

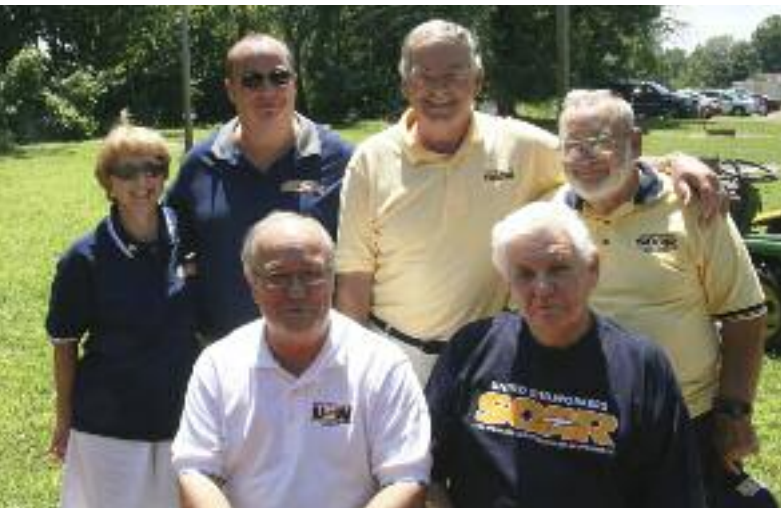


SOAR Director Attends Chapter 28-10 Picnic in Warren, Ohio

August 21, 2008—Pictured left to right: Don Housel, Trustee; Dick Swanson, Treasurer; Larry Kovarik, President; John Halvis, Trustee; and Jim Centner, SOAR Director.

Medicare Beneficiaries Face 12% Hike in 2009 Drug Premiums

According to a report by the Associated Press, the average Medicare Part D beneficiary will face a 12 percent monthly premium increase in 2009. Federal government projections show the cost of standard drug coverage rising \$3, to \$28 each month. The estimate was based on bids from the private insurance companies administering the plans, and the increase is due largely to higher drug costs and a larger number of prescriptions per person, according to Medicare officials. About 17.4 million people are enrolled in Part D plans offering only prescription drug coverage, while an additional 7.6 million pay for coverage through private insurers that provide more comprehensive health benefits.



SOAR Chapter 4-6 Buffalo, NY Holds Annual Picnic

July 25, 2008—Pictured left to right front row: USW District 4 Director, Bill Pienta and Chapter President Ken Blersch. Second row: Diane Pavlik, Chapter Trustee; Jim Centner, SOAR Director; Jim Bickhart, District 4 Executive Board Member; and Calvin Bunnell, District 4 Coordinator.



SOAR Director Joins Dunlop Retirees at Annual Picnic

Tonawanda, NY—July 23—Pictured left to right: Jim Centner, SOAR Director; Jim Bickhart, District 4 Executive Board Member; Tom Boyle, Chapter 4-UR1 President; Jim Fox, Treasurer; and Mark “Spanky” Kurkowski, USW Local 135L President.



SOAR Director Attends Chapter 20-20 Annual Picnic in Aliquippa, PA

August 23, 2008—Pictured left to right: Bud Ohler, Legislative Committee Chair; Jim Centner, Director; Olga Fechushak, Trustee; Bob Jurasko, Vice President; Pat Pudik, Secretary-Treasurer; Casey Pudik, Trustee; Chuck Cumberledge, Trustee; Jane Prajsner, Entertainment Committee Chair; and Marion Prajsner, President.