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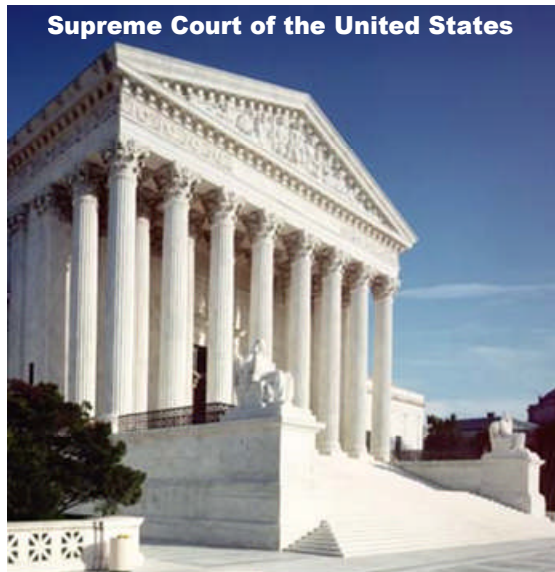


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PRESENTING:

**"A CAPITAL EVENT"
RUAEA CONVENTION
MAY 21-29 2006**

Convention Edition

Welcome to Washington DC!

Welcome to the Nations Capital, a warm welcome awaits you!

We are waiting to show you the magnificent sights & sounds of Washington DC plus the surrounding countryside of Maryland & Virginia.

By now, we hope you have made your hotel reservations by calling 1-800-228-9290. Be sure to mention United Airlines Retirees Association. The cutoff date for hotel reservations at the Marriott Crystal Gateway is May 1 2006, to guarantee the Convention rate of \$97.00 per night. The hotel rooms offers every comfort: coffee makers, iron & ironing board, hair dryers, business center, valet & guest laundry, safety deposit boxes at the front desk plus many more amenities.

There is a brochure rack just behind the Concierge Desk with an extensive display of brochures for everything there is to see within 100 miles!

The Marriott Crystal Gateway consists of two twin towers, to go between the towers you take the elevator to the lobby floor, cross the lobby & take the elevator to the other tower.

By now you will have read the February RUAEA newsletter pages 40-53 & noted the many exciting tours available. Pages 40-53 contain useful information about the Convention, including the two banquets, Fri. May 26 and Sat. May 27.

With regard to attending the theater in Washington, I suggest "Sheer Madness" at the Kennedy Centre, playing every day except Mon. This is an audience participation murder/mystery, all tickets are \$38.00. Plan to arrive early & enjoy dinner in the "Rooftop Cafeteria". Box Office number is (202) 467-4600. There is no Metro stop close by. The other two theatres in Washington, the National, & Ford's Theatre will both be dark during our Convention.

A visit to Ford's Theater is interesting, as the National Park Service offers a tour of the theater to see the box where Pres. Lincoln was shot. There is a museum in the basement, take time to visit the house where Lincoln died, which is across the street. Ford's Theatre is at 511-10th Street, NW, between E & F Streets, Metro Center is close by. There are lots of eateries & shopping near Ford's Theatre.

Did you know that RUAEA is the largest Airline retiree organization in the country? We have over 50 Chapters & more than 11,000 members! Come & meet your fellow retirees, take some tours, also volunteer a few hours! We are waiting for you to arrive!

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Since I was elected President of RUAEA, about two years ago, I have been writing an article for the newsletter every month. Because of the bankruptcy of United Airlines many of them have been focused on the issues relating to this dilemma, the interests & concerns of us retirees. We, the whole staff & officers of RUAEA, have been committed to keep you informed about these matters; we – especially Ed Tolle - have been working with the principals in WHQ resolving individual problems you are experiencing & in the larger scope, general problems & issues affecting retirees.

I have been a member of RUAEA since I retired in 1993. I was a member of the Chicago Skyliners; plus coordinated the involvement & participation of retirees in working on temporary assignments for the company also volunteer activities with & for the company. Since we moved to FL for the winters Marilyn & I have been members of the Real McCoys. I have been an Officer or Director of RUAEA for the past 8 years. I personally have found my membership in RUAEA & local chapters to be very enjoyable and personally rewarding. I have been able to continue my association & relationships with many fellow retirees I worked with; plus I have become close friends with many more retirees who I have met thru RUAEA. I value that association. Plus, when United Airlines filed bankruptcy we – RUAEA- established a formal collaborative relationship with the top officers of United focusing on matters affecting & relating to retirees. This is an important & critical role for RUAEA.

This has been the focus & concentration of my efforts as your President, formerly Executive Vice-President. Then something personally occurred in our family on Dec. 23. Marilyn & I traveled to Denver to celebrate Christmas with our family. On Dec. 23 Marilyn suffered a stroke. She was hospitalized for a month; had out-patient therapy for another month before we were able to return to FL. We returned to FL in late Feb. We are now in our own home. We are engaged in a simple, structured consistent program of therapy & rehabilitation. We are doing pretty well. We will recover.

What has overwhelmed both Marilyn & me is the out-pouring of concern, affection & prayers from our fellow retirees and members of RUAEA.

Many chapters we have visited over the past 4 years sent cards and notes. She received individual cards, telephone calls & emails from so many of you. These spanned the Mainline from San Diego to Boston, Seattle to Florida, plus all the places in between. I really began to realize how wide-spread & close-knit our organization is. It is times like this when we really appreciate & value the friends and relationship we have through RUAEA. This has had a great impact on Marilyn – and me. It makes difficult times easier. Your expression of care, concern, the bright side of things plus your prayers mean so much to us; and are aiding us in our road to recovery. It has made a difference.

As a final comment, and I wish I could do this personally, I thank every one of you. This personal experience has made me even more proud to be a member of the Retired United Airlines Employees Association.

Marlin Lade
President – RUAEA

GENERAL NEWS **WWW.RUAEA.ORG**

UNITED TO ADD 32 FLIGHTS FROM DENVER

United Airlines plans to add 32 more flights from Denver by June, a 4% year-over-year increase, following moves by competitors Southwest & Frontier Airlines to increase flights.

United & its regional operation United Express will add flights on its existing routes, including DEN to BOS, Baltimore, NY-La Guardia, LAX SFO & St. Louis. Ted will add flights on its existing routes to LAS, RNO, & Ontario.

With the additions, United will have 455 daily departures from DEN, a 7% increase from its current schedule.

LATIN AMERICA OFFICE MOVED FROM MIAMI TO MEXICO CITY

United moved its Latin America Sales & Marketing office from Miami, where United has scaled back service, to Mexico City, an increasingly popu-

lar destination for United customers.

Moving our office to Mexico delivers the very clear message that Latin America, particularly Mexico, remains important to United.

The Mexico City office will also handle general administrative responsibilities for United's Latin America service.

United now offers 91 weekly flights between our U.S. hubs & Mexico – including 42 flights to Mexico City & 49 flights to 4 Mexico beach destinations.



United Airlines Historical Foundation

“Preserving the Past, Inspiring the Future”

VARNEY AIR LINES (continued)



Cuddeback said that when flying into Elko, he had to dive the C-6 Swallow to gain enough speed to clear the 8000 ft. mountain peaks. Installing the “Whirlwind” J-4 engines solved that problem.

By late 1926, Salt Lake City had replaced Elko at the route's southeast end. Varney Air Line's first fatal accident occurred April 15, 1927 on a flight between Salt Lake City and Boise, killing Pilot William E. Sanborn. Following this accident Varney contacted Lloyd Stearman with his thoughts for a better mail plane.

Early in 1929 Varney began replacing the Swallows with Stearman's new 525 h.p. Cyclone M-2 “Speedmail”. This plane had 91 cubic feet of cargo space, carried a thousand-pound payload and

cruised at 125 m.p.h.

Varney had continued to bid for additional C.A.M routes and in 1929 was awarded the route linking Portland, Seattle & Spokane to his Pasco, Boise & Salt Lake City route.

Varney Pilot Joe Taff flew the inaugural flight on this route in mid-September 1929. Taff said that the forest-fire smoke was so thick that he couldn't see the recently-installed beacons along the Columbia River Gorge.

Visit our website at: www.uahf.org

Please mail your tax-deductible contributions and donations of United Memorabilia & Artifacts to: UAHF, Tom Goodyear, 7401 Martin Luther King Blvd., Denver, CO 80207

FORMER UAL DC10 FBS MOVES



This former UAL DC10 fixed-base trainer was moved from Denver's Metro State college to the “Lowry Wings Over The Rockies Museum” where it is now on display.

United retirees Ray Colavita, Gene Hudson & Sid Belkov, with help of other “Wings” volunteers, moved the trainer and completely refurbished the interior.

It is believed that this is one of only two UAL aircraft cockpits on public display. The other is the B727 in the Chicago Museum of Science.

COMMENTS FROM A SATISFIED CUSTOMER

The RUAEA website is updated 2-3 weeks

prior to the paper copy of the newsletter is mailed. One satisfied customer had this to say:

"We sincerely appreciate your efforts; thoroughly enjoy reading the Newsletter every month. I especially like to receive it early through the RUAEA Website."

If you desire to start receiving your Newsletter through the website go to the Home Page at www.ruaea.org, click on the current Newsletter and follow the prompts to sign up for the web.

TRAVEL DESK – PDX & SEA

Both Travel Desks in PDX & SEA are having security authorization problems with the computers - somehow sometimes we may not be accepted or recognized as an entity in the United family - maybe just plain over looked. We are present as volunteers, however, we may not be able to service your calls with the information you are seeking - companion or retiree service charges, Interline information & discounted items.

Principally the internal service Skynet is not available. We are trying to search out where & with whom to correct this problem - that we are a viable entity. The SkyNet version on your home computers is NOT affected!

The basic Apollo has been out-sourced, we are going through the problems until the new folks learn the system & who is who.

A couple of our "snow-birds" have returned to the home nest so they have lost their profiles after some months absence. We have learned how to circumnavigate this problem, at least for the moment. We are back up to full force to take your listings for flights & give you load information..

To all of you who have *Apollo*, perhaps through CompuServe, **do keep your password current**. If you are an infrequent user "sign-in" once a week to maintain your use of Apollo. If you cannot sign-in now, you are **OUT** & will **NOT** be allowed back as a Retiree, for what are called "security reasons." Active Flight Attendants & Pilots will not be affected at the present time. When Pilots & Attendants do retire they will lose access to Apollo. This is our understanding presently.

Apollo will be phased out (termination time is unknown), a new system will be put in-place, perhaps something similar to "fast-air" that has preprogrammed entries.

We appreciate patience & understanding if we are unable to give the information you desire. We expect to solve our SkyNet authorization sometime next week. Continue to call us and we will do the best we can at that time.

Portland and Seattle Retiree Travel Desks

Robert Brumfield - SEA

Rance Ishiabashi - PDX

Seattle Retirees Travel Desk:

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Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs. - 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Pacific Time

Seattle Retirees in the FREE calling areas, please use (206) 433-4218

Portland Retirees Travel Desk:

1-888 278-7038

Mon., Wed., Fri. - 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Pacific Time

KNOW YOUR OFFICERS/DIRECTORS/ STAFF

Lonna Fischer, Membership Secretary, was employed by United Airlines 4/22/85 as a Reservations Agent in DENRR. Retired 10/1/05 as a Rate Desk Agent.

Volunteer involvement includes being on the Board of Directors of the Site Specific Board of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal (lobbying for Senior issues).

Leisure activities include learning to make dream catchers, also enjoy dining with friends.

We are happy to welcome Lonna as a member of the RUAEA office staff.

NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS

Chapter reports for May are due in DEN by Thurs. April 6, June report by 5/5, July report by 6/6. Reports may be sent by e-mail ruaea@aol.com or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667 - Attention - Jo Madden. Please list Chapter name at top of each page. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to Jo Madden, Newsletter Editor, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO - 80207-2433. Allow for postal delay. We cannot extend deadline.



SPECIAL NOTICE

During the RUAEA Convention in Washington, DC Chapter Correspondents meeting will be held Fri. May 26, 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM in Salon II. 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 18. 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.

Jo Madden
Newsletter Editor

Convention Registration Page Correction!

The Box Number on the Registration Page was transposed during Production of the Feb. Issue.

***The correct Box Number is
#306***

LOCAL NEWS

ARIZONA



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If you are attending the bi-weekly breakfast

meetings, please call Pat at (623) 935-9235 before 5 PM Mon. before the breakfast. Those of you that are on our regular's list (you know who you are) need to call when you won't be there. Any questions contact Pat or Sherry.

Attendance at the recent breakfast, 24, still no rain but we all keep coming to breakfast. No response yet to our rain dances. We have missed our Pres. Jim Bechtold, who has been vacationing in FL this month.

We really had a good time at our luncheon at Union Hills Country Club on Feb. 11. The food was great, and, what about that dessert! There were 51 in attendance. Good to see you all. Tom & Anita Svestka, from IL were guests of Lowell & Pat Neal. They also met again at Coco's on Feb 14 for breakfast.

Congratulations to Clay & Joanne Hippensteel on their 59th wedding anniversary.

By the time you read this we will have enjoyed Saint Patrick's day at Paradise Race Track! I hope the luck of the Irish was with all of you.

"Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open."

Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings - Location – 98th and Bell road

April 11

April 25

Fall/Winter Luncheons

***April 1** (no fooling!) - Luke AFB cookout -

***Note:** This is a date change

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PHOENIX METRO



Our Feb. luncheon was held at the Airport Hilton Feb. 16 attended by 38 members. Everyone enjoyed the venue & the delicious meal.

The various committees talked about their progress. Jim Fauber spoke to us briefly to update us on the UA Claims Settlement. He advised that we can expect to see our settlements shortly. Bud Hubbard reminded us to make reservations now for the convention which is to be held in Washington,

D.C. in May.

We were happy to welcome *Hank Gosselin*, the RUAEA Director for the Northwest Region. Everyone joined in wishing *Ron Padrone* a Happy Birthday.

We were advised that *Bill Hawthorne* just passed away.

Tony Ribiero has moved to a new rehab located near Chandler Hospital, seems to be doing a little better. He underwent quadruple bypass surgery in Oct. & has had a very difficult recovery period.

Jo Eson at The Citadel.

Calendar:

April 13 - Annual Picnic - Red Mountain Park



TALL PINES

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Our Tall Pines Chapter held the Feb. meeting on the 28th with 22 great UAL retirees.

We had a non-business all social lunch because:

- nobody sick – thank the Good Lord
- no special anniversaries or birthdays
- no big trips
- so we just had fun!

Th – Th – Th – Th – that's all Folks!

Calendar:

April 25 - Luncheon - Coco's - 11:00 am

May 23 – Luncheon - Coco's - 11:00 am

TUCSON

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Our Feb. meeting was a luncheon at Gee's Garden Bistro. We were delighted to welcome new members Ray & Phyllis Potsic also guests Michael & Celli Longanecker, Len & Laverne Haubl. Len & Laverne are members of the SMF Gold Diggers

& South Bay chapters of RUAEA. Len also is running for Treas. of RUAEA in the up-coming election.

Speaking of the election, our own inimitable Gordon Starr is running for Executive Vice President. If you haven't voted yet, do so now. The ballot is on the back sheet of the March issue of the RUAEA newsletter. It must be received by the audit committee by May 1, 2006.

Ron Robertson told us of his visit to the RUAEA Convention hotel in D.C., the Marriott Central Gateway. He describes it as a great facility in an excellent location.

Calendar:

April 20 - Lunch in Sierra Vista at Delio's restaurant, 11:00 a.m.

ARKANSAS



"THE NATURALS"

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Feb. 21, 11 members attended a luncheon at Oyster Bay. Since so few members were able to attend, we did not hold a meeting, but enjoyed the lunch & the friendship. Thanks to Bud & June Millard for making the arrangements.

Pat Jester, a retired flight attendant from LAX joined our luncheon. She & her husband, Dick, recently moved to our Village. Hopefully, they will join our group.

For an update on our former Pres., Ken Skare, he has a niece in Carthage, MO, therefore, moved to a nursing home in that area. There are no new improvements in his condition. Cards would be welcomed. Address is: St. Lukes, 1220 E. Fairview, Carthage, MO. 64836.

Jim & Linda Nichol will host the next meeting which will be held in April. Time & place will be announced at a later date. If anyone will be in our area & would like to join us, please write or email me. We missed out on a visitor this month because they wrote a letter & did not include a telephone number or email. Our response by U.S. Mail was too late to catch them.

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Our Feb. 15th Luncheon was held at The Vineyard House in Santa Ynez hosted by Bob & Esther Bartlett with 24 in attendance. Esther & Bob made very nice table treats that topped off the luncheon.

Betty Rupp brought her daughter Georgeanne Lubin, Kathy Shurtlett brought her mother-in-law & husband.

Our VP John Stilwell is out of the country, we have to wait until next meeting to find out just where he went. I'm sure he'll have some "tall" stories to tell.

Peter & Joan Schaefer are in So. Carolina where Joan is running her 14th marathon.

Bob Stanger brought his mother, Isabelle. Welcome back!

We missed Wilma & Garver Sandy. Garver had a bad fall that caused bruised ribs but luckily there were no broken bones. We wish him a quick recovery, hope to see them at our next meeting. They enjoy coming to the Central Coast & always spend an extra day or two just to see our beautiful coast line. Get well fast!

Ken Bake told us of a problem he had at his 2-year old house. He left for a week & when he came back, his house was flooded because of a broken toilet tank water line. He is now spending several days if not weeks at a motel until his house is repaired. Many of us turn off the ice-maker and clothes washer, but who would think about shutting off the toilet tank. A word of warning.

I have to make a correction in last month's newsletter. I had written Bob Stanger's wife name as Marsha, it should have been MARCIA. An apology for this error.

Bob Stanger told us that there is going to be a Culinary Tour to SFO & the Presidio on April 25 leaving from San Jose. Any cooking enthusiast would find this tour very informative.

Bob also found an article that remembered Jack Cunningham as a chauffeur for Pat Patterson's per-

sonal Stewardess (remember that title?). He admitted it but he said the title chauffeur has to be pronounced with a French accent. He said he was very proud of that job. He didn't go into any details.

Our next luncheon/meeting will be hosted by Bob & Pat Wagner. Bob wouldn't give us any clue as to where the meeting will be held but he promised a "mystery" luncheon or "take what you get". This is a meeting we don't want to miss.

The answer to last month's trivia question: When was the first in-flight movie? The answer is: 4/6/25 a single reel short was shown on a "Deutsche Luft Hansa flight". Silent films were ideal for showing in noisy airliners.

Next month's trivia question: What was the Ninety-nines?

For Chapter information, call Bob Stanger (805) 929-2901.

BRAZEN RAISINS

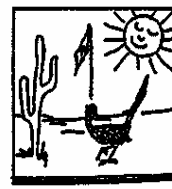
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The Brazen Raisins' March meeting was hosted by Dick & Hazel Hayes who decorated the meeting room lavishly in a St. Patrick's Day motif. Dick Hayes presented a dissertation on St. Patrick's Day in an authentic Irish brogue. Peggy Oakshott, Don Nessling, Pat Gilbert & Jack Hartman were all celebrating birthdays in March; since it was actually Peggy's birthday, she was given an ice cream cake & a rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday to You".

DESERT SUNBIRDS

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Submitted by Elaine Aggson

33 Desert Sunbirds & guests enjoyed the fabulous buffet at Casino Morongo in Cabazon for the March meeting. Following lunch, many spent the afternoon seeking their fortune. Ron & Melinda Lerg had a good "stake" after winning the 50/50 drawing. We wonder how much they left with. We welcomed newest member, Howard Lackey,

who drove over from LAX.

Chuck Lamas brought his neighbors, Joan Tate came with Tony Kahalis as Ron was working at the Pacific Life tennis tournament. Elmer & Billie White, members in absentia, were visiting in the area & were able to join us. It was good to see them looking so healthy. Barbara Rowe, absent for several months, was back. She now has Wed. off from her job at the Ontario Airport so she will be able to join us on a regular basis, she just learned that her job has a pension benefit but doesn't know how old she has to be to retire! It was with great sadness that we bid farewell to Tom & Karen Tischler, who are moving to St. George, UT. They have promised to return for our Christmas Party as Tom is our "elf" who delivers the door prizes to the lucky winners. Elaine Aggson won the free birthday lunch as Dee Wright (the other birthday celebrant) did not show up. It is not true that Elaine sent him to the wrong casino. His car was out of service due to an accident. No injury to him - just to his brand new Honda. After a lengthy wait, Al Pennington is at last scheduled for a cochlea implant. We wish him good luck with his new "ear".

Calendar:

April 12 - Olive Garden in Palm Desert. Hostess Marge Lenz, 760-674-8427 or mlenzpd@aol

May 10 - Palm Desert Greens CC in Palm Desert. Host Chuck Lamas, 760-776-0812 or cjlamas@msn.com.



THE SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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Our Feb. luncheon, a "Past President's Luncheon", was held at the Buggy Whip Restaurant in Sacramento. Hosts were Colleen & Harold Esola. Attendance was 75 members & 3 guests.

Guests were : Karen Doran, guest of Ron & Barbara Bertacini; Jim Mansfield, guest of Levi Jensen & Jeanine, granddaughter of the Robinsons.

Karen Doran is a Communications & Training Officer of SAC. Among her duties she manages the "Airport Ambassador Volunteer's Program".

Co-Pres. Harold Esola gave the attendance figures, introduced the guests, & announced that there were 8 past presidents in attendance. He called on Karen Doran to explain just what Airport Ambassadors jobs do. Karen acknowledged volunteers present, the Bertacinis & the Szekretars. The volunteers assist passengers in finding things at the airport, such as where gates are located; where to find transportation from the airport; where to find food & other questions people need answers to. The main theme of her spiel was that of a rewarding feeling in helping people bewildered by airports & making them feel at home.

Harold named all the Gold Diggers' past presidents since its inception in 1981.

REDWOOD EMPIRE RETIREES

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Feb. meeting of Redwood Empire Retirees was held at the Villa restaurant in Santa Rosa. Ron & Joanne Huhn hosted, assisted by Barney & Clare Hagen attended by 42 members & guests.

VP Patrick Cadden introduced the guests: Lois Pfeifer, guest of Verda Burr; Lee Trevelyn & Lynn Cassil, guests of Clare & Barney; Grace Adomawitch, guest of Ruth Loy.

Treas. Oscar Chambers reported Charity Fund & General Fund are solvent.

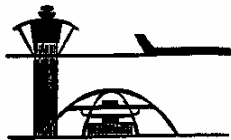
Winner of the Birthday Lunch was Diana Quinn. Jim Lea (LAS) called Verda Burr after she sent him a note advising him that the envelope he sent at Christmas was empty! He sent a card. Bob & Liz Ashworth will not be renewing their membership because of Liz's poor health. Verda also received a letter stating that Mickey Peterson had passed away several months ago.

Don Edwards assumed a waiter role by pouring coffee for those who were interested.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: Never corner someone or something that is meaner than you are.

Calendar:

May 11 - Paradise Bay, Sausalito - Ann Sullivan & Joan Sheahan



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Our news of people is short this month. I heard from a couple of sources that **Dick Coffey** passed away Feb. 4. Dick & Betty had been married for nearly 56 years. He had a 40 year career with UA at LAXCS. Gary Baesel advises that if you have any questions about contacts, email GTRAB5@aol.com. Dick's many friends & fellow employees extent sincere sympathy to Betty & family.

We have some happy news this month. **Dick Hopkins** whose wife died last year has remarried. The Klobes received a nice letter from him, he reports that after a year of finally getting a clean check-up from cancer treatments then losing his wife very suddenly, his life has turned around, he's now healthy & happy. Congratulations, Dick.

Another happy occasion was Frankie & Al Tschirhart's 50th anniversary. They don't look old enough for more than a 25th!). The party at their lovely home was attended by family & some close friends. A great time was had by all. Congratulations to you two.

Hal & Donna Klobe tell me they have bought a time share at the new Cancun time share resort in LAS, about which they are very excited. They advise the units are lovely, the pools, spas, etc., the best. They've already spent a week there & look forward to using it as much as possible in the future.

Our April meeting at the Harbor House in Marina del Rey was well attended. As usual, we had the good & professionally delivered jokes by Pres. Hal plus some interesting announcements – the upcoming RUAEA election, for one. I do hope, & urge, you all to pay attention to the RUAEA ballot in the March newsletter – **VOTE!** No excuses this year as our own **Hal Klobe** is running for Executive V.P., **Howard Lackey**, the ReLAXers V.P. (who has done such a great job of finding luncheon locations for us) will be running for Director – So. Calif Region. Send in your ballot with EVERY office marked even if only one candidate is listed for a

specific position even if you don't know a candidate and have nothing to do with that city or region! The number of ballots sent in is important.

ReLAXers rosters are now up to date. Let me know (by fone or email) if you want one, I'll deliver it at the April 6 luncheon for a piddley sum of \$1 if delivered, \$2 if mailed. This includes one list by name plus a separate list by email address. Please do not send a SASE a/c I use the large 9 x 12s for mailing.

Speaking of the roster, as mentioned in earlier issues, we hope to be able to reduce our postage bill by use of email meeting announcements. As anyone with an email mailing list knows, each time you send a message to your email group you get rejects due to email address changes. If you change your email address there is a super way to get the word around to everyone on your list. I received one change that the sender sent through <http://www.trueswitch.com>. Another sender sent the info through www.ReturnPath.com. I don't know if there is a charge for the services of these companies, but it seems to me it would be worth it. In any case, if you change your email address PLEASE let me know, one way or another.

If you are going to be able to go to the convention, don't forget you need an appointment for the White House tour from your congressman. The best report I've heard so far is that Phyllis & Tom Easley received their date – for Thurs. of the convention week. Good luck to the rest of you!

Calendar:

April 6 – **Earlier date** than usual. Luncheon at the Proud Bird.

May 21 – 27 - Convention. Be sure to attend. Note some hotel dates are sold out, but not all!

June 8 – Luncheon, Location T.B.A.

Nov. 1 - (or close to that) Palm Spring Fabulous Follies with tour of the Living Desert Museum in Indian Wells as an added attraction. Overnight. In PSP at hotel 1 block from theater. We hope price will be same as earlier tour which was canceled. Stay tuned. Flyers will be sent to all names on the roster. Non-ReLAXers, contact me for flyer.



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We had 140 members & guests present when Pres. Ralph Trullinger opened our Feb. 27 meeting. Our favorite greeter, Mike Mewkalo, welcomed us at the door.

Membership Chairperson, Carol Walter introduced & welcomed our new member, Carol Rising. Carol Walter & Treas. Eugene Walter, a husband & wife team informed us that we have 49 people, so far, who have not renewed their membership. Unless they paid their dues before the meeting was over they will not be in the 2006 Roster. But, please, don't feel that it is too late to renew your membership. That can be done anytime. We still want you as a member.

As I reported last month, Lowell Maloney had orthoscopic knee surgery & an injection in his back to relieve his back pain. This was helpful at first but now he is not feeling as well as he would like. We hope there will be more improvement soon.

I am sorry to report that we have lost 2 of our members this last month. Clarence Juett passed away Feb. 10. You can send cards to his wife, Mary, at 3057 Page St., Redwood City, CA 94063. Bert Niedermaier lost his wife, Carol, recently. Cards can be sent to him at 296 Elm Ave., San Bruno, CA 94066. We send our condolences to both Mary & Bert.

Ginger Dahlberg reminded everyone to sign up for the convention, that it should be fun.

Many of us have not received our Feb. RUAEA newsletter but you can get the information & forms from the RUAEA website or you can go to Skynet. Helen Cain did this & made some extra copies for us.

Instead of our usual potluck we had a Chinese Luncheon Buffet to help celebrate the Chinese New Year. Husband & wife team, Walter & Vera Kina arranged this for us. I think this was one of the best luncheons we have had. The food was delicious with a wide variety of choices. They provided place mats with the Chinese Horoscope so you

could find what animal you were born under, which was fun & interesting.

Another husband & wife team, Co-2nd VPs, Tony & Kathi Hutt do a great job each month finding groups to entertain & sometimes educate us at our meetings. This month we had "Seniors in Show Biz", a group of ladies who are above a certain age, & can really dance. Included is our own Harriet Kunze. It was a good show.

Travel info.: Travel Coordinator, Ginger Dahlberg still has a few cabins available on the Copenhagen to New York cruise that leaves Sept. 22. Another trip planned, "*A Country Christmas*", from Dec. 6 – 11, 2006 should be a lot of fun. It includes the Biltmore Estate, the largest privately owned home in America, & it will be decorated for the holidays. The trip includes entertainment at the Country Tonite Theatre & the Louise Mandrel Theatre, views of the beautiful Smokey Mountains & much more. Contact Ginger 650-224-1865 or email gingersfo@aol.com. Ginger is still working on a Vietnam trip for Feb. 2007.

Betty Garner, Local Tour Coordinator, has a day trip planned May 2, 2006 to the New United Motors mfg. Inc. or NUMMI, a joint venture of Toyota & General Motors, which includes a tram ride through the plant. Afterward there will be a hosted lunch, then sake tasting at the Takara Sake U.S.A. Inc., a sake manufacturing company. Should be interesting & fun so contact Betty Garner 650-355-4195 or email garnerbee@yahoo.com

Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4th Mon. ea. mo., 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.

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We welcomed Dee & Stan Kolman back from their honeymoon cruise to the Panama Canal. They had a wonderful time.

Visitors this month were Les & Lucille Bourquin who came from San Juan Batista. We also had a visit from our Western Director, Howard Payne, who gave a very informative talk about UA's coming out of bankruptcy, also news about the upcoming convention.

Pres. Garver Sandy, fell & is still recovering from some painful bumps & bruises.

LaDonna Eggert was in the hospital, is now home but is still on oxygen, hopes to be with us at the Spring Luncheon.

Marion Gaevert is recovering from pneumonia.

Barbara Farrell is still in therapy for her arm. Alice Frisch is now out of her cast for a broken wrist. Carol Copely had minor surgery, is now doing well.

Let's hope April turns out to be better health-wise for everyone.

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 8:20 am. Please contact Pres. Garver Sandy (408) 262-1548, for more information.

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Our Feb. meeting was held on the 13th with 41 attendees. The breakfast buffet was a resounding success.

Our guests were Pat Cadden, Ann Rifenrath, June Roe, Ann Sullivan and Joan Sheahan. We welcomed back Richard Cross, Len Hales, Geri Lum & Marguerite Keil. Our reservations people keep expanding!

We meet the 2nd Mon. of each month at Marie Callendar's restaurant in Concord. Social time from 11:15 to 12:00 noon. Lunch and business matters from 12:00 on. No need for reservations, just come.

Calendar:

April 10

May 8

June 12 – (our Annual Picnic at Pleasant Hill Park - 147 Gregory Lane - PH)

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We had 3 first-timers attend the 2/25/06 mailing, Virgil Gooselaw's daughter Deniece Morris, a "special" first-timer, Virgil's granddaughter, McKenna (3 months old) & Lonna Fischer. Welcome & please join us again.



Marie Cosby is home, 14390 E. Marina Dr. #506, Aurora, CO 80014-5528.

Cards & cheering-up notes would be very welcome, also – she can have visitors, but no telephone calls.

Dixie McCay recently had lunch with Mary Lou Dillner. Mary Lou is doing quite well & would enjoy hearing from the Retirees. She is in Porter Place Retirement Home, 1001 E. Yale Av., Denver, CO 80210.

Dick Magee is getting along quite well but would enjoy hearing from his RUAEA friends. Address: 2100 W. 100th Av. #69, Denver, CO 80260-5913, phone (303) 466-8763.

48 retirees attended the Mile Highers' breakfast at United Air Lines Flight Training Center Cafeteria (DENTK) on March 1. Three retirees returned their 50/50s winnings to the Mile High Chapter - Harriet Ahr, Bob Hagedorn & Tony Lopez - Thanks folks.

Calendar:

Breakfast 1st Wed each month, 8:00 AM, DENTK. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, (303) 696-7001. Remember to bring your pop cans.



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The Real McCoy's luncheon was held March 1 at the Golden Corral.

Treas. Charlotte LeGrand, announced that 2 new members joined, swelling our ranks to 35 members.

Sharon Ringer, asked for our support to The Central Florida Children's Home. She said they need industrial vacuums desperately, cleaning supplies & items you would put in a child's lunch box. She urged us to bring these items to our next meeting.

Our next meeting will be our Picnic, which will be held April 5, Wed., Noon at the East Lake Fish Camp Pavilion located at 3705 Big Bass Road in Kissimmee. Hamburgers & Hot Dogs will be provided. Beer & Soda will be a \$1.00 per drink. Please bring a side dish or dessert. There will also be a door prize.

On a similar note, Sharon will advise us at the picnic if we will be making Easter Baskets for the kids at The Central Florida Children's Home.

Our deepest sympathy to Mary Martison whose husband, Sidney (Marty) passed away, he would have celebrated his 75th birthday.

Congratulations to Gloria & Richard Armistead on their 53rd Wedding Anniversary.

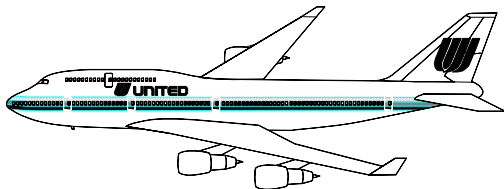
Congratulations are also extended to Pat & Jim Hernandez, on the birth of their 6th great grandson.

Calendar:

April 22 - 42nd Street

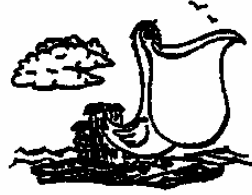
May 16 - Space Coast Nature Tour

Oct. 11 thru 21 - Spectacular Sights of Scenic Arizona Featuring Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta.



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On March 3 we had 24 members & guests at our luncheon meeting at beautiful Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club in North Fort Myers. Since our Pres. Carrie Belluso, had been sick with bronchitis for the past week, VP Terry Gilkison conducted the meeting. Sally Sciple wished "Happy Birthday" to the March birthdays.

Tom & Marilyn McNabb have been leading our group for 18 years & have been requesting members to volunteer to take over their jobs. Terry Gilkison volunteered to take over the job of Pres. for 1 year, Mel Volz volunteered to be the Treas. Congratulations to both Terry & Mel. We would now like some more members to volunteer to assist Terry & Mel so we can keep our great group together. If we all do a little, we can make it work.

Nancy Dainus had hip surgery, & went home. Then to make matters worse she had a breathing problem & was rushed to the hospital where she remained for another week. She is on antibiotics for treatment of an E coli blood infection.

Ray Winterhalter, a long time member of the Pelican Drop-Ins, is running for RUAEA Southeast Regional Director & would welcome our support.

Terry introduced Mary Ann Parsons from the University of Florida IFAS Extension, our guest speaker. She talked about "Florida Yards & Neighborhoods". She had valuable information about Florida's gardening styles, creating & maintaining healthy & attractive plants, common insect problems & choosing plants for our Florida environment. Mary Ann answered many questions from our members. She also handed out literature promoting water conservation & South Florida landscaping.

Calendar:

1st Friday of the Month

Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (Oct.-May)

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant (June-Sept.)

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The Sanddollars met on Feb. 8 at the Twin Dolphin Marina Grille on the shore of the Big Manatee River. It was a good turnout with 35 members & guest. The guest list included Ann Traeger & Kerstin Kearns, a flight attendant for UAL.

Our Pres. led the whole gang in a Happy Birthday song for all the birthday celebrants, which are numerous in our chapter. We want to single out Barbara Dee, whose birthday is on the 8th.

Our sick list includes Suzan Goodman & Loretta Marvett, who came to the meeting with her arm in a cast. We all wish Betty Trice our very best, she started chemo-therapy on the 9th of Feb.

On a lighter note, we heard that Marion Deckrow is on a 12-day cruise to the Panama Canal.

Michael Marvett told us about Ray Winterhalter, who is a candidate for Director of the S.W. region of RUAEA replacing Loretta Marvett.

Our next luncheon will be at the Linger Lodge, Pat Trice will email all the information at a later date.

2nd Report:

The Sanddollar chapter met on March 8 at the Linger Lodge in Sarasota. We had a great turnout, 42 members & guests came to enjoy a lunch at this very unique restaurant.

Guest list included the Morrisons DENS, Sheila Boling & Charlotte Hansen ORD/DEN/MIASW, Nyla Wiehe's sister & her husband, the Formans, plus 2 of the Orlando Citrus Groupers, the Hellermanns JFK.

Pres. Pat Trice filled us in on the progress of his wife, Betty, who is undergoing chemo-therapy.

We send our best wishes to her for a speedy recovery.

Our next luncheon will be at Troyer's Dutch Restaurant. Please mail your checks to Pat Trice. The lunch buffet cost is \$12.20 p/p; he will email all the members with details & his address.

A reminder, that the RUAEA convention is coming up in May.

Calendar:

April 12 - Luncheon at Troyer's Dutch Restaurant in Sarasota - 1130AM



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Ah, Spring. Time for Spring cleaning - here's a tip – hire someone. Get out of the house, get some fresh air, take a walk, plant a bush. At our Feb. meeting we had 17 fine folks for the regular luncheon. The April 4 get-together will be the normal luncheon at Johnny's Restaurant, 11:30. 7180 S. US Highway 1, Port St. Lucie (772)878-2686. At this meeting we will plan for the picnic on May 2. Participants will bring something from a list of items to avoid duplication. On June 6, will be the final meeting (barring any special events) until September 5. Our election of officers will take place. Good health to Artie Frage, Maurine Carragher, Diane Brodis and to everyone feeling under the weather. To conclude, you know you're a Redneck when you missed 5th grade graduation because you had jury duty.

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DIXIE FLYERS

We had a delicious Southern buffet to start the New Year out right; 24 members & 1 guest, Jay

Marshall, Judy & Bill Elk's grandson, enjoyed lunch at the Garden Patch Restaurant in Barnesville on Jan. 4, hosted by Sandy Lis. Our Sunshine Lady, Jane Brown, reported no illnesses this month. That's good news! Pres. Bruce Brodersen & the membership gave a round of applause to Jane Brown & Barbara Russy for the fine job they did with the Christmas lunch. WAY TO GO Ladies! Bruce Brodersen, our chapter Pres. told us that he was contacted by RUAEA & asked if he would be interested in being a Regional Representative of a new region that was being created this year for the Eastern section of the country. Way to go Bruce! Bruce has accepted the position of South East Director for the National RUAEA Organization & thus has resigned as Pres.

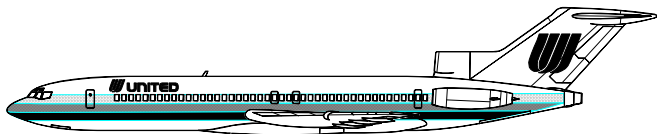
Sandy Lis, has accepted the position of Pres. for our chapter. Sandy has been our VP so we will need to fill that position. Bill Elk was presented with a gift card in appreciation of his service as Newsletter/RUAEA editor for the past 3 years. He certainly deserved it! A "Thank You" note was received from the UAL retiree family in Mississippi that needed some help after the disaster of Katrina. There was a lively discussion of upcoming exit from bankruptcy & all it entails. We have many unanswered questions also concerns about the future.

38 lively members and one guest, Little Miss Chloe Shelley, granddaughter of Don & Marge Shelley met at Shoneys in McDonough, 2/1/06 for our regular meeting hosted by Ron & Marge Heider. We were accommodated very nicely in a private room. Ron & Marge Heider were celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary, therefore, we were served generous helpings of a beautiful cake in their honor. We were reminded that dues for 2006 are payable now with a 3/1/06 deadline.

Calendar:

April 5 - We will meet at O'Charley's Restaurant in Newnan, GA, hosted by Frank & Barbara Russy.

April 22 - The annual gathering at Marge & Don Shelleys'. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. It is always a great time to see old friends and to reminisce about the "good old days".



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Life is like a box of chocolates; you never know what you're going to get. 58 Menehunes met for lunch at Bubba Gump's Ala Moana. JoAnn Jozaitis & Susan McCarthy organized the delightful event.

After the festivities we got down to business. Welcomed new members Ellie Giles – HNLRR & HNLCS, Marilyn Punahale – HNLCS & DENCS, Sheldon (Shelly) Joyce & Evie – ORDFO, Bob Vogtritter & Shirley - ORDFO.

JoAnn Jozaitis presented a correspondence binder she created to use for letters, notices & pictures of interest to the group. One of the first items for this binder will be a letter from Howard Payne for the perusal of members unable to hear firsthand.

Anne Stone attended the PBGC meeting in LAX & provided helpful information also answered questions.

The best news came last. Jeannie Yukitomo, Alliant Branch Manager, first introduced new staff members & ran a raffle benefiting the Hawaii Food Bank. The big announcement of the day was a new & improved interest rate (4%) on savings & two new CD offers (4.5% one year, 4.75% two year).

Forrest, Mama & Bubba would have been proud.

Calendar:

Summer - June 22

Autumn – Sept. 28

Winter – Feb. 22, 2007

Steering Committee Meeting – Jan. 9, 2007

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BOISE GEMS

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Pres. Sharon Kolins welcomed 35 attendees at our March meeting at JD's Restaurant in Meridian, & told us what activities were coming up. The trip to Elko is now on the docket. That will be on April 18 & 19, with an overnight stay at the Econo Lodge Inn. Dave Adams will again be our tour conductor & designated driver. We won't know exactly what the costs will be. It depends on how many sign on for the trip, both for the suites & the round-trip bus fare, but it'll be modest; the more the better. Call Sharon if you haven't already signed on.

Sharon also reported that 11 GEMs visited the home of the Parrishs, & were amazed at his model railroading skills. Bob made everything in the collection. Not only were there tracks & compete trains, but also he designed the scenery, mountains, houses – all done to scale. The people are 1" tall. From there the group went to the McGraths Fish House in Boise for a tasty seafood lunch.

Holbrook Maslem gave us a few details on a 45-day trip he & Evelyn made to Australia. They flew UA to Sydney, taking in the opera there. From there they went north using local air services. They visited Cairns, & saw a bit of the Great Barrier Reef. Mike's interest was in looking for old airplanes, especially WWII vintages. So far he has collected 25 airplanes, which he keeps in his hangar at a private airstrip in Caldwell. His latest acquisition is an A4 Skyhawk, single-engine jet. He now has his own air museum, which he has named Aeroplanes Over Idaho Museum. He participated in an air exhibit at the Boise Convention Center on March 10, 11 & 12. The event is sponsored by the Idaho Division of Aeronautics. He had a booth, & gave instructions on back-country flying.

Pete & Dorothy Trock went cruising – a 7-day trip leaving from Houston – which they enjoyed very much. Their daughter Julie Corten has transferred from SFO to BOI, & now works customer service at the airport. Their advice to pass travelers, "Please be nice to her."

Ossie & Louise Haugen are hosting their Grandson Greg Swank & Great Grandson Kendrick Marshall, both from Houston, TX. They came north to snowboard at Bogus Basin, which is Boise's #1 ski resort. Sun Valley, by the way, is celebrating its 70th birthday, as Jim Kennedy will attest, since he & Linda, have been residents there, ever since moving from Hollywood Hills. (Anyone interested in a brief history of Sun Valley, send Bill

Heath an email.) Ski Magazine still ranks Sun Valley the #1 ski resort in the U.S., notably "the nation's most complete all-year mountain resort."

Among members sidelined, we must tell you that George Perry's wife Jean has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, & is now in a care home. George's address is 2104 Tendoy Dr., Boise, ID 83705. Bob Smith is still being treated. John Birt is ailing, but doesn't want to receive phone calls; cards OK. It was good to have Marlene Croghan back with us, & feeling better.

Ron Dietler who has been doing volunteer duty, working full-time (7a.m.-3 p.m.) for the St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, for the past 6 years, following his retirement from UA. He retired from the work at St. Luke's on March 15. He promises to attend our next meeting. Ron & Judie have sold their home in Boise, and will be moving to Meridian on March 15. Their new address is: 1373 N. Victor Wy, Meridian, ID 83642.

Calendar:

Apr. 3 – 9 a.m. breakfast meeting at JB's in Meridian.

Apr. 18-19 – Overnight trip to Elko, NV

May 1 – 9 a.m. breakfast meeting at JB's in Meridian

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Finally spring has arrived in the Midwest, as we say good-bye to winter.

William Brookins, a visitor from the Northside, said that he enjoyed chatting with old & new friends who gathered at Grandma Sally's Restaurant for breakfast. William visited with his friends from Midway & O'Hare. The group discussed the RUAEA convention that will be held in May & their plans on attending. There were 4 winners in the monthly raffle from out of the 25 people attending. Ester & Al Broderson traveled to AZ to visit family & friends last month.

A new bus stop shelter has been installed for

use by Retirees & employees for accessing the shuttle bus to ORD. It is located on Linneman Road just across the street from the guard shack. A schedule is posted inside the shelter can also be obtained by calling CHIRR at 1-847-700-4087/2252 or on the computer at **Skynet>travel>WHQ-ORD Bus Schedule** located on the lower left side of the page. Pickup/drop off at the airport will remain the same at **1G** (Lower Level) center aisle with a stop at CHIRR. Remember there is **NO** Sunday & Holiday service.

The Northsiders breakfast group at Artemis enjoyed some Valentine treats from Cupid with their breakfast & coffee. Jim Turner, retired from WHQKF May 1987, was a new comer at the breakfast. As always, we welcome Jim & any one attending the monthly breakfast.

Our condolences are extended to the family of Ester Geipel, who passed away in Feb. Ester worked at World Headquarters as a secretary for many years. She was a friend to many, involved with many Chicago Skyliners activities.

Those planning to attend the convention in Washington, D.C. are encouraged to make hotel reservations & tour selections by April 15. Room availability is limited. Popular tours also sell out quickly. Please refer to your Feb. RUAEA issues for complete details or the website.

Calendar:

April 12 – Breakfast with the Northsiders Group – 9:00 a.m. Artemis Restaurant - Golf & Busse Roads. in Mt. Prospect, IL.

April 28 – Grandma Sally's Pancake House at 10:00 a.m., 8500 South Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL.

May 14 – The **Y-Me Race** on Mother's Day - Chicago lake front. (more information to be printed later)

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The Feb.13 meeting was good but it lacked one very important detail ... me! My husband & I were in LAS attending our son's wedding, having a great time. If you're wondering, "NO" we did not win & "NO" we did not fly on United!

I did speak with our Pres., Wanda Bryce, she filled me in on what I'd missed at the meeting. Wanda went over the PBGC packet she'd received at the convention & passed on any newfound information to the group. The budget for 2006 was reviewed & approved.

Attention all golfers: The United Airlines Retirees Annual Golf Tournament will be held at the Oasis Resort and Casino in Mesquite, NV. Check-in is Sun. April 30, May 1st, 2nd & 3rd are golf days.

Wanda & I are also trying to get a group together for a bus trip on July 19 to the Argosy Casino in Lawrenceburg, IN. A light breakfast is provided on the bus, lunch is provided either at the Casino or a restaurant. We will have 4 hours of casino time. Wine and cheese are served (not for the driver) during the bus ride back home. If you're interested, please call me at (317) 745-3332 or Wanda at (317) 821-8862.

The Indy Racers meet the 2nd Mon. of each month at the Golden Corral, 2224 E. Hadley Rd., Plainfield. The meeting begins at 3:00 but we have access to our room at 2:00 so you can enjoy lunch before the meeting. We welcome all new members & would love to have you join us. See you there!

Calendar:

April 10 - Meeting

May 8 - Tentative ID Theft info

June 12 - Meeting

June 17 - Indy Racers Picnic

July 10 – Meeting

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No meeting in Feb. Our VP, Lou Shakley & wife Silvia, Treas. Bill Vanderwal, & meeting co-

ordinator, Mary & Paul Ward, held an unofficial meeting in RSW while escaping winter. Yours truly basked in the sun of Kauai for a month. Tough to be back in frozen chosen. Got nothing to report or publish from members.

Flying coast to coast on pass was extremely difficult. Managed to get first class, round trip west coast to HWI though. Got to talk to Mileage Plus flyers this trip. They advised, all United flights they used have been full, or close to it. They felt UAL was making money & couldn't understand why we were in bankruptcy.

Lost contact with Mertie West as she didn't renew membership in 2005. Talking to Marcia Kilpatrick, I learned Mertie passed away on July 2, 05. Marcia's husband, David, her Pastor officiated at Mertie's services.

Again, a reminder that all Nor'Easters who gave an e-mail address will now be receiving monthly flyers via e-mail & not U.S. Mail. Those without e-mail will continue to get flyers via U.S. Mail.

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Just in case you noticed I did not send a March Report due to the fact our meeting was pushed back a week & no bad news to report, Thank God... Just thought I would give Jo a little more space for other important news.

Feb. 9, 14 Escapees gathered at City Tavern hosted by Maxine Raymond. We welcomed for the first time new retiree & our newest Escapee Marlene Heaney. We were delighted to see Ann Bartok who came from OH, almost didn't recognize her it has been that long. Thanks to Marlene Jeffery for hosting Nov., all months are now covered for 2006.

Was sad to hear of Bud Praven's passing & of Marilyn Lade's stroke. We will really miss Marlin as our Pres. but understand his priorities at this time. Love & prayers for a most speedy recovery

for Marilyn. Marilyn & Marlin Lade's address: 2141 Gold Finch Ct., Oviedo, FL 32765. Orrie Peters also suffered a "Clinicial Stroke". She is home, will have physical therapy on her left leg as it is hard to move. Also our prayers to Gwen Schwendenmann (Dyc) for a speedy recovery as she fell down the stairs hitting her chin on the cement breaking her jaw in two places, plus breaking off a tooth & cracking a couple others. Faithful Gwen, still came to help get out the Escapee local NL also came to the March meeting. What a girl! I learned a new language, "Wired Jaws Slur", I think it is called... Love & prayers to Gwen @ 24637 Old Orchard, Novi, MI 48375 also to Orrie Peters @ 20945 Tangor Rd. Land O'Lakes, FL 34637-7425.

15 gathered at Peabody's in BHM (not AL), hosted by Carol Cant. We lost 3 due to the weather, but the main roads were fine. They missed a good time, as many 'long-time-no-see' came out defying the weatherman. Charm Nicoll looked radiant after her visit to a Mexican spa, says she can hardly wait to return in the Fall. She was buffed, massaged and pampered, she felt she had a whole new layer of skin on her body. I think this sounds like a good plan for the future.

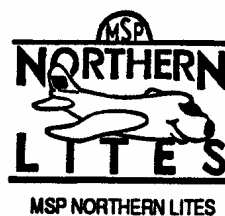
In case you forgot... we have til April 17 this year to repot to Uncle Sam... YEA!!!

Calendar:

First Thursday of month, location varies, please call or e-mail.

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A big thank-you to Ethel Johnson for filling in while both secretaries (Mary Brennan & I) were off doing fun stuff in warmer climes. At the Feb. lunch gathering, Lee Storlie called Mary in Kona & got a weather report. He tried also to call us in Death Valley but getting a cell phone signal there is impossible. Once we were out of the Valley &

back into civilization, we enjoyed the message he'd left.

The Feb. lunch was well-attended for this time of year with over 30 folks joining together for some fellowship & food.

Lee honored our good pal, Bill Young, by letting everyone know about the Liberty Medal that he received as a result of his actions on D-Day, June 6, 1944. We're all proud of him & all the other brave souls who have fought & continue to fight for freedom around the world.

Dorothy Wood stepped in some "lucky dust" out at the casino recently. Playing a nickel machine, five-at-a-time, she hit a \$1,000 jackpot! Not only that, but at our lunch in February, she also won one of the 50-50 prizes & the birthday prize.

Remember in the March issue, I mentioned how unseasonably warm it was for Jan. in Minnesota? Well, Jan. 2006 went on to be the warmest recorded since 1895. It was a shock when normal MN winter weather presented itself again in Feb.

Calendar:

Lunch the 2nd Wed. of every month, 11:15am, The Old Country Buffet, just north of Hwy. 110 & Robert Street in West St. Paul.

NEBRASKA

GOLDEN'EARS

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38 members had a great lunch at Gerda's. Thanks to Mel & Bill Harrison for hosting also to Keith & Jan Cornish for taking the calls. To our surprise, Bill Harrison was able to attend. He has finished both his chemo & radiation, will have an MRI to see the results of his treatments.

Nick Nekonchuk had complete hip replacement on Feb. 13. Judy said he would be in the hospital 3 to 3½ days, then will be transported to the Life Care Center of Omaha, 6032 Ville De Sante Dr., Omaha, NE 68104 for rehabilitation.

Bill Slaughter called, said Shirley passed away Fri. Feb. 17.

Denny Jones' daughter, Laurie, called & said

Denny had been at Clarkson hospital for 1½ weeks as he had a double by-pass. She said he will be going to Skyline for rehabilitation, then later will have a pacemaker. Cards can be sent to Denny at the Skyline Retirement Center, 7300 Graceland Dr., Omaha, NE 68134.

John & Carolyn Orchard will be attending the RUAEA Convention in Washington, D.C. – said they loved to go to see so many UAL friends.

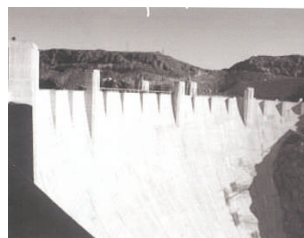
Calendar:

April 5 – Just N Tyme, hosted by Marva & Emery Dickinson. This will be a brunch at 10:30.

May 8 – Regal Bowling Lanes – Council Bluffs (Note date change) – Hosted by Larry & Sharon Farrell.

June 7 – Picnic at Chalco Hills.

NEVADA



LAS VEGAS GAMBLERS

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Our Feb.7 luncheon/meeting on Valentines' Day was enjoyed by 45 members & guests. New members are JOY BOYD, retired from DENRR, recently moved to LAS; & LINDA TRACY, retired from PDXTQ. Linda also belongs to the "Oregon Dew-ers", so she will be able to participate in both chapters. We're also happy to welcome back GRACE REBMANN, retired LASCS; she's been battling cancer, definitely winning - she looks great! Dan Martinez brought a guest, Al Hutchinson. They worked together years ago at LAX. It was nice to see Marge & Ray Gibson, after illness during the Holidays. Ray is a little thinner, but still as handsome as ever! We have missed Lois Fox at the luncheons; she's had back & eye problems. Get well soon, Lois!

We have renewed our contract with Ellis Island for another year. I'd like to thank Ingeborg Levy & others who have taken the time to search other locations for our meetings. It's difficult to please everyone, and still keep the lunch cost down; and of course the LAS Gamblers are happy if they have

a place to gamble after lunch.

We had a surprise performance by the Desert Spurs Country Line Dancers. They had performed at our Christmas luncheon, probably forgot to take us off the calendar for Valentine's Day. We all enjoyed the review again, also discovered that one of the dancers is a retired UAL flight attendant.

Our next luncheon on April 11, will be an Easter hat event (more info to follow in the local Gamblers newsletter), so if you're in town, join us, bring your 'Easter Bonnet'. Cost of lunch is \$17.50; so contact Winnie Stone by the Fri. prior to luncheon/meeting.

We would like to thank all our members who bring such nice items for our raffle table. It 'ups' our Chapter funds, also increases the 50-50 drawings. Thanks to Ray Gibson, Nelly Jaax, Mary Lou Littlefield, & Bob Walkewitz for the extra \$\$ donations to the chapter for misc. expenses.

Anyone planning to visit LAS VEGAS around JUNE 29 is welcome to join us on our yearly trip to ST. GEORGE, UT to see a great musical at the TUACHAN THEATRE OF ARTS. This years show will be SOUTH PACIFIC. You can't beat the price of \$75 P/P double occupancy or \$85 single occupancy. This price includes everything, the bus trip, buffet lunch at the Casablanca Hotel, rooms at the Virgin River Hotel, dinner at the show, the musical show & buffet breakfast at the Virgin River. It is an overnight trip leaving 9:30 A.M. on Thurs. June 29, arriving back on June 30 at approximately 12:00 noon. I can arrange transportation from your hotel to the bus pick-up & return. If you have any questions, call me at (702) 898-0561. MIKE VASKO

To all in the UAL retiree system if by chance you happen to be in the LAS area & want to attend our meeting you are all invited, the cost is \$17.50 which includes the meeting room, a buffet all you can eat lunch. Contact Winnie Stone (702) 361-5839 to let her know to get the tables & chairs set for additional attendees.

Calendar:

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

June 13 - Meeting

Aug. 8 - Meeting

NEW JERSEY

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The Gardenstaters met on Feb. 22 at the Wil-lows restaurant in Green Brook, NJ. There was a moment of silence for our recent deceased retirees, Edgar Robinson & Ray Sutter. All congratulated Joe Jaken on his 87th birthday. Pres. Confer & Charlie Donnelly attended a meeting of the PBGC. Some of the retirees' concerns were discussed. Handouts are available from President Confer. He also has copies for Humana Medical plan for NJ, if anyone is interested.

When traveling on other airlines, i.e. Spirit, Jet Blue, or Southwest, a letter is needed from UAL. Other airlines, i.e. American, Air Lingus, Delta you need to call Chicago, then pick up your tickets from the United ticket counter. When traveling to Asia, make sure you have plenty of tickets with you because they will not issue a ticket for the same day of travel.

Diane Thompson handed out flyers for the Clipped Wings "Bowling for Charity". They are creating a cookbook, all recipes are welcome.

Career day at Newark Liberty Airport will be in May this year. Displays from different areas of aviation are available to school children from Newark & the Elizabeth area. More information at the next meeting. The RUAEA annual convention will be in Washington D.C. from May 21 through the 29 at the Marriot Crystal Gateway Hotel.

NEW YORK

NEW YORK METROS

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Pres. Jim Richardson led the Metros in the Pledge to our Flag and a moment of silence for Bob

Andersen (JFKMM) who passed away on Feb. 3.

Bob a wiry man serviced in the U.S. Army during WWII driving a tank in the European Campaign, he transferred to the Army Air Corp for the duration of the war. Bob worked for a short time with TWA & American, finally found a home with United Airlines at LGA & JFK as an A&P mechanic. He served over 30 years with UAL. He was Treas. for the N.Y. METROS chapter of RUAEA for many years. Bob leaves a son, Robert & a daughter, Carol Andersen Bundrick & four grandchildren. The METROS send our prayers & condolences to the Andersen family. Bob Andersen was great guy, will be missed.

Although they did not belong to the N.Y. METROS but worth mentioning the following people who worked at JFK and/or LGA recently passed away. Shurland Sealy, recently retired died on Dec. 25, 2005. Remember Sealy, he had Artie Shepherds retirement party really jumping with his 12 piece orchestra. Sealy also played several local IAM Christmas parties. Donald Dragos JFKCM passed away on Dec 17, 2005 & Peter Limpourides JFKHH died on Dec 23.

Mike Pasienza, Past Pres. of the METROS is recuperating from heart surgery as is John Muller. Mabel Bittar is still in physical therapy for her right shoulder. She is expected to be in rehab for another 2 weeks. We expect to see the 3 of you when you're fully recovered. Hello Mary Butera!

Diane Talochino has reserved our usual spot in Wantagh Park for our annual July picnic. Also, Charlie Kuszinski made reservation for the Christmas Luncheon to be held at the Millerridge Inn in Dec. Many thanks Diane & Charlie for jobs well done.

A JFK reunion is planned for April 28/29 & 30, 2006. For information please contact Bill Farrell 38 Mariner Circle, W. Islip, NY 11795 tel. 631-669-2918 or 631-727-2800, Wuffer38@aol.com.

Pres. Jim has the new call list available for the chapter members. If you find any errors please, contact Paul Cohen and/or Jim for correction.

Jim Richardson sent postcards to members who have not attended the meetings for some time to inform them of the change in venue. The Asian Buffet at 276 Old Country Rd., Hicksville, N.Y. 516-433-6688.

We had 62 members & guests attending the March 1st Luncheon. Yvonne Guella, an hour late

made her grand entrance with her niece Nadine Cordes & friend Carson Baker. Yvonne has been away for several months.

22 members celebrate birthdays this month. On the top of the list is John Butera 83 on the 9th, Jean Zito 81 on the 9th too, Harold Malasardi 83 on the 15th, Julie Schneider 82 on the 16th, Tony Manfree 86 on the 25th. Happy Birthday All!

Happy Anniversary Edythe & Peter Dollis they will be married 66 years on March 30th.

Calendar:

May 03 - Asian Buffet 12 noon

June 7 - Asian Buffet 12 noon

July 5 - Asian Buffet 12 noon

NORTHWOODS

NORTHWOODS

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The semi-annual meeting is tentatively set for May 15-19 at Kewadin Casino Resort in Sault Ste. Marie, MI in the picturesque Upper Peninsula. We have booked 15 rooms for those dates. Rates are \$56.00 for Std. rooms with 2 queens or 1 King size, \$66.00 for room with a whirlpool, or \$76-80 for 2 room suite. We have reserved a suite for a hospitality room/bedroom similar to what we had in Mackinaw City last year. Further info to members in near future. Non-members please contact me at above address for brochure. Group sales at hotel handling bookings. We will handle the rest.

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Our next meeting will be held on March 8 at

Old Schoolhouse in Litchfield. Norma & Vince Malena hosting. They have hosted quite a few luncheons there. Many Buckeyes return there on Fri. evenings for their supper buffet. They are expecting 64 people in attendance.

Mark Gatesman is back in the hospital again. Please continue to pray for Mark & his family, as they are all going through a very trying period. Mark's address is 1601 S. Carpenter Rd., Brunswick, OH 44212-3800. Mark's brother Bill has done a great job of keeping us informed on Marks health.

Bernie Garrah & Jim Webster recently visited a retired UAL mechanic, Lou Best, (non-member). He is in Elyria Memorial Hospital. He has been in there for the past 3 weeks. He hopes to be released within the next few days. Lou retired from CLE & is facing some major health issues. He has completed 3 of 14 radiation treatments. Cards are welcomed. His address is: 155 State Route #58, Sullivan, OH 44880. Please keep him in your prayers.

On Feb. 17, a long time member Charlie Beers passed away. He passed away in his chair while reading the paper. Charlie was 87 years young. He & Nellie had attended the Feb.1 luncheon. I am so glad that we were able to chat that day. In your time of sorrow we want you to know that many caring thoughts are with you, today & every day.

FYI. Please send your dues to our Treas. Dolly Taucher. Her address is: 8301 Lorraine Drive, Strongsville, OH 44149-1031. DUES MUST BE PAID BY MAY 1 OR YOUR MEMBERSHIP WILL BE DROPPED.

Calendar:

May 3 - Frank Sterle's Slovenian Country House, 1401 East 55th St., Cleveland, 1:00 p.m., pre-paid.

June 22 & 23 - Niagara Falls Ont. DEADLINE for payment is May 5.

July 13 - Albion Woods reserved Picnic Area, Strongsville. 12:00 p.m. & eat around 12:30 p.m.

OREGON

OREGON DEW-ERS

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The Feb. meeting was a big event with the Ice Cream Social & Valentine card exchange. There were 99 members enjoying the delicious ice cream & assorted toppings. Hank Gosselin, Northwest Director, joined us & talked about the 2006 RUAEA convention in Washington DC. He encouraged everyone to come and visit our national capitol.

There were 2 significant birthdays in Feb.: Mac Heywood (PDXSS) celebrated his 97th birthday & was able to sit at the same table with a guest of Joyce Garrett's, Bob Zedekar. The two of them enjoyed talking about old times. Bob retired from UAL Sales & is living with his wife in a retirement home in Vancouver. Our other birthday celebrant was Irma Larkin who turned 80. Congratulations to you both.

I am sorry to report that Hec Dupuis (PDXCG) died on Feb. 21. Our condolences to his wife Eileen & family.

There are some serious health problems to report. Wally Wright suffered a heart attack, Joan De Camara was involved in an accident, Terry Rennie had a stroke & is in ICU at a local hospital at this time, Marilyn Woods was to have surgery on her knee but complications from a heart condition have postponed it for now.

Please remember to bring canned goods or non-perishable items to the meeting as they are being given to a local charity, Shepherd's Door. Our local newspaper The Oregonian wrote an interesting article about this organization last week & how much good they do for homeless women & children.

The PDX travel desk fielded 2,474 calls in 2005 up from 477 in 2004. The main reason for the tremendous increase is the addition of the 800 number. Tina Lewis, who is in charge of the travel desk, is always looking for volunteers and is willing to train anyone interested in joining the group that works at the PDX freight office.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Mon/Wed/Fri (503) 249-4142, (503) 249-4143 for the PDX area. Calls from outside our (503) area code please use 1-888-278-7038. They can assist you with listing & load information.

Calendar:

Meeting at Refectory Restaurant, 1618 NE 122nd Ave., Portland, OR - 11AM Social Hour, Lunch 12

Noon

April 12 - Easter Parade

May 10 – TBA

June 14 – TBA



OUR CLUB

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Despite wintry skies & showers, 22 members of OUR Club turned out for the March 3 luncheon meeting at the Red Lion Hotel in Medford, OR. Jackie & Bob Johnson, our gracious hosts, arranged a very enjoyable luncheon after having to change the location at the last minute.

We were pleased to welcome John Branstetter after a long absence also 1st timers Bobby & Darlene Kasper. Well wishes to Barbara Hickox whose doctor temporarily sidelined her & to Alberta Conger who will undergo surgery later this month.

Charity secretary Yvonne Vigil reported that the chapter received 2 notes of thanks for the Dec. 2005 donations to the Women's Crisis Center & the Children's Christmas Fund in Grants Pass, OR.

After lunch & business meeting, retired pilot & OUR Club member Jim McIntosh shared tales of his 14-year 2nd career as a vacation tour guide. He allowed the chapter members a fascinating peek into the inside world of touring & drew a lot of laughter with his amusing anecdotes.

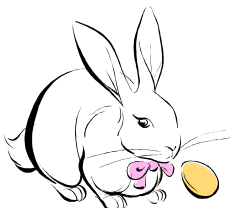
Please contact Jane Frincke for time & location details if you are able to join us at any of the upcoming meetings.

Calendar:

April 7 – TBA – hosted by Bob and Ida Rogers

May 5 – TBA – hosted by Bob and Miriam Lindberg

June 2 – TBA – hosted by Bob and Miriam Lindberg



PENNSYLVANIA

THE INDEPENDENTS

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Feb. 20, President's Day, we held our Feb. committee meeting at Kathy & Al Edward's house. In addition to Kathy & Al, Pres. Joe Brad, Past Treas. Frank Eggles & his wife, Marge, Shirley Roberts, VP Bernie McNamee & his wife Mona and I attended.

Joe Brad reported on the cost of a bus to transport people going to & from the convention. We decided it would be less expensive to car pool.

Polly Gavin's husband, Joe, is not doing well so Kathy Edwards will take over the Sunshine Club temporarily. Jim Vogel & Norm Donkin are also under the weather.

Our Feb. luncheon was canceled due to snow. We will reschedule the speaker.

We discussed a system for giving away the centerpieces. Frank Eggles was charged with implementing a "lottery" system for each table. We can award these when we draw the 50/50 & the free lunch.

The RUAEA Newsletter for March contains a ballot. We will encourage all of our members to vote. We thought that if future candidates campaigned within their voting areas, it might stimulate more interest, hence more retirees would vote. Also, will encourage our local members to register for the convention.

PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS



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The annual Valentines luncheon hosted by Vic & Joan Ference was enjoyed by 32 Pit-Stoppers. Many of us although wearing red were feeling the victories of the black & gold.

At the business meeting held afterwards it was decided to raise the death benefit from \$25 to \$50 which is given to the members charity of choice. It was also voted upon to combine the annual Christmas new retirees dinner with the annual Christmas luncheon - since many of us don't like the night driving anymore. It would also introduce the new retirees to us "ole ones".

The food donations were taken to the Pittsburgh food bank by Andrea Wisenauer. Margie Corrigan offered to host a luncheon sometime this summer. Pres. Barb Seaholm asked for 2 volunteers to serve on the Planning Committee, also asked for any suggestions on chapter activities for 2006.

Well my better half had his knee replaced, thus far all is well - It looks like I will be tied up with therapy for a couple of months. Thanks to all for your cards & well wishes - Gotta be ready for the 06 convention. Bernie, along with Al Larimer, is in charge of the 50/50 raffle. We have challenged Norma & Bill Betters that the Pit-Stoppers will sell more chances than her Boston group. Any other chapters - We will be glad to take you on also!

Sorry to report the passing of Curt Schmidt. Curt was a CSR known for his photographic skills. After some time with UA Curt went on to work for USAir, ended his career there. Condolences to his family.

Our condolences to Jack Walker & his family on the passing of his wife Mary Ann. Mary Ann lost a courageous battle with cancer. Jack was a former RSM in PIT. Cards can be sent to 1670 North Rd., McDonald, PA 15057. Ph (724) 693-8538

Calendar:

July 14 - Annual Picnic - Robinson Park.

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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A small "but elite" group convened at Shoney's for breakfast on Feb. 16. It was another beautiful

day in TN. We enjoyed visiting with each other as usual.

On a sad note, one of our members, David Mann, passed away on Jan. 27. Condolences may be sent to Crista Mann, 235 Coyatee Shores, Loudon, TN 37774.

Calendar:

April 20 - 9:30 EST, breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Road in West Knoxville. Take Exit 374 off I40/75 toward Kingston Pike for one block.

May 18 - 12:30 EST to be hosted by the Ferrell's (423 745-9390). Location to be Determined.

June 15 - 9:30 EST, breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville.

UTAH



THE SALT LAKERS

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On Feb. 15, 17 chapter members met for coffee & donuts. Although we experienced a blistering snowstorm, these brave souls faced a dangerous ride to the Murray Heritage Center to visit with one another. We welcomed Frank Christenson; also Hank/Mary Bons who arrived from Sunny AZ just in time for this blizzard in SLC. Aletha Cannon was accompanied by son Kenny & daughter Shirleen.

Again, we missed Bob Faydock; today's call to his home went unanswered. A chat with Darlene Cantonwine revealed that she missed us, too, but was having difficulty in walking. Sandy Cantonwine's repeated tel. checks to Claire Shuholm & sister Lucille Nesbitt in St. George went nowhere. We missed Douglas Roberts; Tony/Dorothy Brown; Carl/Lorraine Olson; & Kiyoko Olsen.

Down Memory Lane: Great changes were recently wrought in the business setup/flight ops for United Air Lines. One organization within the company, however, has been a steady center of attention in all this turmoil. The Aug. 1960 UAL empl. magazine, *The Shield*, highlighted the 10th anniversary of "... UALSA (that) was formally organized from the membership of several local ex-

stewardess clubs that had sprung up in various Main Line cities from the natural inclination of (sky) girls who had flown together to stay in touch." Clipped Wings was formally established in 1951 - it is still going strong after 55 years, with its philanthropic involvement in many projects by thousands of C.W. members. - Collectively, all of us should be very proud of our erstwhile colleagues in the Field taking care of UAL customers who ultimately paid our salaries!

Calendar:

April 19 - Coffee - 10am - Murray Heritage Ctr. 10 E. 6150 S., Murray.

May 17 - Lunch - 2pm Golden Corral 7200 S. 700 E., SLC.

VIRGINIA

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Meeting was held in North Carolina at the home of the daughter of the Caviness. A pot-luck dinner with 12 in attendance. 1½ hr ride from usual meeting place. Her home is a 1.3 million rental property at southern shore NC. Quite a difference from the usual luncheon in Chesapeake, VA. 3 story elevated home with 7 bedrooms, 7 private bathrooms, swimming pool, recreation room, just beautiful.

Sorry to report the death of one of our long time members Claire Karlson. Cancer took her life, funeral services will be in North Carolina.

Drawings for door prizes were plant & seagull ornaments. Some attendees stayed overnight. Pres. Riggs announced his intention to step down as Pres. A new slate of officers is expected. Dan Price was reported ill, he moved to NC a while back.

Calendar:

March 16 – Luncheon at Locks Point Restaurant. If interested in attending, call Vi Hildebrand at (757) 482-3445.



WASHINGTON

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The rains have eased up in Western Washington from Jan. & Feb. – cold, yes! Skiing is good East, North, West & South. Mud slides, fallen trees have played havoc with roads, trains & homes. Fortunately, no one in the Slickers have had any problems.

We had 71 members at our Feb. luncheon at Fairwood Golf and Country Club. Lyle & Joanna Myers were our hosts. The Golf Club had decorated the room with chandeliers of hearts & red streamers on the side tables. Members brought in a lot of books for book exchange with the left over taken by Ken Rudzinski to the Travel Desk the next day.

We welcomed 2 new members: Tom & Susan Whittlesey. Tom recently retired from SEACS. Hopefully we will see them at future gatherings.

Wes & Helen Ebert were recognized for being married for over 70 years, both are 93 years young; Helen had her birthday the day before this luncheon.

Since Feb. is the month where Presidents' Day is celebrated, we also had our own celebration of Past Presidents. Present were Norm Strange (1982), John Reed (1985), Jerry Gogulski (1986), Francis Radecki (1988) – she was our First Lady Pres., Rita Reynolds (1993), Dick Waterous (1994), Ed Rousso (1999), Ken Rudzinski (2003 & 2004), George Weseman (1998, 2005 & 2006).

Our by laws were amended in 2001 so that the Pres. serves 2 consecutive years versus one which had been the norm for the previous 19 years.

A special observation was made to Guy Lamond who unfortunately passed away in Jan., the day of the luncheon he had set up at the Double Tree Inn – Maxi's. Guy was Pres. more than any other person, serving in 1989 & 1990, again in 2001 & 2002. George Weseman once asked him why he had served 2 consecutive terms over 18 years ago. He replied that no one else would step

forth so he assumed the job for a 2nd year. That was a very good example of Guy & his willingness to serve the chapter. He also set up conventions for his Navy unit every year. He is missed by so many in this group.

Ken & Judy Storey have returned from their 2nd cruise to the Mexican Riviera.

Bob Brumfield gave us an update on UAL. Told a few funny jokes. He is pleased with the amount of calls the Travel Desk is taking on the Toll Free number outside of the 206 area code or SEA area. PDX is also appreciating the break from their heavy volume.

The number is: *1-888-826-3375* Mon. through Thurs., 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Pacific Time.

Calendar:

April 11 – Hopefully Yankee Dinner

May 9 – Fairwood Golf and Country Club

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Chris & Lee Anders will be visiting us next week from Prescott. Lani Wilson called from Spokane to request some information be put in the newsletter, however I haven't received it, will have to wait until next month.

I haven't received any information from the group in GEG so the news is nil. I received a call from a retiree living in SFO who was looking for Gary & Shelia Davis. If you read this Gary or Shelia, give me a call, let me know where you hang out.

The news will get better after we return home.

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Feb.'s luncheon format was different; due to the

illness of Pres. David Cox. We worked to conduct our business in his absence. (That same business he always makes look easy.) Linda Scriven did a wonderful job of stepping in to fill the spot. She had no microphone, but still managed to be heard above the noise of a busy restaurant. She & Camilla Warner passed out packets from the PBGC meeting, which had been held in Chantilly at the Expo Center the day before. Many of our members attended those meetings & brought back the information for those not able to attend.

We had 3 new members in attendance this month: Nick Rispono (ret, LGACS), Maddy Weiss Parlotti & Diane Bowen. Maddy & Diane drove from PA the night before to attend the PBGC meeting; stayed on to come to the luncheon. Maddy won the 50/50 drawing! Normally we don't publish the winners of our door prizes, but it was such a stroke of luck that Maddy won on her 1st attendance. I'm sure she will now become a regular?

Patti Nathan just returned from an incredible trip on the QE2. She sailed from New York at night & was awed by the sight of the Statue of Liberty. After stopping in Ft. Lauderdale & Curacao, they sailed into the Panama Canal with another day in Acapulco, & on to LA. The ship continued around the world, but Patti's cruise stopped there. Patti was amazed at the workings of the locks in the Panama Canal. She loved having her linens freshened daily & her silverware replaced with each course. She reports that the food was fabulous & served in abundance. She also had a blast in the boutiques onboard, spent as much money there as she did on her ticket! After all of that eating, exercising, sightseeing, dancing & shopping, Patti came home to rest up from her vacation.

Geno Von Gonten, whose business card reads "When I get the Urge to work I just relax 'til it passes", reminded me that he will have a booth at the Airline Trade Show. The Trade Show will be held on July 6-7-8 at the Sheraton Hotel in Tysons Corner, VA. There will be over 200 tables (including The Four Captains' Memorial). It is a great show, a "must-see", if possible.

Get well David; we miss you (and we need your microphone).

***Be careful what you ask for -
you may get it***

NEW MEMBERS

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

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(Although we welcome the statements expressed in the many letters submitted, the comments & opinions expressed are not necessarily the convictions of the organization or the editor.)

Edgar D. & Norma Gillette, 1728 Rogue River Hwy, Grants Pass, OR 97527

We have enjoyed our 1st year of receiving the RUAEA Newsletter. After moving from PDX, our address got lost I guess and we missed all the UAL correspondence. Eddie (SFO & PDX) is doing well for someone approaching his 85th & having endured open heart surgery for an artificial aorta also having hearing problems (exposed to too many jet engines no doubt) & age related macular degeneration.

Keep up the good work on the Newsletter.

Herb Wilbanks, 8551 Emerald Lake Dr. E., Pinson, AL 35126-2497

Thanks for all you do in keeping us informed. I

surely appreciate it.

We are planning to attend the Convention in DCA. I was on a missile site north of DC in the 50's at Derwood, MD. I want to find the spot. They closed the site in the 70's.

I think we are fortunate that we worked for the airlines when it was fun. I go to the airport now & see some agents who are miserable. They sure aren't having fun.

See you in DC.

Bob & Shirley Griffin, 650 S. Rancho Santa Fe Rd. #66, San Marcos, CA 92078

Hugs & thanks to all you "Newsletter" producers.

We had a jolt in Sept.; Bob was hospitalized with pneumonia and, as he is the caregiver for Shirley, it was rough – for awhile.

We moved, traded our "Ocean View" for "No Stairs". We are happy to be at ground level.

We are looking forward to the Convention. Hope it will include a tour of WWII Memorial, Bob was in the South Pacific in 1942 to 1945. He served UAL for 43 years & has been retired for 23 years. Anyone for a Birthday guess?

Helen Carter Cantrell, 2101 S. 324th St., #34, Federal Way, WA 98003

Just a note to let you know how much I enjoy the Newsletter. You have done a magnificent job.

I am a 2nd generation retiree, daughter of Ross Carter (RICOZ retired). So having started my "career" early in 1950 in Spokane, I have seen & experienced many of the companies' ups & downs. I have many wonderful memories of my own – 35 years with United. The "family" that everyone of us built in our years will sustain us for many more years.

Bonnie Wanderer, 33 Windward Dr., Danville, CA 94526-2341

Thank you for all your up-to-date info!

Retirement (6-30-03) has been very busy but I do miss my (formerly) busy flights to Hong Kong & Shanghai! Miss my colleagues most.

Stu Chambers, 8111 S. 2350 E., Ogden, UT 84405

You do a great job. Would you please start sending the Newsletter by mail again? My com-

puter has been messing up & has not been able to get them.

Took four trips on UA this past year, thought service was great. Don't know how many of us "old timers" would be able to handle all that is going on.

George E. Wittmann, 96 Hawthorne, Colonia, NJ 07067

Our Garden Staters Christmas party was a huge success with 104 attending. I heard many remark that with no UAL sponsored event, this was the only way former employees had to get together. We had former associates from all over come out. A number of the former Newark Office staff were present, including Angel, our long time Secretary, Joe Robbins, & Joyce Daily. We had Donna Grey from her home in Montreal, Canada.

We started our chapter with 27 retirees in 1995, now we have well over 130. What a wonderful tribute to the people who thought of this organization RUAEA. I would also like to thank our present officers for all the hard work they are putting into RUAEA. It's a difficult job and, to make this work, we should lend a hand when asked at all levels. I hope to see a great turnout for the DCA Convention. It really is a great place to get together. Hope to see you there.

Sherry Muoio, 20108 N. 110th Ave., Sun City, AZ 85373

United is now out of bankruptcy & will soon be doing better. Hopefully we all will be better for what we've been through. Thank you all for the hard work you do to bring the newsletter to us. For many this is our only form of communication. It keeps us updated & informed. As correspondent for our chapter I know the newsletter is read & really appreciated by all our members. I am hoping to see many of you at the Convention in May. IAD is my retiree station so it will be great to see all the friends with whom I shared all those "good times".

Margaret Ann Foy, 13691 E. Marina Dr. #306, Aurora, CO 80014-3724

What would we do without this great monthly newsletter? Thanks to Jo & all who have a part in the entire process.

I still keep very busy with activities in DEN & Aurora; for the past 9 years, have gone to Poland

each fall to teach English. The last 3 years I have taught at two seminaries in the western section.

My first 3 weeks were at Parady'z which was built 250 years ago as a monastery with high ceilings and MANY stairs. During WWII it became a research institution for the German Luftwaffe. In 1952 the seminary was founded. Oct. is cold & damp but when the going gets tough, the "tough" asked for an extra heater in her room; I'm part Indian, not Eskimo.

The last 3 weeks were at Obra Seminary where the Oblates prepare to be future missionaries. There were many talented, sharp young men with full schedules but they still found time for 45 minute private lessons (gratis, of course). It is not effective to teach pronunciation to a class. My best students were those who grew up watching Sesame Street on Polish TV. I can detect it immediately.

In my first year at Obra, I was prepared for the Nov. weather, took a black storm coat with zipped-in lining & hood. It proved to be a poor choice as every coat on the hooks outside the dining hall was black. It was always difficult to find mine so I wore a tan one the next year.

They are familiar with American customs & costumes for Halloween but have nothing like that in Poland. On the night of Oct. 31, 2004 two young clerics carved a jack-o-lantern (by cutting from the bottom of the pumpkin), put a candle in it & set it on my window sill. Then they knocked on my door for a "trick or treat".

The Poles got their act together last fall & elected Lech Kaczynski, a Professor of Law at the University of Warsaw, as the Pres.-Elect of Poland. His last name comes from the word "kaczka" which means duck in English. He represents the Law & Justice Party of which his twin brother, Jarek, is chairman. Some "wise guy" designed a new national emblem & put it on the Internet. Instead of an eagle with a crown, it was two ducks. Most Poles have a great sense of humor.

If I'm still on "two feet", I'll go back again in Oct. for the 10th year.

Bud & Lynn Hubbard, P.O. Box 183, Sedona, AZ 86339, budhubb@sedona.net

It is time once again to pay dues to our great organization. We have included some extra for the Stamp Fund. Also thank you folks that do so much to keep us informed. We sincerely appreciate your

efforts; thoroughly enjoy reading the Newsletter every month. I especially like to receive it early through the RUAEA Website. How else would we be able to keep up with the happenings & activities?

This Red Stamp reminds me that 18 years of retirement have elapsed. "Retirement" keeps us just as busy as ever; still active with the RUAEA Organization.

We still travel in the Motorhome, our 3rd & plan to drive it to the Convention. We will enjoy a leisurely trip back home visiting some family & friends along the way.

Plan to see you all at the Convention in Washington, DC. Keep those Red Stamps coming, as we definitely are not ready for the alternative.

John E. & Helen F. Morrissey, 614 Oriole Drive, Streamwood, IL 60107-2036, morrissey1940@sbcglobal.net

John suffered a heart attack last May & had bypass surgery along with an aortic valve replacement. During the surgery, John suffered another stroke. His doctor ordered several sessions of physical, occupational & speech therapy, John is now recovering nicely, back enjoying his independence again.

Wright Thompson, 485 Woodside Rd., Apt. 2222, Redwood City, CA 94061-3866

We surely enjoy receiving the monthly newsletter & keeping up on activities of the various chapters, also company news. We all appreciate your hard work to get this publication out every month.

We are not able to travel anymore. This past year has been a very stressful one for us, but we are slowly getting settled at Woodside Terrace which is near where we had lived in San Carlos since 1947, so we feel comfortable & still see our old friends.

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

I was 85 on Feb. 5, got the flu as a gift. Have been ill ever since. Am better but not up to par yet.

My wife & I had many great trips when I was at United for 22 years. Back when United had good leadership & was number 1. Also the world was much safer then; people more friendly. Hope United can get back to number 1 also the employees have the same good things we experienced.

Thanks for all the news we get from the "Newsletter".

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

The Newsletter has been in existence for some 31 years, 19 of those many years have been under the professional & talented hand of Jo Madden, as Editor.

In 1962 Jo was named "Secretary of the Year" for the Mile High City which truly adds to her qualifications as Editor. Why do I know this, because Jo & I were part of the United Airlines Credit Union at this time, I well remember the honor it was for her.

Jo, along with Harriet Ahr, & her 15 years as Membership Secretary, gives us the quality of our Newsletter, unequaled by any other Newsletter in existence today.

Thank you for keeping us up-dated & connected to each other as we look forward to brighter days in Our Friendly Skies.

Patricia Conrad, 21011 W. Torrey Pines Ct., Plainfield, IL 60544-5619

Thank the newsletter staff & officers for a great job in getting us the news that we all want to hear regarding the bankruptcy, etc. Most of us would have been "lost" without your input. Also, want to say "HI" to all my friends & co-workers that were at EXO & the Hamilton Lakes location. Time really flies. I've been retired for 13 years & loving it.

Irvin Becker, 5200 Home Ave., McHenry, IL 60050-3457

I started working for United on 5/16/55, retired 11/1/83. I would like to give you a little history of Chicago O'Hare airport.

I started working at ORD in the year of 1948, however the name of the airport at that time was called Orchard Place.

During World War II Douglas Aircraft used this land to assemble DC-4 aircraft for the military. When I started working there in 1948 I was working for a cargo airline called Sluh Airways. I was in charge of working the midnight shift – we worked 3 to 4 flights per night.

Often in very bad weather, Chicago Midway would close down & all flights would be diverted.

We did have a control tower, consisted of 1 man. It was a very tall wooden tower. I remember when we had high winds he would advise he was leaving the tower due to its condition it may blow over (however, it never did).

This is just a little history of Orchard Place now O'Hare. I could go on and on with stories & things that happened at the old airport – may be some other time.

Ed Tolle, 210 S. Valley Road, Barrington, IL 60010

My wife Jean, has recently published a new novel. "THE GALT PRIZE", subtitled "An Irish Story", takes place in County Tipperary, at the end of the Nineteenth Century. A nineteenth-century Irish girl hopes to bring back her family's land by winning the Galt Prize steeplechase, its trophy & gold. Along the way she must confront some hard truths & make a fateful choice. This coming of age story is enjoyed by adults & young adults.

Jean invites you to visit her Website, www.jeantollebooks.com for readers' comments, ordering information, also the opportunity to read Chapter One.

Editor's Note – Ed Tolle is a member of RUAEA's Board of Directors.

Bernard J. McNamee III, 471 Prospect Rd., Springfield, PA 19064-2909

Dues time again and another year older. I cannot believe 17 years have passed since I retired. We always find ways to keep busy, we are working hard on this year's convention in Washington, D.C. I think this will be another memorable convention for those who attend.

So I'm looking forward to seeing all the old familiar faces & hopefully, a lot of the newer members in DCA.

Helen Mae Cain, 163 Francisco Drive, So. San Francisco, CA 94080-5931

I broke my leg Christmas Day; between seeing doctors & re-learning how to do "wheelies" in wheelchairs & how to be "graceful" on crutches, my mind has been elsewhere.

I'm working on that hand painted blouse for the Arts & Crafts show & will see y'all in Washington, D.C. in May.

**William J. Robinson, 92460 Goldson Rd.,
Cheshire, OR 97419**

Over 25 years retired ... Doris & I continue to enjoy the lazy life, although we only accomplish "half as much in twice the time". Still living in the country & gardening. Our local retirees chapter is not very active ... we're all too busy, or are we enjoying other pursuits? I think that it's a combination of both.

**Mary Lou Sorensen, 2597 So. Independence Ct.,
Lakewood, CO 80227**

As a Second Generation United employee, I keep reading about some of you who were the "early pioneers" of United so I decided it was time to write something about my father, Carl Krebs, in hopes that some of you out there might remember him & get in touch with me to say hello. (I know Jo will remember him).

In the 1960's I asked my Dad to write some of his experiences for me. The following is verbatim from his hand written notes.

I enlisted in the Army Air Corps in July 1917. Went overseas in March 1918. Served 14 months in France as Motorcycle Dispatch Rider. There were no radio communications in those days and telephone services were often interrupted, especially close to the front. Carrying messages by motorcycle was the fastest & most dependable method of communications.

Returned in May 1919, arrived at Mitchell Field.

Re-enlisted for one more year. While stationed at Mitchell Field on 7/5/19, I delivered the films of the Willard Dempsey fight pictures to the New York Herald paper in New York City. These pictures were flown from Toledo Ohio (scene of the fight) to Long Island.

In Aug. 1919 was transferred to Langley Field, VA & was assigned to The Headquarters Flight 2nd Observation Wing. From that time until May 1920 I put in all my time as Sgt. in charge of the line. We had 6 DeHaviland Liberty Engine planes & 3 Lincoln Standards. Line work consisted of maintenance, servicing, trouble shooting & periodic checks. Mechanical instruction manuals were very limited, most mechanical knowledge had to be obtained the hard way.

May 1920 finished my 2nd hitch in the army. That fall the Transcontinental Air Mail Service was

started under the post office dept. I started as a mechanic in Dec. 1920 at Cheyenne, WY. We were using army surplus DeHaviland Liberty Engine planes. These planes were rebuilt by airmail service mechanics at Maywood IL Repair base. These planes carried about 350 pounds of mail, no passengers except occasionally a mechanic in the mail pit. A cruising speed of approx. 100 mph. No radio equipment or navigation equipment except a magnetic compass. (They followed the railroad lines). From Cheyenne east, we had fields at North Platte, Omaha, etc. West; Rock Springs, Salt Lake, etc. Due to strong prevailing west winds the majority of the westbound planes had to land at Rawlins to take on fuel. March 1921 it was decided to open a regular field at Rawlins for a westbound plane to stop regularly. I was transferred to this field as field manager to supervise the clearing of sage brush off the field & building of a hangar large enough to store one spare plane, a repair shop, stock room & office. This was completed fall of 1921. The air mail service only survived those early years with the help of the town's contributions. Congress appropriated only one million dollars a year to finance the operating of the entire transcontinental for that fiscal year. (The post office dept. was very creative about getting the money to pay the airmail employees.

There were no starters on plane engines in those days. To start the engine we had to pull the propeller through by hand. It could be done by one man, but this was a dangerous procedure. Usually 2 or 3 men would join hands & pull the propeller through. A hard way to start the engine especially in cold weather.

On 9/12/22, the east bound plane out of Rock Springs developed engine trouble & landed on a dry lake bed west of Wamsutter, approx. 60 miles west of Rawlins. The pilot flagged a Union Pacific train & rode on to Rawlins. The pilot & I flew the reserve plane to the downed plane, transferred the mail to the reserve plane & proceeded to Cheyenne. I had a date in Rawlins that evening with my future wife which I could not have kept unless I flew the plane to Rawlins, which I did. Having never had any flying training I made the flight ok. The next morning the superintendent at Omaha advised that I would make no more unauthorized flights. I almost got fired, but later was offered to fly as a reserve pilot. I didn't accept as I was always more inter-

ested in the mechanical part of the service.

On Jan. 1923, I was transferred to Rock Springs. (This ends Carl's notes)

Carl left the Air Mail Service in 1925. The Air Mail Service officially came to an end 8/31/1927, when the government turned the operation over to private enterprise. In July of 1927 the San Francisco-Chicago leg was turned over to Boeing Air Transport Inc., the predecessor of UAL.

In 1929 Carl & his wife, Macey, moved to Cheyenne where he started his career with United. As a mechanic, Carl wore white overalls. His always had to be spotless & Macey spent hours washing, bleaching & ironing. In 1940 he transferred to DEN. In 1941-43, he traveled for the government, with United & trained Army personnel in Canada to do maintenance work on government planes. In 1943 he became part of the Air Transport Command. This was part of the group he trained earlier. He started with the rank of Lt. & later Captain. The Air Transport Command was part of the airlines, but even though civilians they were considered part of the Air Force. He flew all over the South Pacific as a flight engineer. He recalls hanging his jacket over the empty fuel gage so they wouldn't have to watch it when no island was in sight. They always made it. His group was on Guam, Iwo Jima, Guadacanal, Sipan, Okinawa, as well as in and out of Australia & Hawaii. After the war Carl transferred to Hawaii when United started service there. It was there he retired in 1960. He passed away in Denver, 1/9/73.

Robert C. O'Connor, 3610 Pheasant Dr., Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

Returned from FL on 2/18 – should have stayed at least one more week. Put over 3600 miles on the car but traveling is a good part of vacation (aren't we always on vacation?) We were near Orlando 1 month, did quite a few side trips visiting friends & relatives. Called an ex-ORDMM mech who is now living near Lakeland, Dick Penman. We did talk for about 15 minutes on the phone but I never did visit him. Cathy & I are staying healthy & feeling pretty good. We both have had our share of medical things going on but right now all is well. One thing I want to pass on is that at age 73 I had my first colonoscopy, it probably saved me. Discovered early stage cancer but had it taken care of by surgery. Don't wait to get checked.

Paul Dullmann, 128 Shannon Cir., Alameda, CA 94502-7755

Enclosed check to cover annual dues & postage.

Thanks for your reminder of my upcoming birthday. Always look forward to receiving the Newsletter. You & your crew are a blessing to the Retirees.

The volunteers in the Travel Offices in PDX & SEA are "Godsend".

Bill Moore, 200 Village Dr., Apt. 526, Downers Grove, IL 60516

Best Christmas present I ever received was this past Season. Early Nov. I found a lump where it should not have been; after further examination, mammogram, needle biopsy, & a few other procedures, it was removed Dec. 15. I am one of the few males who have experienced breast cancer. My Christmas gift was from the oncologist, "No chemo, no radiation, come see me in one year, Dec. 2006."

D. Sue Felicio Spencer, 1760 Germaine Ct., Hayward, CA 94541-5426

I enjoy hearing all the activities of my retired co-workers at United.

Would you add my married name to the address label: D. Sue Felicio Spencer.

Thank you for all your tireless efforts on behalf of our loyal employees/retirees.

Losing \$150 a month in my retirement benefits is "a slap in the face" after almost 29 years with the company. It is truly sad that we face these financial set-backs. I only hope the airline can get itself back in the black one day soon.

Joe (Brad) Bradley, 225 Elm Av., Glen Riddle, PA, 19037-5740

Thank you for all your continued work & interest in keeping us informed. It's always a pleasant day when the mailman brings the RUAEA newsletter. So nice to hear so many interesting happenings from across the system.

As for the PHL RUAEA "The Independence" chapter, we are doing well & looking forward to the DCA convention. Should anyone be in the neighborhood of the Ramada Inn in Essington, PA (just South of the PHL airport) on the 2nd Mon. of the month, come join us for lunch at 12:30PM. We

would love to have you & you can address the luncheon with a joke or two.

You probably won't be able to beat Al Edwards though.

Clarence J. Gburek, 1605 Deerpass Rd., Marenco, IL 60152-8072

Thank you for a superb job with the Newsletter. It is four years since retirement, I believe I am finally getting used to it.

I recently returned to work at ORDCG in a mentoring capacity for a 6 month period. I am working with new supervisors & operations managers. On a positive note, UAL will survive with the talent & dedication observed in the management & employee groups. They possess much of the ambition & dreams we all had through the years. They are going to make it work.

Audrey & family are fine. Best wishes to all of my retired friends across the system.

Paul Bellinger, 254 NW Douglas St., Dallas, OR 97338

Time for my annual acknowledgement for the wonderful job you do in getting the monthly newsletter out. I read them all, front to back.

A mere thank you seems so inadequate for your continued dedication & unselfish efforts. You are bright stars in a dark night!

Thomas Kishiyama, 1103 Cloudy Day Dr., Henderson, NV 89074

Now that United is out of bankruptcy, I hope they will stay on the positive side. All the retirees spent many years building this great airline. It was hard to see it struggle the past 3 plus years.

Thanks for the red stamp reminder & thanks to all the retirees in DEN to get the newsletter out. Very informative, great reading reports from other chapters.

Richard (Dick) J. Snyder, 4900 N. 123rd St., Kansas City, KS 66109-3805

Finally retired for good after going back to set up the start up of the Vietnam service. Betty & I spent 9 months there while I was getting everything in order.

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

By the time you receive this note, I'll have completed 12 years of retirement. What a difference UAL has become during those 12 years. But the important thing is UAL is alive & recently exited bankruptcy, that's a good thing for all of us, but particularly the active employees.

I believe Glenn Tilton & his support group, deserve congratulations for the job they did in keeping the airline alive. Their tasks were monumental to say the least. What with increased fuel cost, added security, reduced business & personal travel.

Hopefully the future will see the return to the UAL most of us remember & cherish those memories.

The active employees certainly did their part keeping the airline running during what must have been trying times but they did their job & apparently they were equal to the challenges they were faced with day in and day out.

Today is a perfect day to catch up on "keep busy" things, as I look out the window to see the 14 inches of snow we received the last 2 days. With help from one of my sons, we got the car & truck unburied & free to go – what more can you ask!

Other than a few golfing trips, I basically stayed grounded. Over the holidays I received 2 letters from UA retired friends. After reading about their travels over the year, I had to take a nap, but great for them.

How could I close without expressing my thanks & appreciation for the job all of you do in getting the Newsletter to me & my fellow retirees. Without question, it's the only piece of mail I look forward to receiving.

Keep up the fine job. Hopefully, year #13 will be as good if not better than the past 12.

Betty Smith, 3317 Rainbow Rd., Tavares, FL 32778

I do enjoy the Newsletter as I can keep up with the many friends that my husband, Frank, had made in his 36½ years with United. I am carrying on his duties with the Florida Citrus Groupers. I am not traveling due to health condition.

Thank you for your efforts to continue the Newsletter as it is very much appreciated by many.

Sima Gates, 408 Pasadena Ct. Apt. H, San Clemente, CA 92672-5498

Thanks for the terrific effort to keep me & other

retirees informed & up-to-date. I am especially appreciative of your hard work, as I have no computer.

Wayne U. Tucker, 4438 E. Catalina Ave., Mesa, AZ 85206-2008

Another birthday has come and gone. This one #74. Time flies when you are having fun!

Here is the dues payment for the following year, and a little for the postage fund.

We are involved in planning the 100th birthday party for Harold "Lobby" Lobsinger, ret. DENBM on April 1, in Apache Junction, AZ. His 96 year old brother, Dale Lobsinger, UA retiree from Oceanside, CA plans to attend. Harold lives with us & is enjoying good health.

Thanks for all your efforts.

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

I haven't received my friendly reminder yet so I am jumping the gun. Enclosed is my check, and my file number is on it ... Hurrah for me!

All is well in AZ. Just took on the job of secy. of our retirees' group ... guess there is no rest for the wicked.

The Newsletter is getting better all the time. Keep up the good work.

Marge & Edward Le Clair, 84 Mailloux Ter., Dracut, MA 01826

Finally, I remembered to send in husband's dues a whole month before due date! I beat the red stamp!

On July 30, 2005 – Ed was very ill. Finally, the cause was discovered. A bleeding ulcer on the esophagus – a silent ulcer – no warnings.

Ed immediately started on his road to recovery. He received 6 pints of blood & 6 units of blood plasma. One week in hospital. Now he's as good as before this incident.

Thanks for a great newsletter.

Virginia Rood, 141 Hastings Ave., Elk Grove Vlg., IL 60007-3514

My 70th birthday coming up on the 11th. I am sending my dues now so I don't forget what with all the celebrating!

2005 flew by for us even though it included pituitary brain surgery for my husband in Feb. & ra-

diation for 7 weeks to treat breast cancer found on my annual mammogram in Aug. Fortunately, his tumor was benign, my cancer had not spread to the lymph node so NO CHEMO.

Thankfully our United survived, but at such great cost to employees & retirees. Too bad upper management doesn't have the ethical fortitude to offer their fat bonuses to help the still struggling United & get by on their already exorbitant salaries!

Hi to all the wonderful people I worked with who still remember me – I miss them all.

Thank you RUAEA for your efforts to keep us informed.

Ralph D. Fisher, 465 W. 300N 61, Mount Pleasant, UT 84647

I appreciate the news information about United.

By the way – do you know if stock certificates from the pre-bankruptcy UAL have any values?

Marlin Lade: UAL stock in the pre bankruptcy company is worthless as of now – except for collectors.

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

It's such a pleasure to receive the newsletter, locating old friends & hearing about what they're doing. Thank you to the staff who gets it published.

My travel has been curtailed due to back problems but I was able to go to Spain last April to help teach English. The cost of hotel & meals were covered during the week so this was an economical way to meet the Spanish business men & women who came to learn. Everyone was wonderful and had I been able to stay in Madrid afterward, I would have seen it from the locals point of view. Among my fellow "Anglos" were a couple with US Air connections & a retired Aer Lingus employee. Airline people are a real worldwide family. If I think I can do it (physically), I hope to do a week in Italy later this year for the same program.

I thoroughly enjoy the local retiree activities, they are many: breakfasts, lunches, & informal get-togethers.

Keep up the good job with the information vital to all of us.



Jim & Dee Lape, 1110 S.E. Laurel Ave., P.O. Box 468, Mill City, OR 97360

Since I did not send this on time, I am going to send for two (2) years. At least next year will be on time, right?

We are still doing fine. Jim will be getting an award tomorrow for all the volunteering he does on the Spruce Goose & also the Canyon Sr. Center. As for me, I just play lots of pinochle & watch TV, of course that's when we're home. All of you people do such an excellent job on the Newsletter. We would really miss it if you ever quit.

Elizabeth Cartlidge, 8088 Raleigh St., Westminster, CO 80031

Thank you for the numerous cards of sympathy on Art's death. Art really enjoyed his many travels over the years.

Oliver K. Tyler, 6565 So. Main St. #401, Downers Grove, IL 60516

Thanks for another year of the Newsletter. Occasionally, I see someone mentioned who brings back memories. Apparently, there are a few of us left. My wife Lillian, who began at EXO in '39 (the same time & place as I) is still a constant reminder of "the good old days". In 63 years of marriage, one thing we have always agreed about is what a pleasure it was. But now we've had enough travel & get our kicks shopping or occasionally communicating with our kids & their families. When not forcibly employed with housework, I enjoy reading. If anyone would like a book recommendation, you might try COLLAPS by Jared Diamond. (The theme is "How Societies Choose To Fail Or Succeed".) In the summing up, it was stated "an example producing more losers & higher dollar losses is that until 1971, mining companies in Montana on closing down a mine, just left it with its copper, arsenic & acid leaking out into the rivers. Because the state had no law requiring a clean up, they could remove the ore, then declare bankruptcy. A \$500,000,000 clean up was paid for by the citizens of Montana – the US Mining Co. CEO's advanced their own interests through bonuses & high salaries.

Guess that I shouldn't plague myself with such literature. It's probably bad for the heart!

Sally J. Yap, 10810 Droxford St., Cerritos, CA

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My late husband retired in 1984 – Facilities & Planning Dept. as Engineer. It gives me a nostalgic feeling if I happen to read a few familiar names, which is getting fewer now. My late husband, when he was still around to mention the good old friendship & companionship of the crew. The newsletter is my only link with United.

Minnie Sinard, 2927 Kauhale St., Kihei, HI 96753

To all the hardworking people who put together the RUAEA's newsletter,

Thank you so much for your dedication & effort, you certainly represent what United Airlines was all about & the spirit so many had.

I get my newsletter on line but I really appreciate the fact that you mail the letter to those without a computer, so I'm enclosing an extra amount to help pay for postage.

Dorothy L. Wood, 5463 Butternut Circle, Minnetonka, MN 55343

No big news – we stayed home this winter for the first time in 19 years. Not too bad.

Thanks for all your efforts in keeping the United family "up-to-date".

Rita Reynolds, 3919 SW Arroyo Dr., Seattle, WA 98146

Hi – Sorry I'm late with my dues.

You continue to do a great job in keeping retirees in touch with one another. It's much appreciated.

Also, I thank the Board for providing the Seattle Travel desk with an 888 number. It enables us to assist more retirees with their travel plans.



A college student challenged a senior citizen, saying it was impossible for their generation to understand his. "You grew up in a different world," the student said. "Today we have television, jet planes, space travel, nuclear energy, computers ..."

Taking advantage of a pause in the student's litany, the geezer said, "You're right. We didn't have those things when we were young; so we invented them! What are you doing for the next generation?"

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