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Club 77 members conduct a successful raffle in 2016.



Club 77 raises money with a bratwurst stand.

## Adams Aims to Achieve Even More in 2017

Located in the northern railroading outpost of Adams, Wisconsin, Club 77 may be small, but its impact in the community in 2016 was not.

Acting President Dominic Pantaleo credits their achievements to members — both active and retired railroaders — reaching out to those who need help, individuals and organizations alike.

“Retirees have become the core of our organization,” he said, “but the heart does desire to help others naturally, and being retired or not does not change this desire.”

In recent years, Club 77 members have

raised funds with rummage sales, cash raffles and bratwurst grillouts. Last year’s rummage sale brought in more than \$700, while the raffle paid out \$1,000 while raising as much for their club account.

“Being part of the club allows friendships to develop, and this is just one of the great rewards for time well spent,” Pantaleo said.

Among the charities that benefited from Club 77’s generosity in recent months are the Coats for Kids Foundation, Salvation Army’s Angel Tree program, local humane society, a woman’s shelter and UPEC Friend to Friend Network. Plans also are underway

to meet with two other local charities, Faith in Action and Friendship Connection, to determine how the club might assist their causes.

Pantaleo hopes Club 77 can serve as an example to other clubs about what a small membership roster can accomplish, while keeping in mind that the goal remains to grow their ranks among active employees.

“Our club is like many other clubs — we want more members so we can accomplish more,” he said. “We can take this opportunity to let them know, ‘You, too, can touch another’s life and impact the community.’”

## Club 8 Lends a Hand to Historic Celebration

Club 8 members again helped celebrate Union Pacific’s 150th year in North Platte during the Rail Days. More than 50 members volunteered in several capacities. Some shared Operation Lifesaver’s rail safety message while others served as guides on tour buses in Bailey Yard or at the Golden Spike Tower and Visitor Center. Club members also cooked and served at the UP family picnic, which was attended by more than 2,000 people.

Club 8 members are easy to spot during Rail Days.

“There’s something for everybody,” said Club 8 President Lynn Steinbeck, who also noted they signed up about 25 new members. “People come from everywhere — even Europe and Australia.”

A prior staple of Rail Days — formerly known as Rail Fest — the car show returned to the event. Seventeen classic automobiles were featured, and club members hope to increase that number in 2017.



From left, Club 8 members Larry Steele, Dan Rochford and Dennis Cooper man the grill, helping to cook for 2,000-some Rail Days attendees.



## From UPEC Executive Committee Chairman Kevin Hanlon

We continue making progress on preparations for our annual convention. Presidents: Expect the paperwork in early March, as well as Amtrak travel information. Of course, mark your calendars for Aug. 1-4 — I hope to see you all in Sacramento. The Hilton Arden West was a great host to us in 2013, and we look forward to staying there again.

Meanwhile, our Executive Task Committee is working hard to finish decorations for the convention's theme night, a Victorian-era ball.

We're also working on updating the UPEC website and trying to find people who can revive some of our inactive clubs.

Looking for ideas to help your club raise funds or participate in community service activities? Read this newsletter for many simple ideas and opportunities. Thank you to each of these clubs for their generosity and ingenuity.

— Kevin Hanlon, executive committee chairman



Cindy and Kevin Hanlon

## Club 65 Boosts Scout Badge Counts

In November, Club 65 of Alexandria, Louisiana, conducted its annual Boy Scout Merit Badge Camp. Scouts interested in learning about the ins and outs of the railroad were awarded badges throughout the four-day event.

"We had about 10 participate this year," Club 65 President James Drayton said. "They go through a class that teaches them about cars

and locomotive engines."

The Scouts, who range in age from 12-16, also filled out questionnaires to present to club members after the class.

Railroading is one of 136 merit badges currently offered by the Boy Scouts of America. To earn the badge, Scouts must prove their knowledge of various aspects of the industry, such as terminology and safety.



From left, Lorain Newman of the Stanfield, Ore., Senior Center accepts a donation from Mary Workman, UPEC 19 secretary/treasurer.

## Club 19 Provides Pencils

Bingo and pinochle enthusiasts of the Hinkle, Oregon, area will have no shortage of writing utensils for their games thanks to Club 19.

Having amassed a large collection of pencils for chair bags, Club 19 Secretary/Treasurer Mary Workman contacted the Stanfield, Oregon, Senior Center to assess their interest in a donation. The center was happy to take them, Workman said.

## Join Your Local Employee Club!

This edition features the culmination of Union Pacific Employee Clubs' chief purpose: to positively impact communities while building camaraderie among co-workers, both past and present.

Through activities such as feeding the homeless, sorting toys for the Salvation Army, and collecting backpacks and shoes for low-income families, clubs give to Union Pacific communities. They also coordinate social outings such as attending concerts and dinners.

During the past decade, clubs' membership has declined at some locations, particularly among working railroaders. In the coming year, UPEC leaders aim to reignite membership and continue the tradition that began in 1924 in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Membership is open to retired and current employees, and their spouses. Annual membership costs vary from \$2 to \$5 and help fund club activities.

To learn more about your local employee club — or for more information on reactivating a club — visit [www.up.com/employee/upec](http://www.up.com/employee/upec).



# Marysville Members Make Strides in Community Service

Club 28 of Marysville, Kansas, members have continued their involvement with several causes in the town of 3,300.

Norbert Angell and David Bruna have helped keep fellow northeast Kansans stay safe through their involvement in Operation Lifesaver. Both are qualified presenters who speak with students and other groups about the potential dangers of unsafe behaviors around grade crossings and railroad rights of way. Bruna also has worked with local firefighters and emergency medical technicians to develop a safe method for removing an incapacitated person from a locomotive cab should the need arise.

Club 28 President Marilee Adams praised the efforts of members, including Carolyn Lindelof, who has knitted mittens, scarves and stocking hats for the homeless. Others have donated clothing to the Salvation Army and veterans' organizations, taken elderly citizens to doctors' appointments and grocery stores, and helped with area bingo events.

A December raffle for various Union Pacific items raised funds for Toys for Tots, a local food pantry, KSIDS — a charity that trains and pairs assistance dogs with people — and \$100 scholarships for two Marysville High School graduates who have a family connection to UP. Monetary memorials to deceased members' families also were given.

Club 28 members continue to meet once a month; they are often joined by UPEC members from the Kansas City area.



Club 28 member David Bruna oversees an Operation Lifesaver booth at the Jefferson County, Neb., Fair.



Marysville, Kan., area emergency responders practice the safe rescue of a person aboard a locomotive. Club 28 member David Bruna, an Operation Lifesaver volunteer, helped organize the exercise.



Club 28 members enjoy one another's company in October. In recent months, UPEC members from the Kansas City area have traveled two and a half hours to attend meetings.

## North Platte Spreads Goodwill

Based in the home of the world's largest classification rail yard, Club 8 continues to do its part to help residents of North Platte, Nebraska, and the surrounding communities.

Every December, a holiday dinner serves as one of Club 8's chief fundraising events. The money raised this past December went toward several causes.

Members voted to give \$150 to the Goodfellow Shoe Fund. For seven decades, the charity has purchased shoes and socks for impoverished children throughout Lincoln County. They also pulled two names from a local Salvation Army Angel



Through the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program, Club 8 makes two local children's holidays a bit brighter.



Mick Jesse, left, prepares to hand Club 8's gavel to Lynn Steinbeck.



Club 8 President Lynn Steinbeck presents a \$150 check to Krista Martin of the Goodfellow Shoe Fund.

## Steinbeck Takes Gavel

Lynn Steinbeck succeeded Mick Jesse as Club 8 president this past autumn.

A retired 40-year conductor and former UTU local president, Steinbeck witnessed the construction of Bailey Yard's two humps and the diesel shop. He is proud

Tree — one boy and one girl — and thanks to input from the grandchildren of Club 8 President Lynn Steinbeck and his wife, Kay, those children received clothes and a few fun items from their wishlists.

Funds also were raised for a North Platte Locomotive Shop machinist, his wife and seven children, who lost their Maxwell, Nebraska, home in a Dec. 9 fire.

of the club's role in the area's storied railroad history and hopes to see it continue into the foreseeable future.

Steinbeck praised his wife and fellow Club 8 member, Kay, who he called a partner in his leadership.

"She knows as much as I do," he said. "She's the one who keeps me going."

Like others, one of Club 8's top goals for 2017 is growing its ranks, particularly among younger railroaders.

"A lot of our members come to meetings for a good meal, but also the camaraderie," Steinbeck said. "You see the people you work with or used to work with. We want to get young people involved so they stay with us for a long time."



Union Pacific Employee Clubs (UPEC)  
**Friend To Friend Golf Tournament**  
**May 19, 2017 - Dodge Riverside Golf Course**  
*2 Harrah's Blvd. (I-29 exit) Council Bluffs, IA 51501*  
*Sponsored by: Friend To Friend Committee*

**Team fee (\$350):** A team of four players, green fees and cart for 18 holes.

**Donations (\$250):** Donations to the Friend to Friend Network are greatly appreciated!

**Prize donations:** Names will be posted in the tournament brochure.

**Raffle tickets:** All tickets will be sold for \$1 each or six for \$5.

**Meal:** Lunch will be served after the tournament.

**Sign-up deadline is May 1, 2017**

**\*Tee time is 8:00 a.m. Players must check in by 7:30 a.m. for hole assignments.**

<u>Team captain</u>		<u>Player names</u>	
Name:		1.	
Address:		2.	
		3.	
Phone:		4.	

<b>Team fee</b>	<b>\$350</b>	\$
<b>Donation</b>	<b>\$250</b>	\$
<b>Prize donation</b>	List prize being donated or amount being given toward prizes and/or gift certificates.	\$
<b>Grand total</b>		\$

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Please place a business card with the gift.***

For questions or information, contact Richard Baldwin at 501-327-1376 or 501-908-8183.



# Ogden Barbecues; Builds Ranks

Club 6 hosted a barbecue cookoff this past autumn at Ogden, Utah's Union Station. The five member-contestants were judged on the best texture and flavor of their pork and rib preparations, and won cash prizes and aprons.

"Some of the contestants had aprons with pictures of trains and the Old Timers club logo on them," Club 6 President Marsha Stevens said. "Skip Stalker won first place. It was a lot of fun."

## Holiday Helping

Prior to Christmas, nonperishable goods and household items

were collected for the Ogden Rescue Mission and Ogden Food Banks.

Stevens said that because the club has grown in the past year, the total donation was as high as ever.

"It has been incredible," she said. "With more people and contributions, it has been a joy to give to charities."

Club 6 also plans to host a charity drawing in March that will feature a smoker as the grand prize.



Members of Ogden, Utah's Club 6 enjoy a holiday gathering.



Club 6 is grateful to the Campbell family, who regularly cooks meals for gatherings.



Members of Ogden, Utah's Club 6 enjoy their holiday gathering.



SP No. 4449, built in 1941, ran from Los Angeles to San Francisco over the scenic Coast Route and then on to Portland until its retirement in 1955. The 433-ton engine was restored in 1974 and has since pulled excursion trains and appeared in films.

## Portland Celebrates Season

Tickets aboard Portland's Holiday Express were once again a hot item, with Club 9 members and their families making up a significant portion of the passenger manifest Dec. 3.

Pulled by Southern Pacific No. 4449, the train departed Oaks Station for a 40-minute round-trip journey. Club members distributed fruit and candy to younger riders, then Santa Claus and his elves made the rounds as well with candy canes and hot cocoa. Meanwhile, the Unistus Chamber Choir sang seasonal standards.

"It went well," said Don Dolan, Club 9 president. "The caroling group did great in each of the four cars."

St. Nick then took a seat in the last car and listened to children's wish lists — "always with a smile and a ho, ho, ho," Dolan said.

A canned food drive was organized in conjunction with the event, helping some of Stumptown's less-fortunate citizens have a happier holiday season.



Club 70 of St. James, Minn., gathers for their December meeting.

## Club 70 Crafts

Club 70 of St. James, Minnesota, celebrated its annual December holiday gathering with dinner, camaraderie and handmade gifts.

President Cleo Erickson devised the idea for railroad-related ornaments and puzzles to raise money for the club.



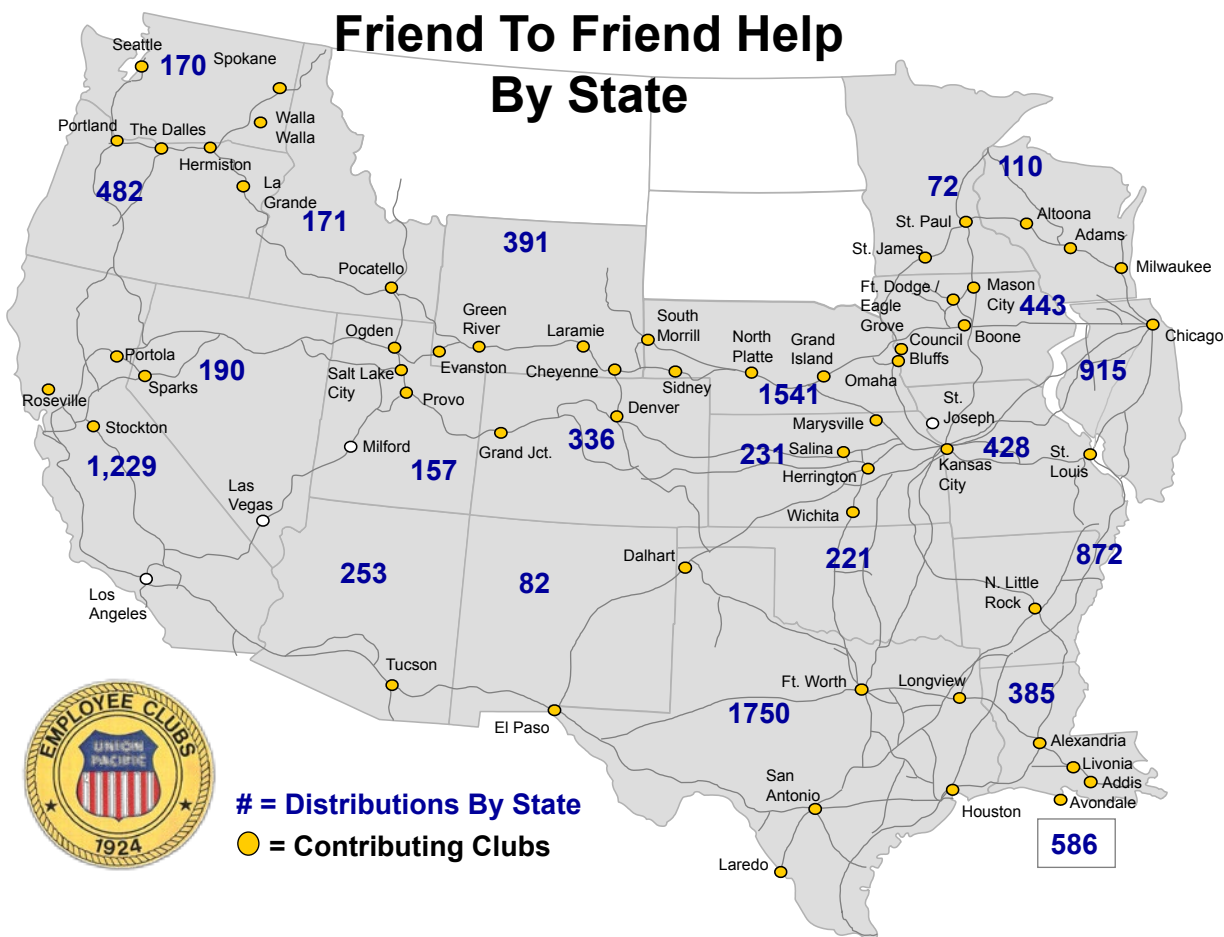
Handmade gifts raise funds for Club 70.

"I had quilted puzzles with engines on them, a box with a train in it, as well as glass ornaments," she said.

The gifts sold for cost plus \$2 for the club.

Members also met Jan. 24 in Lake Crystal, Minnesota, and are planning a St. Patrick's celebration.

## Friend To Friend Help By State



## UPEC Friend to Friend Network – Online Banking Donations

Looking for a quick and secure way to donate to the UPEC Friend To Friend Network? Anyone who pays household bills using online banking can easily make a one-time or recurring donation. Simply add the following merchant information:

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**Your Name**

Total distributed to active and retired employees in 2016: \$763,000

Total families helped in 2016: 1,526

## DeSoto Yells 'Fore' for UPEC Friend to Friend

Nearly 70 players and a dozen volunteers gathered for a round of golf and two good causes.

The 2016 DeSoto, Missouri, Car Shop Charity Golf Tournament, Aug. 6 at Castle Ridge Golf Course in Selma, Missouri, benefited both the UPEC Friend to Friend Network and DeSoto's Adopt-a-Family program.

"They're both worthy causes," said Deb Denton, Total Safety Culture coordinator.

As in past years, \$1,600 was donated to UPEC Friend to Friend.

"We average an employee a month who gets help from UPEC Friend to Friend," Denton said. "It has helped many of our people, and we just want to give something back."



DeSoto, Mo., Car Shop Charity Golf Tournament volunteers include, from left, Morgan Doering, Marilyn Fricke, Lisa Norviel, Deb Denton, Tammy Pyatt and Kelly Pyatt.

The tourney included pin prizes for closest to the hole and longest drive. Awards were presented in the afternoon after the 18-hole event concluded.

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# Caravan Comes to North Little Rock

This past holiday season, members of North Little Rock, Arkansas, Jenks Locomotive Shop and Club 54 rallied to spread cheer to low-income families in their community.

Volunteers distributed six truckloads of warm clothing, shoes, toiletries, food and other necessities at the 12th annual Christmas Caravan Dec. 17. Their day began before sunrise picking up items at Jenks and setting up a stand at Clinton Presidential Center parking lot. By the time the event kicked off at 8 a.m., hundreds of people had gathered to receive the item collected by various groups in the city.

Zeb Garner, sheet metal worker and Peer Support volunteer, has participated in the annual outreach since 2012. This year he got his church involved and even got local dentist offices to donate 140 toothbrushes and as many tubes of toothpaste, but he was most excited to hand out work boots.

"We may take for granted an old pair of steel-toe boots, but that might be someone's chance at getting in the door and landing a construction job or other work," he said. "You might be that person's chance at making it out of their current situation."

Besides help from volunteers, Garner said the effort could not have been successful without participation from Jenks employees contributing needed items throughout the year. Collection for 2017's event already has begun.

"As we move to lace-up boots this year,



Volunteers load their vehicles with donations at Jenks Shop early Dec. 17. Zeb Garner, sheet metal worker, takes a group photo of, from right, Johnny Burk, machinist, and his wife, Robin; Jim Haguewood, mechanical service operator and UPEC Executive Committee member; Andrea Davis, mechanical service operator, and her son, Randy; and Todd Johnson, machinist, and his son, Gage.

we hope employees will be able to donate their pull-on boots at boxes in the front office," he said. "We also need socks, gloves, undergarments, warm clothing, shampoo, soap and nonperishable food."

Besides Garner, 2016 volunteers included Richard Baldwin, retired electrician and former UPEC Executive Committee chairman, and his wife, Marilyn; Jewel Beard, occupational health nurse; Johnny Burk, machinist, and his wife, Robin; Andrea Davis, mechanical service operator, and her son, Randy Davis Jr.;



Low-income families pick up warm clothing, personal hygiene items and other necessities from volunteers at Little Rock's Christmas Caravan Dec. 17.

Jim Haguewood, mechanical service operator and UPEC Executive Committee member; Todd Johnson, machinist, and his sons, Brody and Gage; and Iris Nix, mechanical service operator, and her daughters, Lily and Tulip.

## Club 66 Acts as Angels Again

San Antonio Employee Club 66 teamed with the Salvation Army for its annual Angel Tree program.

Members helped assemble 3,785 gift boxes to be distributed to 2,715 local families, which according to Club 66's Charlotte Featherling, accounted for about 7,000 children.

"Volunteers keep their efforts going," she said.

The boxes included age-appropriate items for each child, as well as clothing and diapers. Bicycles were a popular item.

"If they asked for a bike, they probably got one," Featherling said.

The Salvation Army's Angel Tree program began in 1979 to assist families with children through age 11. Businesses, the military and local volunteers are responsible for the bulk of donations.



Club 66's Charlotte Featherling assembles one of nearly 3,800 gift boxes prepared by volunteers.



Club 66 members assist with the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program.

Club 66 members also continue to volunteer twice a month with a local food pantry. Volunteers assemble heavy bags — a shopping cart full of food, Featherling said — with items including produce and meat.

Seven UPEC volunteers participated Dec. 16. Featherling said their efforts helped feed 112 people.

"They are appreciative of what we do," she said.



## UNION PACIFIC EMPLOYEE CLUBS Presidents Roster

Club	Location	President
1	Cheyenne, Wyo.	Dave Whisenhunt
3	Omaha	Shar York
6	Ogden, Utah	Marsha Stephens
8	North Platte, Neb.	Lynn Steinbeck
9	Portland, Ore.	Don Dolan
10	Spokane, Wash.	Marguerite Haverfield
11	Los Angeles	Ernest Flament
12	Salt Lake City	Beverly Thrall
15	Pocatello, Idaho	Gene Packer
17	La Grande, Ore.	Joshua Rock
18	Green River, Wyo.	Dorothy Walker
19	Hermiston, Ore.	Monte Gartner
20	Evanston, Wyo.	Joe Dean
22	Seattle	Alfred Wilson
24	Walla Walla, Wash.	Ted Bren
28	Marysville, Kan.	Marilee Adams
30	The Dalles, Ore.	Gary Conley
32	Salina, Kan.	Jim Kirk
38	Portola, Calif.	John Bontas
39	Stockton, Calif.	Earl Roider, Sr.
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51	Fort Worth, Texas	Diana McDowell
53	Houston	Aaron Tinnell
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71	Milwaukee	John Gavin
72	Mason City, Iowa	Kurt Christensen
75	Altoona, Wis.	John Elstran
76	Boone, Iowa	John Dawkins
77	Adams, Wis.	Dominic Pantaleo
78	Ft. Dodge/Eagle Grove, Iowa	Gloria Spiegel
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**Sacramento, CA**  
**916-922-4700**

For more information contact your Local President

## Sacramento Site of 93rd Convention

California's state capital will serve as host for the 93rd annual UPEC Convention Aug. 1-4.

The Hilton Sacramento Arden West on Harvard Street — site of the 2013 convention — will again serve as the venue. The motto will be "Membership is Our Future."

Remember to pack your finest suit or gown for theme night: a Victorian-era ball. Sacramento offers visitors many activities.

The California State Railroad Museum — the largest of its kind in the United States — is regarded as one of North America's most popular railroad museums with engaging exhibits, restored trains and unique events. Other attractions include the California Military Museum, the riverfront and Delta King riverboat, Napa Valley vineyards and Tower Bridge.