

UCT inAction

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Meet the 2015-2016 UCT Board of Governors

The UCT Board of Governors for 2015-2016 was elected and installed during UCT's recent annual convention in Wichita, Kansas. Board members are:

- UCT President – Tom Hoffman, Texas
- UCT Chairman of the Board – David Burt, Ohio
- UCT Vice President – Gordon Woodworth, Nova Scotia
- UCT Secretary-Treasurer – Steve Desselles, Mississippi-Louisiana
- UCT Director – Numan Loafman, Texas
- UCT Director – Chris Phelan, Alberta
- UCT Director – Mary Applegate, Florida
- UCT Board of Governors – Jerry Giff, Ontario
- UCT Board of Governors – Glenn Suever, Michigan
- UCT Chaplain – Thomas "Butch" Liebaert, Wisconsin

In other convention news, outgoing UCT Chairman of the Board Bob Kellogg, outgoing UCT Secretary-Treasurer Jerry Thomas, and outgoing Board Member George Bohn received their Past



A BIG congratulations to UCT'S new Board of Governors members Steve Desselles, Glen Suever, Mary Applegate, and Butch Liebaert, who were elected and installed during the UCT convention in Wichita.

International President honors in Wichita and were recognized for their dedication and service to UCT. Rick Gruszecki was also honored as a Past UCT Chaplain.

Ohio's Rick Gruszecki named Volunteer of the Year

Congrats to Rick Gruszecki of Alliance, Ohio Council 261, who was named the 2015 Volunteer of the Year during the convention! Rick is a driven and devoted UCT member and volunteer who has nearly single-handedly revitalized his local council and created a positive UCT presence in his community. He was recognized for his outstanding service to his local council and community and shared the special moment with his wife Dayle.



Marcia Hoos honored with UCT's Lifetime Achievement Award

Marcia Hoos of Capitol Council 95, Springfield, Illinois, was named the recipient of UCT's Lifetime Achievement Award during our convention. She was recognized for the exceptional volunteer contributions she has made over the years to her community and her dedication to UCT and her local and regional councils. Congratulations, Marcia!



Our 2016 UCT Convention will be held **July 3-6** at the Hyatt Regency in Louisville, Kentucky. We hope to see you all there!

UCT's Kaye Trainer International Capital Campaign gets a boost!

UCT kicked off the second year of our Kaye Trainer International Capital Campaign while in Wichita - and the results were once again fantastic! Thanks to the councils and individuals that donated a total of \$12,500 to purchase skating devices for special hockey teams.

- **George and Elaine Bohn**
- **San Jacinto Council 915, Pasadena, Texas**
- **Mississippi-Louisiana Regional Council**
- **Wisconsin Regional Council**
- **Imperial Guild A.M.O.B.**

The Kaye Trainer is a physical therapy device used in rehabilitation centers worldwide. Originally designed for recovery from traumatic leg/hip injuries or illnesses, special hockey programs have found the device to be the safest way to teach someone how to skate. The positive results for special hockey players using the Kaye Trainer have been unanticipated and appreciated.

The purpose of the capital campaign is to supply every ASHA (American Special Hockey Association) and SHI (Special Hockey International) program with a Kaye Trainer, which includes the suspension and harness. In total,

each device costs \$2,500 including shipping. This is an ongoing campaign until we reach our total campaign goal of \$182,500, or 73 Kaye Trainers. To date, nearly \$43,000 has been raised.



We encourage councils and members to get involved by donating either the full \$2,500, or whatever you can contribute to the total campaign. Each time we receive or reach \$2,500 in donations, we'll order and donate one Kaye Trainer to an ASHA or SHI program. If you or your council donate the full \$2,500 you may choose which ASHA or SHI program will receive the Kaye Trainer through your contribution - and your name will go on our campaign wall of fame plaque at the home office.

Donations can be made online at www.uct.org through PayPal, or checks can be made payable to UCT Charities and mailed to the UCT home office. Thanks for supporting special hockey!

UCT members help Wichita's Rainbows United

UCT is committed to serving communities in the spirit of compassion - and we make sure good causes in and around our convention host cities know that every July. This year the focus was on Wichita's Rainbows United, a program for special needs children and their families.

Members generously contributed boxes of diapers, sippy cups, books, light-up toys, Play-doh, Frisbees, and nearly \$6,000 to support the program, proving once again that UCT is, indeed, where community and compassion unite. Thank you, UCT members!

