



# FRIEND TO FRIEND NETWORK

## Rail Fest Provides Annual Boost

About 15,000 people traveled from near and far to North Platte, Neb., Sept. 20-22 to enjoy the industrial and communal marvel known as Rail Fest. Each year, the event raises money for Friend to Friend Network, and UP Employee Club 8 members are loyal volunteers.

More than \$16,000 was raised from Rail Fest activities and an accompanying golf tournament.

Members contributed more than \$1,200 through a locomotive bell drawing.

UPEC Club 8 won the bell in April; there was another fundraiser raffle at that time, sponsored by the entire UPEC organization.

They didn't have anywhere to display it, so Club 8 itself held its own raffle for the bell it won, selling \$450 worth of raffle tickets.

Mayor Dwight Livingston selected the winner's name from a hat Sept. 22. Railfans Dallas and Collette Heintz of Ulysses, Kan., claimed the bell. They expressed no intention of parting with it.

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*From left, Dallas Heintz is thrilled he purchased six tickets for the Rail Fest locomotive bell drawing, rather than one as he normally would. Mick Jesse, Club 8 president, delivered the bell in October.*



*Dallas and Collette Heintz of Ulysses, Kan., treasure the locomotive bell they won during September's Rail Fest.*



## Kansas City Gives Big

Kansas City Service Unit employees gave big to Friend to Friend Network, raising more than \$900 during its Sept. 21 family day.

The service unit donated a combination grill, for which a drawing raised proceeds for the network.

"We started selling tickets about three weeks beforehand," said Locomotive TSC Facilitator Rick Bailey. "We put packets together with tickets, and then gave them to employees in different departments."

Tickets cost \$2 each or 3 for \$5, and were sold prior to and during the event. Employees, such as Brad Boswell, locomotive engineer and Friend to Friend ambassador, encouraged employees to sign up for payroll deduction because every donation helps.

Lynn Simmons, administrative supervisor, won the grill.

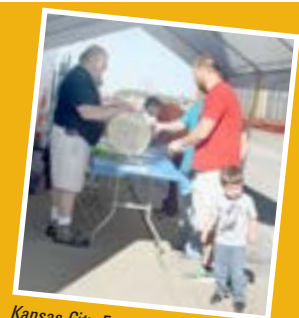
*Attendees enjoy Kansas City Service Unit's family day.*

The real winners are the families who will receive financial help from Friend to Friend thanks to everyone who participated in the fundraiser.

"Friend to Friend is a great way to give back to people who are in need," Bailey said. "When you give to Friend to Friend, you are helping fellow railroad employees and their families."

He has seen the positive impact the network has on families, and that's the reason he helps further its mission.

"It's encouraging to see someone who needs a little help get help from Friend to Friend," Bailey said. "It's great to know that 100 percent of each donation goes to help someone."



*Kansas City Family Day participants enter a drawing for a combination grill.*

# A New Year for Helping

I always am moved by the charitable acts of railroaders, especially around the end of the year. We have employees and organizations throughout the system who collect food, coats and winter clothing and toys for people less privileged than themselves. Somehow, they also find room in their budgets to give to our special Friend to Friend Network.

The end of 2013 included holiday parties, family functions and travel. Somehow, people found time to spread the word about Friend to Friend, sign up people for direct deposit and organize functions such as drawings, which directly benefit Friend to Friend Network. You can read about some of the ways people contributed this holiday season in the pages of this newsletter.

In the meantime, I thank our ambassadors for going above and beyond to further the network's mission. Without you, we couldn't help so many families in need. In 2013, we helped more families and increased our impact by 5 percent compared to the previous year.

I also recognize the service units and shops that continue to contribute monetary donations,

as well as drawing prizes and administrative costs. Without them, and without the many people who volunteer time without pay, we could not help as many people as we do.

Thank you to everyone who participated in Friend to Friend events and fundraisers in 2013. We enjoyed our best turnout at the May golf tournament, and I hope we can beat that record this year.

Please continue to do the good work that allows our railroad families in need to receive financial help in times of crises.

Happy new year!

*Terry Wynn, president, Friend to Friend Network*



*In 2013, Friend to Friend Network gave \$789,600 to 1,128 families.  
In 2012, Friend to Friend gave \$749,000 to 1,070 families.*

## News Briefs

### *Hancock Represents in Sparks Yard*

With the close of September, President Steve Hancock represented Club 83, Reno/Sparks, Nev., during a United Way and Friend to Friend Network drive in Sparks Yard. He served beef stew to railroaders who pledged more than \$1,200 in combined annual payroll deductions to the two charities.

### *The Reason for the Season Shines in Adams*

The spirit of giving thrives in the hearts and minds of members of Club 77, Adams, Wis.

In November, to brighten the holiday season for local people in need, the group donated \$1,300 to Adams County Humane Society, Adams Food Pantry, Angel Tree, Coats for Kids, Hope House of South Central Wisconsin and Friend to Friend Network.

Funds were raised through brat fries and a drawing.

### *Portland Collects and Connects*

Union Pacific Employee Clubs nationwide exist, in large part, to give unto others, including their UP family members through Friend to Friend Network.

Members of Club 9, Portland, Ore., benefited their own Aug. 3 during the family day at Blue Lake Regional Park.

Approximately 250 attendees, including club members, collected \$1,157 for the network, including \$497 through an auction and the remainder from a dunk tank and other activities.



*New Club 1 officers, from left, Vice President Cindy Whisenhunt, President David Whisenhunt and Secretary/Treasurer Pat Reed begin their one-year term Sept. 1 and will complete their term Aug. 31, 2014.*

The club sponsored an Oct. 19 membership drive spaghetti feed and crafts fair in Milwaukie, Ore. Valid 2014 club members received a free ticket for a drawing to win one of five \$100 Costco gift cards.

### *Wyoming Club Promotes, Educates*

Fifteen members of Club 1, Cheyenne, Wyo., promoted club membership during the Aug. 24 family day at David Romero Park. They also educated attendees about Operation Lifesaver and solicited donations for Friend to Friend Network.

### *Jenks Gives Back*

Friend to Friend thanks North Little Rock Service Unit and Jenks Shop for raising \$5,456 during 2013 family day events.



From left, Felicia, Gavin and Roseville Machinist Brian Meyers join Theo, Brandon and Harper Stark for a day of family fun.



Foreman General Cathy Gregg's flier helps draw dollars during the celebration.



Machinist Patrick Toves takes photos of employees' family members while they pose in the locomotive engineer's seat.

# Roseville Family Day Fundraiser

Roseville Locomotive Facility celebrated its employees and raised money for Friend to Friend Sept. 28 during a Family Day outing.

In the weeks leading to the event, employees across shifts helped spread the word, selling tickets for a Friend to Friend fundraiser. Friend to Friend Ambassador and Foreman General Cathy Gregg created fliers to spread enthusiasm and garner money for the fundraiser.

Employees made possible a \$1,162.91 donation to Friend to Friend — \$940 directly from the drawing. Additionally, about 80 employees won one or more of about 90 prizes, including gift cards, T-shirts, backpacks and hats.

The day was filled with family fun. The event provided attendees an opportunity to tour a locomotive and enjoy a view from the cab.

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## UPEC Member Generosity

This year, about 50 UPEC members donated 600 hours of time to the weekendlong event. More than 35 of them cooked and served hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans and ice cream Sept. 21 for about 3,000 Rail Fest attendees.

Throughout the week, club members hosted a booth to promote club membership, assisted with Bailey Yard bus tours, sold tickets to win the chrome locomotive bell, and staffed the Lincoln County Visitor's Bureau and Rail Fest booths to welcome visitors and provide general information. UPEC members transported attendees from parking lots to Cody Park and helped wherever needed.

Activities included a dunk tank and game booth featuring one-minute contests.

*2013 donations from Rail Fest and accompanying golf tournament: \$16,238*

Because the South Platte River crested at 14.3 feet early Sept. 22, Club 8 members' Rail Fest participation was diminished. Sixteen members assisted in a 12-plus hour sandbagging effort near residences while others remained at the event.

“It was hectic; we were like ants on fire mounds,” said Rod Ury, past UPEC president and UPEC Executive Committee vice president-special events.

Despite the flooding, Rail Fest was a success.

“We have good volunteers,” Ury said. “They worked hard.”



Club 4, Kansas City, Kan./Mo., features a strong showing Sept. 21 at the Kansas City Service Unit Family Day. From left are Geraldine Gray, Brad Boswell, Diane Makovec, Les Makovec, Joan States, John Horsley, Richard Ware and Norbert Angel.

## Club 4 Helps Make Family Day a Success

Sixteen members of Club 4, Kansas City, Kan./Mo., volunteered time to ensure the Sept. 21 family day at Neff Yard Diesel Shop was a success.

Members hosted a booth to promote club membership and Friend to Friend Network, distributed candy to children, and educated attendees about the locomotives and railcars on display.

*Manning the Club 4 booth is, from left, Carolyn Lindelof, Richard Ware and Jane Trout.*



## Be a Sponsor, Be a Friend

Sponsors are being accepted for the ninth annual UPEC Friend to Friend Golf Tournament.

As always, the tournament will be at Dodge Riverside Golf Course in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Sponsors are needed for every hole. Prize sponsors also are needed. Each team should plan to have at least one sponsor.

To participate and help a good cause at

the same time, please consider sponsoring a hole, team or prizes — or all three.

Because of the many generous companies and individuals who care, the network is able to help active and retired UP employees. Friend to Friend Network is a 501(c)(3) charity, which was organized by, and run by and for, retired and current UP employees.

To become a sponsor, please fill out

the form on the opposite page and return it to:

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303 Pickwicket  
Conway, AR 72034

For questions, please call 501-327-1376 and leave a message.

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# Mark Your Calendars!



**UPEC Friend To Friend Golf Tournament**  
**May 16, 2014, Registration Form**  
**Sponsored by UPEC Friend to Friend Committee**  
**Location: Dodge Riverside Golf Course**  
**2 Harrah's Blvd. I - 29 Exit**  
**Council Bluffs, IA 51501**

Sponsor Name/Address/Phone#	Players Names	Prize Donations:
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**Tee Time 8:00 a.m. Players must check-in by 7:30 a.m. for hole assignments**

<b>Team Fee</b>	<b>\$ 350</b>		
<b>Hole Sponsor</b>	<b>\$200</b>		
<b>Prize Sponsor</b>	List prize being donated or amount being given toward prizes and/or gift certificates. Any prize will be appreciated.		
<b>Grand Total</b>			

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- Team Fee: A team of four players, green fees and cart for 18 holes.
- Hole Sponsor: A sign with sponsor's name will be posted on various holes and in tournament brochure.
- Prize Sponsor: Prize sponsor's names will be posted in the tournament brochure.
- Drawing Tickets: Tickets will be sold for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Railroad team players are required to purchase a minimum of \$5 worth of tickets.
- Meals: Lunch will be served after the tournament.

***The Friend to Friend Network appreciates any drawing gifts or prizes.***  
***Please place a business card with the gift.***

**For questions or information, call 501-327-1376 and leave a message.**  
**Sign-up deadline is May 1.**



From left, members of Club 24, Walla Walla, Wash., include Gary Fleenor; J.T. Carlyle; Lavonne Bren; secretary/treasurer; Ted Bren, president; Bob Roop; Ron Cantrell; Warren Bozarth and Keith Wyckoff.

# Club 24 Donates to Help Fellow Railroaders

An impromptu action in Walla Walla, Wash., led to a check for Friend to Friend. During Club 24's December get-together, club Secretary and Treasurer Lavonne Bren remembered the good and charitable work made possible by the network.

She suggested members contribute to an impromptu collection.

"We decided to take donations for Friend to Friend," Bren said. "I think it's a great way to help our fellow railroaders and their families."

Bren's husband, Ted, retired after 42 years with UP. In that time, the couple learned of many forms of crises among co-workers and their families. They know the power of Friend to Friend Network.

"We think it's a good cause," Bren said. "Most of our members are older and worked years and years. We know that railroad people can use some help once in a while."

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*-Lavonne Bren, Club 24 secretary and treasurer*

## Friend to Friend Pledge Card

**100% of your tax deductible donation will be given to a family in need.**

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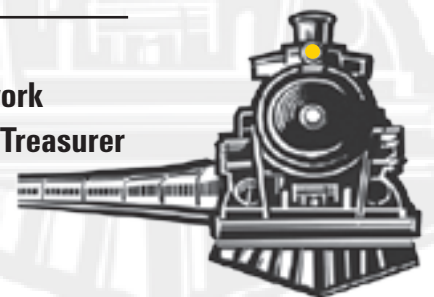
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Many people benefit from Club 70's Sept. 7 family day reunion.



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# Club 70 Makes a Difference

Every individual has the potential to make a difference, but even more so as a member of a team with common goals.

Twenty former and current railroaders and their families joined hands and hearts Sept. 7 to impact others through Friend to Friend Network.

Members of Club 70, St. James, Minn., gathered at member Jim Sizer's rural home for a family day reunion.

They raised \$152.50 from the proceeds of a craft sale and silent auction, which benefited

Friend to Friend Network.

Members also enjoyed food, fun and friendship, and welcomed about half a dozen new members.

The club donated and delivered the excess food, including chips, hot dogs, bratwursts and buns, to the depot for on-duty employees who could not attend.

Officers Cleo Erickson, president; Roger Mueller, vice president; and Julie Schiller, secretary/treasurer, were elected during the event.

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