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Club 51 Brings Cheer to Schoolchildren

Club 51 members and others visit Jo Kelly School.

About 30 Fort Worth-area employees and retirees continued a longtime tradition Dec. 21 by brightening the day for local special needs students.

Organized by Club 51, participants visited Jo Kelly School, which educates students ages 3 to 21 with severe disabilities; and the Transition Center, which helps youth gain the skills they need to operate in the community with minimal support.

The visitors performed Christmas carols and gave students small gifts such as fruit, games and stuffed animals.

Santa, Mrs. Claus and their helpers again made an appearance, and were joined by Superintendent Daniel Torres — as well as the Grinch, who proved he could be nice and have fun.

“When Santa came out, the older kids clapped and yelled,” Club 51 President Diana McDowell said. “But when the Grinch came out, they booed. Then the kids laughed and clapped when Santa and the Grinch started dancing together.”

Club members look forward to the visits every year, she added. “It makes us feel so good that we are able to put smiles on the faces of these precious children,” McDowell said.

Along with the annual school visits, Club 51 members volunteer with organizations such as the Ronald McDonald House, Alliance for Children and Boy Scouts of America.



Fort Worth, Texas



Club 51 President Diana McDowell, joined by Santa, the Grinch and Mrs. Claus, visits Jo Kelly School.



From left are Santa Claus, aka Greg White, nephew of Club 51 President Diana McDowell; John Rowland, conductor; Daniel Torres, superintendent; Fernando Paz, locomotive engineer; Raymond Switlik, UPEC Executive Committee member; and Steven Garrett, retiree.



Attendees perform holiday carols for students.

From the Chairman

Greetings, everyone —

In January, the UPEC Executive Committee visited Seattle to pin down a site for the 2019 convention. We narrowed it down to three or four hotels in Bellevue, Washington, a wonderful suburb only 20 minutes by car from downtown Seattle. We think it'll be wonderful — stay tuned for more information.

But first, of course, comes this year's convention, scheduled for Aug. 7-10. We hope you can join us in beautiful Salt Lake City as we set the course for the future of UPEC. Our banquet keynote speaker will be Shane Keller, vice president-Transportation. Shane served as superintendent of the San Antonio Service Unit about 12 years ago, and he was a tremendous help to our club and the service unit. We look forward to his presence and insight.

Plans with Amtrak for a train to Salt Lake City have been made. You should have received your packets by now; please contact us if you have not gotten yours. We hope to see you there!

— Bob



Bob Moore, UPEC chairman

Join UPEC!

This edition features the culmination of Union Pacific Employee Clubs' chief purpose: to positively impact their 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.



From left, Salvation Army Capt. Tony Bowers accepts a donation from Club 8 Vice President Doyce Williams.



Club 8 members serve food during Donna's Christmas Dinner, a longtime North Platte tradition.

Plenty of Generosity Along the Platte

Club 8's 2017 charity efforts culminated in two events Dec. 21-22.

Held at the local Fraternal Order of Eagles, the annual charity dinner raised funds for two causes: \$100 went toward the club's annual participation in Angel Tree, which purchases gifts for children who otherwise may not get them; and, for the first time, a donation of \$250 was made to the Salvation Army's Red Kettle drive.

The following day, club members volunteered with Donna's Christmas Dinner, a long-time gathering offering a free meal to North Platte's less fortunate. Along with a donation, members helped set up, cook, serve and clean up the dinner, which was attended by nearly 400 people.

Club 8 also purchased and placed wreaths at nearby Fort McPherson National Cemetery as part of Wreaths Across America.

According to President Mick Jesse, Club 8 members collectively volunteered more than 15,000 hours in 2017.

"The holidays are always a busy time for Club 8," he said. "The number of hours that members donate, not only during the holidays but throughout the year, are to me truly unbelievable."



North Platte, Nebraska

94th Convention Approaches

Union Pacific Employee Club members will meet this year not far from where the Central Pacific met the Union Pacific May 10, 1869.

The Sheraton Salt Lake City will serve as host of the 94th annual convention Aug. 7-10.

Set against the Wasatch Range, Salt Lake

City offers many activities, including Temple Square, the Gateway — home to UP's historic depot — and the International Peace Gardens.

And don't forget to bring your finest hat and spurs — this year's theme night is the "Wild West!"

San Antonio Assists Salvation Army

Continuing a twice-a-month tradition, members of Club 66 gathered with a variety of other community volunteers Dec. 1 to unload, organize and distribute food from both the Salvation Army and San Antonio Food Bank.

"Recently, we handed out 180 turkeys," Employee Club 66 member Charlotte Featherling said. "On top of the usual groceries we hand out, they also got a turkey, canned vegetables, potatoes and gravy."

Every two weeks, the food items are donated, then divvied up depending on how many people are in line that day. Featherling said they serve between 80 and 150 people throughout each event.

Salvation Army Director of Social Services Robert Galan appreciates Club 66's continuous participation and eagerness to get involved.

"I like that, as a club, we are often helping others and being active in outreach," Locomotive Engineer Lonzo Nelson said. "I might not always have the time, but I have the heart. We make time for giving back."

Club 66 also continued its participation in the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program. Members helped assemble boxes full of gifts to be given to area families in need, helping the organization achieve its goal of ensuring 8,000 children who qualified for this year's program received a gift on Christmas morning.

"We worked for two weeks getting the toys together for the kids," Featherling said.

Members also helped organize gifts for 400 area seniors, including kitchen appliances such as blenders, slow cookers and toaster ovens.



Club 66 members volunteer with the Salvation Army Dec. 1. From left are Senior Analyst-HazMat Joshua Carrillo, Chairman Robert Moore, Locomotive Engineer Lonzo Nelson, Charlotte Featherling, Mandy Chaney, Conductor Joe De La Garza and Gary Featherling.



San Antonio seniors also benefit from the goodwill of the Salvation Army and Club 66.



From left, Club 66's Bob Moore, Charlotte Featherling and Joe De La Garza help with the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program.



Club 66 members assemble holiday gift boxes for thousands of area youth.



Food is bagged and ready for pickup.



Locomotive Engineer Lonzo Nelson helps transfer groceries from carts into Salvation Army client's vehicles.

What's Your Favorite Part About Being a UPEC Member?

"I appreciate the fundraisers we do for our members when they are in need. Our membership, despite their differences, seems to come together for the common good."

— Gary Steele, Club 83, Sparks, Nevada/UPEC Executive Committee



"I like getting to know my fellow club members on a personal basis."

— Tracy Standridge, Club 86, Roseville, California

"I appreciate all the friendships I have come to enjoy through 26 years of membership."

— Billie Mace, Club 3, Omaha

Former Network Ambassador Appreciates Assistance

Houston Locomotive Foreman Avery Canady was struck by a vehicle Aug. 30, 2016, outside of work on Highway 288 as he was leading a funeral procession.

The accident left Canady, a Fort Bend, Texas, County Precinct 2 deputy constable, with some injuries.

Several months of recovery and physical therapy kept him off the job, but he eagerly returned to the shop Jan. 18.

"I thank my co-workers for their calls, well-wishes and support while I was out," he said.

Canady also expressed gratitude to the UPEC Friend to Friend Network, which provided him with financial support during this time.

"I was a Friend to Friend ambassador for a long time," he said. "You're helping others through fundraisers and next thing you know, it's helping you. It's a great support system."

Houston Locomotive Foreman Avery Canady is grateful for the support of the UPEC Friend to Friend Network during his long recovery from an automobile accident.



From left are Club 54 members Zeblin Garner, sheet metal worker; Walter Bloomingburg, machinist; Marilyn Baldwin and Richard Baldwin, retiree and UPEC Friend to Friend Network treasurer.

North Little Rock Remains Busy

Club 54 members stayed active during the holidays with gatherings and charitable efforts benefiting the North Little Rock, Arkansas, community.

The Christmas Care-A-Van kicked off the string of events. Members placed a collection box in the Jenks hallway to collect blankets, coats, clothing, food items, gloves, scarves, shoes, small toys and other items for the less fortunate.

The Children's Christmas Party followed Dec. 2. The team collected canned foods, and Santa made an appearance.

The holiday fun continued Dec. 7 with an adult Christmas dinner at Red Lobster and Santa bingo.

Future events include:

April 28:

Adopt-A-Child Golf Tournament at Burns Park Golf Course in North Little Rock. Funds raised support the educational and physical needs of underprivileged and at-risk children who attend their adopted schools.

Those interested in playing or sponsoring a hole are encouraged to contact Dale Fulenwider at 501-606-6421 or 501-373-2481 or Richard Baldwin at rfbaldwi@up.com. One team of four golfers with green fees and a cart for 18 holes can be funded for \$350; holes can be sponsored for \$250. Breakfast and lunch will be served by Club 54 members.

Adopt-A-Child also appreciates any gifts or prizes for the drawing at the awards ceremony. Please remember to place a business card with the gift.

May 4-6:

Toad Suck Daze in nearby Conway, Arkansas, is an annual community music, arts and food festival that harkens back to the days when steamboats traveled the Arkansas River. When the water was not deep enough, their crews sought refreshment at the local tavern, much to the dismay of the townsfolk, who coined the phrase, "They suck on the bottle 'til they swell up like toads."

Club 54 Vice President Robin Burk seeks volunteers for four-hour shifts. For more information, call 501-470-6147.



North Little Rock, Arkansas

We Want Your Photos!

AtTRACKtions highlights the activities of Union Pacific Employee Clubs, which helps give other clubs ideas for fundraisers and social events.

If you have photos or stories you'd like to include in upcoming editions, please contact:

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Union Pacific Employee Club (UPEC)

Friend To Friend Golf Tournament

May 18, 2018 - Dodge Riverside Golf Course

2 Harrah's Blvd. Council Bluffs, IA 51501 (I -29 Exit)

Sponsored by UPEC Friend To Friend Network Committee

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

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

Prize Donations: Names will be posted in the tournament brochure.

Raffle Tickets: All tickets will be sold for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Meal: Lunch will be served after the tournament.

Signup deadline is May 1, 2018

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

<u>Team Captain</u>		<u>Players Names</u>	
Name:		1.	
Address:		2.	
		3.	
Phone:		4.	

Team Fee	\$350	\$
Donation	\$250	\$
Prize Donation	List prize being donated or amount being given toward prizes and/or gift certificates.	\$
Grand Total		\$

Please submit sponsorship form and payment to:

UPEC Friend to Friend Network
C/O Richard Baldwin
303 Pickwicket
Conway, AR 72034

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

For any questions or information contact Richard Baldwin (Treasurer) at 501-327-1376/501-908-8183.

What's Your Favorite Part About Being a UPEC Member?

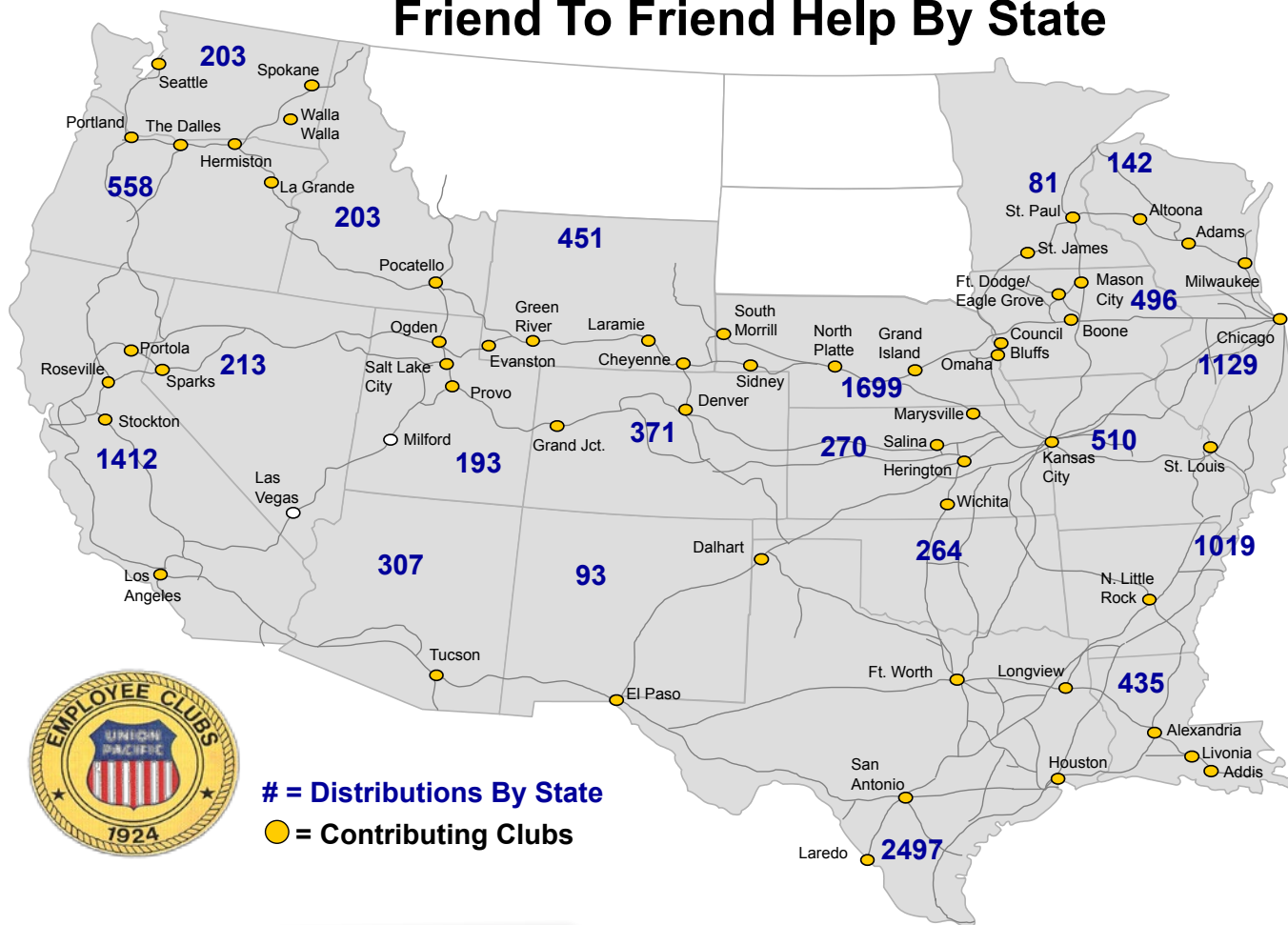
There is nothing better than seeing the gratitude and tear in someone's eyes when we bless them with a needed financial gift."
— Dominic Pantaleo, Club 77, Adams, Wisconsin, pictured with his wife, Roberta



I like preparing meals at the Ronald McDonald House; helping families and making life easier for sick kids."
— John Gavin, Club 71, Milwaukee



Friend To Friend Help By State



Palestine, Texas, hosts an annual golf outing benefiting UPEC Friend to Friend Network.

Texas Tourney for Friend to Friend

Palestine, Texas, employees once again teed off to help their co-workers across the system.

The annual golf outing, held Sept. 15 at Oak Hurst Golf Course in Bullard, Texas, raised \$7,000 — \$5,500 of which was donated to the UPEC Friend to Friend Network.

Twenty-five golfers participated. A meet-and-greet at a local Mexican restaurant the prior evening welcomed participants and vendors.

The 2018 golf outing is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 14.



Quilt Proceeds Provide Funds

President Bob Daniels of Club 19, Hermiston, Oregon, presented a quilt to Connie Maret, which he won in a drawing that raised funds for the town's new senior center.



Bob Daniels, left, is installed as president of Hermiston, Ore., Club 19 by Deanna Badgley, former president and UPEC Executive Committee member. Additionally, Mary Workman was installed as secretary/treasurer.





Santa's train arrives in La Grande, Ore., Dec. 20.



A child shares his wish list with Santa Claus.



From left are Club 17 volunteers Kristina Byers, Caroline Zahniser and her daughter, Mila – and Santa, of course.

St. Nick Stops in Blue Mountains

A long-standing Christmas tradition, Santa's train rolled through La Grande, Oregon, Dec. 20, courtesy of Club 17.

"We enjoy putting this event on because our community shows a ton of excitement about it," said Caroline Zahniser, Club 17 president. "All of the kids line up outside behind the depot with anticipation of Santa's arrival."

Club members assembled 200 gift bags in preparation for the event.

"We have a huge turnout every year," Zahniser said. "I think that speaks volumes about how much the community enjoys Santa coming to our town."

Marysville Members Motivated to Educate Youth



Locomotive Engineer and Club 28 member David Bruna gives an Operation Lifesaver presentation to a group of Marysville, Kan., driver's education students.

These days, many teenagers know their way around a smartphone before they know how to drive an automobile. Reminding those preparing to get behind the wheel about the dangers of distractions is an important lesson in any driver's education course.

Two members of Marysville, Kansas, Club 28, reinforce that message as Operation Lifesaver presenters: Locomotive Engineer David Bruna and Norbert Angell, who retired after serving as a locomotive engineer and in various supervisory roles.

"We, as a club, are fortunate to have railroaders who show so much interest in their presentations," Club 28 President Marilee Adams said.

Last summer, Bruna spoke to dozens of high school-aged driver's ed students about the potential dangers of unsafe behaviors at grade crossings and railroad rights of way — cellphone in hand or otherwise. The Operation Lifesaver motto, "Stop, Look and Listen," still very much applies in 2018. Bruna showed videos that highlighted the consequences of those unsafe behaviors and answered students' questions.

"I was pleased at how well the presentation was given," said Adams, who attended the class at Bruna's request. "The students were very attentive."



What's Your Favorite
Part About Being a
UPEC Member?

I like the personal relationships — meeting new people and making new friends."
— Norbert Angell, Club 28, Marysville, Kansas, pictured with his wife, Phyllis



I like giving back to the less fortunate and looking at the smiles on their faces."
— Marc McCoy, Club 50, Chicago/UPEC Executive Committee





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No. 2537 Illuminated Again



Walla Walla, Washington

Just in time for its 100th birthday, a steam locomotive previously maintained by Club 24 of Walla Walla, Washington, shined brightly this past holiday season.

An MK-7 class 2-8-2, the No. 2537 was built by Alco in 1917 for the Oregon Short Line Railroad, a UP subsidiary. The engine pulled freight throughout the northwestern United States until its retirement in 1959, at which point it was donated to the city of Walla Walla. It found a home in Jefferson Park, along with a coal tender and UP

caboose No. 24550.

For many years, Club 24 members handled its upkeep, but as membership declined, they asked Walla Walla County to take over responsibilities, said Secretary/Treasurer Lavonne Bren.

Last year, longtime resident Dwight Steffanson took initiative to not only decorate the 2537 for the holidays — quite a commitment, given its size and many parts — but resume upkeep efforts, such as weed removal and perhaps a new coat of paint.

“It was beautiful when we put the lights on it, and it looks beautiful now,” Bren said.

What's Your Favorite
Part About Being a
UPEC Member?

I liked riding the train to Sacramento in 2013 and seeing the beautiful views, talking to the other riders and eating in the dining car. It was so much fun.”

— Jim Haguewood, Club 54, North Little Rock, Arkansas/UPEC Executive Committee

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The UPEC Executive Committee now has a Facebook page! “Like” it to see updates on the committee’s activities and other announcements.

Find it at www.facebook.com/upecchair or search Facebook for “UPEC Executive Committee.”

I appreciate all the wonderful new friends and acquaintances I’ve met through the years.”

— Shar York, Club 3, Omaha



“UPEC has been a great tool for expanding your appreciation for the industry.”

— Loren Clark, Club 30, The Dalles, Oregon

