. Smith is succeeding Johnson as Colorado state legislative director.

The members of Local 202, Denver, recently honored **Rick Johnson**, who retired in August as state legislative director.

"Rick has served several roles in Local 202 over a 20-plus year span, and has served as state legislative director for more than 12 years," said **Jeff Maxfield**, secretary of the local. "He will be sorely missed by his fellow brothers and sisters."

Johnson, 60, started railroading in 1974 as a brakeman on Burlington Northern (now part of BNSF). He became interested in the affairs of his union and was elected local chairperson for yard workers in 1991.

He was elected local president in 1993 and local legislative representative in 1999. He was elected state legislative director in 2000.

"I am grateful for the union for what it's done for the members and me personally," Johnson said, "and I wish all the best to **Carl Smith** and all the members in Colorado for their support over the years."

### Ohio



From left are Assistant State Legislative Director and Norfolk Southern General Chairperson Dave Otten; Brown; Gardner; Norfolk Southern General Chairperson Jason Boswell and Assistant General Chairperson Guy Frederick.

The Ohio State Legislative Board was invited to attend the Columbus Clippers baseball game, and Sen. Sherrod Brown stopped by to say hello.

"Senator Brown wanted to thank the UTU for our support of him in this difficult election," State Legislative Director **Stu Gardner** said. "We

discussed our concerns: the attack on Railroad Retirement, the lack of high-speed passenger rail development in the state, and the need to preserve FELA. Sen. Brown was most receptive to our appeals, and I urge all members in the Buckeye State to support his re-election."

### Minnesota



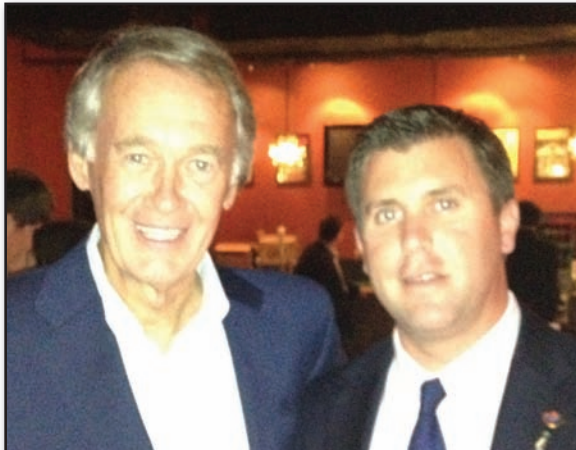
From left are Alternate State Legislative Director Dan Paradise, Local 1000 (Minneapolis) Legislative Rep. Wayne Newton, Klobuchar and Qualy.

Members of the Minnesota State Legislative Board met with Sen. Amy Klobuchar to affirm their support for her re-election.

"The UTU has had a longstanding relationship with Sen. Klobuchar; we helped her get her political start back in 1996 when she ran for county attorney," State Legislative Director **Phil Qualy** said. "Her door is always open to us when we need to speak with her about rail-safety issues."

"I would encourage all members in Minnesota to support President Barack Obama, Sen. Klobuchar and all the UTU-endorsed candidates," Qualy said. "I would also urge members to reject the voter ID constitutional amendment; it is bad policy."

### Georgia



State Legislative Director Matt Campbell, at the Democratic National Committee convention in Charlotte, N.C., in August with Rep. Ed Markey (D-Mass.), a strong congressional advocate on behalf of Railroad Retirement and Amtrak.

### Arizona



Congressional candidate Ann Kirkpatrick cooked burgers for the members of Local 113, Winslow, at the group's annual picnic.

"Members of Local 113, along with myself, will be featured in the Kirkpatrick campaign's television ad," State Legislative Director **Greg Hynes** said. "Ann Kirkpatrick is sympathetic to the needs of working men and women, and I urge all Arizonans to support her with their votes."

### Kansas

State Legislative Director **Ty Drago** attended the Democratic National Convention.

"As far as I'm aware, I'm the only UTU member that was elected to be a national delegate; I was elected from a field of 116 people," he said.

"The fact that Republicans added language to their platform against passenger- and high-speed rail is very disturbing. I stressed to the delegates that Democrats should support this crucial mode of transportation, not only for its environmental benefits but the economic impact rail development brings in construction, as well as operating jobs."





# These candidates deserve your vote!



## Congressional Recommendations

### Alabama

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Jo Bonner (R)\*
- Dist. 2 Therese Ford (D)
- Dist. 3 John Harris (D)
- Dist. 4 Daniel Boman (D)
- Dist. 5 Charlie Holley (D)
- Dist. 6 Spencer Bachus (R)\*
- Dist. 7 Terri A. Sewell (D)\*

### Alaska

#### House of Representatives

- At Large Don Young (R)\*

### Arizona

#### Senate

- Richard Carmona (D)

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Ann Kirkpatrick (D)
- Dist. 2 Ron Barber (D)\*
- Dist. 3 Raul Grijalva (D)\*
- Dist. 7 Ed Pastor (D)\*
- Dist. 9 Kyrsten Sinema (D)

### Arkansas

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Scott Ellington (D)
- Dist. 3 Rebekah Kennedy (G)
- Dist. 4 Gene Jeffress (D)

### California

#### Senate

- Dianne Feinstein (D)\*

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Jim Reed (D)
- Dist. 2 Jared Huffman (D)
- Dist. 3 John Garamendi (D)\*
- Dist. 4 Jack Uppal (D)
- Dist. 5 Mike Thompson (D)\*
- Dist. 6 Doris Matsui (D)\*
- Dist. 7 Ami Bera (D)
- Dist. 8 Paul Cook (R)
- Dist. 9 Jerry McNerney (D)\*
- Dist. 10 Jose Hernandez (D)
- Dist. 11 George Miller (D)\*
- Dist. 12 Nancy Pelosi (D)\*
- Dist. 13 Barbara Lee (D)\*
- Dist. 14 Jackie Speier (D)\*
- Dist. 15 Fortney "Pete" Stark (D)\*
- Dist. 16 Jim Costa (D)\*
- Dist. 17 Mike Honda (D)\*
- Dist. 18 Anna Eshoo (D)\*
- Dist. 19 Zoe Lofgren (D)\*
- Dist. 20 Sam Farr (D)\*
- Dist. 21 John Hernandez (D)
- Dist. 22 Otto Lee (D)
- Dist. 23 Terry Phillips (I)
- Dist. 24 Lois Capps (D)\*
- Dist. 25 Lee Rogers (D)
- Dist. 26 Julie Brownley (D)
- Dist. 27 Judy Chu (D)\*
- Dist. 28 Adam Schiff (D)\*
- Dist. 29 Tony Cardenas (D)
- Dist. 32 Grace Napolitano (D)\*
- Dist. 33 Henry Waxman (D)\*
- Dist. 34 Xavier Becerra (D)\*
- Dist. 35 Joe Baca (D)\*
- Dist. 36 Raul Ruiz (D)
- Dist. 37 Karen Bass (D)\*
- Dist. 38 Linda Sanchez (D)\*
- Dist. 39 Jay Chen (D)
- Dist. 40 Lucille Roybal-Allard (D)\*
- Dist. 41 Mark Takano (D)
- Dist. 43 Maxine Waters (D)\*
- Dist. 44 Janice Hahn (D)
- Dist. 45 Sukhee Kang (D)
- Dist. 46 Loretta Sanchez (D)\*
- Dist. 47 Alan Lowenthal (D)
- Dist. 49 Jerry Tetelman (D)
- Dist. 51 Juan Vargas (D)
- Dist. 52 Scott Peters (D)
- Dist. 53 Susan Davis (D)\*

### Colorado

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Diana DeGette (D)\*
- Dist. 2 Jared Polis (D)\*
- Dist. 3 Sal Pace (D)
- Dist. 4 Brandon Shaffer (D)
- Dist. 6 Joe Miklosi (D)
- Dist. 7 Ed Perlmutter (D)\*

### Connecticut

#### Senate

- Chris Murphy (D)

#### House of Representatives

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

### Delaware

#### Senate

- Tom Carper (D)\*

#### House of Representatives

- At Large John Carney (D)

### District of Columbia

#### House of Representatives

- At Large Eleanor Holmes Norton (D)\*

### Florida

#### Senate

- Bill Nelson (D)\*

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 5 Corrine Brown (D)\*
- Dist. 9 Alan Grayson (D)
- Dist. 13 Jessica Ehrlich (D)
- Dist. 18 Patrick Murphy (D)
- Dist. 21 Ted Deutch (D)\*
- Dist. 23 Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D)\*
- Dist. 24 Frederica Wilson (D)\*
- Dist. 25 Mario Diaz-Balart (R)\*
- Dist. 26 David Rivera (R)\*
- Dist. 27 Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R)\*



**Corinne Brown (D)\***  
U.S. Representative, Florida

### Georgia

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 2 Sanford Bishop (D)\*
- Dist. 4 Henry Johnson (D)\*
- Dist. 5 John Lewis (D)\*
- Dist. 11 Patrick Thompson (D)
- Dist. 12 John Barrow (D)\*
- Dist. 13 David Scott (D)\*

### Hawaii

#### Senate

- Mazie Hirono (D)

#### House of Representatives

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

### Idaho

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Jimmy Farris (D)
- Dist. 2 Nicole LeFavour (D)

### Illinois

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Bobby Rush (D)\*
- Dist. 2 Jesse Jackson Jr. (D)\*
- Dist. 3 Daniel Lipinski (D)\*
- Dist. 4 Luis Gutierrez (D)\*
- Dist. 5 Mike Quigley (D)\*
- Dist. 7 Danny Davis (D)\*
- Dist. 8 Tammy Duckworth (D)
- Dist. 9 Jan Schakowsky (D)\*
- Dist. 10 Brad Schneider (D)
- Dist. 11 Bill Foster (D)
- Dist. 12 William Eymart (D)
- Dist. 13 David Gill (D)
- Dist. 15 John Shimkus (R)\*
- Dist. 17 Cheri Bustos (D)
- Dist. 18 Aaron Schock (R)\*

### Indiana

#### Senate

- Joe Donnelly (D)

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Peter Visclosky (D)\*
- Dist. 2 Brendan Mullen (D)
- Dist. 3 Kevin R. Boyd (D)
- Dist. 4 Tara E. Nelson (D)
- Dist. 5 Scott Reske (D)
- Dist. 6 Bradley T. Bookout (D)
- Dist. 7 Andre Carson (D)\*
- Dist. 8 David Crooks (D)
- Dist. 9 Shelli Yoder (D)



**Dave Crooks (D)**  
U.S. Representative candidate, Indiana

### Iowa

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Bruce Braley (D)\*
- Dist. 2 Dave Loebsack (D)\*
- Dist. 3 Leonard Boswell (D)\*
- Dist. 4 Christie Vilsack (D)

### Kansas

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 2 Tobias Schlengensiepen (D)
- Dist. 4 Rob Tillman (D)

### Kentucky

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Ed Whitfield (R)\*
- Dist. 2 David Lynn Williams (D)
- Dist. 3 John Yarmuth (D)\*
- Dist. 4 Bill Adkins (D)
- Dist. 5 Kenneth Stepp (D)
- Dist. 6 Ben Chandler (D)\*

### Louisiana

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Gary W. King (R)
- Dist. 2 Cedric L. Richmond (D)\*
- Dist. 3 Ron Richard (D)

### Maine

#### Senate

- Angus King (I)

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Chellie Pingree (D)\*
- Dist. 2 Michael Michaud (D)\*

### Maryland

#### Senate

- Ben Cardin (D)\*

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 2 C.A. Ruppersberger (D)\*
- Dist. 3 John Sarbanes (D)\*
- Dist. 4 Donna Edwards (D)\*
- Dist. 5 Steny H. Hoyer (D)\*
- Dist. 6 John Delaney (D)
- Dist. 7 Elijah E. Cummings (D)\*
- Dist. 8 Chris Van Hollen (D)\*

### Massachusetts

#### Senate

- Elizabeth Warren (D)

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Richard Neal (D)\*
- Dist. 2 James McGovern (D)\*
- Dist. 3 Niki Tsongas (D)\*
- Dist. 4 Joe Kennedy III (D)
- Dist. 5 Edward Markey (D)\*
- Dist. 6 John Tierney (D)\*
- Dist. 7 Michael Capuano (D)\*
- Dist. 8 Stephen Lynch (D)\*
- Dist. 9 Bill Keating (D)\*

### Michigan

#### Senate

- Debbie Stabenow (D)\*

#### U.S. House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Gary McDowell (D)
- Dist. 3 Steve Pestka (D)
- Dist. 5 Dale Kildee (D)
- Dist. 7 Kurt Haskell (D)
- Dist. 9 Sander Levin (D)\*
- Dist. 10 Candice Miller (R)\*
- Dist. 11 Syed Taj (D)
- Dist. 12 John Dingell (D)\*
- Dist. 13 John Conyers (D)\*
- Dist. 14 Gary Peters (D)\*

### Minnesota

#### Senate

- Amy Klobuchar (D)\*

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Tim Walz (D)\*
- Dist. 2 Michael Obermueller (D)
- Dist. 3 Brian Barnes (D)
- Dist. 4 Betty McCollum (D)\*
- Dist. 5 Keith Ellison (D)\*
- Dist. 6 Jim Graves (D)
- Dist. 7 Collin Peterson (D)\*
- Dist. 8 Rick Nolan (D)



**Chris Gibson (R)\***  
U.S. Representative, New York

### Mississippi

#### Senate

- Albert Gore Jr. (D)

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Brad Morris (D)
- Dist. 2 Bennie G. Thompson (D)\*

### Missouri

#### Senate

- Claire McCaskill (D)\*

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 William Lacy Clay (D)\*
- Dist. 2 Glen Koenen (D)

## Congressional Recommendations

- Dist. 3 Eric Mayer (D)
- Dist. 4 Teresa Hensley (D)
- Dist. 5 Emanuel Cleaver II (D)\*
- Dist. 6 Kyle Yarber (D)
- Dist. 7 Jim Evans (D)
- Dist. 8 Jo Ann Emerson (R)\*



**Claire McCaskill (D)\***  
U.S. Senate, Missouri

### Montana

#### Senate

- Jon Tester (D)\*

#### House of Representatives

- At Large Kim Gillan (D)

### Nebraska

#### Senate

- Bob Kerrey (D)

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Corey L. Reiman (D)
- Dist. 2 John W. Ewing Jr. (D)
- Dist. 3 Mark Sullivan (D)

### Nevada

#### Senate

- Shelley Berkley (D)

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Dina Titus (D)
- Dist. 2 Mark Amodei (R)\*
- Dist. 3 John Ocegueda (D)
- Dist. 4 Steven Horsford (D)

### New Hampshire

#### House of Representatives

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

### New Jersey

#### Senate

- Robert Menendez (D)\*

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Robert E. Andrews (D)\*
- Dist. 2 Frank A. LoBiondo (R)\*
- Dist. 3 Jon Runyan (R)\*
- Dist. 4 Christopher Smith (R)\*
- Dist. 5 Adam Gussen (D)
- Dist. 6 Frank Pallone Jr. (D)\*
- Dist. 7 Uppendra J. Chivukula (D)
- Dist. 8 Albio Sires (D)\*
- Dist. 9 Bill Pascrell Jr. (D)\*
- Dist. 10 Donald Payne Jr. (D)
- Dist. 11 Rodney Frelinghuysen (R)\*
- Dist. 12 Rush Holt (D)\*

### New Mexico

#### Senate

- Martin Heinrich (D)

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Michelle Lujan Grisham (D)
- Dist. 2 Evelyn Madrid Erhard (D)
- Dist. 3 Ben Ray Lujan (D)\*

### New York

#### Senate

- Kirsten E. Gillibrand (D)\*

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 Timothy H. Bishop (D)\*
- Dist. 2 Peter T. King (R)\*
- Dist. 3 Steve J. Israel (D)\*

- Dist. 4 Carolyn McCarthy (D)\*
- Dist. 5 Gregory W. Meeks (D)\*
- Dist. 6 Grace Meng (D)
- Dist. 7 Nydia M. Velazquez (D)\*
- Dist. 8 Hakeem Jeffries (D)
- Dist. 9 Yvette D. Clarke (D)\*
- Dist. 10 Jerrold Nadler (D)\*
- Dist. 11 Michael Grimm (R)\*
- Dist. 12 Carolyn B. Maloney (D)\*
- Dist. 13 Charles B. Rangel (D)\*
- Dist. 14 Joe Crowley (D)\*
- Dist. 15 Jose E. Serrano (D)\*
- Dist. 16 Eliot L. Engel (D)\*
- Dist. 17 Nita M. Lowey (D)\*
- Dist. 18 Sean Patrick Maloney (D)
- Dist. 19 Chris Gibson (R)\*
- Dist. 20 Paul D. Tonko (D)\*
- Dist. 21 Bill Owens (D)\*
- Dist. 22 Dan Lamb (D)
- Dist. 23 Nate Shinagawa (D)
- Dist. 24 Daniel B. Maffei (D)\*
- Dist. 25 Louise M. Slaughter (D)\*
- Dist. 26 Brian Higgins (D)\*
- Dist. 27 Kathy Hochul (D)\*



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

### North Carolina

#### House of Representatives

- Dist. 1 G.K. Butterfield (D)\*
- Dist. 3 Walter Jones (R)\*
- Dist. 4 David Price (D)\*
- Dist. 7 Mike McIntyre (D)\*
- Dist. 8 Larry Kissell (D)\*
- Dist. 9 Jennifer Roberts (D)
- Dist. 10 Patsy Keever (D)
- Dist. 11 Heyden Rogers (D)
- Dist. 12 Mel Watt (D)\*

### North Dakota

#### Senate

- Heidi Heitkamp (D)

#### House of Representatives

- At Large Pam Gulleon (D)



**Heidi Heitkamp (D)**  
U.S. Senate candidate, North Dakota

### Ohio

#### Senate

- Sherrrod Brown (D)\*

#### House



UTU Alumni

# UTU Alumni Association

News, information for members of the UTU Alumni Association

## Two retired UTU International officers die

Former UTU International officers **Daniel W. Collins** and **Paul J. McNamara** have died.

Daniel W. Collins, age 90, who retired in 1992 as UTU assistant general secretary & treasurer, was a member of the 40-person committee that laid the groundwork for merger of the predecessor unions that formed the UTU in 1969. At the time, he was general secretary & treasurer of the Switchmen's Union of North America (SUNA), which came together in merger with the Order of Railway Conductors, the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.



Collins



McNamara

A native of Olean, N.Y., Collins hired on as a brakeman with former New York Central Railroad (now part of CSX). He left the railroad twice – to serve in the U.S. Navy during World War II and again during the Korean conflict – and later earned a degree in economics from Canisius College. He was first elected to a SUNA office in 1948 and as SUNA GS&T in 1955, and held the position of UTU assistant GS&T until his retirement in 1992.

During his UTU service, Collins was chairperson of a joint labor/management task force that sought to promote rail service in the face of trucking industry growth, and was appointed by former Ohio Gov. Richard Celeste to the Ohio High-Speed Rail Commission.

He helped to establish the industry's substance abuse prevention program and served on a labor/management advisory committee of the National Council of Alcoholism. He also helped to promote Operation RedBlock on Amtrak.

Following his retirement, Collins was appointed to the Amtrak Board of Directors by President Clinton. He also served as a consultant to Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations, where he helped create a collection of railroad history and labor documents.

Friends recall an oft-repeated comment by Collins: "Come down from the bleachers and get into the game!"

Former UTU International President Tom DuBose observed of Collins' success, that "it was the sum total of merit, and hard work, and especially, the choices that he alone made for himself that determined the direction his life would take. He fought the battles that were required of him and had a capacity to learn and a capacity to listen."

Collins is survived by his wife of 69 years, Margaret, 10 children, 27 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

**Paul J. McNamara**

**McNamara**, age 97, and a native of Massachusetts, retired in 1980 as an International vice president. A 70-year UTU member, he completed the

trade union program at Harvard University, and in 1975 earned the Cardinal Cushing Award for Excellence in Labor Management Relations.

McNamara is survived by his wife of 72 years, Doris, two daughters, seven grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was a New York Central Railroad employee, where he was elected a general chairperson.

McNamara stayed current on UTU activities well into his 90s. New England States Legislative Director **George Casey** said McNamara attended his 2008 legislative department reorganization meeting, and in 2004 McNamara attended the UTU regional meeting in Boston, where he engaged former Massachusetts governor and presidential candidate Michael Dukakis in a lively chat.

**Collins helped form UTU; McNamara was vice president**

### UTU offers steamboat cruise of Mississippi

The UTU Alumni Association is offering a nine-day steamboat cruise of the Mississippi River next year for its members.

**The cruise will depart Oct. 26, 2013, from St. Louis and end Nov. 2 in New Orleans.**

Travel is aboard the American Queen, the largest steamboat ever built.

Although filled with today's modern amenities, the American Queen's rooms and accommodations display the opulence of the American Victorian era. Glistening woodwork, fresh flowers and antiques adorn her interior spaces. Outside, lacy filigree evokes memories of the many stately river steamers that preceded her and so inspired her designers.

The itinerary includes a welcome-aboard dinner; two days of leisurely "steamboating;" a narrated tour of Memphis, Tenn., including the National Civil Rights Museum; stops in Natchez, Miss., and Baton Rouge, La.; a tour of the Houmas House, La., plantation and gardens of the "Sugar Palace," a 16-room antebellum estate, and incomparable New Orleans.

Prices start at \$1,995 per person. (If booked by Dec. 20, save \$200 per cabin.) All arrangements are being handled by Landfall Travel, the Alumni Association's designated travel provider.

For more information call (800) 835-9233, or see the Alumni Association page at [www.landfalltravel.com](http://www.landfalltravel.com). *You do not need to be a member of the Alumni Association to take advantage of this offer.*

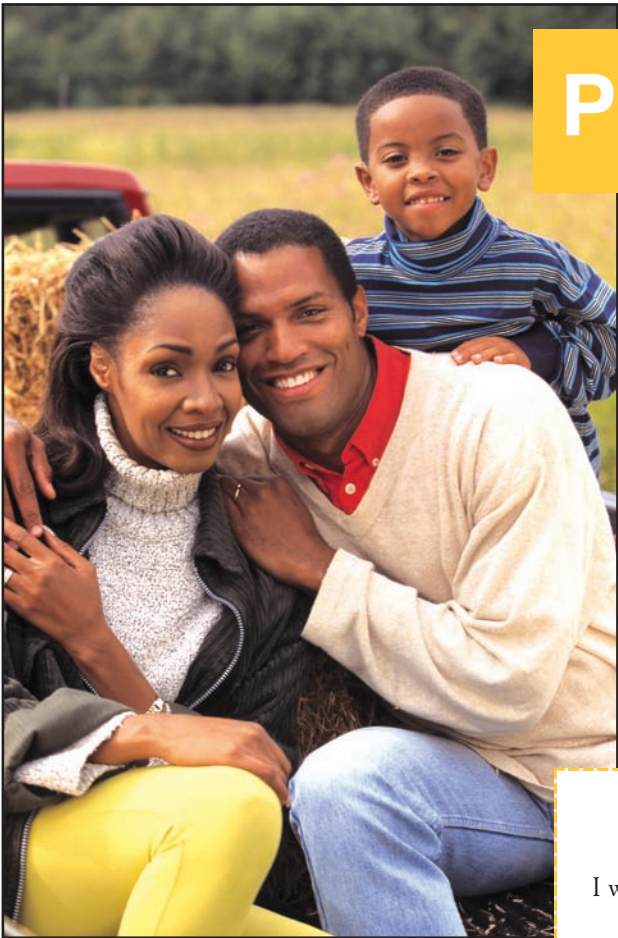


## THE FINAL CALL

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

Local	Name	City/State	Local	Name	City/State	Local	Name	City/State
6	Bradburn Jr., Edward S.	Indianapolis, Ind.	544	Engleston, D.A.	Havre, Mont.	1117	Pierson, Dan H.	Las Vegas, Nev.
60	Allen, J.S.	Neptune, N.J.	556	Shuckhart, Norman J.	Tacoma, Wash.	1221	Pickering, Hugh L.	Tampa, Fla.
195	Gordon, Nathaniel	Galesburg, Ill.	645	Wigginton, Richard F.	Lady Lake, Fla.	1252	Shahan, Harold E.	Rio Dell, Calif.
202	Carville, James E.	Mountain Home, Ark.	771	Penry Jr., William L.	Mojave Valley, Ariz.	1308	Trotter, Joe A.	Paris, Tenn.
238	Hampton, Richard P.	Clearfield, Utah	771	Thomas Jr., Joseph R.	Needles, Calif.	1377	Schultz, Maynard E.	Highland Heights, Ky.
243	Hall, Charles F.	Mountain Home, Ark.	811	Farris, Herbert A.	Lolo, Mont.	1390	McGlynn Jr., Lawrence P.	Levitown, Pa.
298	Canfield, Robert E.	Garrett, Ind.	838	Newell, David J.	Southampton, N.J.	1393	Collins, Daniel W.	North Olmsted, Ohio
298	Vanhorn, Francis E.	Findlay, Ohio	838	Walsh, Francis D.	Manchester, N.J.	1409	Gallipeau, Charles D.	Kansas City, Kan.
303	Timby, Robert M.	Springfield, Mo.	866	Knapp, Ronald L.	Rawlins, Wyo.	1445	Newkirk, Louis H.	Linden, N.J.
309	Harclerode, Glenn M.	Curryville, Pa.	911	Bjork, Gordon W.	Chippewa Falls, Wis.	1473	McNamara, Paul J.	Gloucester, Mass.
318	Fidiam, Thomas J.	Dunmore, Pa.	911	Mars, James T.	Brooklyn Park, Minn.	1518	Harris, George M.	Indianapolis, Ind.
318	Rabuck, Ronald G.	Northumberland, Pa.	945	Blair, Thomas D.	Henderson, Nev.	1545	Avery, Wiley R.	McGehee, Ark.
378	Fogarty, James D.	Avon, Ohio	980	Piatz, Edward C.	Bismarck, N.D.	1594	McCaughan, James A.	Darby, Pa.
386	Ulrich, Harry J.	Hellam, Pa.	1007	Croteau, Joseph D.	Central Square, N.Y.	1760	Soucey, Alvin B.	Redford, Mich.
426	Klassen, Harry F.	Spokane, Wash.	1031	Sullivan Sr., Thomas J.	Savannah, Ga.	1790	Rogers Sr., Ralph	Fitzgerald, Ga.
464	Hicks, Merlyn R.	Monroe, Ga.	1035	Shipley, Kyle W.	Lakeland, Fla.	1948	Hake, Randall L.	Niles, Ohio
469	Yencarelli, Anthony	Bradenton, Fla.	1042	Taylor, Dan L.	Oklahoma City, Okla.	1948	Mellott Jr., Victor V.	Canal Fulton, Ohio
500	Enger, Larry J.	Poteau, Okla.	1043	Gervais, Gerald J.	Portola, Calif.	1962	Richardson, Gordon L.	Clio, Mich.
513	Busby, Thomas W.	Ardmore, Okla.	1058	Anderson, Paul I.	Glenns Ferry, Idaho	1973	Burkhart, Richard L.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
525	Nelson, Lyle S.	Bismarck, N.D.	1059	Allmaras, Thomas C.	Sun City, Ariz.	1974	Embrey, Allan L.	Sherwood, Ark.
528	Baldwin, Robert G.	Spring Hill, Fla.	1067	Waters, Dale W.	Superior, Wis.			





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# Show your union pride with union gear

## American Products offers line of union-made SMART and UTU gear, clothing

It's not too early to begin your holiday shopping and the UTU website is just the place to start. Just visit the UTU website at [www.utu.org](http://www.utu.org) and click on the Gear tile.

All of the SMART and UTU items featured there are sold through American Products and are union-made and/or are made in America.

American Products is offering several new items this fall that were debuted at the regional meetings this summer, including the new SMART/UTU T-shirts and polos, a toddlers sweatshirt and a UTU portfolio. Please be sure to check the website for details on all the new items.

All items carry a 100 percent quality guarantee against defects in materials and workmanship. Volume discounts on customized orders are available to UTU and SMWIA locals.

Watches and clocks carry a two-year manufacturer's warranty against defects.

All of the featured items can be ordered by credit card directly through the company's secure website, or by calling the company's toll-free number: (800) 272-5120.

Members may also download and print a custom order form that can be mailed to **UTU Merchandise.com, 1600 N. Clinton Ave., Rochester, NY 14621.**

Apparel prices may vary depending on size. Visit the UTU online store for complete details about prices and available sizes.



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Fitted Navy UTU hat



Navy SMART Joplin polo



Green SMART polo



UTU portfolio



# Is this your most crucial vote ever?

## Ohio



Railroad Retirement, Medicare, the Affordable Care Act and Amtrak are all on the chopping block if conservative extremists gain control of the White House and Congress.

In Ohio, we are a top battleground state, and I urge you to cast ballots for UTU-endorsed candidates: President Obama, Sen. Sherrod Brown, and congressional candidates Marcy Kaptur, Betty Sutton, Michael Turner, Marcia Fudge, Pat Tiberi, Timothy Ryan, and Steve Stivers, as well as Joyce Healy-Abrams, Charlie Wilson, Joyce Beatty, and Angela Zimmann.

These are our friends and will be with us when we need their help.

— SLD Stuart Gardner

## Wisconsin



Each of our votes matters and has the same weight as the vote of a CEO. Nobody will deprive a UTU member of the right to vote except the UTU member, and the only way that can happen is by not casting a vote. On Nov. 6, vote your union, paycheck, benefits, affordable health care, workplace safety, retirement and family security. If you cannot go to the polls Election Day, vote early or via absentee ballot by mail.

— SLD Craig Peachy

## Iowa



This election will be the most significant most of us will face in our careers. Never has the danger to rail-labor gains been so much at risk.

It is not just the threat to Railroad Retirement. Mitt Romney's comments on labor policy make clear he wants to dismantle safety and labor laws to amend the outdated portions of the existing statutory framework [and make them] "appropriate to contemporary conditions."

Your job, your family and your personal safety depend on your vote Nov. 6.

— SLD Jim Garrett

## Florida

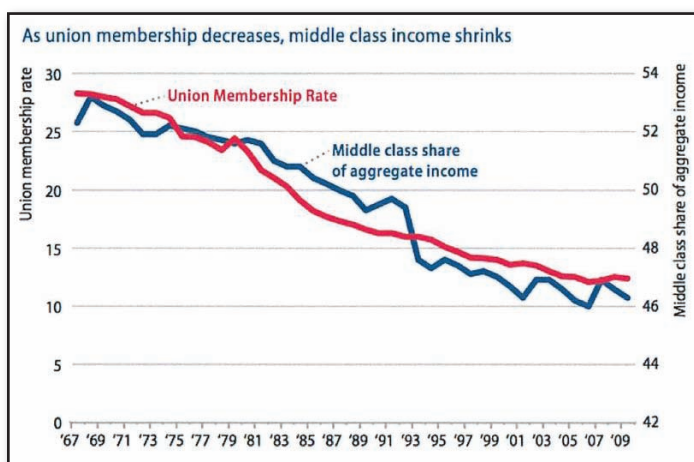


Each of us has made commitments to our children, parents, spouses, houses of worship, community and charities. The Declaration of Independence recognizes our right to the pursuit of happiness. The path to those commitments and happiness

is a good-paying job.

You can't expect your union to deliver better wages and benefits while voting for candidates who will weaken working families' abilities to protect your interests.

— SLD Andres Trujillo



## Virginia



If you wonder if your vote matters, remember that a few hundred votes cast in Florida in 2000 changed the course of our nation for a decade. Think of those who went before us who struggled, and even died, to put in place labor laws that allow us to bargain collectively for our wages. That effort paved the way for the lifestyles we enjoy today.

Vote for candidates who will work to preserve our union and our way of life. Vote for UTU-endorsed candidates who have stuck with us. Now is the time to stick with them.

— SLD Patrick Corp

## Unscripted Mitt Romney speaks his mind

It is in off-the-cuff comments, rather than scripted press conferences, staged public speaking events or political advertisements on television, that often best reveal the "real" candidate and their thoughts.

These off-the-cuff comments by Mitt Romney, at a \$50,000-per-person fundraiser in Boca Raton, Fla., in May, when he didn't realize a camera was rolling and microphone present, reveal the "real" candidate:

**"There are 47 percent of the people who will vote for the president no matter what. All right, there are 47 percent who are with him, who are dependent upon government, who believe that they are victims, who believe the government has a responsibility to care for them, who believe that they are entitled to health care, to food, to housing, to you name it.... And the government should give it to them. They will vote for this president no matter what.... These are people who pay no income tax."**

**"My job is not to worry about these people. I'll never convince them they should take personal responsibility and care for their lives."**

## Previsich elevated

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of the UTU on the act's safety advisory committee, the FRA Medical Standards Working Group, the Positive Train Control Advisory Committee and the Close Call Reporting System (C<sup>3</sup>RS).

He and his wife, Kathy, have four children.



Martin

Arty Martin, age 66, is a fourth generation railroader, having been elected assistant president in 2007 and re-elected in 2011.

He signed on with Union Pacific in Pocatello, Idaho, in 1966 while attending Idaho State University, where he earned a degree in business administration, with a minor in labor law. An Air Force veteran, he also played minor league baseball as a catcher, including one professional season in Alaska.

Martin was promoted to engineer in 1975. Frustration over railroad treatment of employees encouraged him to run successfully in 1977 for UTU Local 78 vice local chairperson, representing engineers. He subsequently was elected vice general chairperson and general chairperson. In 1992, Martin merged the enginemen general committee with one representing conductors, brakemen and yardmen, and today that general committee represents more than 5,000 UP train and engine workers.

His mother, father and grandfather were UP employees, and his great-grandfather ran steam locomotives on New York Central Railroad (now part of CSX).

Martin and his wife, Cindy, have four children, including Brian, who is a UTUIA field supervisor, and Dallas, who is a UP conductor in Portland.

## Members okay contracts on EJ&E, TP&W

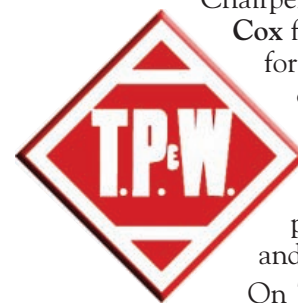
UTU-represented employees of Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway and Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway have ratified new five-year agreements.

Negotiating assistance on both railroads was provided by International Vice President Dave Wier.

On EJ&E, the ratified contract provides that conductors, brakemen and yardmen receive wage increases, back pay, an employment guarantee with furlough protection, guaranteed extra boards, elimination of rate progression for conductors/foremen, and 90 percent entry rates for brakemen and helpers that rises to 100 percent after one year of service.

Also established by the new agreement is a 401(k) plan and disability insurance, more liberal qualification for vacations, and coverage under the National Railway Health and Welfare Plan that includes early retirement and four months of additional health care insurance for dismissed or furloughed employees.

Wier praised the efforts of General Chairpersons **Cory Mayberry** (GO 329) and **Rich Barandela** (GO 330), Vice General Chairperson **Kevin Wright** (GO 329), and Local 740 (Joliet, Ill.)



Chairpersons **Mike Caudillo** and **Ed Cox** for "the exceptional effort put forth during the long and difficult negotiations that resulted in an agreement with dramatic improvements in wages and benefits, and provides employment security and parity for members."

On TP&W, the ratified contract provides for wage increases with additional compensation for conductors certified as engineers, participation in the RailAmerica Incentive Compensation Plan (with an opt-out provision providing an additional one percent annual wage increase), improved working conditions and special allowances.

Wier congratulated General Chairperson **Rob Ferrier** (GO TPW) and Local 198 (Peoria, Ill.) Vice Local Chairperson **Steve Benedict** for "the outstanding effort put forth. The wage increases, coupled with quarterly incentive payments, provide members with outstanding pay increases."

EJ&E, a Class II railroad and a U.S. subsidiary of Canadian National Railway, operates in Illinois and Indiana suburbs surrounding Chicago.

TP&W, a short line and RailAmerica property, operates in Illinois and Indiana.



# Your jobs, retirement are at stake this election

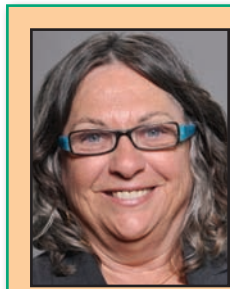
As we consider how we will cast our votes on Election Day, let us all remember that under the Obama administration and the Affordable Care Act, we have been able to keep our children on our health care insurance policies until age 26, we no longer face a maximum lifetime cap on benefits, contraception is included in coverage, and we and our children cannot be denied coverage because of pre-existing conditions.

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## Conservative Republicans Romney and Ryan want to repeal the Affordable Care Act

Conservative Republicans also are committed to privatizing Social Security and turning Medicare into a voucher program with more costs coming out of retirees' pockets. By contrast, President Obama is committed to preserving Social Security and Medicare as we know it.

When it comes to collective bargaining rights, conservative Republicans Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan



## Bus Department

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have publicly congratulated the conservative Republican governors of Wisconsin and Ohio who pushed to curtail and eliminate those rights – especially for public employees. Contrast that attack on collective

the right of all workers to organize and join a union.”

We in the transit industry have held our own in these difficult economic times because the Obama administration and our labor-friendly allies in Congress – labor-friendly Republicans as well as Democrats –

been the majority in the Senate as well as the House, many of our bus operations would have been privatized, our collective bargaining rights would have been curtailed, and our wages, benefits and work rules would be in jeopardy.

All brothers and sisters in organized labor face attack by conservative Republicans. On Election Day, we must take the time and effort to cast our ballots – and encourage others to cast their ballots – to return President Obama and Vice President Biden to the White House and cast ballots for the labor-friendly candidates identified in the centerfold of this newspaper.

This election is about saving our

## Romney and Ryan have made it clear: They will reduce transportation funding

fought to preserve transit funding. We know what would happen to transit funding if conservative Republicans control the White House and Congress, as they have made clear they would reduce transit funding.

Had conservative Republicans

middle class. Let us stand strong against those corporate-backed candidates who want to destroy labor unions and curtail worker collective bargaining rights.

Our job security, pay checks, health care and retirement are at stake.

# OSHA expands rail worker harassment enforcement

Even when railroads return workers to their jobs with full back pay after wrongly terminating them for suffering a workplace injury, significant monetary sanctions may still be imposed by the Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

Norfolk Southern was ordered to pay damages in excess of \$580,000 in August after violating the Federal Railroad Safety Act's worker protections against employer harassment, intimidation, discipline and termination in retaliation for reporting workplace injuries or safety concerns.

Railroads have been hit with millions of dollars in sanctions by OSHA over the past year for such behavior, but this case is significant in that the railroad unsuccessfully claimed it should not be sanctioned because after terminating the worker, it reinstated him with full back pay.

The unidentified conductor, who suffered a shoulder injury, had been riding the lead car to protect a shove at NS's Decatur, Ill., yard when several cars behind him derailed due to poorly maintained rail ties.



NS initially claimed the injury was fabricated, and fired the conductor for allegedly making a false injury report. A public law board subsequently ordered the railroad to rehire the conductor with full back pay – 10 months after the workplace injury – and he continues to work for NS. During those 10 months of unemployment, the conductor endured significant financial distress.

A UTU designated legal counsel, who brought a complaint before OSHA, said NS contended there were no damages to be assessed because the conductor had been put back to work with full pay.

OSHA said the NS arguments were baseless and that the railroad should be punished for violating the conductor's rights under the Federal Railroad Safety Act.

OSHA then ordered NS to pay the conductor – in addition to the back pay already received – more than \$580,000 to cover pain and suffering, punitive damages, loss of employer-paid benefits during the period of unemployment, attorney's fees and additional lost wages plus interest

because OSHA said NS had under-calculated the amount of back pay.

OSHA also ordered NS to provide all workers in its Decatur yard with a copy of an OSHA fact sheet on whistleblower protection, to post in the yard a notice explaining worker rights under the Federal Railroad Safety Act, and to expunge from the conductor's personnel file all records of his termination and OSHA claim.

“This decision sends a powerful message that terminating an employee for an injury creates financial exposure for the railroad far beyond just having to put him back on the job with back pay,” said UTU International President Mike Futhey. “No longer can a railroad simply calculate the worse-case scenario as having only to provide back pay.”

## Bus operators ratify two new contracts

Members of Local 1596, Charlotte, N.C., have finalized new contracts with Transit Management of Charlotte and First Transit of Concord/Kannapolis.

The three-year agreements provide for wage increases, improvements in pensions, an increase in the employer contribution to health care insurance, an additional number of personal leave days and better work rules.

Leading the negotiations with Transit Management of Charlotte were General Chairperson **Alvy Hughes**, Local Chairperson **Craig Patch** and Vice Local Chairperson **Billy Belcher**.

Leading the negotiations with First Transit of Concord/Kannapolis were General Chairperson **Alvy Hughes**, Local Chairperson **Darryl Boykin**, Vice Local Chairperson **April Rogers**, and Local Secretary **Ben Blankey**.

Hughes praised local officers on the negotiating committees for “expert preparation and tireless efforts to achieve the accomplishments in a difficult economic environment.”



*Hughes*

## UTU seeks arbitration with Great Lakes Airlines

The airline industry is in a sorry state. From the bungled merger of U.S. Airways with America West, to the efforts by American Airlines to use bankruptcy to cancel union contracts, the industry is seeking profitability at the expense of employees.

Throughout the turmoil, employees of the nation's airlines continue to show up for work and staff more than 25,000 flights daily. UTU members flying for Great Lakes Airlines are no exception – at least for the time being. Local 40 (Denver) flight attendants were at the bargaining table with Great Lakes management for 10 years; and Local 40 pilots have been facing a negotiating stone wall for three years.

Following years of fruitless negotiations and



bad-faith bargaining by Great Lakes management, the UTU has asked the National Mediation Board (NMB) to declare an impasse in talks and proffer binding arbitration, said Assistant President John Previsich.

If the NMB does make that proffer, and Great Lakes rejects it, the clock will start on a 90-day countdown to a negotiated settlement, presidential emergency board recommendations for settlement or a work stoppage.

“The UTU's desire is that the parties reach a mutually satisfactory agreement and avoid any interruption in service,” Previsich said. “The airline refuses to pay a living wage while reaping millions in profit. The UTU will do whatever it takes to improve the conditions for our members.”





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This photo was taken in the 1970s by retired member **E. Clyde Stickley**, a member of Local 1313, Amarillo, Texas. "I was a Santa Fe conductor working out of Amarillo. This is an eastbound train approaching Waynoka, Okla. The brakeman looking up the train is Local 1313 member Sam Jefferson," Stickley said.



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## Want to kill Amtrak? Then vote Romney

The Republican Party, at its national convention in August, made it official and in writing: The Republican Party platform – supported by Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan – advocates ending federal funding for Amtrak.

Here is what the Republican platform says about Amtrak:

"Amtrak continues to be, for the taxpayers, an extremely expensive railroad.... It is long past time for the federal government to get out of the way and allow private ventures to provide passenger service to the Northeast Corridor."

What neither the Republican platform nor Romney and Ryan acknowledge is that no passenger rail system in the world earns a profit, and few private sector firms have expressed interest in operating passenger trains – in the Northeast Corridor or over Amtrak's other intercity rail passenger routes.

End federal funding for Amtrak and passenger trains in America would become history.

And, per chance a private sector firm did step forward to operate Northeast Corridor or other Amtrak routes,



we could expect their business plan to include canceling collective bargaining rights so as to lower wages and benefits, and to eliminate worker coverage under Railroad Retirement.

Even then they would struggle to become the first private venture able to turn a profit operating passenger trains.

Were Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan successful in ending federal funding for Amtrak, the result would be the loss of 20,000 Amtrak jobs.

The loss of those jobs and the payroll taxes paid into the Railroad Retirement Trust Fund by Amtrak

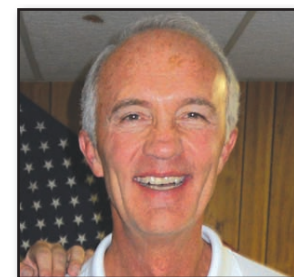
and its workers would so adversely impact the trust fund that future Railroad Retirement benefits would be in jeopardy for all railroaders nationwide.

The Romney/Ryan plan to end Amtrak subsidies is as bad for America, which would lose its passenger trains, as it would be for Amtrak, commuter- and freight-rail workers and current railroad retirees, all of whom would suffer reductions in, or total loss of, Railroad Retirement benefits.

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Norfolk Southern conductor Tucker cooks to pay thanks. See page 2.



Colorado State Legislative Director Johnson pulls the pin. See page 5.



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A new line of SMART merchandise is available. See page 9.