



UCT inAction

Information for UCT's Members and Councils

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Ruth E. Ruth – A member you should know!

Ruth E. Ruth has been an active member of UCT's Fraternal Council 380 in Jackson, Ohio, for more than 30 years and has served as the council's secretary-treasurer for 25. Her fellow (and family) members consider her devotion to UCT to be the glue that holds the council together.

"My mother loves UCT," said Judy Hamilton, Ruth's daughter and an active member of Council 380. "She has been a member of a few other community organizations over the years, but UCT claims her heart. She works tirelessly as secretary-treasurer to stay up to date on financial data as well as incoming information and outgoing reports. She loves planning for meetings and suggesting projects for our council. I can only hope to follow her lead as I fulfill my UCT obligations. Her dedication is inspiring."

Volunteering and community service are second nature for Ruth, who has the energy and enthusiasm of most people half her age. Whether it's crocheting baby blankets and hats for chemo patients, collecting clothing for local citizens in need, supporting the local dog pound, devoting time to children's and veteran's programs, conducting UCT safety poster contests in area schools, or giving time to individuals with intellectual disabilities, she's always on the move.

As secretary-treasurer, Ruth also



Ruth, front, joins organizer Sallie Seton at the Grace United Methodist Church's clothing giveaway, which helped over 150 individuals in one weekend.

keeps busy working within Council 830, where she handles all correspondence, serves as liaison to the home office, organizes meetings, books guest speakers, coordinates membership, and supports the Ohio region's projects and programs.

Ohio Regional President Brian Ward also speaks to Ruth's commitment to UCT. "Ruth has been very involved with UCT and the Ohio region for many, many years. The members of the Ohio region look to her for inspiration and even guidance because of the dedication that she has shown all of us. Ruth is extremely active in her community and Fraternal Council 380. UCT could certainly use more members as active and dedicated as her."

UCT is a family affair for Ruth as well. Her late husband, Kenneth, was a past local president of Council 380 and, in addition to Judy, her son, Edward; daughter-in-law, Susan; son-in-law, Richard; and grandson, James are all UCT members. Speaking for UCT, we feel fortunate to have Ruth – and her family – on board with our organization.

REPORTS SEASON COMING SOON!

Believe it or not, it's almost that time of year again when reports are due to the home office! In December all local council secretaries will receive **local council activity reports** asking councils to detail community service hours and donations raised during the past year. This information is essential to helping UCT maintain its tax-exempt status – and it's mandatory for councils hoping to attain Medal of Honor status.

Also mandatory for the **Medal of Honor program** and just as important to UCT overall are the fraternal and financial reports local and regional council secretaries will receive in February. These reports include **new officers, delegates and alternates to regional and international conventions, and the A-16 and A-21 financial reports.** If your council wants to stay up to speed on what's happening in the world of UCT, returning your new officer reports is essential. If you want your council to continue to function, **YOU MUST** return your financial reports by the deadline dates specified!

If you have questions about any of these reports once you've received them, or if for some reason you don't receive them, contact **Linda Fisher** at lfisher@uct.org or at 800.848.0123 x1130.



Precise Hearing and Ideal Hearing Aids have been in business for over 20 years with the same mission: helping people hear at a price they can afford. As UCT's hearing aid partners, Precise and Ideal Hearing are helping to make the process of addressing hearing loss far more convenient for our members.

Ideal Hearing Aids offers access to their network of 1,000's of local hearing centers. Precise Hearing, which specializes in shipping hearing aids directly to users,

was chosen by one of the "Big 6" manufacturers to participate in their state-of-the-art telecare program, which allows the hearing aid user to have hearing aids fine-tuned and adjusted at home, or at the beach, or at the grandkids' house – wherever it's most convenient.

Exclusive discounts are available for UCT fraternal members as well

as for DVH policyholders. Whether you'd like service in a local hearing center or in the comfort of your home, Precise and Ideal can help you save an average of 40-50 percent on the cost of hearing aids.

For more details, give your patient care coordinator a call at:

U.S. Dental, Vision, and Hearing members: 877.741.5810

All other UCT members: 877.657.7760

Recognize your members with UCT's anniversary awards

Showing appreciation for all that your fellow members do through their fraternal and community service efforts and recognizing longtime members for their many years of service should be a priority for every local council. UCT makes ordering anniversary awards to recognize members who have served UCT for 25, 50, 60 or 75 years simple. Here's how it works:



When a member's anniversary date comes up, UCT automatically sends out at no charge to the local council a 25 year

pin and a congratulatory letter to every individual who has been a member for 25. We notify local council secretaries about 50, 60 and 75 year member anniversaries near the beginning of each month. For these anniversaries we have plaques and pins that your council can purchase and present to members or have shipped directly to members:

- **50 year membership pins are \$27 each, which includes shipping and handling (pin has a 1 pt. diamond)**
- **50, 60 and 75 year membership plaques are \$13 each, including shipping and handling. (plaque is 5 in. x 7 in.)**
- **If you order a 50 year pin and plaque together, the total cost is \$37, which includes shipping and handling.**
- **There are no pins available for 60 or 75 year members**

Orders for plaques and pins are placed on the 15th of each month. If you want to place an order, contact Keith Ward at kward@uct.org or at 502.758.4280 before the 15th of each month to ensure timely delivery. An invoice will be included with the shipment of your merchandise.