



# Retired United Airlines Employees Association NEWSLETTER



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**HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD!** As an item of interest, those of you who watched the 77<sup>th</sup> Academy Awards on Feb. 27, this gave you a great view of what you will see when you attend the **RUAEA Convention from May 22-May 29, 2005**. The view of the entrance from the red carpet into the Kodak Theater is what you will see, minus the “glitter”. Also, you probably saw the view of the El Capitan Theater across the street from the Kodak Theater.

On Feb. 11, United Airlines transported 50 Oscars from CHI to LAX, something UA has done for several years. The passengers on board the flight were able to see a “real” Oscar shown by a representative of the R.S. Owens Co. from the CHI area who manufactures the Oscar statuettes every year. Each passenger on the flight was given several mementos commemorating the event. What a wonderful experience! UA came through again!

**Some information regarding ground transportation upon arrival in Los Angeles.** For those of you who will be driving to the Renaissance Hotel for your stay, in & out parking privileges are provided for a fee of \$12 per day. To get this special rate, when you first park, you **MUST** take your parking ticket to the registration desk. As a registered guest, they will exchange it for a special pass that allows you in & out privileges during your stay. The daily cost will be added to your hotel bill at the end of your stay. **SHUTTLE BUS TRANSPORTATION:** From both Los Angeles International & Burbank (Bob Hope Airport) shuttle bus transportation can be obtained from two major shuttle operations. Super Shuttle offers transportation for about \$16 each way per person, & can be contacted by phone at (800) 258-3826. Online reservations can be made at: **WWW.SUPERSHUTTLE.COM**. Also, Prime Time Shuttle offers shuttle bus service from both locations as well. Prime Time Shuttle is offering attendees a special coupon worth \$4 (round trip) off of their regular fare of \$16 each way. The coupon is perforated & one half can be used for each way, reducing the individual fare to \$14. NOTE: These prices DO NOT include gratuities for the driver. To contact Prime Time Shuttle, the phone number is: (800) 733-8267 - or locally in LA (310) 342-7200. To book online the website is: **WWW.PRIMETIMESHUTTLE.COM**.

**We continue to thank (also solicit) the many talented members of RUAEA who donate their art works for the Art Display. This is a labor of love which is well appreciated by all.**

The RUAEA Convention Committee 2005 is **VERY** enthused about this upcoming convention, we look forward to seeing you all there for this event. **What better place to enjoy than the FILM CAPITAL OF THE WORLD!**

**If you have not yet registered for the Convention, please do so as soon as possible. The cutoff date for registration is April 15.** We have a great deal of response thus far, we look forward to this awesome extravaganza - **YOUR HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR!**

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# GENERAL NEWS

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

This month I want to briefly comment about three issues: Current activities at United Airlines; our work in WHQ; & our annual convention & annual meeting in Hollywood.

Negotiations are continuing with the AMFA & IAM in efforts to reach a contractual agreement. Negotiations are continuing with all the unions on the pension issue. Per the bankruptcy court timeframe tentative agreements in all these areas must be reached in April.

Ed Tolle has written an article in this newsletter regarding his role & activities representing retirees at United Airlines.

Our Annual Convention & Annual Meeting is next month in Hollywood. Hal Klobe, assisted by many members of the ReLAXers, have an outstanding convention planned for us. All the details are in the Feb. Newsletter. Sat., May 28 is our Annual Meeting. One of the agenda items is to update our Bylaws reflecting the recent developments in RUAEA. Helen Cauwels, RUAEA Secretary, has detailed the changes in this newsletter. All members present in the Annual Meeting will then vote on them.

Also in this newsletter is a ballot to vote for four Regional Directors. Your Directors & Officers meet two or three times a year conducting the business of RUAEA. They make decisions affecting all of us. This is your opportunity to select the individuals you believe will best represent your interests & concerns. Vote now!

If you have not already registered for the convention & made your hotel reservations, take the time to do it. The convention is next month. I am looking forward to seeing you there, enjoying the activities & camaraderie, hearing your comments, suggestions & ideas.

Marlin Lade  
President - RUAEA

## FROM CORPORATE RELATIONS

In the March 2005 newsletter, Pres., Marlin Lade, referred to me as having established a formal

presence for RUAEA in WHQ, therefore, I thought it might be worthwhile to update our members on who I am, why I am, & my current activities.

I retired & joined RUAEA 2 years ago after 30 years with United Airlines, all in EXO, now WHQ. I was recruited from EXXON in 1972 as United's Petroleum Administration Director. Before EXXON, there was petroleum engineering/geology school & several years as an Air Force pilot. I also held United jobs as Assistant to the Pres. (Percy Wood), President Fuel Trading Co., Director Charter Operations, V.P. Marketing Operations & Director Corporate Travel.

I took on this new liaison position because of my interest in what RUAEA is doing, my continued interest & support of United Airlines. In retirement I am with a small firm located a scant 5 miles from WHQ in Arlington Heights, which is readily accessible to the corporate office. In addition, when this position was developed, the Pres. & Executive V.P. were located in AZ & FL & needed a local gopher to work with the company.

My activities are basically twofold: viz., assist RUAEA leadership in representing the interests & concerns as to policies & benefits to United's senior management & explore ways to assist the company in its recovery efforts. Secondly, to elicit responses from the company to specific retiree problems when individuals have been unable to get answers.

As an example in the first case, at the company's request, we provided a dozen or so retirees to testify in CHI suburbia in support of the ORD expansion. As to the second activity, we pursue retiree questions concerning travel, insurance & other retiree benefits with the appropriate principal at United. The answers I receive are not always what the retiree wants to hear, but we do get an audience, also a response.

There are several local retirees who assist me as needed, however, our time is not unlimited. When a retiree is unable to get a response or answer to a problem or issue he/she has by going through normal channels, let us know. We are here to assist in these matters.

I am pleased to report that Glenn Tilton & Sara Fields have been responsive to our efforts. They listen to our inputs, suggestions & welcome our assistance in supporting the company as we continue through the bankruptcy labyrinth. No

surprise here, when you have 12,000 experienced & knowledgeable people wanting to assist in pursuing a mutually beneficial goal ... Grab 'em!

Ed Tolle

### **RUAEA WEBSITE MILESTONE**

An important milestone was reached for the RUAEA Website on Feb. 28, 2005. The 1 Millionth visitor accessed the website on that day.

The RUAEA website was established in 2002. It currently has approximately 1,620 members & averages between 400 to 1,000 customers every day.

The website has many features. Most notable is the RUAEA Newsletter in both a single column & double column format available for website member viewing. It also has the past 12 months of Newsletters available for viewing as well. Other notable features include information pertaining to Retiree pension, medical & United's ongoing bankruptcy.

The website also contains numerous links to other items of interest concerning United retirees. They range from United Airlines Intranet, AARP, the UAL Historical Society, & UAL Corporate Headlines.

Please visit the website & enjoy its many features which are available to you.

Sincerely,

Jim Sommerfield & Bob Kalicki  
RUAEA Website Managers

### **BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS**

Following are the proposed additions, deletions and changes to the RUAEA By-laws

The deletions will be shown as an *"italic"*, changes and additions will be shown within quotation marks " ", bold print and underlined. As stated in the By-laws Article XII, amendment of these By-laws must be publicized in the Newsletter at least thirty (30) days prior to voting by the membership at the Annual Meeting. All members present at the Annual Meeting in Hollywood, California on May 28, 2005 will vote on these changes

### **ARTICLE II PURPOSE**

The purpose of this organization is *social*, to maintain the friendships and associations of its Members, *Additionally, the Association shall function as an information source between United Airlines and the RUAEA membership on such matters as pensions, insurance, and passes.* **"and be a proactive voice of United Airlines Retirees' interest, issues and causes."**

### **ARTICLE VII OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

#### **Section 1 Board of Directors**

**"Appointed Membership/Support Manager and Newsletter Manager"** will also be members of the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 4 Executive Vice President (Elected)**

The Executive Vice President is responsible for all RUAEA office management functions including Newsletter publication and membership activities through the *Office Manager* **"Membership/Support and Newsletter Managers."**

*The Executive Vice President shall provide guidance and direction to the Vice President – Convention insofar as convention planning, convention site selection, and convention activities are concerned.*

#### **Section 11 Assistant Vice President – Conventions (Appointed)**

Assistant Vice President – Conventions shall assist the Vice President – Conventions in all matters, performing such duties as the Vice President – Conventions may assign and *serving* **"(serve)"** as Vice President – Conventions in the latter's absence. **"Appointed by the President with advice and consent of the Board."**

#### **Section 12 Office Managers " (Membership/Support Manager)" (Appointed)**

*The Office Manager* **"Membership/Support Manager"** will be responsible to the Executive Vice President for *all* RUAEA membership activities," **automation support and Website functions.** *"including, membership activities and Newsletter publication and distribution.* **"Appointed by the President with advice and consent of the Board."**

#### **"Section 13 Newsletter Manager (appointed)"**

“ Newsletter Manager will report to the Executive Vice President for all Newsletter management functions, including publishing and distribution. Act as RUAEA Registered Agent to the State of Colorado. Appointed by the President with advice and consent of the Board.  
“

“Section 14 Website Managers” (appointed)”  
“Website Managers act as consultants overseeing the RUAEA Website format, contents, activities and operation. They act to oversee and coordinate activities between the Website hosts and the RUAEA office. They develop and maintain Website policies and procedures. Appointed by the President with advice and consent of the Board. They will report to the Executive Vice President.”

“Section 15 Corporate Relations (appointed)”  
“The person responsible for Corporate Relations, will be the liaison between United Airlines and RUAEA and will establish a close tie at the corporate level regarding retiree matters. Will provide information as to decisions that may affect RUAEA members and their benefits. This representative will be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Board, and report to the President.”

“Section 16 United Airlines Historical Foundation  
“The United Airlines Historical Foundation will be independent of RUAEA.  
The Purpose of the UAHF is dedicated to;  
“Preserving the Past, Inspiring the Future”,  
provide scholarships and maintain a collection of historic memorabilia.  
The President of RUAEA and the President of UAHF will sit on both boards to foster communications and cooperation.”

## ARTICLE VIII TERM OF OFFICE

The term of office for all officers and directors shall be two (2) years and thereafter, until their successors are installed in an effort to maintain experience and continuity, no more than five (5) Regional Directors will be elected in any one

“(single)” year.

## ARTICLE IX ELECTIONS

### Section 1 Elections

Officers and directors candidates selected by the Nominating Committee would be published in the RUAEA Newsletter at least *thirty (30)* “(sixty (60))” days prior to the convention.

## ARTICLE X STANDING COMMITTEES

### Section 1 Nominating Committee

The names and offices of the candidates shall be published in the Newsletter at least thirty (30) “sixty (60)” days prior to the election.

### Section 2 Audit Committee

There shall be an Audit Committee” of three (3)”  
*to conduct audits of the Association and convention financial records, assure adequacy of funds and suggest controls necessary to safeguard the Association funds and property. The Treasurer will always be a member of this committee “for a period of two (2) years to conduct audits of the Association and Convention financial records and the Denver Office systems and procedures to assure adequacy of controls necessary to safeguard Association funds, property and records.*

The committee will also tally the results of the annual elections of Officers and Directors.

The Treasurer will always be a member of the Committee. Except for the Treasurer, the chairman and the members will be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Board.”

*Audit Chairperson (Appointed)*

*The audit chairperson of the National Association of RUAEA has three (four) primary duties:*

*Annual election of officers/directors:*

*It shall be the responsibility of the Audit Chairperson to select the location to where the ballots will be mailed and advise the Past President of the address thereof; to collect and count those ballots with the help of the other member(s) of the Audit committee; to inform the Past President of the results and to dispose of the ballots once the election is over*

*Audit the annual convention:*

*. It shall be the responsibility of the audit*

*chairperson to plan the audit of the (each) convention in accordance with the requirements of the Policy and Procedures Manual; to review the plan with the other member(s) of the Audit Committee; to supervise the audit; to communicate appropriately with the Convention Vice President, Convention Chairperson and Convention Treasurer; to prepare a report of the findings of the Audit Committee and to distribute this report to, the three convention officers mentioned above, prior to the meeting of the Board of Directors that follows the convention*

***Audit the National Association:***

*It shall be the responsibility of the Audit Chairperson to plan the (an annual) audit, in accordance with the requirements of the Policy and Procedures Manual, of the annual financial reports of the National Association that have been prepared by the Treasurer in January of each year.; to review the plan with the other member(s) of the Audit Committee; to supervise, and participate in the Audit; to communicate appropriately with the Treasurer; prepare a report of the findings of the Audit Committee and to distribute this report to the President and the Treasurer ( and the Audit Committee members) in time for the March meeting of the Board of Directors. ( Board of Directors to review it prior to the annual meeting.)*

**Section 3 Executive Committee**

*.The appointed Office Manager is also a member of the Executive Committee*

Respectfully submitted

Helen Cauwels  
RUAEA Secretary

**NRSA TRAVEL REMINDERS**

- ❖ NRSA travelers should use EasyCheck-in units, online check-in or airport curbside check-in. Also, provide eligible travelers & companions with your file number & encourage them to use EasyCheck-in options. Keep in mind that non-revenue travelers cannot check in for more than one flight to the same destination on the same day, or the multiple check-in records will be cancelled.

- ❖ On Jan. 6, United began charging 5 dollars per alcoholic beverage in United Economy on all United-operated flights in the Atlantic, Central America, South America, Mexico & Caribbean markets. This change allows United to generate revenue while remaining competitive with other U.S. carriers, most of which charge for alcoholic beverages in economy-class cabins in these markets.
- ❖ Companions should not be listed in United First ® on three-cabin international flights unless the employee is accompanying the companion; companions may be listed in United Business only.

**TED FLEET PLANS TO GROW BY 20%**

Ted plans to expand its fleet by 20% in 2005, converting 9 mainline aircraft to the Ted configuration. Consistent with the Ted strategy, United intends to increase Ted service later this year from our DEN, Washington Dulles & CHI hubs to markets in FL, Mexico & the Caribbean. Specific routes will be announced at a later date.

Ted plans to expand its fleet of Airbus 320 aircraft from 47 to 56 to provide additional service. The new Ted service will represent a reallocation of resources & does not mean that United is adding new aircraft to our fleet for this service.

In its first year, Ted carried more than seven million passengers, with a load factor greater than 80% for 2004. Daily flights have increased from 20 flights per day last Feb. to more than 200 each day now. Ted carries more than 27,000 customers each day to 16 destinations.

**UNITED EXPANDS SERVICE TO MUNICH**

As part of United's international expansion strategy, the company will launch a daily nonstop flight between CHI O'Hare & Munich, beginning June 7, 2005.

Flight 906 will depart CHI O'Hare at 5:50 p.m. on June 7 & arrive in Munich at 9:50 a.m. the next day. On June 8, Flight 907 begins operating from Munich at 3:20 p.m. with an arrival time in CHI at 6:15 p.m. the same day. United will operate the flights with a Boeing 767 aircraft that seats 193 passengers -- 10 in United First, 32 in United Business, 151 in United Economy, including 71 in the United Economy Plus.

The new service is in addition to United's existing daily flight between Washington Dulles & Munich. United also serves Frankfurt, Germany, with daily nonstop flights from CHI & Washington Dulles, plus one daily nonstop from SFO.

### **ADELE FISHLER RESIGNS**

Adele Fishler joined RUAEA as a Membership secretary Jan. 2003 & has done an excellent job in this capacity. We are going to miss her in the office with her beautiful smile & infectious laugh. Adele is resigning to pursue other interests. Thank you, Adele, for all your help during the past two years.

RUAEA Office Staff

### **NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS**

Chapter reports for May are due in DEN by Wed. 4/6, June reports by 5/6, July reports by 6/6. Reports may be sent by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667 - Attention - Jo Madden. Reports may also be sent by e-mail [RUAEA@aol.com](mailto:RUAEA@aol.com). Please list Chapter name at top of each page. If sent by US Mail, address to Jo Madden, Newsletter Editor, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO - 80207-2433. Allow for postal delay.

### **SPECIAL NOTICE**

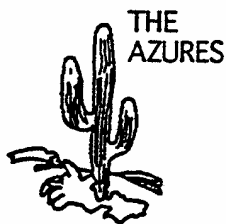
During the RUAEA Convention in Los Angeles - Hollywood, Chapter Correspondents meeting will be held Fri. May 27, 7:00AM - 10:00AM in the Franklin Hills Room. Continental breakfast will be served. All Correspondents are invited to attend. If regular Correspondent cannot attend, please appoint an alternate. It is necessary for you to RSVP to me prior to the Convention as we MUST give an accurate count of attendees. Please drop me a note, postcard, FAX or e-mail no later than May 20. We will have a check-in sheet at the door. If we do not receive a definite RSVP from you we will NOT be able to serve you breakfast. Thank you for your cooperation.

See you in Hollywood.

Jo Madden  
Newsletter Editor

## **LOCAL NEWS**

### **ARIZONA**



THE  
AZURES

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Breakfast at Coco's & Mimi's had 17 folks at each meeting. It is so good to see all of you getting out & networking.

For those of you who are NOT on the regulars list & plan to attend the breakfast meetings at Coco's or Mimi's, you must call in advance. Call Pat Butkiewicz before 5:00pm Mon. prior to the breakfast, her number is 623 935-9235.

The new Azures South breakfast was smaller than the start off in Jan.; however, we hope that you "southwesterners" are going to keep meeting as the year progresses. The Azure South group will continue to meet on the second Tuesday of each month. The site is Mimi's Cafe near Lowe's & I-10 on Dysart in Pebble Creek. Contact Pat Butkiewicz (Mon. by 5pm) at the above phone number, as she will be coordinating both breakfast lists.

Our Feb. 12 luncheon at the Union Hills Country Club was great. We had 58 folks in attendance; a few missed it because of illness & we hope they are doing well. It was good to see Evie Callahan back and looking so good. She recently had heart surgery & an emergency appendectomy. Jennifer Bechtold (granddaughter) of Jim & Marlene was a guest. She was visiting from TUS where she is a student at the University of Arizona. A motion carried to donate \$360 to the Phoenix Fantasy Flight for 2005. These were the proceeds from last month's white elephant raffle.

Feb. 26 the Azures went to Turf Paradise racetrack with 40 in attendance. Everyone had great seating, good food, & lots of fun. Thanks to Alan Wessa for all his help in planning, organizing, & sponsoring this event. We look forward to doing it again in the fall or spring.

The following folk have self-nominated themselves for next year's officers:



Jim Bechtold – President  
Jean Kerman – Vice President  
Ginny Weiler-Meyer – Treasurer  
Sherry Muoio – Correspondent  
Pat Paulson – Sunshine person

If you are interested in nominating yourself or another Azure Member (for any of these positions) please give this information to one of the current officers as soon as possible.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Bob Lutzinger who is having knee surgery & to Elsie Dikeman who is having back surgery.

#### Calendar

**April 9** - End-of-the-year cookout at Luke Air Force Base - Officers Club, 11:00 am cocktails, 12:00 n luncheon

Breakfast meetings:

**April 12** - Azures North - Coco's

**April 12** - Azures South - Mimi's

**April 26** - Azures North - Coco's

#### PHOENIX RE-UNITEDS

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#### PHOENIX METRO



about the convention advising members to make their reservations at the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel early by calling the hotel direct.

The Chapter welcomed new members: Cecilia Alasko, Pam Gerston, & Joe Johnson.

On Mar. 3, 48 Re-United members enjoyed wonderful Polish selections at Na Zdrowie Restaurant; meeting was hosted by Herb Falk & Tony Ribiero.

Skip Ward reminded us that our monthly meetings will be scheduled the 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of each month, the breakfast meetings will be scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of the month. The next meeting will be our annual picnic on April 13. You will be receiving email notification & are asked to RSVP by April 5.

Jeanette Kastecki joined the group as a new member. Eldon Miller was back with us, looking wonderful after recuperating from bypass surgery.

#### ARKANSAS

##### The Naturals



##### THE 'NATURALS'

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The Re-United's Feb. Valentine's luncheon, hosted by Bonnie & Jim Fauber, was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> at the Ocotillo Country Club.

Jim Fauber reported that the recent new membership letters resulted in 2638 new members bringing the membership to 12,676 members. He reminded us to sign up for the online newsletter (a saving of \$1 per member) to reduce costs for the organization. Currently, there are only 1523 website members. He also reported that Clay Lacy, retired pilot donated \$8,000 to be put towards covering the costs involved with having Barb Hanson continue to work as Archives Manager over the next few months. UA has advised that this position might be restored after bankruptcy.

Gordon Starr, RUAEA Director of the Southwest Region was our guest & spoke about the upcoming RUAEA Convention in LAX-Hollywood. It promises to be an exciting venue with dinners prepared by Wolfgang Puck plus many exciting events. Bub Hubbard also spoke

On Feb. 17 eleven "Naturals" gathered for dinner at the Red Lobster, hosted by Ken Skare. Our numbers were down because of traveling & some of us were "under the weather." All present had good conversation & a great dinner.

Marguerite Arras (Mrs. Bill) left AR for Boulder, CO and entered an independent living facility near her son & his family. We were sorry to see her leave; wish her God Speed.

The next meeting will be in April - details later.

#### CALIFORNIA

##### CENTRAL COASTERS

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Bob & Pat Wagner hosted the Feb. luncheon at

the Moose Lodge in Pismo Beach, with beautiful Valentine decorations & a lovely view of the ocean. There were 24 members & 2 guests present. Bob & Pat brought their friend, Freddie Fredlund, Bob & Marcia Stanger brought his mother, Isabelle, who is our favorite & regular guest. Our Regional Director, Bob Owens, had planned to attend but last minute appointments kept him away.

Betty Rupp was continuing her recovery from a bout with pneumonia. We hope to see you both in the near future. V.P. John Stilwell led a discussion regarding the upcoming RUAEA Convention in Hollywood. Our 2 guests won the special gifts donated by the Wagners. Thank you, Bob & Pat, for a great job.

The April 20 luncheon meeting will be hosted by Bill & Dana Noyes (805) 964-9057, at the Elephant Bar & Grill in Goleta. Details will be in flyer.

For Chapter info, contact Pres. Bob Stanger (805) 929-2901



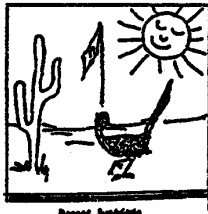
### **BRAZEN RAISINS**

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The Brazen Raisins' March 2005 meeting was hosted by Jean & Bud Garcia with Easter decorations. Robert Frost read some interesting facts of things that happened during the years 1923 to 1945; this inspired various conversations about situations and/or experiences with planes. There was a brief discussion about the RUAEA Convention in Hollywood in May. Everyone had a good time & went home happy!

### **DESERT SUNBIRDS**

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The Desert Sunbirds met Feb. 9 at Oceans restaurant in Cathedral City. We had 33 in attendance (down from expected 45). Some people

got so lost they were never found! So many streets blocked off with no detour sign. Ray & Flo Silvestri and Jim Clapper gave up trying I hear.

Was nice to see the Rotellas back with us. Guests were Bob & Marion Owens and Marlin and Marilyn Lade. Marlin gave a nice talk on RUAEA & UAL.

We have two new members: Kathy Thorne & Beverly Seaton that we welcomed to the chapter. Good thing because the group is about to throw me out for winning the 50/50 two months in a row!

I seem to be back as Correspondent so you'll be reading me for a long time, I guess. It's a real job for some people.

### **Calendar:**

**April 13** – We meet at the Desert Island Country Club - hosted by Sandy Sereno.  
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### **SACRAMENTO**



### **THE SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS**

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A great day for a lunch! The sun was shining & no rain in sight. The lunch was held at the Aviator's club at the Sacramento Executive Airport with 130 members & guests present. This was the Past Pres. lunch; there were 12 past presidents in attendance. Each Pres. was asked to give a short speech about their tenure in office. There were also some past Pres. that were not in attendance which were recognized for their contribution to the chapter.

There were 6 new members. Each new member was introduced to the Membership & asked to discuss their employment with United. They are:

Edward & Lindalee Akin SFOFO  
Dan Bonetti SFOJZ  
Vivian De Jesus OAKAZ  
Don & Sue Hamilton OAKRN  
Diana & Gary Hauf  
Don & Doreen Travnicsek SFODE

We also welcomed guests of members, Dick & Vi Robinson are celebrating 58 years together. Wonderful!



Treas. Judie King reported that we had \$1838.38 in the checking account. \$206.00 was received from the raffle. The number of items for the raffle was very LARGE!

Secy. Bob Sample stated that he was glad to be back after heart surgery. RUAEA Regional Director Bob Cuff invited everyone to attend the Convention in May. Special deals on hotel rooms; \$99 per night vs \$250 (regular room rate!).

## **REDWOOD EMPIRE** **RETIREES**

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The Feb. meeting of Redwood Empire Retirees was held at Rooster Grill in Petaluma. Members & guests enjoyed an Italian Buffet. Pres. Les Carey called the meeting to order. Thanks were given to Ron & Joanne Huhn for arranging an excellent lunch also for great Valentine decorations.

V.P. Norm Burnett introduced our many guests; welcome & please come again.

Norm is still looking for hosts for June, Sept. & Oct. He announced that Quail Inn in Oakmont had contacted RER to advise that their schedule was filling quickly & they would like to accommodate us for a luncheon. Norm advised that he had contacted the Marriott Courtyard Hotel; it is all right for us to park there for the meeting at La Gare.

Les asked for those members who have e-mail addresses & have not given them to the Secy. (me) also those who have changed their address recently, to please send them to me. My e-mail address is above.

Howard Payne, our RUAEA Area Director reported he had been to a Directors meeting in Hollywood at the Renaissance Hotel, site of this year's convention; it is a beautiful hotel. The Feb. RUAEA Newsletter has more information about the convention.

He also gave a new phone number for the PDX Travel Desk, 1-888-278-7038. RUAEA has received many new retiree members recently. Howard is Pres. of the East Bay El Diablos & a member of Redwood Empire Retirees.

Treas. Oscar Chambers reported that RER is still solvent.

Sunshine Lady, Verda Burr, announced the Feb. birthdays, Norm Burnett was the winner of the free luncheon. There are 7 anniversaries this month. RER received correspondence from the Citaras who could not be at this meeting but are planning to attend next month. Betty Boehme is having difficulty getting around & will renew her membership for one more year. Howard Zumsted has reluctantly decided to terminate his membership because of transportation difficulties. A card was sent to Kay Casterline who is undergoing medical tests.

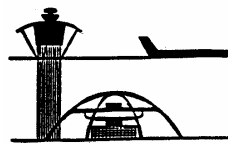
The Pres.'s thought for the Month is WORDS ARE LIKE MEDICINE: THEY SHOULD BE MEASURED WITH CARE, AN OVERDOSE MAY HURT.

## **Calendar:**

**April 14** – Meeting - TBA

## **Re-LAX-ers**

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Per the IAM March news flyer, ReLAXer member Tom Baker passed away at age of 61. I don't have details of next of kin, but his address is 450 21<sup>st</sup> St., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. I received this from Ray Ginocchio at 310-676-8634, so perhaps he can fill you in if you want more info. Ray also reported that Kay & George Marinoff have been having health problems for quite awhile; Kay reported that after surgery George is improving, which is good news indeed. Card him at 5027 Emeral St., Torrance, CA 90503.

HAPPY - BELATED - BIRTHDAY TO Barbara "Goodie" Harsell (ret. from LAXTR) whose birthday was Mar. 17. We're sorry not to have this info on hand for the last issue. Barb is a permanent resident of a nursing home as the result of a debilitating stroke she suffered a few years ago. Jackie Hills & Marian Barnett are her caregivers, business managers, visitors (she has too few), mailmen, etc. If you remember Goodie, send her a belated card c/o Hills & Barnett, 1613 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. It would make her

very, very happy!

**CONVENTION NEWS & HELP NEEDED:**

As I find out about tours you've booked, I have asked various folks for assistance in being "escorts" on the tours which they plan to take. The escort merely makes sure that the same number of folks get on a bus after each stop as got on at the hotel. Give a call or email (please use [RUAEA05barb@aol.com](mailto:RUAEA05barb@aol.com)) if interested.

**PALM SPRINGS SOLD OUT ... BUT WE NOW HAVE A 2<sup>nd</sup> BUS ...!!... CALL OR EMAIL TO BOOK, I'LL TELL YOU HOW/WHEN/WHERE TO PAY. (Tour #1, \$85)**

**WEATHER IN MAY:** Who knows, the way it's been pouring this year. We usually call these weeks "May Gray" & "June Gloom" (lots of overcast), but we aren't so sure this year. Come prepared. Read Jim Ferrance's Publicity information as to how to check out the weather. Also to check out [WWW.RUAEA.ORG](http://WWW.RUAEA.ORG) for more hints. Keep in mind that Hollywood is VERY casual. You'll see tourists in shorts & newly purchased wild tee shirts -- Hollywood Hi kids in very inventive attire - not too many street people fortunately -- on a rare occasion, someone in a suit.

Remember a couple of our tours involve small boats. Small boats & shoes with heels, (even slight heels) do not go together at all. If you are going on the Lane Victory/Queen Mary tour/lunch flat shoes are a must. The Gondola Getaway involves real gondolas. Now, when was the last time you were in Venice? You didn't wear heels in those gondolas, did you? Of course not. Same deal here.

A word about the tour of the wonderful Lane Victory & of the Queen Mary tour & lunch. Despite our difficulties with the Q.M. hotel arrangements, keep in mind that the tour department & the catering department are quite separate from the hotel operation, so don't let our bad experiences influence your choice on this very nice tour. (You wouldn't have asked a chef in the Flight Kitchen to help you with a reservation, would you?)

Convention deadline is close at hand by the time you receive this. If you have had to postpone booking & find it's past that deadline, give us a call, we'll try to help.

**Calendar:**

**April 14** – Luncheon

**May 22 - 29** – HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD

**June 9** - Luncheon

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Dorothy & Don Reuszer greeted our guests & members at our Feb. meeting. Membership Secy. Carol Walter introduced our guests & 5 new members. Our new members are: John & Faith Burgess, Bob & Belinda Sims & John Sullivan. Our guests included Western Regional Director Howard Payne & his wife Jo. Treas. Gene Walter reported that 589 members had renewed their membership & that today was the last day to renew if you want your name in the Roster. You can still renew, we hope you do, but your name won't be in our Roster for this year.

We received notes, with their dues, from Glenn Jorgensen & Ruth Fink's family. I am sorry to report that they are both having some health problems & are not able to attend our meetings. We were glad to see Elenor Lindquist, who had complications from cataract surgery & 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. Tony Hutt who had a bout with pneumonia.

Airport Volunteer, Ernie Bloom gave a report on what's new at the airport. He told us that United's food court on Concourse F is not yet open but there are places to get a bite to eat, although the UAL Employees' Cafeteria is now closed. Security is tight. When you go through security Ernie suggested you put the things that you keep in your pockets in a plastic bag. It saves time when you put the plastic bag in one of the trays instead of having everything loose, plus you are not as likely to leave anything behind.

We were happy to have Western Regional Director, Howard Payne with us today. He told us a little about what is going on with UAL. Howard said that 150 pilots are being recalled & UAL is expanding flights to Asia. TED has been very successful.

Our program this month was very interesting. Robert Parsons, Outreach Advocate for Stanford Neuroscience Institute, spoke on strokes & the

importance on recognizing them. He stressed that if you, or someone you know, have sudden weakness, numbness or paralysis of the face, arm or leg; trouble speaking or understanding language; sudden vision loss, especially in only one eye; sudden, severe headache; unexplained dizziness, loss of balance or coordination; then call 911 immediately. It is very important to receive medical attention within a 1 to 3 hour treatment window. Your chance of recovery is very good if you seek help right away. Don't procrastinate.

Travel info: This must be the year for cruises since we have at least 4 in the works right now. Ginger Dahlberg still has space on the Baltic Cruise including Copenhagen, Stockholm, St Petersburg & more on Sept. 2 - 12, 2005. Ginger is also planning a 7-day cruise from Seattle to Princess Louisa leaving June 20, 2005. Contact Ginger at 650-224-1865 or email [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com) if you are interested or would like more information.

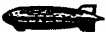
Betty Garner has a Mexican Riviera Princess Cruise planned Oct. 1-11, 2005 leaving from SFO. Do you have plans for New Years? How about New Years aboard the Mississippi Queen, roundtrip from New Orleans, Dec. 26, 2005 - Jan. 2, 2006? If you want more info on these trips contact Betty Garner at 650-355-4195.

#### Calendar:

Singles Club: 1<sup>st</sup> Mon. each month, Crystal Springs United Methodist Church, 2145 Bunker Hill Dr., San Mateo, CA. Pres. Ellen Pearce - (650) 593-7328.

Retirees General Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Mon. each month, business meeting 11:30 AM at the Wm. Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

**SFO/SJC**



**SOUTH BAY RETIREES**

#### **SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

##### **SFO/SJC SOUTHBAY**

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Our group is continuing strong; attendance has been good. We welcomed several visitors who subsequently became members: Sam Cramb, retired UA pilot, Barry Grivett, retired SFO R&E

Mechanic; and Ben & Cherie Scales (Ben retired from SFO Ramp). We are happy that they have joined our group; hope to see them often.

Also welcomed back to our meeting were Clyde & Jean Jenkins, Lou & Jean Marcolina, and Bob & Karen Devlin.

Visitors this month were former members Lucille & Les Bourquoin from Watsonville; also Zelma & Rosie Rosenthal, who are now living in LAS. It is always wonderful to see our former members; hope they will continue to stop by when they are in the area.

Several of our members who had been very ill are continuing to progress. Elaine Kristen is coming along in her therapy. Dwayne Howze is continuing to improve. We hope to see both Dwayne and Elaine at our Spring Luncheon in March. Delores Burda has finished her chemo. Don Burda was to have rotator cuff surgery in Feb. Fred Parkin was in the hospital with broken ribs, now home. Pete Bilsch broke his wrist. Vi Mattscheck is recovering from a fall. Barbara Ferrell had 3 surgeries in Feb., her prognosis is now good. We wish all of them well, hope to see them back here soon.

Joanne Currier is having hospice - she has our wishes & our prayers.

We have made new plans for our annual food drive - collections of food for the Salvation Army, conducted by Bob & Ruie Bradley - in the past held in Dec. Since there are so many other collection drives & activities in Dec., our group has decided to hold the food drive in Nov. This would give us an opportunity to contribute more to this worthy cause. We will probably be collecting food for the few weeks prior to Thanksgiving.

We have a couple of trips to report: Bob & Ruie Bradley went to Maui for the wedding of Ruie's great niece. Marian Swanson & her daughter Gloria went to LAS for the wedding of Marian's great niece. Lois & Alice Rostirolla went to New Orleans, took a Mississippi river cruise on the Delta Queen; had a great time. This cruise was a great bargain for airline employees. If anyone would like more information, contact Alice, phone number above.

I would like to advise people that the start time of our breakfast meeting on Fridays has been moved up half an hour. Many of our members were arriving early; those who wish, can meet there

at 7:00. The actual meeting, as always, will begin at 8:20.

Hope to see you there.

#### Calendar:

Weekly breakfast meeting Fri. mornings at Holder's Country Inn, 988 DeAnza Blvd. (across from Home Depot), San Jose, CA. Breakfast starts at 7:00 am, meeting convenes at 8:30 am. We welcome all retirees to join us. Please contact our Pres. Garver Sandy (408) 262-1548, for more information.

#### SAN JOAQUINERS

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It is my sad duty to report the passing of William J. Dixon on Feb. 13, 2005, leaving a huge void in his family: a wife, 2 grown children, 2 granddaughters.

Bill was hired by United Airlines 10/20/30. They could not have acquired a more loyal, conscientious employee. His seniority was well known over the system.

So now it is "flying west" for Bill. God speed!!

#### UA-LOS DIABLOS

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The Los Diablos held their Feb. meeting on the 13th with 38 members & guests. It was good to see Sue Donner back. Jeff Olson (SFOCS) flew in from his home in MCO. We have a new member, Carol Barnes (VLORR).

Vilma & Sam, the founders of our Chapter, both celebrated Birthdays. Adeline Lee was the lucky winner of our 50/50, 3 other lucky people won boxes of candy in honor of Valentine's Day.

Pres. Howard Payne & his wife just returned from a RUAEA Board Meeting trip in LAX. They toured the Renaissance Hotel in Hollywood where we will be holding the Convention May 22-29. We

encourage everyone to attend. The Newsletter has lots of information each month on the activities offered.

Under new business, Howard brought up the idea of perhaps having a brunch buffet, rather than our lunch. It would be at the same time & same location. You might want to drop him an email or note to let him know what you think. Just a reminder than our annual picnic will be on June 12 at the same location. We will be catering this year, so bring your ideas as to menu in the next few meetings.

#### Calendar:

**April 11, May 9, June 13** – We meet at Marie Callender's Restaurant in Concord the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. of each month. Social time from 11:30 to 12:00 – Lunch & business matters from 12:00 on. No need for reservations.

#### COLORADO

#### DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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45 Mile Highers & guests enjoyed breakfast Mar. 2 at Park Hill Golf Course. 1<sup>st</sup> timers: Del Mortensen, retired from SFOMM & Ike Eichelberger who worked in many UAL stations before retiring.

Chuck Thomas retired from DENTK brought a guest, Ward Stryker. Tom Goodyear interviewed Ward; he was born in Arkansas City in 1912. In his early teens his father took him to an airfield where there were some World War One surplus "Jennys", Ward had his first airplane ride. He worked for Swallow Airplane Co. 1927-28 as a wing builder. Went to work for Cessna as a rib builder in 1929. Moved to Burbank, CA 1939 - worked as a section supervisor for Vega Airplane Co. Vega merged with Lockheed Aircraft Co. He stayed with Lockheed until 1946 - moved to Beulah, CO, which is outside Pueblo, CO, where he was very successful selling paint (to quote Ward!)

Tom Goodyear's guest was Don Jiska, retired from WHQ & past Pres. of UAL Historical Foundation.

Judy & Pat Brankin, retired from DENFO, were 1<sup>st</sup> timers at the 3/5 Newsletter mailing. Herb Johnson, retired from DENTK, baked & provided the delicious brownies, which were decorated with green shamrocks, for the Mailing Team's "goodies". Thanks, Herb.

Howard Fluegel's wife, Elaine, recently had surgery; is now home. Address - 8674 W. 84<sup>th</sup> Circle, Arvada, CO 80005.

Pearl Shafron's husband, John, had surgery, now recuperating at home. Address - 8184 E. Mineral Dr., Evergreen, CO 80112-3304. Cards/notes would be very welcome.

Mary Lou Dillner is still recuperating in a Care Center. She enjoys receiving cards & notes. Let's have a card shower for her; address - c/o Porter Place, 1001 E. Yale - Apt. 412, Denver, CO 80210.

If you know of our members who are not well, please call "Sunshine Lady" - Carol Lippencott, (303) 770-6128.

Spring Luncheon - April 13 - Indian Tree Golf Course. March Newsletter listed an incorrect address - 7555 Wadsworth Blvd., Arvada, CO. Social hour 11:00AM - Lunch 12 noon. Wine \$4, Beer \$1.50, Bloody Marys \$5. Menu choices - Top Round of Beef, baked potato, vegetable, salad, rolls, dessert, coffee/tea - \$11 all inclusive OR Baked Cornish hen, garlic mashed potatoes, salad, vegetable, rolls, dessert, coffee/tea - \$11. List menu choice on check (include your file number). Send to Harriet Ahr, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211-1354. Phone (303) 477-2918. Cutoff date - April 4.

#### Calendar:

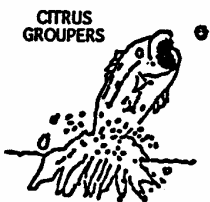
Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> Wed each month, 8:00 AM, Park Hill Golf Course, 35<sup>th</sup> & Colorado Blvd. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, (303) 696-7001.

**April 13** – Spring Luncheon - Details in column

### FLORIDA

#### CITRUS GROUPERS

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The Citrus Groupers met on Feb. 24 at the International Buffet in Leesburg, with 28 members & guests in attendance. Jack & Edith Hellermann graced us with their presence. Jack had a hip replacement, now doing well; they will stay until the end of March & then return to New York.

We were happy to see Betty Smith who had been in the hospital with heart problems. She came with her lovely daughter, who was staying with her. They were brought by her trusty driver, Jeanne (never gets lost) Albright.

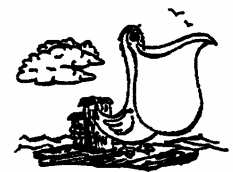
#### Calendar:

**April 28** – White Swan Café, 5000 N US Hwy 27, Ocala Palms, by the 49<sup>th</sup> Av. in Ocala - 11:30AM

### SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

#### PELICAN DROP-INS

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27 Pelican Drop-Ins enjoyed a delicious lunch at beautiful Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club on Mar. 4. Carol Obermeier, manager of Aviation Market Development of Lee County Port Authority, spoke to us about the development of Southwest Regional International Airport (RSW). The growth in demand since the airport first opened in 1983 has been phenomenal, reaching capacity in 1988. The new terminal complex will open in June of this year. The public will be invited to an open house without security on May 15. There will be access to all areas of the complex.

There will be no luncheon meeting in May. Instead we are planning to attend the open house of the new terminal. We are inviting all United retirees in the area to join us at the United ticket counter in the new terminal at 1:30PM on Sun. May 15. We will then tour the new terminal as a group.

Arleen Walton has colon cancer and has just started chemotherapy and it will last for several months. Arleen is the wife of Harry Walton, Southeast Regional Director of RUAEA. Please keep Arleen in your prayers.



Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> Fri. of Month - Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (Oct. - May) - Guests are welcome ... but reservations must be made.

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant (June - Sept.)

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**THE SAND DOLLARS**

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Feb. 10, our group met at the Bluewater Grill & Tavern for our monthly luncheon. We had 40 people attend, among them Frank & Pat Kelly, and Art & Dottie Childs. Nyla Wiehe brought her sister-in-law Joanne Morningstar as her guest.

Pres. Tim O'Donnell, told us his wife Bette had spent 5 days in the hospital, thankfully, she recuperated enough to attend this meeting. It was also great to see Mr. & Mrs. Herm Kline back in our midst after having been on the sick list. We welcomed back Charlie Waters, & wish Jean Barron a speedy recovery.

April 14 will be our annual Picnic-by-the-Bay, sponsored by Dick Bulin. Starts 11:30AM, but all able bodies who can help set up are requested to report at 11:00AM. It is at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron on Longboat Key, close to the Mote Marine Exhibit. All the talented lady gourmets are asked to bring a dish. To coordinate what one should bring, call Alice Parker. Tim & I have her new number, if you need it.

Calendar:

**April 14** - Annual Picnic - Details in column.

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*You may be only one person in the world,  
but you may also be the world to one person.*

**TAMPA BAY**

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Pres. Mike Rice wasn't up to par so past Pres. Jon Wilkinson filled in for our March 7 meeting. Speaker was Doug Duncan from "Metro Crime Prevention of FL". He emphasized that everyone should have a paper shredder especially when destroying old/outdated Credit Cards, all old statements & letters with your address & account numbers. Also how to burglar proof your home, etc.

Terri Breslin announced Glen Farley died 2/14/05. Josie Gosnell recently had a bad fall on the golf course & broke her pelvis bone; she is out of the hospital & recovering at home. Larry Eppard was in the hospital recently for tests.

Terri also announced our 2005 Christmas Party reservation has been made at the Sparton Manor, same as last year.

Mike Marvette suggested we check for a different restaurant for 2006 West Coast Luncheon as there were many complaints on the food.

Calendar:

**May 2** - Meeting at Buddy Freddy's, US 19 Holiday, FL 10:00AM

**June 6** - Meeting at Buddy Freddy's, US 19 Holiday, FL 10:00AM

**July 4** - Meeting at Buddy Freddy's, US 19 Holiday, FL 10:00AM



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15 members & 4 guests were aboard the Palm Beach Princess for our March meeting. Although the ship was crowded, we were all able to find our slot machine or table game of choice. Pres. Al Popek was one of the winners & my husband covered my losses! Ron Brodis was also a winner,



meaning he won back his losses. And so it goes. Food was excellent & entertainment very good. Seas were calm. It could have been a bit warmer, but we were inside warming those slots. 14 of us stopped for a "snack" after the trip. Everyone was hungry after all that hard work at the slots. Good fun! Another cruise during the summer was suggested. The answers to the Feb. questions will be answered at our April meeting. The questions were: In what year was the 'Mileage Plus' frequent flyer program started &, from 1947-1957, United's first inflight magazine was introduced, was called? I will add one more question in this letter - when did the legal merger of United & Capital take place? Those attending our meeting in April with the correct answers will be given a free 50/50 ticket.

There is a sad note to report from our Chapter. Robert Kerr, Jr., husband of Mary "Jane" Kerr, passed away Feb. 13. He had been very ill for some time. For their many friends who would like to pass along their condolences to Mary 'Jane', her address is 1372 SW California Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL 34983. Phone 772-343-0709.

## GEORGIA

### DIXIE FLYERS

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32 Flyers were present for the meeting & lunch at the Sage Woodfire Tavern hosted by Marie Sadlowski, Carol Webb & Dorislie Guckert. We were sorry that Dorislie was unable to attend. It was good to meet Rona Crotty who has been a member & was present for her first meeting. The food & service were excellent. The room was private & very nice. This is definitely a "come back" place. 2 new members joined today; Bud Praven & his wife Marie. The Pravens are from Alpharetta, Bud was Station Manager in Detroit before retiring. Bruce Brodersen & Bud worked together in Reno. We welcome Bud & Marie to the Flyers. There were no new rumors to report! Bruce is still looking for volunteers to drive the 3 new golf carts just purchased by Piedmont-Fayette

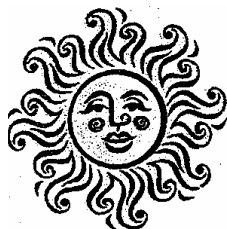
Community Hospital Auxiliary. Our next meeting will be April 6 at the Fire Mountain Restaurant in Newnan, GA. May is a picnic to be hosted by Sandy Lis & Jane Brown. June - Don & Marge Shelley; July - Elmer & Lois Koldoff; Aug. - Jone Manley; Sept. - Bruce & Mary Brodersen.

A group of students were asked to list what they thought were the present "Seven Wonders of the World." Though there were some disagreements, the following received the most votes: 1.Egypt's Great Pyramids 2.Taj Mahal 3.Grand Canyon 4.Panama Canal 5.Empire State Building 6.St. Peters Basilica 7.China's Great Wall. While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one of the students had not finished her paper. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The girl replied, "Yes, a little, I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many". The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, maybe we can help. The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the "Seven Wonders of the World" are: 1.To See 2.To Hear 3.To Touch 4.To Taste 5.To Laugh 6.To Feel 7.To Love. The room was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop. The things we overlook as simple & ordinary that we take for granted are truly wondrous! A gentle reminder - that the most precious things in life cannot be built by hand or bought by man. Story & Thoughts contributed by Dayne Thompson.

## HAWAII

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We held our Valentine luncheon in Waimea at Daniel Thiebaut's Restaurant. It was a beautiful sunny & windy day with 18 people in attendance. The tables were dressed with red paper heart doilies & candy kisses were waiting to be eaten for dessert! Two of our guests were from Canada. We had another new couple from Keaau, HI. There were 8 door prize winners.

I told the members about the newest way for thieves to steal your car. They get the VIN# off the

dashboard of your vehicle then go to the nearest car dealer & have a key made, this way he doesn't even have to break the window. One way to avoid this from happening to you, simply put some tape (electrical or duct tape) across the VIN# on your dashboard.

Another problem I advised everyone about is the way people can find out where you live by typing your phone number on the "google" search engine. They use Map Quest, it puts a star on your house on your street. You can block it by going to [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) ... It takes about 48 hours ... scary situation, isn't it?

#### Calendar:

**April 21** - Rocky's Pizza, Kona

**May 19** - Luquin's Mexican Restaurant, Pahoa

**June 16** - Aloha Angel Café, Kainaliu Town

### IDAHO

#### BOISE GEMS

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The boss, Ned Yundt, opened the meeting, attended by 26 people. She welcomed new members Bill Estensen, Gene Yearous, & Bob Zischke. Anyone wishing their addresses, please contact the correspondent named above.

Ned said there were altogether too many complaints about "I don't know anyone, anymore." She suggests that from now on, everyone please be sure to wear your name tags.

She then told us of an upcoming group dinner for the evening of Mon. Apr. 25. It will be at Tony Roma's in Meridian, starting at 6:30 p.m. For the details, please contact Sharon Kolins at 454-3679.

Later we will explain plans for the summer. There will be activity in Jun., Jul., & Labor Day Sat., in addition to first-Mon. breakfast meetings. We'll also have details at a later date on our Christmas Banquet, which has been confirmed for Dec. 13.

After everyone had been through the buffet line, the meeting was turned over to Bill Jones, who

gave an excellent presentation, & some great tips, on personal safety. Next week he will talk on crime prevention & home security. It was an introduction to a three-session training seminar, sponsored by the National Rifle Association Foundation.

Wilma & Frank Schell are still recovering from a bad bout with pneumonia. We hope they will be back with us soon, & wish them both complete recovery.

Bud & Pat Peters drove to St. Louis to be with his mother. They plan to be gone for 2 weeks. Marlene Croghan is still flying around the country, despite a system load factor of 74.8% for Feb. She was in Sun City, AZ, visiting former GEMS members, Paul & Anita Wassmuth, who send best regards to all the UAL retirees.

#### Calendar:

**April 4 & May 2** - 9 a.m. breakfast at J.B's Restaurant in Meridian.

**April 25** - 6:30 p.m. dinner at Tony Roma's in Meridian.

### INDIANA

#### INDY RACERS

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Feb. in Indy brought lots of very cold weather mixed with several days of snow. We are all aware that spring will soon be here, but it's never soon enough. We've had a few days that reached the upper 50's, giving us all a false sense of an end to winter. How wrong that sense was. Now, in the early days of March, the temperature is in the 20's, the ground is glistening with a fresh white blanket of snow.

Florida sounds very appealing, especially to Warren Allen & Gail McConnaughey. They spent a warm & exciting two weeks tanning in the sun. Warren was able to get a few rounds of golf in between his busy schedule of sun tanning, swimming, sight seeing & critiquing numerous

restaurants. Warren takes the "art of retirement" very seriously!

There is not much news to report for Feb. Please let me know by phone or email if you have any news, which should be in our newsletters. Spread the word to other retirees of our meetings. I truly believe that strength & support in member numbers is an all-important issue...so take the time to make a few phone calls to invite others to join us.

Calendar:

**April 9** - Meeting at the Paragon Restaurant, 118 S. Girls School Rd., Indianapolis from 2:00 - 4:00.

**MICHIGAN**

**GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES**

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13 Escapees gathered Mar. 3 at Peabody's in Birmingham. We welcomed New Retiree; Camille Wade for the first time & was glad to see Betty Martinez back after her knee injury. Betty, a very loyal Escapee who travels at least 3hrs each meeting, was so happy to be out & about again. She is still using a little help from a cane but I am sure she will be as good as new very soon. You can't keep a good gal down.

We were saddened to learn that much loved Terri Wilson, (DTWRR & CS) passed from a heart attack Feb. 8. She was just 50 yrs old. Memorials may be made to the Terri Wilson/Gilda Burke Foundation, which has been established to realize Terri's dream of seeing, "Hot Pink Tennis Shoes" (a children's book with Terri's talented drawings) published. She had worked 18 years at UAL.

Unfortunately our Escapee Jan. & Feb. "RUAEA Reports" must have had a mechanical en route, as they departed DTW on time but were a no show in DEN. I presume they were lost in cyberspace somewhere. I have added an extra section, in case you haven't heard.

Nov. 27 we said farewell to Mary Berglund as she left this world to spend Christmas with Jesus. Our love & prayers to Ron & family also sister, Carol Shaffner. The Escapees donated \$150 to the St. Jude Children's Research Center in Mary's honor. Also our love & prayers went to Charm Niclolle on the loss of her Mom who ended her long journey through that horrible disease of Alzheimer's. Charm says she will miss her terribly but as the disease is called "the long goodbye", she must have been missing her for a long time.

Other ailing loved ones to keep in your prayers; Dee Hegle, Agatha Kelley, Maxine Raymond & Sally Stevens. Get Well Quick wishes to all.

Just heard Mary Morris had left this world Feb. 24, she was 77. I'm sure Mary will find many rewards in her eternal life, she was a very special woman & will be missed by many.

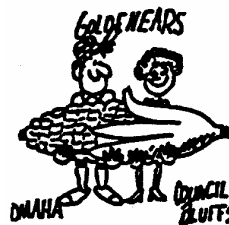
Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> Thurs. of month, location varies, please call or email.

**NEBRASKA**

**GOLDEN'EARS**

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What a nice crowd at Gerda's with 49 attending. The room holds 50 so we just barely made the number for the fire code regulation. It was great food so we decided - we want to go there again. Thanks to Bill & Mel Harrison for hosting.

Keith received a note from Sue Manhart & Vince thanks everyone for their cards. He has had 2 chemo treatments. The tumor is on his spinal cord so he has limited use of his leg & needs a walker to get around. Our prayers to Vince & Sue.

Congratulations to all of our members who have paid their dues; we had 100% participation.

I touched base with some of our members: Cy Buell still uses his walker as he doesn't want to fall again. He sold his car 3 months ago as his eyesight isn't good. He has macular degeneration in his right one that came after he had a cataract removed.

Ruth & Karlo Jeppersen are (as she said) "still

walking around.” Karlo has a rotary cuff problem which has caused his shoulders to become very weak. Ruth is suffering from stomach problems.

Kathleen Much has been homebound for 3 months suffering from the gout in both her feet & ankles, said it was very painful. She is feeling much better & plans to get out one of these days.

I talked with Paul & Humbie Steuri. Paul fell a couple of weeks ago on the ice & hurt his back, x-rays showed no broken bones. Humbie says Paul cooks & she does the dishes. A few days later I received a call that Paul fell in their home & broke his hip on Feb. 4. He had surgery the next day & is now in a rehabilitation facility. Cards may be sent to his home, 17112 Chalet Dr., Omaha, NE 68123

#### Calendar:

**April 5** - USA Steak, Hosted by Larry & Sharon Farrell

**May 3** - Greek Island - Hosted by Elaine Boner

**June Picnic** - Hosted by Jim & Dorothy Braden

### NEVADA

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Our Feb. meeting presided by our new Pres. Zelma Kibler, she changed things around a little, like holding the meeting before lunch, the reason was to see after lunch a film presentation “Soaring Through History” about UAL’s history which she borrowed from WHQ; it was very interesting.

I always had to write about persons’ ills & operations and now it happened to me, after our Feb. meeting that evening my wife Celia took me to Saint Rose Emergency Wing for Chest, under arm & throat pains. At the hospital they checked me in with 207 over 107 blood pressure, kept me for 3 days after all tests were done found a 90% blockage of a Coronary Artery where they used a balloon & placed a stent to keep it open. No damage to the heart was noticed. Had to start the South Beach Diet to lose some pounds, eat only good carbs & good fats.

The following are the new members: DENNY BRANDIS, WALTER JACKMAN, DENISE BROWN, ROBERT FERGUSON, TAMARA HICKS & CLYDE HOUSE.

Our intrepid travel procurer has a bus trip planned to St. George. Here it is: Anyone visiting LAS on June 14 & 15 is invited to join our chapter on a trip to St. George, UT to see a musical, BEAUTY & THE BEAST at the TUACHAN THEATRE. These are great shows, the theatre is outdoors with a red rock mountain for the background. Cost is \$75 p/p double occupancy or \$85 single. This includes the bus trip, lunch at the Casablanca Hotel & Casino, dinner at the show, show tickets & breakfast in the morning. We will stay at the Virgin River Hotel & Casino in Mesquite, NV. Call Mike Vasko at (702) 898-0561 for info.

#### Calendar:

**April 12** - 11:30 am. Luncheon, **The Ellis Island Village Pub**, 4178 Koval Ln., Las Vegas, NV 89109. Phone (702) 733-8901

**June 14** - 11:30 am

**Aug. 9** - 11:30 am



#### RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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The Treasury balance as of Feb. 17 is \$308.48. Thanks to those members who have paid their renewal dues. Please send them to Mary Withers or me. Reservations have been made for “Sand Harbor” for our picnic Aug. 18, also at the “19<sup>th</sup> Hole” for our Christmas luncheon Dec. 15.

PDX is now on line system wide to help retirees with listing thanks to RUAEA. The phone number is 1-888-278-7038, is open Mon., Wed., Fri. 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Pacific time. The SEA retiree desk is open Mon. - Thurs., from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Pacific time # 1-206-433-4218.

A sympathy card was circulated for Jean Hilz, widow of recently deceased Kurt Hilz.

Patricia Steenrod has graciously offered to contact several area restaurants for consideration in view of the disastrous service we received in Feb. We asked that she keep consideration limited to

those facilities centrally located for everyone's convenience.

**Address changes:** E. McDermid, 775-786-7671. New email address for the Scaifes' is [2truckee@sbcglobal.net](mailto:2truckee@sbcglobal.net). Gary & Jeanie Fahl, 2171 W. Williams Ave., PMB 308, Fallon, NV 89406.

## NEW JERSEY

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The monthly meeting of the Gardenstater was held Feb. 23 at Snuffy's Restaurant. Pres. Richard Confer opened meeting: Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Keister celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Joe Fiocca, son of Mike Fiocca passed away. Norm Hills passed away Feb.24.

Volunteers are needed for the Career Days at Newark Liberty International Airport to be held May 18-19. Children from the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grades from Elizabeth & Newark area are invited. The volunteers will be ambassadors on the buses that will transport the children in the airport area. This year's theme is "Aviation Makes the World Smaller".

Updates on the bankruptcy, pensions & salaries were mentioned. The Maintenance Base in SFO will possibly be closed at the end of this year.

To celebrate Easter, anyone that has a plastic egg on the bottom of their chair will get a chocolate bunny.

Treas.' report was given by John Murphy; he indicated that there are 2 shows at the Hunterdon Playhouse to be voted on, one is a musical, the other is Charlie Prose play. Musical won out. Cost \$45. Available dates are July 13, 20, 27, Aug. 17 & 24.

Pres. Confer reminded everyone that the RUAAEA convention is being held in Hollywood, CA, May 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>. There are several tours; if you intend going, make your reservations early.



## NEW YORK

### NEW YORK METROS

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

Our March meeting at the new Hyde Park Inn had a good turn out considering the poor weather; 56 attending with 1 new member, Ed Sholander, who retired from JFKBV, welcome Ed!

As is our custom, Joe Totaro started the meeting with "the pledge of allegiance"; followed with a prayer for Jack Dowling, who is in Huntington Hospital. A visit from his friends at the New York Metros will definitely cheer him.

3 other members that are home, but not able to attend the meetings are:

Anthony Manfre 718-461-2379  
Jack Hellerman 516-785-8721  
Fred Jones 631-667-4785

Happy Anniversary to Edythe & Peter Dollis, married 65 years. Yes! 65 years on March 30. God bless you both. Also, 3 other couples that celebrate wedding anniversaries in March.

March is & was a busy month. 20 members celebrate birthdays, on the top of the list is:

John Butera, 82 years on March 9  
Harold Malasardi, 82 years on March 16  
Julius Schneider, 81 years on March 16  
Peter Dollis, 87 years on March 23  
Anthony Manfre, 87 years on March 25

Dan Duran finally won his fight with mother nature & dug his car out of the snow to make this month's meeting. Good seeing you again, Dan.

To all our members that live in Suffolk County, Joe is trying to find a restaurant that's convenient for you to attend our future meetings. If not every month, maybe every other month. We haven't forgotten you.

I forgot to mention our guest Denise O'Flynn. Denise is still working with United Airlines as an Inflight Manager. She informed the membership that United has plans to expand flights in the NY area. Also, United was the official airline for the Oscars 2005 in LAX.

Another item that was mentioned was the companion pass procedure. The retiree and/or

employee has to make the original listing for the traveler, receive a PNR number, then the traveler can change the flights if necessary. No paperwork is needed. Don't forget the PNR number.

Paul Cohen is collecting \$5 dues for year 2005.

Calendar:

**April 6** - 12 Noon, New Hyde Park Inn

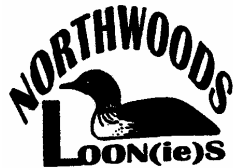
**May 22-29** - 2005 RUAEA Convention in LAX

**NORTHWOODS**

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**LOONIES**

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Yes, the Loonies are coming. This time to Mackinaw City, MI which is on the south end of the Big Mac bridge which crosses the straits of Mackinaw between the Upper Peninsula & the Lower. We will be staying at the Northpointe Inn, a relatively new hotel on the shores of Lake Huron. From the hotel you will be able to see the Grand Hotel on Mackinaw Island and the big bridge. If you are a Polar Bear you can swim in Lake Huron as the hotel is on the shore of the lake. Bring your swimsuit. There is also an indoor pool for those not so hardy.

The dates are May 11/12/13, Wed. thru Fri. Hotel rooms have been reserved for the first 17 who check in at (231) 436-9812 or 800 576-2842 before 4/27. Rates are \$69.95 for suite and \$49.95 for standard room. One suite with hospitality room has been reserved by yours truly. All rooms will be on third floor together. Hotel is closed except for reservations until May 1. They have deal with boat service to Mackinaw Island and there are lots of things to do.

**OREGON**

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Walking into the restaurant in March 112 members saw a sea of yellow & lavender napkins on the tables with lovely Easter centerpieces. The centerpieces were made by Anna Miller & Cora Harper, two very talented ladies on the decoration committee. Many members were dressed in green or had shamrocks pinned to their lapels to commemorate St. Patrick's Day. The speaker today was Mike Thomas, one of our members, who gave a presentation on Medicare, Medicare Gap & the new prescription drug program.

New members this month are William (Bill PDXMM) & Rhonda Densmore also Ray Noonan, SFOEG who resides in Eugene.

The lovely lady Dolly Magerson who will be remembered for the hats she wore to our meeting died last month. Dolly worked in LAX. During her time in PDX was a Red Carpet Room Hostess. Many of you may not have been aware that she was a triplet. Our condolences to Tom & her family.

Al How received a heart transplant this month, reported to be doing very well. Bob Lorts is now in a care facility. Our sunshine committee member Merle Pitman is having health problems. It was reported at the meeting that Dave Dorsey had a heart attack but is recuperating at home.

Two long time members Cleo & Mary Whitcomb are moving to Bend to be closer to family. Mary has been our greeter passing out the door prize tickets & reminding everyone to put their names in the "pot" if they have an anniversary or birthday. Enjoy Bend but come back often to visit.

V.P. John Donaldson raised the question about having a Christmas party this year instead of our Dec. luncheon. It would be a sit down dinner, then an evening of entertainment. A show of hands indicated that there were enough interested to think about going ahead with the party. More to come later.

There was no program for the April meeting but in May, Phil Janney, an attorney, will speak to us on estate planning.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00AM to 2:00PM Mon/Wed/Fri. Tel # (503) 249-4142 & 249-4143 to assist you with listing and load information. Remember those outside the PDX area can call the new 1-888-278-7038 for assistance.



### Calendar:

Meeting at Refectory Restaurant, 1618 NE 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Portland, OR unless noted otherwise

**April 13** - Social

**May 11** - Speaker on Estate Planning

**June 8** - TBA

## PENNSYLVANIA

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Belated Happy Easter - Sure was an early one this year. Welcome Spring - can't come soon enough for me.

A meeting of the Pit-Stoppers executive committee was held last month, plans were formulated for the coming year. Doris Abbas gave a detailed report on the schedule for the "Wild Things" baseball team. The committee voted to schedule this sometime this summer. Treatie Krawoski discussed our Christmas luncheon, the committee voted on having this annual event at the Hydeholde Restaurant in Moon Twp. Since our "Washington County Bus Service" hosted by Mitch Abbas sold his "bus" - we felt it best to try to centrally locate the luncheon. Mitch was always so accommodating in transporting the Washington County membership.

Vic Ference presented the menu selections for the picnic - sounds yummy! The picnic is always well attended. Our April luncheon will be held at J.W. Halls in Hopewell, our guest speaker will be Marlin Lade - RUAEA Nation Pres. We'll have a recap next month.

Pit-Stoppers were all saddened about the passing of our good friend Bill Crampton. Bill was, along with wife "Mac" one of our most loyal members. They had moved to Aurora, CO but managed to attend many of the Pit-Stoppers' events. A beautiful mass was celebrated on Feb. 26 at St. Bernards Church, with many of Bill & "Mac's" friends in attendance. Our condolences to Mac - cards can be sent to her at 13566 Asbury Dr., Aurora, CO 80014.

Condolences & prayers also to Betty Musko who recently lost her brother very suddenly, Bob Iarussi. Cards can be sent to Betty at 25 Tanager Dr., McKees Rocks, PA 15136.

Glad to hear Carl Chiecchi is feeling much better after his first series of treatments.

Our own Irish Rose Patti Ellis is asking for your prayers as she will begin her treatments soon. Patti has held up her move from the area to the CA area. Cards & good wishes can be sent to Patti at 3925 Claremont Place, Weirton, WV 26062. Phone 304-748-5063.

### Calendar:

**May - June** - To be announced

**July 15** - Picnic - Robinson Park

## TENNESSEE

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The chapter's second breakfast outing at our new location, Shoney's, was well attended on Feb. 17. Among the 19 was John Grindle, who made a surprise visit & introduced himself as a recent retiree. Like many others in field operations, John had a number of duty stations which, after a start in BOS, included TYS, DCA & IAD. John spent the last 10 years of his 37-year career as station manger at Burlington, VT (BTVOZ). He & his wife, Pat, now reside in Seymour just south of Knoxville. So for anyone wondering what happened to John, he's here; we're glad they chose East TN as their retirement area.

Spring is on the march as this is being written. Some of our early-blooming flowers have come & almost gone (crocus & daffodils), with many other plants & trees loading up for a colorful season. It's an invigorating time of year.

### Calendar:

**April 21** - 10 am EDT, breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Road in West Knoxville. Take Exit 374 off I-40/75 toward Kingston Pike for one block.

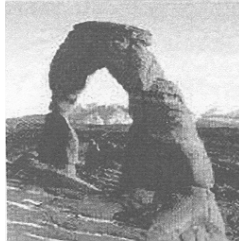
**May 19** - 12:30 pm EST, luncheon/meeting to be hosted by the Emmels in the Norris Lake area. Details to be announced.

**June 16** - 10 am EST, breakfast at Shoney's.

## UTAH

### THE SALT LAKERS

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On Feb. 16, 21 chpt. members faced a heavy snowstorm to come in for coffee & donuts at the Murray Heritage Center. Geo. Dalton brought many boxes of Krispy Kreme donuts - thanks, George!

A blast from the past: A few weeks ago, this correspondent received a letter from UALer Dick Heath who retired from the UAL CHI CU in 1993. He still resides in Illinois & now works for the Illinois Credit Union League as its Exec. VP & Chief Adm. Officer. In his note Dick wrote that, many years ago, he worked in SLC & still remembers the people I had mentioned in the national RUAEA Jan. NL. Dick closed with his wish to convey greetings to his erstwhile SLC friends. In today's meeting, his note was read by his former coworkers: Sandy Cantonwine; Pete Loyola; Hank Bons; Lila Maughan also mentioned that her now-deceased husband worked with Dick Heath; he was well remembered by Mary Blackhurst, as per an earlier e-mail. Bill Berg, Geo. Dalton, & Dick Heath used to go golfing around town when Dick ventured to SLC for a couple of days. - Thanks, Dick, for taking the time to write - all of us wish you well!

Some chpt. members had donated to the fund set up with the *National Foundation for Transplants* for Capt. Al Haynes' daughter, Laurie Arguello. Her account received \$550,000, the highest ever for any of their patients - no doubt, due to our United Family's efforts! The NFT magazine article brought an update on her health: she is doing fine - no more cancer. Congratulations, Laurie - stay well!

Geo. Dalton had a back operations last week; he is doing all right. We missed one of our regulars,

Betty Davis.

This year for Valentine's Day, the services of two regulars were recognized with a card to each, along with a box of chocolates: Lila Maughan & Art Scott. Thanks, Pete, for your thoughtfulness - in our name!

### Calendar:

**April 20** - Coffee 10am, Murray Heritage Center

**May 18** - Lunch 2pm, Jumbo Buffet, 6930 S. State, Murray, UT.

## VIRGINIA

### BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS

Roanoke, Virginia

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On Feb. 14 our group met at the Red Palace in Roanoke for Chinese food. We had 19 in attendance. About 6 regular members had medical problems; we missed them & hope they will be with us in April. The Sarsfields are happily traveling in FL. We miss them, too.

All the ladies received red roses from the Chapter and presented by their husbands as a Valentine gift. They were indeed beautiful.

Pres. Gene Calvert announced that next meeting will be at "Evers Restaurant"; members will be notified as to dates & directions. Please RSVP to Gene or John Rice.

### Calendar:

April Meeting

## WASHINGTON, D.C.

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On Feb. 9, a large group of Dulles Loungers turned out for an informal gathering with no speaker. Many old friends were there, conversation

flowed easily as members discussed everything from higher property taxes for many of us to upcoming trips in the summer.

We should note that on Jan. 12, Bud Hubbard, V.P. of Conventions, joined Marlin Lade, Pres. of RUAEA in presenting many details of the upcoming RUAEA Convention at the Marriott Renaissance (Hollywood) CA. The convention runs from May 22 to 29. There are many tours to enjoy, including Catalina Island, Getty Museum, Reagan Library, & a full day tour to Palm Springs.

The Marriott Renaissance offers all the luxuries you might expect including cable TV, 2 telephone lines, internet connection, swimming pool, fitness room; all rooms have in-room coffee makers. Bud Hubbard expressed the hope for a large turnout from our chapter.

One of our Dulles Loungers has taken a couple of memorable trips recently, Ann Lenahan traveled to Vietnam & Thailand in Sept. 2004. Ann flew to Bangkok, joined a 7 day tour to Vietnam, going first to Hanoi, then to Saigon. Ann's impressions were of beautiful landscapes & charming people. She then traveled to Cha-Am, Thailand to attend the AGA World Airline Clubs Conference, where she joined 270 airline folks from all over the world!

In late Jan., Ann Lenahan flew to Barbados where she met her "Clipped Wings" friends to enjoy a reunion at a rented villa, with a cook & a maid! After her former stewardess friends had departed for home, Ann's family came for a winter break to enjoy the sun!

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Golden Corral, Manassas, VA

Calendar:

**April 13** – 12:30 pm, Golden Corral Restaurant, Manassas, VA

**May 11** – 12:30 pm, Golden Corral Restaurant, Manassas, VA

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**Nothing in the world is more  
haughty than a man of  
moderate capacity when once  
raised to power.**

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**Note: The following Chapter Reports are out of context.**



**Re-Sans**

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The next meeting of our ReSans group will be April 5. This will be our Spring Fling & Election of Officers. The meeting will be held at Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. Flyers with good driving directions are being mailed to all of our members. If you are interested in helping with any office, please send your name to Marian Owens or Carolyn Hastings.

Please remember that your dues are payable now and are only \$5.

Calendar:

April 5 - 11:30 am - Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo.

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**Important things first:** There has been a date change for the Spring Luncheon that is hosted by the Skyliners Committee from April 5 to April 12. It is at the Lexington House in Hickory Hills, 7717 West 95th Street. Flyers with date change will be mailed soon & will include directions. Remember to come early and enjoy time with your friends during cocktail hour that begins at 11:30 followed by lunch at 12:30.

There was a surprise treat from Cupid at the Feb. Northsiders breakfast, where all attending were given Valentine cup cakes that were much enjoyed.

The Southsiders honored Rudy Maki on the announcement of his 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the

airlines. He spoke of his years beginning with joining Capital Airlines in the 60's, then the merger with United. He was glad that his seniority was carried forward; he now has 45 years. As this time, no one really knows how "young" he is, but he is one of many nice members who enjoys bringing sweets to their monthly brunch.

Another Southsider member, Helen Collins, gave an informative & interesting talk on her tour at DuSable Museum of African American History which was held during Black History month.

Bob & Agnes Pearson, who are volunteer members at Chicago's Science & Industry, were recognized at an Appreciation Dinner in Feb. They (together) have donated over 2000 hours since they joined. Much of their donated time has been collecting & recording historical information for archival history. They briefly spoke on some of the duties that are available; a volunteer can work in any department on a regular basis. Anyone interested in this type of volunteer work should give them a call. They would be happy to let you know more about the benefits from this worthy cause.

The March Northsiders breakfast gathering was heavily attended. Newcomers were Theresa Jones & Rosemary Argus, who both retired from ORD. Neither Theresa nor Rosemary is a recent retiree, but this was their first breakfast with the group. They were pleasantly surprised at the heavy turnout.

A surprise guest at this breakfast was our RUAEA Pres. Marlin Lade, who came in from DEN.

Our condolences to June Stevens for the loss of her husband Raymond on Feb. 2. June's address is 901 Center Street, Des Plaines, IL for those wishing to send her a card. Sam Sloboda, who was a regular at the Southsiders breakfast, also passed away recently.

We were delighted at the good recovery of Lynn Kmiecek & Leon Gasiorowski that they made from their recent cataract surgeries. Lynn was able to attend the March breakfast.

There was a Leprechaun raffling off assorted surprise gifts for the breakfast attendees – with 9 happy winners.

Retired volunteers attending the Food Depository in March sorted & packed 2500-3000 lbs. of bread. Then they worked the conveyor belt

line & packed assorted foods into 601 boxes for a weight of 18,000 lbs.

#### Calendar:

**April 12** – Skyliners Spring Luncheon at The Lexington House, 7717 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St., Hickory Hills, with cocktails at 11:30 a.m. and lunch at 12:30 p.m.

**April 13** – Come chat at breakfast with the Northsiders Group at 9:00 a.m. at Artemis Restaurant at Golf & Busse Rd. in Mt. Prospect, IL.

**April 26** – Breakfast at Grandma Sally's Pancake House for the Southsiders Group at 10:00 a.m., 8500 South Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL.

## NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME TO RUAEA! We hope you will enjoy the activities and camaraderie. The organization would appreciate hearing from you on your birthday.

#### NOTE:

This month's listing of new members starts with names which were not included in March Newsletter due to space constraints.

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- Retiree- **KELLER, Shirley A.**, BDL, on 1/12/05
- Spouse- **KERR, Robert Jr.**, on 2/13/05, husband of Mary J., NYC, 1372 SW California Blvd, Fort Pierce, FL 34953
- Retiree- **KLINE, Lambert B.**, SFO, on 2/3/05
- Spouse- **LEWANDOWSKY, Bertha M.**, on 2/10/05, wife of Kenneth E., DTW, 1575 Farmington, Garden City, MI 48135
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- Spouse- **RICE, Patricia A.**, on 12/25/04, wife of S. Preston Jr., IAD, 4137 Mill Creek Rd, Haymarket, VA 20169
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- Retiree- **ROSS, Kenneth C.**, PIT, on 2/6/05, husband of Patricia B., 711 6<sup>th</sup> St. Ext, Chester, WV, 26034
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- Retiree- **SIEMSEN, Ronnie K.**, DEN, on 1/29/05

## LETTERS

We have received Greetings & Thanks for the Newsletter from the following members:

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### **Correction:**

In the Nov. 2004 Newsletter under "Letters" (Pg. 31) we printed a letter from Harry & Shirley, 186 Cranberry Rd., Lot 22, Grove City, PA 16121-4661 without a last name. This should have been *Harry E. Shirley, 186 Cranberry Rd., Lot 22, Grove City, PA 16127-4661*. Please accept our apology.

### **WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:**

#### **Note: The following letter was received via email to RUAEA. WHO is the writer?**

Spent 3 weeks in NYC over Christmas & New Year's that included grandsons 8 & 4. Truthfully, I departed for my FL monastic life of peace & tranquility only a few days from being put in a straight jacket. It was like being locked in a suitcase with 2 screaming tomcats. Am asking myself if I'm an unusually grouchy grandparent, or are there others like me. - The NYC weather was a shock after 20 years in FL -- A few days after arriving at EWR, with my luggage at LGA, the temp. dropped to 8F -- They call it "cold Canadian air" but Canucks get it much worse & call it Arctic air. Having worked up there, I know what it's like walking to work in fresh snow at 32 degrees below Zero (when the car won't start). -- Trouble getting ORD/LGA flts. Led me to relist for EWR.

Early last May I was up in NYC for son's

b'day, back again in late June for my 80<sup>th</sup>. In Sept. I hopped MCO-ORD-LHR to visit my remaining bro. & his "intellectual" wife; a lady that is an authority on everything - and he'd better listen -- I had planned on a tour somewhere in the UK or Belgium but in 5 requests couldn't get a hotel room for just one person. Doubles only! Why? 'This is the time of year when married retirees take over hotel space (after the kids have gone), unless you have a reservation.' Wotta bummer -- So I ate my share of real cream buns, bought stacks of cookies, tea, knickknacks & paddywhacks; came home after 2 weeks. No problem flying but flts. were all full or nearly so.

Back in NYC in Oct. Found a new store on Broadway at 4<sup>th</sup> selling real cream buns by the cartload. It's called "Beard Papa's" & is 100% Japanese -- As usual wandered into Dean & DeLuca's to see what the financially blessed are buying. I cringed at \$38 per lb for Kona coffee, \$4 ea. per artichoke. I used to grow them in CA, eat our fill & give more away -- Walked 32 blocks up 5<sup>th</sup> Ave to the Empire State Bldg. Last summer a young man from MI went up to the Observation Platform, defeated all obstacles, reached the ground the quick sad way -- On the way back to the bottom of 5<sup>th</sup> Ave & Washington Park I stopped to gawk & wonder why it took 5 city employees & 3 cops to tow an illegally parked expensive Mercedes. When you're single again one has the time to notice all these mundane things. Otherwise I'd be looking in store windows, still saying, "Yes, dear." I miss it.

Flying TED MCO/ORD I have one comment. They seem to choose audio for those with tin ears. PLINK-plonk-POTHOLE music predominates. How about some classical & jazz for ALL the older passengers in what even the WSJ now calls, "The Cattle Class" -- UA should coin a better & competing appellation.

Anyone recall 40 years ago when UA Prez Patterson converted some DC-7's or was it B-720's to ONE Class', it failed. Attacked by the media, ridiculed by other airlines, & boycotted by those wanting First Class space & service -- The new financial way to airline salvation is a forced march backward - into what? Total labor unrest? For we poor yobbo's at the bottom of the economic scale, is NOT MR. T doomed to make old mistakes into new ones. His monologues are all "gung ho" but hardly inspiring. -- We have to hope & help his



apprenticeship in Airline Labor relations overcome the financial disasters that don't seem to improve. - As we were constantly reminded in the Service in WW2, "Press on regardless in spite of all adversity". Sometimes it even worked. Cheers to all.

**Matt & Norma Stilman, 91 N. Napa Dr.,  
Petaluma, CA 94954-1333**

Thanks to everyone who does the hard work. We appreciate every bit.

Matt was 88 this month & does not want to talk about it. I think it is an accomplishment.

He is doing very well with no surgery, only a pain pill for his arthritis this year.

Just want to send a note so all our friends would know we are still alive & kicking. Our Redwood Retirees Chapter is strong & cheerful. Hope to travel more this year to get out of our rut.

**Bernard Simon, 836 Burns Court, Pacifica, CA  
94044-2908**

50 years ago, Pan American World Airways was started on the road to oblivion by a leveraged buyout. At the time, I was employed at SFO in their Pacific Alaska Division. Many people saw the coming disaster & moved to United. Those who chose to stay did nothing about it until much later when they formed a letter writing group in support of their company. It was already too late by then.

The Federal government, through the "Patriot Act" has imposed draconian measures on all the airlines in the name of security. On them also, laid the financial burden. In turn, the airlines must recoup these expenses to remain in business. As the competition picks, chooses fares, selective routes, the income goes down. To cut costs the corporate structure reduces services & number of employees. When this does not suffice, wages & benefits are reduced.

Airline passengers are unhappy with the way security is maintained at the entrances to the gates with many people having had bad experiences. Because of this, some will not fly again unless no other option remains. The government is well aware of this.

At the LAX airport upon returning from Australia with a tour group, a couple of years ago, I was ordered to remove my shirt; pull up my

undershirt & open my belt. When I objected, a woman (supervisor?) rushed over; said "let him go", upon which the person turned & went to another victim. I was left standing among the other passengers to put my clothes back together.

We, the retirees of United Air Lines, are a formidable block of VOTER & LETTER WRITERS. Should someone organize & direct us in this endeavor, we just might make a positive effect to save the establishment that we helped build with our work & pride.

I am too old & long out of the loop to do this; others are better qualified. I ask ARE YOU OUT THERE?

**Harold Klobe, 4058 Alla Rd., Los Angeles, CA  
90066-5110**

Another birthday ... Yipes ... Donna reminded me the other day that we have been retired for 13 years, however, having been the Pres. of the Re-LAX-ers for 12 years & a guarantee of 2 more years (running unopposed)! 4 years on the RUAEA Board of Directors, 2 years on the Convention Site Selection Committee, currently the General Chairman of the "Great Hooray for Hollywood" Convention 2005 (a guaranteed fun for all festivity) ... I have yet to be convinced that I have retired ...

Jo, thanks to you & your staff for keeping us so well informed ... and to the RUAEA Officers for their support ... See you in Hollywood ... That's a wrap ...

**Karl Galda, c/o Park Hudson (503), 9060  
Palisade Av., North Bergen, NJ 07047**

To all individuals that I worked with & knew at the Tucker Plant, Midway Airport, the Executive Office, EXOSS & NYCSS - I thank you for your holiday greetings & wonderful memories. I think of you often. I will never forget - Please understand I could not keep in touch because of healthful reasons beyond my control.

**Frank H. Wood, 8765 SW 115<sup>th</sup> Street, Ocala,  
FL, 34481-5091**

Another birthday anniversary month has arrived, my four score and eighth; time again to send in membership dues. Sept. 1 will mark my 25<sup>th</sup> year of retirement from United; on Sept. 28, Maxine & I will celebrate our 65<sup>th</sup> wedding

anniversary. After having enjoyed the benefits of retiree pass travel privileges during employment & retirement years, we haven't traveled much lately due to surgeries & health problems. But we do manage to stay well enough to enjoy the many social affairs, day travel trips, swimming pools & golf available in our gated community, Oak Run Country Club, as well as regularly attending the monthly meetings of the Citrus Groupers.

We are planning & looking forward to a trip to Washington, D.C. in Aug., however, to attend the final national reunion of The China Burma India Veterans Association, an organization of World War II veterans who served in what has been called the Forgotten Theater of WW II. Included among the scheduled reunion events are tours of the new World War II Memorial & the recently opened Smithsonian Air & Space Museum at Dulles Airport Annex, where the historic B-29 Bomber, "Enola Gay" is on display.

We are sorry to see the demise of The Florida Newsletter. All Florida Chapters owe a huge vote of thanks to Dick & Sue Riedl for a great job of publishing. We are pleased with the expanding membership & progress being made by RUAEA under the leadership of our long time friend, Marlin Lade, his staff, & the organization's Board.

**Al Evaskitis, 139 Hagaman St., Port Reading, NJ, 07064**

WOW! It pays to advertise someone once said; it seems to be the truth. When the call went out to retirees who were not members of RUAEA the results were spectacular!

From the looks of the list of new members in the Feb. issue of the Newsletter, with the list stopping midway through the alphabet, is proof positive the above adage has value.

Names of some of these retirees are of employees that have retired a few years ago but, for one reason or another, just opted not to enroll in a great organization. As has been stated many times in the past, one of the hardest part of retirement is the separation of co-employees after retirement.

A good second best to this separation is the void filled by the Newsletter to keep us apprised of what is happening to those we spent so much time with during our employment years.

An added benefit to the "call to arms" message sent out might even help the local chapters increase

their memberships. Right now I am waiting to see next month's list to see how many more names I recognize. Our local chapter (Gardenstaters) has gained a few new members due to the vast number of recent retirees.

To wrap this up, let me say thanks to a wonderful group that compiles a good amount of pleasure filled reading, except, of course, for the obits. Even this is information no longer available to those without access to the Internet.

**Bill Culhane, 6132 Softwind Dr., Huntington Beach, CA, 92647**

Thank you for your fine publication & the work you put into it. It is invaluable to us, especially now. I realize these are desperate times for the company & drastic changes are required. It came as no surprise that the retirees would have to shoulder more of the cost of their insurance. Increasing the deductible was understandable, but it wasn't until BC/BS did not pay on my last 5 bills after the deductibles was satisfied, that I learned of another policy change that I feel was deliberately masked when presented.

Now, after the deductible, BC/BS looks at what Medicare pays & compares it to what they would have paid had they been the primary insurance. If it is the same, they pay nothing until the retiree has paid \$1500 "out of pocket". It is mentioned in the July 16, 04 letter under "Maintenance of Benefits" on page 2 but speaks of the employees' dependent. One line of page 8 in the questions and answers covers it, but does not make clear that it has the impact of acting as a second deductible.

When I asked for a copy of the new plan, both UAL Benefits & BC/BS referred me to their websites. This is an overview & merely says, "the Plan coordinates with Medicare & pays after Medicare". While everyone was very polite on the phone, it should not be that difficult to get the facts. Eventually I found people who could explain that "out of pocket" has a whole new meaning.

I am disappointed that the company was not up front about this. It adds insult to injury. Perhaps RUAEA can alert the retirees & save them the trouble of digging it out.



**Charlotte Archer Schultz, 8068 Hedder Harbor W, Hallard, OH 43528**

Some of you may remember in Oct. 1984 our son Michael had an operation & no insurance. The United family came to our aid. Thanks to all - he lived 20 years longer. On Sept. 13, 2004 he was gone, but also, thanks to UAL & his employment there for 20 years, we used our passes to go lots of wonderful places.

Now we moved to be near our daughter's family.

**Gus Harrison London, 8782 Bronson Drive, Granite Bay, CA 95746**

Just received my first Newsletter after joining in Nov.

Barbara & I have had significant health issues over the last few years but we're "hanging in".

It's great fun reading the old familiar names.

Our son, Dan, in the UA/GM at ORD - Another son, Eric is a CSR at SJC.

**Evelyn Terry, PO Box 577562, Modesto, CA 95357-7562**

Hooray for Hollywood & an even bigger Hooray for all the diligent, dedicated workers who keep us so well informed. Be assured your efforts are very much appreciated. See you in Hollywood.

**Alice Belzer, 7740 W. Gypsum St., Tucson, AZ 85735-9039**

I was out of town for a week celebrating my BIG one (80). When I came home there was my Newsletter with the Happy Birthday stamp on it. I am so glad you reminded me because this month has been a whirlwind of activity.

The Newsletter is getting better all the time. Hope to see you at Convention in May. Keep up the good work.

**Peggy O. Wolf, 138 Palm Coast Pkwy. NE #346, Palm Coast, FL 32137**

Thank you for another year of communication, insight, & information. It's great to be able to hear about what's going on from other retirees' perspectives.

Keep up the good work as we enjoy & appreciate your efforts! May we all be fortunate enough to see our troubled UAL emerge successfully from bankruptcy & start up the road to full financial recovery.

**George A. Paull, 6637 Spring Valley Dr., Alexandria, VA 22312-2136**

Thanks again for publishing the monthly Newsletter which is so important for the retiree group. I completed 20 years in retirement in 2004; hope I can keep building up more seniority in that classification. Only short trips by car in the past year due to some health limitations but hope that 2005 will be a better year for me, United, & all other members with health problems. Thanks for continual good work.

**J. O. Wright Thompson, 485 Woodside Road, #2222, Redwood City, CA 94061**

My birthday has rolled around again for the 91<sup>st</sup> time! So, it's time to pay my dues. We have recently moved from our home of 51 years into a Retirement Assisted Living home in Redwood City, CA. I have sent in our change of address and hope you have that information for mailing future Newsletters. We really enjoy receiving it.

We hope 2005 will be a more prosperous one for our company.

Thank you & your staff for your hard work in getting this great publication out to us each month.

**Joseph S. McCaughey, 104 Central Ave., Grenloch, NJ 08032**

The Red stamped issue & this note crossed in the mail. Therefore I declare myself the winner!

On April 1, 2005 I will have been retired 11 years. Where does the time go? I can only hope the next decade or two will be as enjoyable, healthy & satisfying.

Daddy's little girl left the roost on 11/5/04 for bigger & better things (I hope).

For the record, that makes two weddings in 14 months, all went very well. By all accounts everyone in attendance had a good time & enjoyed themselves.

Did get a couple of golf trips in, just received confirmation for a week at Santee, S.C. for April 2005.

As I write this note the snow is falling & forecasted to deposit between 6 to 10 inches this time. This is snow storm number four plus there are 2 more forecasted for the next week.

I can hardly wait to trade in the shovels & snow blower for my driver & wedges.

Hopefully 2005 will prove to be the year UAL

finally gets things turned around to a profitable & healthy organization. Particularly for the current staff of employees & all retirees.

It's difficult to understand why some of us gripe about surcharges & increased medical premium, particularly when there are so many current employees performing their assignments to the best of their ability to insure their longevity & our future benefits. I hope & pray for their success.

You people are doing a fabulous job getting the Newsletter into our anxious hands. You are doing your part in keeping us informed & United.

Thank you. Keep those Newsletters coming.

**Dale McInerney, 1905 Valentia St., Denver, CO 80220**

You people do a great job. In these uncertain times for our airlines, the RUAEA Newsletter is the only connection we have, especially for those of us who don't have an Internet connection.

**Harry Hedghes, 40965 E. County Rd. 6, Bennett, CO 80102-8738**

I would appreciate it if you would spare a few lines to alert all retired members of the International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers that they are required to notify their local lodge every year to have their name remain on the roster. Keep up the good work.

**Trevor & Nancy Hewes, 12926 Beechwood Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375**

Trying to keep one step ahead of the red stamp. Sure do enjoy reading the letters, especially the ones whose names are familiar. We are both keeping well.

I am currently doing some recruiting, interviewing & hiring for TIMCO Aviation, a repair station in Goodyear, AZ. We're getting quite a lot of applications from laid off UAL employees.

Hopefully the dark days for UAL will clear up & get back to some form of stability. Thanks again for all the work you do putting out great information.

**Bill & Mary Rudarmel, 1858 SW Acorn Ct., McMinnville, OR 97128**

Thank you so much for all the news on what is happening with our UAL. Bill has been retired for

27 years in April and has done pretty well. He is still cancer free. Not too many of his buddies are left.

**Stu Chambers, 8111 S 2350 E, Odgen, UT 84405-9462**

Had planned on sending in dues early this year, but didn't make it. All of you do a great job of keeping us informed. With you & Skynet am able to keep current on things.

Took 2 trips to PIT & STL past year. With conditions employees are working under today they are doing a great job.

**Ross Carter, 2 A P Hill Av., Highland Springs, VA 23075**

Just wanted, once again, but not often enough, to say THANKS to all who put together the fine Newsletter! The Jan. 2005 issue was a WHIZZER!! 14 pages of NEW MEMBERS! You guys are super ... all is well with this family ... going on 86, still working for the BBB in RIC part time & loving it ... been there 20 YEARS!!! Can't wait to get to the office every day! Keep up the fine work - what a wonderful group of UNITED people! Can't beat that kind of loyalty!!!

**Wallace Wong, 345 W 58<sup>th</sup> St. Apt. 6T, New York, NY 10019**

Thank you for keeping us informed during this critical period as UAL is in the process of transition.

I apologize for being late on my dues payment. I just got back spending my holidays in Cabo San Lucas with my daughter & granddaughters.

Again, thank you for consistently doing a great job!

**Millie Rossi, 9790-A Walnut Tree Way, Boynton Beach, FL 33436**

Although I am a life member I would like to send a contribution as I do appreciate the work done by so many of you with the Newsletter. Thank you.

**Walter M. Jackman, 2247 Sun Cliffs St., Las Vegas, NV 89134**

Thanks for keeping all of us informed & in touch. I chose early retirement in 1987 after 32 years as a Passenger Agent & Senior Passenger Agent at LGA & JFK, after the death of my wife. I

returned to school, graduated from Fordham in 1990 & began working as a substitute teacher. We moved to LAS in July & I began working as a substitute. I hate to tell anyone, but it is a little easier than New York City.

**Frank Callahan, 19833 N. Calypso Ln., Sun City, AZ 85373-1033**

I want to thank the volunteers for the great job of making the Newsletter as good as it is. The many hours donated by all are appreciated.

Also, I want to thank Jo Madden, Editor, for the space she allows in the Newsletter for the retiree's annual golf tournament (UARGC). This allow the tournament to be published to all the RUAEA members that otherwise would not be privy to this information.

**George Lund, 1707 N. Vassault St. Apt. 5-1, Tacoma, WA 98406**

I was a little confused about the communication in Dec. about membership application. The Jan. Newsletter straightened that out very well. I just couldn't imagine anyone retiring & not joining RUAEA.

I get back to CHI 5 times a year to attend the Lyric Opera & pass through on my way to St. Louis, MO & Savannah, GA.

Keep up the outstanding reporting in the Newsletter.

**Jessie B. Ruark, 486 Lakeview Dr., Brentwood, GA 94513**

I appreciate the work in getting out the Newsletter.

Retired 10/31/79 after 33 years at SFO, was there BCC (before Cheyenne or Capitol). Do not see many names I know. Live with my daughter & son-in-law, my other daughter lives in Lincoln Hills near Sacramento. Have 7 grandchildren & 13 great grandchildren (12 boys & 1 girl).

Blaine & I made many wonderful trips all over the world thanks to United travel plans.

**Barbara W. Atkinson, 13542 East Home Place, Grass Valley, CA 95945**

Thank you so much for all the information that you gather together and compile into the Newsletter. I read it immediately upon arrival every month.

It saddens my heart to hear about all the problems that have to be faced today when it used to be so much fun to go to work. Those who are still working are in my thoughts & prayers. They are doing an exceptional job.

**Guy Hoffman, 15330 Ridgewood Dr., Sonora, CA 95370-8746**

Thought I would try to "get a jump" on the "red stamp"; maybe not! We "San Joaquiners" here in California's Central Valley & Foothills have been growing slowly, now number 126. Early last year, Mel Conine, at my request, was kind enough to furnish a list of retirees in our 5 county area. From that list we mailed 176 invitations to join our chapter of RUAEA.

Unfortunately, the response was less than expected, but we did gain 17 new members; we will keep trying. Perhaps some will read this & respond, but they may not be members of RUAEA either. Are new retirees that busy golfing & gardening? Or, is it that they only expect to hear nothing but bad news about UAL?

**Gina Siu-Oerelius, 4229 Bettina Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403. Email: gina.siu@rcn.com**

Thanks for the Newsletter & to pay dues on ones BD is a great idea. After taking early retirement in 2003, became a certified senior advisor. I'm enjoying a second career still helping people but with financial concepts solutions including mortgage & refinance. I love my new career because it allows me the time & flexibility to still travel & volunteer. Email & participation with AFA-CWA Retiree Member Club is how I keep abreast of UAL benefits & pension concerns. I would like to hear from other retirees who have moved on to other careers to network & see how we can refer each other anywhere including foreign countries. I will also try to participate in RUAEA events. Looking forward to hearing from others via email.

**Georgia E. Phillips, 825 Redwood Dr., Cary, IL 60013**

Thank you for all your hard work & dedication in providing us with news of UAL & other retirees.

I retired from HDQCU 15 years ago after 33 years, all with the Credit Union. I just turned 77 - am still in pretty good health.

The extent of my travels is visiting son #1 in Vancouver, Canada (what a beautiful city), son #2 in Northern Kentucky (what beautiful hills & valleys).

I had a wonderful visit with Betty Hopkins, Sonna Whalen, Virginia Golec & Dorothy Gallo at the Chicago retirees Christmas Luncheon. It was fun talking about the good old days. Pray we see United get back to good times.

**Raymond Erickson, 206 Bourbon St., Florence, OR 97439-8770**

We were members for a long time but when my wife died, I let things slip; guess my membership fell through the crack. I almost did it again, for all I can find in this pile of rubbish I call home, is your letter. Enclosed is my check.

**Jack Mahan, 1721 Avian Hill Pl., Lincoln, CA 95648**

I needed to change my mailing address and since it is so close to my birthday (March) I thought I would kill two birds with one stone so to speak.

Thought for the day: A wise old owl sat in an oak, the more he saw the less he spoke. The less he spoke the more he heard. Why can't we all be like that bird?

**Maria Lesiak, 10967 Braemar Pkwy, Huntley, IL 60142-9017**

Always look forward to receiving the Newsletter.

I fully support the new direction the Association is taking & the way they are supporting our parent company.

Keep up the good work. Thanks.

**Ann Shaffer, 130 Glenwood Ave., Apt. 89, Yonkers, NY 10703-2649**

I've been retired for 5 years. The time has flown by.

Hope 2005 will be United's (the best airline in the world) year for recovery.

Thanks for all you do, & for our great Newsletter.

**Carl V. Dean, 2507 Ramsey Way, Fairfield, CA 94534-1844**

As we enter into this new year, let's go forward with hope in our hearts, trust in those who have our

destinies in their hands, decisions, faith in each other, enabling us to be optimistic about our futures. United we stand, divided we fail.

**Jim Sommerfield, 616 E. Sherwood Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60193**

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the excellent work that is being done by the RUAEA organization on our behalf. I look forward to the Newsletter each month & to the latest information regarding United, also the RUAEA local chapters. The Newsletter staff is to be commended for their excellence in creating our monthly newsletter.

I'm grateful that we have our retirement association as it allows us to remain a part of United's family. I look forward to seeing everyone at our chapter's monthly breakfast & attending our quarterly outings as well.

Hope 2005 will be a better year for United, its employees, retirees & their families.

**Joyce Pullen, 32223 Avondale, Westland, MI 48186**

I've been in & out of hospital so can't seem to keep up.

I appreciate getting the latest info on pension, etc. I can't do any traveling for awhile but I hope to again in the future.

Thank you for all the news.

**Ralph E. Nardone, 6431 E. Mobile St., Inverness, FL 34452-8025**

It's so nice to read the news of other retirees but especially the Boston Chapter.

There are many members that I worked with & enjoy reading about them.

Keep up the good work.

**Louise R. Cox, 5885 Richmond Rd., Solon, OH 44139-2121**

Here are my 2005 dues - I've read the info re. the benefit termination and it never mentions "income-average" retirees - Does anyone know how that works? Or would work?

**Julia Lemke, 840 Wellington Ave. Unit 211, Elk Grove Vlg., IL 60007-3346**

It has been 20 years that I have been receiving the Newsletter & I still look forward to receiving it;



I read every page. Look for names of my old co-workers.

Thank you for all your hard work.

**Lois J. Hansen, 2 S Regency Dr. E, Arlington Hts, IL 60004**

Birthday time is here, so here's my check.

My thanks to all who put the Newsletter together & get it out to us. I enjoy most, the news about people I've worked with; where they are & what they're doing. My own activities are somewhat curtailed due to physical problems but I do get out to the Skyliner events which also provides "catch-up" time with old friends & co-workers.

Hopefully this New Year will bring improvements of all kinds to all of us.

**Ruth Reiner, 7650 W. McNab Rd. Apt. 218, Tamarac, FL 33321**

A big thank you to all involved in the RUAEA Newsletter. It is always full of "goodies", & puts a smile on my face.

My husband & I are trying to keep busy by traveling also to keep UAL flying. We buy our tickets instead of using my passes. The 20% discount is great; we feel we are insuring the employees on the payroll.

We are going to be working at the FL election Mar. 8. Who knows, with the slot machines issue on the ballot, we may even get a RUAEA Convention here! Hope so.

**Karen McNerney, 15725 Travis, Overland Park, KS 66223**

As so many members have done, I too, thank you for all of your work on behalf of retirees. We would be without so much of the company & employee information without you.

With much appreciation.

**Ron J. Huhn, 1324 Ramona Ln., Petaluma, CA 94954-3454**

Thank you all for the fine job that you do in getting the information out to the membership. Having been an officer of various titles in our chapter I know first hand of what you have before you. My heartfelt thanks to all of the volunteers. Yes, we will be at the convention in Hollywood; looking forward to seeing a lot of my comrades

there. Thank you for your reminder of the dues as time has a way of slipping by!

**Arvid Stenstrom, 744 W. Rushwood Dr., Tucson, AZ 85704**

Thank you good people in DEN for putting out such a good Newsletter each month.

I don't have a computer so this helps me know what's going in the company & around the country.

Thanks again.

**Paul Dullmann, 128 Shannon Cir., Alameda, CA 94502**

We are so grateful to all of you for the Newsletter. You do a fantastic job and it is very much appreciated.

Our heartfelt thanks to the volunteers in SEA & PDX who are manning the Travel Desks. They are a godsend.

Thanks to all of you for a super job.

**Bill Anderson, 1782 Via. Amigos, Livermore, CA 94551-1526**

Hello and best regards to all my former co-workers from EWRHH/HM, SFOHM, DENJL & OAKJL.

Reached the big 65 Feb. 25, 05 & have been enjoying retirement since April 2003.

Glad to be a member of the RUAEA & really enjoy receiving the monthly Newsletter.

Thanks much.

**Donna Lynn, 535 Janson Ave., Essington, PA 19029-1107**

Enjoying my retirement? You bet I am!

Thanks for the time & effort that the staff puts in to help us keep up with the happenings in our company.

**Bob O'Connor, 3610 Pheasant Dr., Rolling Meadows, IL 60008**

Just a little over 10 years since I retired; as I say quite often, it gets better for us every day. Our health is good for 70+. Even though the cost of living goes up & the net worth of pension goes down, everything financially is OK. Very happy to read the monthly Newsletter & hope to get to Hollywood in May. Actually visited there in Jan. of 2004. Thank you for all the hard work.

**John C. Donovan, 5 Sun View East Dillons Cross, Cork City, R01, Ireland**

I am delighted to be able to join my fellow retirees. I know an organization was formed, but could not get address or telephone number to make contact.

While a maintenance instructor I traveled around the system & got to know a lot of people.

But due to home problems, I had to go back to ground equipment mechanic. But that's life.

I now live in Ireland & find it hard to get info & keep up with changes. Forever yours.

**Dave S. Henderson, 1307 Lajolla Cir., Lady Lake, FL 32159**

Way late with these dues! Only excuse is - not looking at the website for a couple of months! In contrition I fined myself & am sending it to you to add to the postage fund.

Had trouble plowing through the 6 pages of new members! Congrats on a successful membership drive!!

See ya'll in Hollywood.

**Thomas Kishiyama, 1103 Cloudy Day Dr., Henderson, NV 89074-8780**

Thank you for the little red reminder that it's my birthday month. I would also like to thank you all for getting the Newsletter out to us every month.

**Robert W. Fenger, 1036 Hewitt Dr., San Carlos, CA 94070-3601**

Sorry I am late, but guess being 84 on the 5<sup>th</sup> has something to do with it.

Sorry the airline is not as I experienced when I was a jet engine inspector from 1962 until I retired in 1984. Those were years where we really enjoyed our benefits & looked forward to doing our jobs, also thankful for what we had then.

Hope the future will see the improvement to bring back those conditions.

**Ted W. Tollefsen, 333 Melrose Ln., Crystal Lake, IL 60014**

My wife & I normally are in Sun Lakes, AZ at this time, but have been in Crystal Lake, IL since Dec. 1. While we were flying back to IL to get ready for the Holidays, we found out our home of 38 years had a fire. It was a power surge that hit our front hall closet. The smoke damage was

devastating. The whole house was gutted. Everything has to be replaced. When we're done, we will have a complete new home.

We have been staying at friend's home while the restoring is going on. We aren't sure when the house will be completed - may be June.

We miss the Re-United group in PHX & all our friends.

**Don Jackson, 1082 Stone Ct., Naperville, IL 60563-3318**

Thanks for the Newsletter that you produce.

To see so many names of current & former employees, brings back memories of a strong & profitable company.

With renewal of that dedication from employees, especially management, this company can be strong again.

**Sylvia Friedman, 860 Meridian Bay Lane #140, Foster City, CA 94404**

Thank you so much for your most informative monthly Newsletter. It's my only means of keeping up with news of what is going on at United.

I wish this company, that was so good to my husband & our family, the best; may it recover to the place it held in aviation.

**Patricia Ello, 810 N. Center, Mc Henry, IL 60050**

Another year is gone & I'm still here gladly paying my dues. The work you do is so appreciated & is such an informative part of what is going on at UAL. I thank you very much.

**Louis Kinkead, 634 Enrica Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94597**

Started in maintenance at OMA in '46 with DC-3's & 4's, to ORD in '65 as Line Maintenance Controller, then office moved to SFO in '71. Enjoyed 40 years always with great people. I'm retired but my wife says "just tired"! We do volunteer work & I also do maintenance at our church, school, donate blood at Red Cross 24 times. We also do our own home & yard work. Sure like my seniority at boarding time.



**Bob Colpitts, 1801 Randall Rd., San Mateo, CA  
94402**

Thanks for not only the monthly Newsletter, which is very informative, but also for the new role the RUAEA Officers & staff play in representing retirees in the ever changing United Airlines business world.

In these turbulent times it is comforting to know we have a voice. I appreciate all your hard work & commitments.

**Barrie Hooley, 6045 E. Island Ave., Syracuse, IN  
46567**

This is to inform you of an address change as of May 1<sup>st</sup> (*new address is listed*). Thank you for all you do - You are indeed our lifeline! Happy Spring to all!

**Jean Feely, 2049 Manorview Circle NW, Salem,  
OR 97304-4472**

The afternoon mail brought the RUAEA Newsletter; since I have some time, will take my highlighter; settle down to some good reading. I am one of those that prefer the hard copy of the Newsletter to enjoy at my leisure.

In these days of such unrest in the news, it is nice to know our RUAEA Newsletter is providing us with worthwhile, educational UAL news of our company, plus the means of keeping in touch with friends through Chapter reports & member letters.

For the second time, I note there is "fifty two" pages in this issue; it reminds me of the time, devotion & commitment that goes into these printed pages. For instance:

Jo Madden, EDITOR for 18 years

Harriet Ahr, Membership secretary for 14 years

Adele Fishler, & Bev Strand, Membership secretaries, each with 2 years

Bonnie Ceperley, Proofreader, 10 years.

That adds up to some 46 years for each Newsletter --- I challenge another Newsletter to meet those years. How fortunate we are to have these FIVE ladies devote their time & talent for the benefit of us, UAL RETIREES. Thank you seems so inadequate, but please know how much you all are appreciated.

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**The following Chapter report is out of context.**

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It was a typical cold & snowy day along the shores of Lake Erie but, that didn't stop 68 hardy Ohio Buckeyes from attending a luncheon at La Hacienda Restaurant in Berea. Bill Gatesman, along with his brother Mark & his wife Sharon, hosted this festive event. I heard that the food was great; my husband especially enjoyed the fried ice cream.

Pres. Carol Hacker acknowledged March birthdays. V.P. Sharon Minelli informed the chapter that ALL of the members would be receiving a newsletter article written by Marlin Lade, Pres. RUAEA regarding the maximum guaranteed pension payments from the PBGC for plans terminated in 2005. If John has your email address it will be e-mailed or else sent by US Mail. It also contains info. regarding the Credit Union, travel, & medical insurance.

The packets which were handed out last month did not contain info. regarding June. We will be going to The Schoolhouse Restaurant on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. This event is pre-paid. A letter will be forthcoming with further info.

Please keep the following members in your thoughts & prayers during the coming month: Carol Flickinger, Frank Frink, Helen Horvath, & Elma Jess. We are happy to report that Mark Gatesman is cancer free, but will undergo further surgery on March 28.

**PLEASE NOTE REGARDING MAY LUNCHEON:** The correct address for John & Carrie Kercel is: 4290 Coral Gables Dr., Parma, OH 44134-6314. **SORRY!**

**Calendar:**

**May 4** - Sterle's Slovenian Country House, 1:00 p.m., 1401 East 55<sup>th</sup> Street, Cleveland, OH, pre-paid

**June 1** - Old Schoolhouse Restaurant - pre-paid

**July 13** - Albion Woods Reserved Picnic Area, 12

# RUAEA Candidates

## Year 2005

### Director - Northwest Region

**Henry (Hank) Gosselin** - began his career with United Airlines Mar. 17, 1960 as an A&P Line Mechanic in New York (JFK), received an Award of Merit, was Shuttle Maintenance Coordinator, MM Representative for Employee Assistance Program; is active in volunteer work (FOE) Eagles Trustee - raising funds for various charities and did a great job as General Chairman of RUAEA's 2004 convention in SEA. Retired from UAL 4/30/2000 as Team Leader in SEAMM.

His leisure activities include fishing, boating & dancing!

### Director - Northwest Region

**George (Jack) Hooper** - started his airline career with UAL as a Pilot at ORDFO (Chicago) 2/21/66 & retired as a Captain in LAXFO, 9/4/93. Jack was Line Check Airman 1985-1989. He has been very active in RUAEA; Oregon DEW-ERS a member since 1993, Pres. of the Chapter 2000 to 2004.

Volunteer involvement: Commissioner - Clark County Fire District One 1993 - present, Commissioner East County Fire & Rescue - Jan. 2004 to present. Leisure activities include Vancouver Rifle & Pistol Club, reading, travel & taking care of 5 acres in the country. He was a naval aviator 1955 - 1959 (active duty), naval aviator (reserve) 1960-1972, General Motors - AC Electronics Division, Apollo Program Inertial Navigations System Engineer 1960-1965, NROTC National Pistol Champion 1954-1955.

### Director - Arizona Region

**Ron Robertson** - began his career with United Airlines 1/17/66 as a Management Trainee in the Customer Service Dept. in Omaha, retired 11/30/00 as the General Manager of the Mileage Plus Dept. in Tucson. During his career Ron received 2 UA Awards of Merit, San Diego Airline Managers' Association Award, Taiwan International Airlines

Association Recognition, & Taiwan American Chamber of Commerce Award. Ron is the Pres. of the Tucson Roadrunners Chapter. Volunteer involvements: Board of Directors Friends of Western Art, Chairman FWA Artist of the year 2004 Annual Fundraiser, Board of Directors - Los Arroyos HOA, Past VP & Treas.

Leisure activities: Community Service, golf & travel.

### Director - Northeast Region

**Jeri Juth** - began her career with United Airlines 5/25/59 as a Customer Service Trainer in Pittsburgh & retired as a CS Supervisor 12/31/91. Jeri was awarded the honor as Agent of the year, also received 5 Awards of Merit.

She has been active in the "Pittsburgh Pit Stoppers" Chapter as VP & Pres. She has been Chapter Correspondent to the RUAEA Newsletter for several years.

Jeri joined the U.S. Marine Corps May 1956, retired 5/19/59 with the rank of Staff Sgt.

Leisure activities are reading, walking & fishing.

### Director - Mountain Region

**Tom Goodyear** - began his career with United Airlines 6/2/53 as an Office Mailboy for OPB in DEN & retired as a Zone Controller in DENOO, 2/28/03. He was Chairman of "Sell United" in DEN, Pres. of the DEN Mainliner Club, Chairman of United Friendly Skies.

Tom is presently Mountain Region Director, was Chairman of the 2002 RUAEA Convention in DEN, is Pres. of DENVER MILE HIGHERS Chapter & is Manager of UAL Historical Foundation.

Volunteer involvement: Travelers Assistance at DIA, Director of Adoption Exchange, Home Owners Association Board Member.

His leisure activities include, computers, antique cars, gardening, walking, major league baseball & football.

Tom & wife Nancy have 3 children - 2 boys, 1 girl. Two of the children (& their spouses) work for UAL. Tom is the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation UAL; his father Murl, started with NAT (which became United Airlines) in 1928 in Chicago.

## **RUAEA BALLOT AND ELECTION PROCEDURES**

**This is the official RUEA ballot for the election of Officers & Directors.**

**Only Retired RUEA Members and associate members in good standing are eligible to vote.**

**Please mark your ballot with an (X) for your choice of candidates.**

**Sign ballot, include your file number, enclose in an envelope and mail to the following address:**

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Name #1	Tom Goodyear	[   ]	Name #1	Jeri Juth	[   ]

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