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***RUAEA Convention  
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***A Walk Through  
Aviation History***



The old McClellan Aviation Museum was near the center of McClellan Air Force Base. McClellan AFB was the original training center for the Army Air Corp pilots prior & during World War II. The base closed about 10 years ago; has become an Industrial Park. The new museum, THE AEROSPACE MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA sits on 6.5 acres in the north end of the former base.

The building resembles an airport terminal. It is a 2 story building & has a beige blue exterior with gleaming blue glass. Visitors are greeted by an overhead sculpture of three silver-colored futuristic aircraft. Once inside, visitors move past a 10 foot tall crystal wall, part of which is embedded with oversized letters forming astronaut Neil Armstrong's immortal words when he descended onto the moon: **“That’s one small step for (a) man; one giant leap for mankind.”** After the curtain like wall, visitors step into a hangar-like structure that houses 7 aircrafts along with rocket & airplane engines.

In the heart of the building, known as “the pavilion,” beckons a white, 18 foot-long capsule that is a ride simulator. For an extra fee, guests can board it for a bone-jarring “movie-ride flying experience” lasting several minutes. In addition, in April the museum will have the “The Da Vinci Experience”, a traveling exhibit featuring more than 60 working models of his inventions.

Most of the airplanes are outside, in an air park that occupies more than 4 acres. The old museum would have been disbanded by the Air Force but a group of volunteers began raising funds, an effort they continue today. The museum's pavilion is named for Hardie Setzer, a World War II aviator & Sacramento area businessman who donated more than \$1 million to build the new museum.

A building adjacent to the museum will eventually hold historical documents that tell the history of McClellan Air Force Base. The museum has a paid staff of 7 & more than 100 volunteers, many of whom are retired military.

Admission to the museum, at 3200 Freedom Park Drive, is \$9 for adults, \$7 for teenagers 13-17 & seniors 60 & older, \$5 for children 6 to 12. Members & active duty military get in free.

The museum is open from 9 am to 5 pm Tues. through Sat., 10 am to 5 pm Sunday. It is closed Mon.

See you in Sacramento,

Nancy DeVore, Publicity Chair

RUAEA Convention 2007

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# **GENERAL NEWS**

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## **FROM THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT**

It's with a great deal of excitement but a lot of humility that I accepted the position of Executive Vice President, when the Board voted to appoint me.

There are some big shoes to fill from the past Executive VPs' we, as an organization have had. I wear a size 14 shoe, but it still is going to be tough. I'm looking forward to the exciting times ahead.

I would like to add to Marlin Lades' comment that we, as an organization, have a very poor turnout when it comes to voting for those who will lead & direct RUAEA. I urge you to VOTE & mail in your ballot. It takes just a moment but means so much.

I hope to see many of you at the Convention in Sacramento this year. It is developing into a wonderful time. The Sacramento Gold Diggers have been working hard to make your convention a success.

Gordon Starr  
Executive Vice President

## **OTHER CONVENTION NEWS**

We seem to be having trouble getting the email & postal address correct for our Arts & Crafts Chairpersons. The correct email address for the Arts and Crafts Chairmen is **vandfgracious@surewest.net** as published last month; their postal address is 1972 Somerdale Circle, Roseville, CA 95661. In spite of my efforts to confuse everyone, they are receiving items for the Arts & Crafts display and raffle. We appreciate the donations - welcome any & all. Their phone is (916) 789-0422 if you need to speak with either Francis or Veronica.

We have been hearing about some problems booking rooms at the convention rate. There are still plenty of rooms available at the Hyatt at the convention rate. So book early, here is how! You can call their 800 number at 800-233-1234, call the hotel direct at (916) 443-1234 or go to the RUAEA website at **ruaea.org** & there is a link to a Hyatt reservation page with the correct price of \$99 per night double occupancy plus taxes. Be sure to identify yourself as a member of RUAEA.

We are gladly accepting donations of art & crafts works to be displayed & raffled during the convention. Anyone wishing to donate, please contact Francis or Veronica Domaratus at **vandfgracious@surewest.net** or (916) 789-0422 or by mail to 1972 Somerdale Circle, Roseville, CA 95661. As was the case at the Washington convention, we will be having a special Hospitality time in the Hospitality Room on Tues., Wed. & Thurs. evenings.

**Hot News ... When checking in at the Hyatt, be sure to ask for your free *Sacramento Gold Card*. This card will get you discounts at some of the nearby restaurants, as well as discounts at some attractions in the area for the do-it-on-your-own folks. We have also been able to negotiate some discounts with other establishments near the hotel, checkout the information in the Hospitality Room.**

Don't forget to look into the travel options on getting to Sacramento. United offers employees/retirees a discount of 20% on most fares. When booking the flights be sure to tell the agent you are a retiree; the special code is S\*PMO/EMP20. Another option is to use a senior fare on Southwest. These fares are at least 50% of the standard fare, are changeable & cancelable with no penalty. You can check them out at **southwest.com**. You do have to be 65 or older. Then there is Amtrak, we have heard from several that they are planning to arrive by train. The Amtrak station is

about a dozen blocks from the hotel. Finally here is a recap of the space available options. United has a good schedule with 27 daily flights. Also there are many other carriers that offer us a 90% or 95% discount - Alaska/Horizon, Aloha, American, Continental, Delta, Frontier, Hawaiian, Mexicana, Northwest & US Airways/America West. American offers ZED (Zonal Employee Discount) fares that are based on mileage. An example is DFW to SMF - \$31 each way. To obtain ID90, ID95 or ZED fare tickets contact the Interline Ticketing Desk at 1-888-874-1581. Their hours are 0700-2100 CT Mon. – Fri. & 0700-1900 CT Sat. & Sun. Last but not least, Jet-Blue & Southwest offer retirees standby fares at \$25 OW & \$50 RT plus taxes. For both of these carriers you will need a letter of introduction that may be obtained by calling United's Benefit Dept. at 1-888-825-0188.

**News flash ... Express Jet is scheduled to begin service in & out of Sacramento in April with non-stop flights between Sacramento & the following cities; San Antonio, Spokane, Tucson, Colorado Springs, Oklahoma City, Tulsa & Albuquerque. Express Jet has operated as a feeder for Continental Airlines.**

Anyone planning to use Amtrak, the best way to get to the hotel would be taxi. For anyone venturing out on their own near the hotel, along the Downtown Mall or Old Sacramento there are City Guides dressed in yellow & black uniforms. They are there to assist with directions & other information. You will find them on foot or riding bicycles.

**News flash ... We have confirmed the Sat. Night Banquet speaker. He will be Graham Atkinson, Executive VP / Chief Customer Officer. We extend a warm welcome to Graham & look forward to hearing him speak.**

Ron Bertacini  
Convention Chairman  
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#### **NATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT (cont.)**



## **“Midnight - the Mail Flies West!”**

*excerpted from the June 1930 “Popular Science” magazine*

“Mechanics at Hadley Field, NJ are grooming one of the huge nocturnal birds for a flight west with the midnight mail.”...



“Wearing khaki overalls, with an arrow piercing the letters NAT on the backs, a dozen mechanics were checking over the planes in the hangar.” One man spends all his time washing the ships. Another does nothing but test & care for the radio equipment. Others are expert motor doctors, and still others are riggers who check over and trim the ships. At the Chicago field of the NAT, there is a ‘propeller man’ in charge of adjusting all ‘props’; at Cleveland a ‘parachute man’ examines & repacks every ‘chute’ once a month.”

“When a plane arrives at Hadley Field, while the mail is being unloaded, the fuel tanks are filled from a red pump before the main hangar. 158 gallons pour into the big tanks of the Boeings & from 128 to 131 gallons into those of the Douglas planes.” ...

“After the ship is run into the hangar, it is gone over from propeller to tail. The batteries are taken out & tested. The 18 gallon radiators that cool the Liberty engines are examined & filled.” ...

“All told the N.A.T. has approximately 50 planes in operation.” ...

The photos and article excerpts are from “*Popular Science Monthly*” article by George Lee Dowd, Jr. pg. 24, June 1930, Denver Public Library - NAT logo coveralls photo, UAHF collection at DENTK - Please visit my albums at [community.webshots.com/user/dawson30](http://community.webshots.com/user/dawson30) - Marvin Berryman

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### **NEW RUAEA CHAPTER IN FLORIDA**

A new RUAEA Chapter was established in Fort Lauderdale, FL. For more details, refer to the Florida Listing of the Local News section.

### **1-800-UAL-LIST, NEW & IMPROVED**

The automated, voice-activated telephone system for booking employee & companion travel, 1-800-UAL-LIST, has been upgraded to make it easier to use.

- ( In response to feedback from employees, an improved call-flow design, better speech recognition, a new voice & reduction of background-noise interference have all been incorporated into this new, enhanced product.
- ( In addition, companions can now make date & flight number changes to space-available listings, also check flight loads. Note that the sponsoring employee still must do the original booking for companion travelers.
- ( Employees can continue to plan travel & list for flights on SkyNet, however, 1-800-UAL-LIST gives employees an option when they are unable to access the Internet.

- ( Access to the system within the US is free. International direct dialing rates apply for calls made from outside the US.
- ( The service can be used for both non-revenue space available (NRSA) & non-revenue positive space (NRPS) travel.
- ( Employees & Retirees who have not tried 1-800-UAL-LIST, or those who haven't used it in awhile, are encouraged to use this improved employee tool when booking NRSA & NRPS travel.

### **FROM THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICE**

Hi folks, we in the organization have some information for your consideration. The following proposals will be implemented once the By-laws Amendments are approved at the Annual Business Meeting at the convention this year (*See the Proposed By-laws Amendments that follow*). These are policy changes that we believe will be beneficial to all of the membership.

1. In the past when some joined our organization we would use their birthday month as their renewal date. The reasoning was everyone remembers their birthday, or so we thought. The years have shown us that is not always necessarily so, even when we send a reminder & Happy Birthday wishes. Our By-laws are very specific as to how to address these issues; it is sometimes unfair to a lot of people. As an example, if someone joins RUAEA say in January 2008 and their birthday is in June of that year, they are required to reinstate in June 2008.  
*Our proposal is that whenever you join you will have a full twelve (12) months of membership. Those members that we are now using their birthday month as the renewal date will not change, unless you renew your membership late. The renewal date will then be twelve (12) months from the date your dues are received.*
2. The second proposed change for your consideration is how one becomes an Associate Member. Presently the procedure is, if the member passes away the Regional Director will ask the surviving spouse if he/she would like to continue the membership. If the answer is yes, the Director will give the survivor an application & ask the person to fill it out & return it to the RUAEA office with the yearly dues.  
*Our proposal is once we receive notice of the members passing we would automatically make the surviving spouse an Associate Member. The renewal date would stay the same as the original member's renewal date.*

The reasons for these proposed changes are as follows: As with any other organization that requires a dues payment, it is normally in the month that you join, not in one's birthday month. We feel that this will benefit everyone. If you renew your membership late, then twelve (12) months from the date your dues are received will become your new renewal date. Our method of notifying you of your renewal date will stay the same.

As for the way we currently ask if one wants to become an Associate Member; this may not be a good time to ask. As an example when someone subscribes to a magazine & they pass away, the magazine continues to be sent until the subscription is ended. We at RUAEA feel that we should do the same for our member's surviving spouse.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at home. My number is (303) 452-7418. I will take calls up to May 28, 2007 on this subject.

Howard Tress  
Membership/Support Manager

## **PROPOSED BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS**

**Following are the proposed amendments to the RUAEA By-laws.**

**The proposed changes will be shown as “*italic*”. As stated in the By-laws Article XII, amendment of these By-laws must be publicized in the Newsletter at least thirty (30) days prior to voting by the membership at the Annual Meeting. All members present at the Annual Meeting in Sacramento, CA on Sat. June 2, 2007 will vote on these changes.**

### **Page 1, ARTICLE III, Section 3**

Associate Members

#### **Current**

Widows or Widowers of Regular or Life Members may become Associate Members by paying the required dues. In addition, a spouse of a deceased retired employee, who was not a regular member or Life Member may become an Associate Member by paying the required dues. A spouse of a deceased employee, who at the time of death, was eligible for retirement may also become an Associate Member by paying the required dues. Exceptions may be approved by the Board of Directors. Associate Members shall enjoy the same privileges as Regular Members. They may vote and hold National office in the Association. They may continue membership if they remarry.

#### **Proposed**

Widows or Widowers of *deceased* Regular Members *will become Associate Members until the deceased retired employee's Membership expires. At this time Associate Membership may be continued by paying required dues. Widows or Widowers of Life Members may become Associate Members by paying the required dues.* In addition, a spouse of a deceased retired employee, who was not a regular member or Life Member may become an Associate Member by paying the required dues. A spouse of a deceased employee, who at the time of death, was eligible for retirement may also become an Associate Member by paying the required dues. Exceptions may be approved by the Board of Directors. Associate Members shall enjoy the same privileges as Regular Members. They may vote and hold National office in the Association. They may continue membership if they remarry.

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DUES

#### **Current**

Dues shall be payable by Regular and Associate Members on the first day of the month of their birth.

Dues amount shall be as established by the Board of Directors.

#### **Proposed**

*Dues shall be payable by Regular and Associate Members twelve (12) calendar months from the date dues were last received.*

Dues amount shall be as established by the Board of Directors.

## **TRAVEL TIPS BY BOB**

### **Brought a banned item to O'Hare? Ship it back home.**

“In the first two months, beginning Dec. 11, we will have collected nearly 2,000 items,” Wendy Abrams, spokeswoman for Chicago’s Department of Aviation, said of the six O’Hare kiosks.

Travelers can use the shipping kiosks once they have cleared the security checkpoint. A member of the Transportation Security Administration will escort them to a kiosk, where items can be placed in a 10.5-by-2-inch bag & shipped using a credit or debit card or held at the UPS Store at the Hilton hotel at O’Hare. Most travelers, roughly 80%, prefer to ship their item for \$8.95 plus shipping costs compared to having it held for \$9.99, Ms. Abrams said.

Shipping costs vary for cigarette lighters & liquids based on a domestic or international destination. Lighters & liquids are shipped via UPS. Non-hazardous items are sent via the U.S. Postal Service.



Lara Uselding, a TSA spokeswoman, said the option of allowing travelers to save prohibited items - such as more than 3 ounces of a liquid, gel or aerosol — has not increased security clearance times despite the necessity of a TSA agent escort.

“It has been positive,” she said. “It has cut down on complaints.”

Note: FAA actual rule states 3.4 oz.

The contract with Mail Safe Express for O’Hare was extended through the rest of the year. O’Hare’s Terminal 3, where American Airlines & Delta Air Lines operate from, may lose one of its two Mail Safe Express stations due to low use, Ms. Abrams said.

### **Midway to get kiosk for shipping banned items program expanding to airport after test at O’Hare.**

Travelers departing from Midway International Airport next month will have another option for prohibited items when they get to the security checkpoint rather than tossing them in the trash or checking them in luggage.

In March, Midway will get a Mail Safe Express kiosk similar to the ones installed in Dec. at terminals 1, 2, & 3 at O’Hare International Airport.

The kiosks allow travelers with banned items the option of shipping them to any destination or having them held at the airport until their return.

Midway got the go-ahead after the city deemed that the test program at O’Hare was successful enough to expand.

How about other stations getting the banned item kiosks? Stay tuned, if & when they do I’ll have an update.

Happy Traveling,  
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Seattle Travel Desk

### **WALK ... RUN ... & REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2007 Y-ME RACE**

United’s most successful annual volunteer effort - the Y-ME Race, supporting breast cancer awareness - is May 13, 2007. The company has supported this Mother’s Day event for 3 years, as employees volunteered, ran or walked for this important cause.

- ( In May, we will floodlight our new corporate headquarters in downtown CHI in pink, in honor of the work of Y-ME & of all of the women facing breast cancer also their families who support them.
- ( As the Official & Exclusive Airline & a National Official Sponsor of the 2007 Y-ME Race to Empower, United’s fundraising goal this year is 350,000 dollars; our membership goal is more than 2,000 participants. This is more than we raised last year, and will help achieve the national goal of 5 million dollars.
- ( This year, Y-ME Race to Empower events are taking place in 12 different cities across the US, including Atlanta, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Houston, Miami, Phoenix, Sacramento, San Diego, Seattle, Tulsa & Washington, D.C.
- ( To walk, run or volunteer in the Chicago race, contact Veronica Turner at (847) 700-7365 or [Veronica.Turner@united.com](mailto:Veronica.Turner@united.com). You can also make a donation or register as a member for a particular team at <http://race.y-me.org/united>.
- ( Pete McDonald, executive VP & CEO, will again serve as the Corporate Chair of Chicago’s Y-ME Race. For more on Pete's involvement, visit his Y-ME Web site at [www.race.y-me.org/united](http://www.race.y-me.org/united).
- ( The Y-ME Race to Empower Kick-Off Luncheon for Chicago team captains was Fri., Feb. 23, in the Training Center Auditorium at WHQ. They learned more about the programs & services of the Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization also hear from team captains about team building & fundraising strategies that helped United with its record-breaking performance in 2006.

- ( Participating in the Y-ME Race to Empower is one of the many ways United & its employees can contribute to the communities where we live, work & serve.

## **NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS**

Chapter reports for May are due in DEN by Fri. April 6, June report by 5/4, July report by 6/6. Reports may be sent by e-mail [ruaea@aol.com](mailto: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 Sacramento, Chapter Correspondents meeting will be held Fri. June 1, 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM in Carmel A&B. 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 24. 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

## **LOCAL NEWS**

### **ARIZONA**



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If you are attending the bi-weekly breakfast meetings please contact Mary Toeppen before 4 PM the Mon. before the breakfast. Those of you that are on our regular's list need to call when you won't be there. Any questions contact Mary at (623) 214-1504.

We have had a very good turnout at Coco's this month. It is so good to see Jean Kerman with us again. Everyone appears to be doing well - that is surely a blessing. On Feb. 9, we had 57 attendees at our luncheon at the Union Hills Country Club. Ron Robertson was our guest speaker, he reported on the upcoming convention & RUAEA updates. Phyllis Smith from CLE was visiting with Jean Kerman, Sandy & Tom Williams were guests of Kay Heinig. At that luncheon we were happy to announce our new officers for 2007-2009:

Thank you to the following members for volunteering:

- ( Pres. – Dave Barry  
( VP – Sally Illingworth  
( Correspondent – Carol Liltz  
( Treas. – Laura Ehas

On Feb. 25 our travel group attended a production of "Kiss Me Kate" at the Arizona Broadway Dinner Theatre. There were 31 in attendance & a good time was had by all.

*"Opportunities are never lost. The other fellow takes those you miss."*

Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings 8:00am - Location - 98<sup>th</sup> & Bell road

**April 10 – Coco's**



**April 21** - Luke AFB – Cook out  
**April 24** – Coco's

### **TALL PINES**

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We had 16 members present for our 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the new year, which was held at Coco's on Feb. 27. It was good seeing Nadine Weller also, Mary Ann Arriaga who has been undergoing chemo treatments. We wish Mary Ann the best in these coming months & look forward to seeing her at our next meeting. We miss you all when you are not with us.

Nikki Krause is fulfilling a life-long dream - she is vacationing in China; I'm sure will have some good stories to share when she returns. We had no business to discuss, so enjoyed each others' company. Hope to see more members on April 24.

### **Calendar:**

**April 24** - 11:00 AM – Coco's

**May 22** - 11:00 AM - Coco's



### **TUCSON ROADRUNNERS**

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42 rollicking Roadrunners attended the Feb. 15 performance of "The Two Amigos" at the Gaslight Theater. As usual it was a great evening of fun, hoots, boos, & laughs. This time they had more visual effects, e.g., flower pots being shot at & breaking, an explosion, fire with timbers falling. As always, the heroes on horseback coming to the rescue. The after-show skits were excellent. It was nice to see Gil Martin join us for the evening.

#### **On our sick list:**

- ( Jeanne Gilstrap's hip replacement went well, but she is still sore & hurting.
- ( Hank Belzer had good news, doesn't have to go back for 3 months to have his blood checked to see if any more treatments are necessary.
- ( Pat DiLallo's back surgery went well, she is up & about.
- ( Donna Kuehn, who recently had a knee replacement, had arthroscopic surgery on her other knee Jan. 26.

A death announcement: For those who did not receive the news, constant traveler Connie Parks passed away Jan. 23, 2007. A donation has been sent to Doctors Without Borders in Connie's name from the Roadrunners.

Alice Belzer's trivia for the month. (We did not do the math. Trust Alice.) *For the mathematicians in our group -  $111,111 \times 111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321$ .*

### **Calendar:**

**April 19** - Henny & Clyde Satterfield will be our hosts at a luncheon at Michelangelos on McGee, just west of Oracle. The restaurant opens at 11:00 a.m., lunch will be at noon.

## ARKANSAS

### “THE NATURALS”

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Our last gathering on Feb. 8 was quite a success. This time, the weather cooperated, everyone made it to the Red Lobster in Hot Springs for a wonderful seafood dinner!

We were pleased to have a guest from out of town joining us. June O'Connell had arrived a week earlier with the primary intention of coming to our meeting, (which we then proceeded to cancel because of ice) so... we're very happy she decided to stay a little longer. Her wit & humor added a lot to the conversation!

We were delighted to see the Platners, Vic & Barbara who joined us for the evening, especially Evelyn Nilson who was recently widowed.

One of the question marks we bantered about was ... since we are a small group: Do we want to open our meetings to friends & neighbors which would make it much more social, but on the other hand, much more difficult to discuss business?

We then remembered that because of the by-laws etc. it would not be appropriate to do so, but decided that at any 'home' meeting/party it would be completely up to the discretion of the host/hostess to invite whom ever they wished.

Everyone had a nice evening, dues were collected & I'll leave you with these words ... *Spring has finally sprung in Hot Springs Village! Thousands of robins are here. We're golfing, we're playing & we're happy!*

## CALIFORNIA

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It is always difficult to say that our meetings can't get better than the last one, but we did it again. With Bob & Pat Wagner as hosts, we had a very enjoyable luncheon along with delicious food provided by the Moose Lodge. We had very nice table treats, drinks, & door prizes provided by Bob & Pat which was enjoyed by everyone. The weather was sunny & warm, but there was a threat of a storm brewing. The view from the Moose Lodge, overlooking the ocean, was beautiful with large waves & surfers taking advantage of them.

Pres. John Stilwell, called the meeting to order with 22 attendees. We were pleased to have Isabelle Stanger, Bob Stanger's mother, back with us along with Kathy Shurtleff's mother-in-law Beth Shurtleff. Bob Wagner brought 2 of his friends, Freddy (last name doesn't matter), & George Quimby, a retired NWA pilot. I met briefly with George, who I found out had an interesting life flying for the military. We talked about NWA, since I worked for them in 1948 about the same time he did. He would make a good speaker at one of our meetings.

John Stilwell talked about the Convention coming up in Sacramento. With a show of hands, he counted about 10 of us planning to attend. Since there are so many retirees in the SFO area, Bob Stanger suggested that we try to get-together with those we worked with & renew old times. John is going to pursue this idea.

Barbara Stilwell & Al Rybar were the lucky winners of the door prizes donated by the Wagners. Barbara also ran the 50/50 drawing with Isabelle Stanger being the winner.

On a sad note, we received a letter from Garver & Wilma Sandy saying that they will not be able to rejoin our chapter. They really enjoyed the Central Coast & meeting their old friends. They were important in organizing our Chapter. Their health is not allowing them to travel this far any longer, they will be missed, but we will keep in touch..

We also received a letter from Jack Cunningham, who did not attend this time saying his wife Eleanor was ill. She has been in & out of the hospital ever since she had a cold before our Christmas party. It turned into pneumonia. Jack was on the mend with a broken wrist at our last meeting, should have had the cast removed by now. Our thoughts & prayers to these two couples. They were both missed very much, we hope they get better real soon.

Those of you planning on visiting the Central Coast, refer to the calendar for schedule for the rest of the year. All visitors are welcome.

*Last month's trivia question: Why does a retiree often say he doesn't miss work, but misses the people he used to work with? (We all know this one). Answer: They are too polite to tell the whole truth.*

*Next trivia question: What word is the longest typed with the left hand & what is the longest word typed with the right hand?*

Calendar:

**April 18** - Hosted by Bill & Dana Noyes

**June 20** - Hosted by Bob & Marcia Stanger

**Aug. 15** - Hosted by Al & Marilyn Rybar

**Oct. 17** - Hosted by Kathy Shurtleff

**Dec. 12** - Hosted by John & Barbara Stilwell

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The Brazen Raisins' Feb. meeting was hosted by Elida & Reuben Rivas who returned from their trip to China in time to host; The Rivases promised a description of their China trip at the next meeting. The Brazen Raisins were honored by a visit by RUAEA Director Ron Bertacini & wife Barbara; Ron discussed United's "transformation" (a new buzzword!), also the forthcoming RUAEA Convention in Sacramento. In a sad note, former BR member Franklin Miller passed away Jan. 25, 2007.

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It was a festive occasion at our Valentine's Day meeting at Mission Lakes Country Club Inn, Desert Hot Springs, hosted by Mary Frank & Maureen Williams. Each place was decorated with chocolate rose made by Maureen. There were lots of red & white outfits worn by the 37 members & guests. Rowe & Pat Prideaux from the Relaxers came with the Aggsons, Maureen Williams brought friends, Mike Reed & Wanda Grimshaw were guests of Joyce Bossio. Ron & Melinda Lerg were accompanied by their out of town guests Millie & Bob Williams. When they were late in arriving we became concerned. Finally, reaching them on their cell phone, we learned they were lost (forgot to bring the directions). After pointing them in the right direction, they arrived, greeted by cheers just as the waiters were beginning the service.

We were pleased to welcome 3 prospective new members: Patty Sica, Gay Trabor & Dee Whatley, all retired FA's. We're hoping they will join & become regulars at our meetings.

It was good to see Barbara Rowe who finally got a day off from her job at Ontario Airport. We were also pleased to have SW Regional Director, Howard Lackey join us. Howard discussed the recent solicitations of emails regarding retiree service charges. He read the position letter from the RUAEA Board of Directors which is posted on the RUAEA website. He also clarified several points regarding service charge free travel for some active employees who met certain goals, pointing out that the boarding priority was BP 10. He also dispelled some misinformation about free travel on other airlines, some of which offer none. It was the consensus of the group that the service charges that we pay are fair especially in consideration of boarding priority.

Al Pennington was the only birthday celebrant so he was able to enjoy a free lunch. Mike Bailardo took home the 50/50 money. The next five 50/50 winners, each got to select a beautiful flower arrangement made by the very talented Maureen Williams.

Calendar:

Call or Email hosts for information & reservations.

**April 11** - John or Maureen Schultz – (760) 200-9859 or [johninpalmdesert@aol.com](mailto:johninpalmdesert@aol.com)

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## THE SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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Pres. Jean Turley-Sinclair opened the Feb. 28 Past Presidents Appreciation Luncheon; thanked Harold & Colleen Esola for hosting the luncheon complete with a floral arrangement at each table & a beautifully decorated appreciation cake. Jean also thanked Bill & Donna Dews for arranging the Carmichael Elks Club as our location. Jean asked Forester Sinclair to start off the meeting with a few humorous stories about dogs, cats & angels which gave all of us a good laugh!

There were 84 members & 3 guests attending, Judie Leimer guest of Jim Raber, Helen Kalczynski guest of Ken Stephenson, Nancy McGregor guest of Bill Fitzgerald.

Treas. Judie King reminded everyone that checks for membership dues should **be payable to the Gold Diggers** & mailed to Judie King, 11886 Heather Lane, Grass Valley, CA 95949. Dues are \$10 a family.

VP Bob Fulkerson stated Aug. 2007 & Jan. 2008 are still available to host. Let Bob know if you would like to sign up for either month. Harry Caldwell, Ed Akin & Jerry Quinnell will be co hosting a Barbeque at Ed Akin's ranch for our June 27 meeting in the Placerville area.

Corresponding Secy. Colleen Esola reported anniversaries for Jan. & Feb. which included Bob & Jo Cuff 56 years this past Jan. 13, Bill & Carol Clark 51 years Jan. 14. Glenn & Alice McPeak 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary was Feb. 7, Irv & Sherrie Wolfram 52 years Feb. 26.

Sunshine Francis Domaratius reported that John Muir is going through chemo & radiation. He hopes to see everyone next month. Andrea Stuchell had surgery, now is going through chemo.

RUAEA Director & 2007 Convention Chairman, Ron Bertacini, reported that he had attended the Feb. meetings for the San Joaquin & Fresno chapters. He is encouraged by their enthusiasm for the 2007 Convention to be held in Sacramento May 27 through June 2. Ron was pleased to see a show of hands as to how many Gold Diggers plan to attend the Convention activities. Reservations at the Hyatt have a 48% booking & are already running short on Sun., May 27. You can call the hotel direct at (916) 443-1234 or go to the RUAEA website at [ruaea.org](http://ruaea.org). There is a link to a Hyatt reservation page. When booking, identify yourself as a member of RUAEA as our Convention is listed under the name RUAEA. The web link, [ruaea.org](http://ruaea.org), has all the appropriate information. Rooms are \$99 plus tax.

Francis & Veronica Domaratius are in charge of Art and Raffle display & drawing. Art & crafts may be donated to them at the March or April meetings, or contact by email [vandfgracious@surewest.net](mailto:vandfgracious@surewest.net) or telephone (916) 789-0422 for further information.

The Hospitality Room is a place to gather for those not on tours. It is open during the week from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Hospitality Chairman Dorothy Stroud has plans for theme nights with a Hawaiian theme for Wed. & a western theme for Thurs. We are pleased to have Harry Caldwell & his western band Thurs. evening 5:30 to 8:00 pm.

There are 25 tours, door prizes in the Hospitality Room & at the Business Meetings on Sat. morning, as well as a special prize to be announced later. Ron asked if you have not received your convention package to please let him know.

Ron introduced La Verne Haubl as the Volunteer Scheduler. She is looking for volunteers to sign up to help in the Hospitality Room, selling 50/50 tickets, seated position selling tickets for the Art & Craft items, & as airport greeters for RUAEA members as they arrive in SMF. Contact La Verne at [lhaubl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lhaubl@sbcglobal.net).

Ron thanked La Verne. He told more about the Benefits & Business meetings which are held Sat. morning with door prizes. Also be sure to ask for the **Sacramento Gold Card** when checking in as it provides you with discounts around the hotel.

Past Presidents recognition by Colleen & Harold Esola was truly most meaningful as we listen to special memories. Al Kaiser recalled having 22 attend his first meeting. Al said he sent post cards to all those listed in the RUAEA directory living within 50 miles of Sacramento. There were no rules or regulations at that time. Al was elected as the 1<sup>st</sup> President. The President's wife was the unofficial secretary. Minutes were taken & sent to the RUAEA Newsletter. After the first or second Christmas it was decided a treasurer was needed. Up until that time they just passed the hat to cover mailing expenses.

Bob Cuff told several jokes, then mentioned how he enjoyed his career with United Airlines which started in 1952 & continued for 35 years. Before United, he was in WW II, joined the military in 1942, out in 46. Started as private & out as private. Gold Diggers Pres. 1991 - "seems like yesterday!"

Harry Caldwell - Best part was having Bob Hallden as his VP who as Harry said "was more fun than you could shake a barrel of sticks at" ...

Bob Hallden - Joined Gold Diggers in 1991 when Jim Meek invited Bob to join the group. Harry Caldwell took him under his wing. Bob became Pres. in 1994. Bob said no one told jokes like Mike Sough. "I lost my wife of 50 years & many of you know it is a hard transition, but I was helped by the friendships of this group."

Jim & Ethel Meek had planned to be here but could not make it due to the weather conditions.

Ronnie King ~ great to see him with us! Ronnie said "Glad to be back" as a round of applause was made. "Been pretty rough the last 4 months, but I think I will make it! Ronnie retired from United in 1996. He spent 26 years in maintenance, 7 in the engineering dept & enjoyed every bit of it. When they moved up here, someone gave him a call about coming to the Gold Digger meeting - he has been here every since.

Ronnie told a joke about a flight going into SLC, it was windy, raining, pilot finds the runway, bounces 5 or 6 times, F/A on microphone said it was not the pilot's fault, not the co-pilot's fault, not the stewardess' fault ... it was the asphalt!!

Shirley Drumheller was the second female to be Pres. She had spent 10 years with United Airlines starting in 1989. She was happy to be with United, happy to be here today & appreciates your friendships. Shirley looks forward to coming to luncheons.

Ken Norton had known Victor Drumheller since 1961 as they lived near one another in Newark. Ken joined the SFO retiree group in 1993. Ken & Stephanie moved this way June 1999 & soon found the Sacramento Gold Diggers, attending a meeting on a 112 degree day. Shortly after in 2001 he became Pres., now is working as the 50/50 chairman for 2007 Convention.

Forester Sinclair followed Ken as Pres. told a humorous story about his early years with United regarding retirement. In watching a film about retirement at the north part of the base, there was an old man & an elderly gentleman. The old man did not participate in the plan & was not living very well. The gentleman who did join the plan was doing well ... Forester joined the plan but it no longer exists. Sadly he finds more & more names of those he knew on the obits - realizes how fragile our existence on earth can be. Forester enjoyed being Pres.

Ron Bertacini followed Forester & agreed it was a fun time being the Chapter Pres. We have been fortunate to have a variety of people who have accepted being a chapter officer, Ron appreciates their willingness to serve ... "always need new people to keep things going."

Harold & Colleen Esola joined the Gold Diggers in May 2000. Harold started with United in 67, took early retirement in 2000 with 32 years. They came to the Gold Diggers not knowing very many people. Colleen said she believes the best way to get to know our many members is to accept an officer position. They now serve on the Convention Committee as co chairman of the airport greeters. Harold & Colleen enjoy being with all the many friends they have made since becoming involved with the Gold Diggers.

#### Calendar:

**April 25** - Hosted by Jean & Forester Sinclair and Jean & Marv Becker at Trolley Junction in Nevada City.

**May** - No Meeting~RUAEA Convention in Sacramento

**June 27** - Hosted by Ed & Lindalee Akin, Harry & Jean Caldwell and Jerry & Suzie Quinnell at Ed's ranch with barbecue & featuring Ed's antique tractors.

**July 25** - meeting hosted by Sonda & Dick Sandstedt.



**Redwood  
Empire  
Retirees**

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The Feb. meeting of the Redwood Empire Retirees was held at LaGare in Santa Rosa on Feb.

8. It was a wet & stormy day but everyone agreed, we need the rain. 39 members & guests attended.

After lunch, Pres. Patrick Cadden called the meeting to order. He thanked our hosts, Charlie and Bernice Anderson. Patrick discussed an e-mail that he had received from Howard Paine regarding pass travel. There have been no changes to our travel privileges.

VP Judy DeFord welcomed our guests: Lee Trevelyan, guest of Barney & Clare Hagen; Karen Van Dyke, guest of Ron & Joanne Huhn; John Nolan, guest of Naomi Tolf & Sherri Quock, guest of Diana Quinn. Judy discussed the lower cost menus presented by Tina Williams of Oakmont's Quail Inn. She reminded us that having a preset place to go does not mean that we don't need hosts each month. Hosts are needed for the months of June, Sept. & Oct., all for the Quail Inn.

Treas. Oscar Chambers reports that we are solvent. We have a good balance sheet & our Charity fund is building nicely.

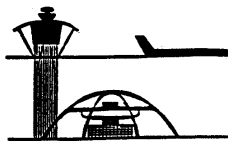
Sunshine Lady Verda Burr reported on birthdays & anniversaries. We had 13 birthdays, Diana Quinn was the winner of the lunch. There were 3 anniversaries for a total of 112 years.

Congratulations were sung by all. Verda acknowledged the receipt of a letter from George & Pat Smith thanking us for the card we sent them. Pat is doing well. Verda will be away for the next 2 months so we will have to go searching for those great stories she tells.

Patrick's Thought for the Day - courtesy of George W. Bush: *I'm also not very analytical. You know I don't spend a lot of time thinking about myself, about why I do things.*

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We all wish to extend deepest sympathies to friends from our working years who have passed on recently. They are:

We are saddened to report that **Bill Kneisel** lost his battle against lymphoma March 7. Bill was very well known, liked & respected by the LA area retirees & employees. Our condolences to Joyce & family. Address: 421 N. Six St., Burbank, CA 91501, phone (818) 848-8841.

I don't have a date, but sometime in Jan. or early Feb., **Yvonne Jackson** succumbed to the illness she fought for so long. Our sympathies to her family.

**Peggy Kohler**, wife of retiree Bob Kohler, passed away early in Feb. Peg & Bob traveled with the ReLAXers group several times on the canal barge trips in France. Sadly, as of several years ago Peg was no longer able to travel that extensively; we missed her great sense of humor on our trips. Condolences can be sent to Bob & family: 685 Grada Av., Camarillo, CA 93010.

**Toni Turner's** husband, Charles passed away in Dec. They were on a cruise to Fanning Island; on their return, Charles passed away on the ship of heart failure. Toni's address is 91-440 Pupu St., Ewa Beach, HI 96706. She contacted Jim Ferrance & asked him to please thank everyone for their kindness. Our hearts to Toni & family - we're sorry the news is this much delayed.

**Kay Marinoff** called Ray Ginocchio Mar. 5 to advise that **Pinkie Hopkins'** sister, Pansy Friends, died this morning. Pinkie has been caring for her for a long time, it will be a big loss to her. As for her own health, Kay said that her leg is really bothering her, her doctor recommends surgery, but Kay has chosen not to do that. Today would be her & George's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Evelyn Pearson**, retiree from LAXRR passed away in Nov. She has had Alzheimers for several years & has been in a nursing home. As far as we know, she had no next of kin.

**Linda Bivins** reports of the horrendous medical problems she's dealt with since 2001. At that time she was diagnosed with a rare blood cancer which eventually affected her kidneys. At the USC Norris Cancer Center she was advised the only treatment is a stem cell transplant. Using her own stem cells & massive doses of chemo, heavy duty drugs & steroids; with the help of her doctors she's holding her own. Then another blow, she developed a hole in the macula of her left eye. The only fix there is surgery, which she had in mid-Feb. I've heard no further word, so let's hope that "no news is good news" definitely applies here. She can be reached at [living@socal.rr.com](mailto:living@socal.rr.com) & at 9475 Gull Cir., Fountain Valley, CA 92708. Best of luck, Linda.

**Gert Pavich**, who retired some time ago from LAXRR lost her husband on Jan. 2. In Feb. she went to LAS to visit her daughter. While there, tornadoes did extensive damage in FL in the area where they had lived for about 10 years. Sadly, her home was completely destroyed. When everything is settled in FL, she plans to move to LAS to be near her daughter. If you wish to write her, send mail c/o Pam Cisneros, 313 Spry Av., Las Vegas, NV 89183.

**Martin Chavez** has had foot surgery - had to have 3 toes removed, despite difficulty in walking & fact that it "hurts like hell" he advises he is just fine.

**Jackie Hills** managed to do a number on herself. She fell, broke 3 ribs & her leg! To add to her misery, the folks who treated her at the hospital (on a Fri. night) for the rib injuries, didn't check/x-ray the leg which was also hurting. Finally, on Sun., back to the hospital with the aching & very swollen leg which they finally x-rayed & discovered the break. By that time, too late for a cast, so it had to be braced until the swelling went down, then back again to have a cast put on. One thing you can say about a broken leg - at least it doesn't hurt when you laugh, but with those ribs - a laugh is no joke!

Last week, Donna Klobe, Betty Houck & I went to visit **Lois Bowns** & take her to lunch. As we mentioned before, she is very happy at her assisted living place but has one complaint - she needs a Mexican food fix now & then also misses her glass of wine with her meal. So, fortunately very nearby is an Acapulco restaurant. And they serve wine. So we enjoyed a great Mex. food lunch with wine. We were able to tour Lois's place & were impressed as it is quite lovely, with very nice employees & "great food", plus Lois has a nice room opening onto an inner patio.

**Olga Jean Barnes** reports she has been recovering nicely from her heart surgery done last May. She's faithfully going to the gym & walking, is now back to lunching with friends - looking forward to future travel.

At our Feb. meeting we were happy to see **Jan & Denny Hextell**. I have not seen them in ages - don't believe I've seen Denny since before I retired. Believe me that is "an age". Also attending after missing a lot of meetings were **Norma Besse, Sandy Ortiz & Martha Punche**. Nice to see you all again - keep coming!

Travel Hint: Check out this website - [www.seatscorecard.com](http://www.seatscorecard.com). It gives seating diagrams of 300 aircraft of 90 airlines. It compares legroom (seat pitch), recline, noise, nearness to john, video viewing, power ports, etc. & is updated continually. I found this in Int'l Travel News May, '06.



Travel to LAX via train? YEP! For some of you who live near the Amtrak/MetroLink routes from up or down the Coast or Inland Empire, this might beat driving to LAX: Take a train to L.A. Union Station, from there take the Downtown Fly-Away express bus which runs every 30 min. right to your terminal at LAX - all this for only \$3.00 each way. And you can even check bags at the downtown L.A. Amtrak/Metro station!

About those "Cell Phone Waiting Lots" at LAX & LGB mentioned in last month's N/L - When my e-mail went to DEN it said, "...Of course the "meeter" has to have a cell ... The "meeter" simply drives to the airport....". When it came out in the paper the computer apparently spell checked it and said it should read mEter. (So I had coined a word - don't we all frequently?) That made the meaning a bit weird. By using m-e-t-e-r it sounds like I'm referring to some kind of parking coin receptacle - contradicting to the purpose of the "free" lot. By using m-e-e-t-e-r, it refers to that person waiting -for free - to meet the arriving passenger. Get it? Make more sense? I hope so!

Calendar:

**April 12** - Luncheon.

**May 27-June 2** - Convention, see ya all in SAC

**June 14** - Luncheon

**Aug. 9** - Famous steak fry



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The next meeting of our ReSans Chapter will be in April - it will most likely be At Carver's in Rancho Bernardo. More information on this Meeting & Election of Officers will be passed on to you just as soon as I receive it. Marian Owens, our Pres., has been out of the state attending to a sister who has been ill. Please put on your thinking caps and come up with a candidate to fill the post of Pres. Marian has very graciously worked hard & would like to have a very well-earned break.

We have word from Shirley Criscione that Peter is doing all right, but is still under doctor's care regarding the esophageal operation. Thank you very much, Shirley, for keeping us all up-to-date. Our very good wishes & prayers are with both of you.

We have no further word on the condition of Herbert Cohan, but hope his recovery is progressing well. (We just received the very good news that Herb & Irene Cohan plan to travel to Rancho Bernardo end of March).

Calendar:

Next Meeting: Luncheon & Election of Officers - Date & location to be announced.

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Dear fellow UAL retirees & RUAEA members: If you are "in the neighborhood" & hiding from the snow & ice, tornados or hurricanes, we would love to have you drop by. Our monthly General meeting is 11:30 a.m. every 4<sup>th</sup> Mon., followed by a pot-luck luncheon with fun entertainment or a very interesting speaker. Our Feb. pianist was "Beverly At The Piano" who tinkled those ivories from head to toe playing music you & I remember & appreciate. Her ragtime & honky-tonk had us enthusiastically singing, clapping & foot tapping. We want her back! March was a repeat performance by "The Jewel Tones" ladies barbershop. If you can make it April 23, you'll be thrilled with "The Highlighters", a select dance & vocal group from our well-known Broadway-By-The-Bay Theater productions. Because our General meetings are late in the month but before I leave for the Sacramento RUAEA convention, I'll get to hear the 6-man "San Francisco Banjo Band" do their stuff on May 21. June 25 is "Phil Ackerly" who will surprise you with his magic. Be FOREWARNED, July 23 is the "Nadia Dance Troupe", 3 lady belly dancers. We expect to have very good attendance that day! Open invitation: Do join us when you can. We're warm & friendly! (And remember, first-time guests get a free lunch.)

Our Feb. General meeting attendance was only 80, but we had 11 visitors, also signed up 2 new members ... Nancy Honda & Norm Kirby ... waytogo!



Regarding the Convention, I just got a peek at an airplane that member Bob Taiclet is making from several absolutely beautiful woods for the Arts & Crafts raffle. Fantastic! I'm presently working on, as usual, a "butterfly-design" hand-painted denim ladies blouse to donate.

B. Bliss is offering possibly our last "Day At The Races" trip to Bay Meadows, San Mateo on Oct. 18. The price includes parking, admission to the Turf Terrace, reserved seating, a 2-hour buffet, & the race itself, of course. Further info, write 1191 Compass Lane, Foster City, CA 94404 or email me.

Domestic Tour Coordinator B. Garner has scheduled an adventurous day trip on the historic Roaring Camp steam train through the redwoods down to the Santa Cruz Boardwalk for lunch, June 20. Pick-up hours are 7:30 a.m. or 8 a.m. depending on your nearest stop, to return 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Garner also has a July 16 Cache Creek Casino tour. email [garnerbee@yahoo.com](mailto:garnerbee@yahoo.com) or call (650) 355-4195.

International Travel Coordinator Ginger Dahlberg has a 7-day Mystic Pacific NW Wilderness tour & small boat cruise (30 passengers) July 5–11, 2007. Presently available Jan. 21 - Feb. 2, 2008 is a very popular New Zealand-Australia tour. You are encouraged to make your reservation now! email [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com) or call (650) 224-1865.

Our favorite song this month: "I'll Be Seeing You" (at the Convention)!

#### Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Mon. ea. mo., business meeting 11:30 am at the Wm. Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. (Lost? Call (650) 286-3380.) Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.



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We had several visitors during Feb. Feb. 2 it was Leon Manou, who worked at United with Tony Urso. We welcomed him as an actual member on Feb. 23. On Feb. 23 we had Albert Groseman, guest of Alex Klaus. Also Len & Laverne Haubl. Len is RUAEA Treas. He passed along a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help for a few hours at the RUAEA Convention in May.

Last month we reported the passing of one of our long-time members, Raymond O'Brien. Funeral arrangements were private. In memoriam, a contribution from the group was sent to the Air Force educational fund. Ray's wife Genevieve attended our meeting on the 23, & thanked everyone.

Dee Carlton fractured her pelvis, is recovering. Jim Shelton is coming along well after his stroke, we hope to see him back with us soon. Genevieve Schaller fell. She & Otto have been sticking close to home. We miss seeing them every Fri.

We were saddened to hear that charter member Velma Childs suffered a heart attack. We wish her well.

#### Calendar:

Everyone please make a note of our upcoming Spring Luncheon on April 11. It will be held again at Michael's Shoreline in Mountain View. All our chapter past presidents have been invited to attend, since it will be the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our chapter. Charter members Wilma & Garver Sandy will be hosting. Please call Garver (408) 262-1548 for more information.

Also please make a note of our new meeting start time. As of March 2, breakfast will begin at 8:00 am, followed by our meeting at 9:00 am. This should make it easier for many of our members. Meetings will be at the same place, Holders Country Inn on DeAnza Blvd. (across from Home Depot). We will continue to meet every Fri. All retired UA employees are welcome to drop in and join us.

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37 members enjoyed the luncheon in Vally Springs. As we had no meeting in Jan. we all seemed ready for the get-together. Our hosts were Pres. of our chapter, Bob Brooks & his wife Sandy.

We received a letter of thanks from the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children for our donation. We are now in the "Gold Book" of contributors.

George & Gloria Gemberling told of the first time they had seen what the town of Copperopolis was like. It was rather bleak. It has become a lively & bustling village also quite upscale. They are happy that they live there.

Recently Don Rentzel & Cathy had the opportunity of making plans for a trip to HWI with another couple that they took as companions. This was a most satisfying & financially rewarding trip.

Faithful members Doug & Dorothy Daniels arrived at the luncheon with the right attitude - ready for business & fun.

Our Area Director Ron Bertacini & his wife Barbara were our guests. He spoke to us in great detail about the upcoming National Convention to be held in Sacramento. Tours, meetings, etc. makes a person want to attend! A good way to get-together with old friends & work-mates. They are offering many side trips through this beautiful & interesting country.



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Our Feb. meeting was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> with 24 people attending. We enjoyed our Italian Buffet - multo bene!!! Our meeting room has been upgraded with new paint & window coverings - very nice. We had a smaller group than usual, as lots of cruises are going on.

Vilma Patrick, who co-founded our RUAEA group with her husband Sam, celebrated a very important birthday - we didn't ask which one, just wished her many more!

Howard Payne & wife visited SMF in advance of our annual convention. He encouraged everyone to attend - should be great!

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. of each month at Marie Callendar's restaurant in Concord. Social time from 11:00 to 12:00 noon. Lunch & business from 12:00 on. No reservations are required.

#### **Calendar:**

**April 9** - Meeting

**May 14** - Meeting

**June 11** - Our annual picnic)

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March 7 was a beautiful day in DEN - 57 Mile-Highers attended the breakfast at United Training Center. Suzie Campbell was a first-timer. It was great to see Charlotte & Del Frey, Irene & Bob Davey after a long absence - come back to see us next month.

Martha & Virgil Gooselaw brought their granddaughter Tessah Morris.

Erin McIntyre, new manager of the Denver Mainliner Stores told about the good bargains at the stores also reminded the retirees that they are eligible for a Lifetime Mainliner Club Membership Card, which gives retirees a 5% discount on all purchases.

Tom Goodyear read an email from Brigitte Murdoch that she had received from Capt. John Miller who flew for UAL & EAL. John is 101 & in good health. Still has his Bonanza, but only flies locally now.

The following folks return their 50/50 winning to the Mile High Chapter: Harriet Ahr, Bill Brehmer, Noria Gerig, Tom Goodyear, MaryLu Hoffman, Gene Sibley & Steve Wasuta.

Tom & Nancy Goodyear's granddaughter, Austyn Bruchs, a freshman student at the University of Northern Colorado (UNC), Greeley, is on the Dean's list with a 3.7 grade average. Her parents Mike & Amy Bruchs are very proud of their daughter, but you should see how proud her grandparents are!

Former Denverite, Len Herring, would like to hear from some of his DEN friends. Drop him a note: 510 8<sup>th</sup> St. #136, Casa Grande, AZ 85222.

Spring luncheon will be held at the Red Lobster Restaurant, 10854 E. Alameda Ave., Aurora - April 16, \$15 P/P. Menu choice: Fried Shrimp or Chicken Breast Strips. Entrées include Garden Salad, Vegetables, Baked Potato, Cheddar Bay Biscuits, Coffee, Iced Tea or Soda & Dessert. Check payable to RUAEA, Denver Chapter. Mail to Harriet Ahr, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211-1354. Write menu choice on check, also Guest(s) name. Reservation by April 10, please.

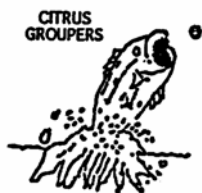
Calendar:

Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> Wed each month, 8:00 AM, Denver Flight Training Center Cafeteria - DENTK. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, (303) 696-7001. Remember to bring your pop cans. Bring a fellow retiree!

**April 4** - Breakfast Meeting

**April 16** - Spring Luncheon

**FLORIDA**



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On Feb. 22 we met at the Olive Garden in Ocala with 25 members & guests attending. Among our guests was Ray Winterhalter, Director of the FL Region. He informed us about the news on UAL. The Nellans just came back from HWI visiting their children. Russ & Lois O'Hare are back from Key West visiting their son. Maxine Wood had a cornea transplant & was well enough to come to our meeting. Paul Wiczorkowski had knee surgery, is in rehab, is expected to be home soon.

Our March meeting took place the 22<sup>nd</sup> at Ruby Tuesday, 2235 Hwy. 44 next to Lows.

Calendar:

April - Meeting at 11.30 am at the Nancy Lopez Legacy country club on Legacy lane in the Villages.

**SAND“DABS”**

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There were 16 Sand“DABS” present at our meeting today. Prez Dick Coughlin opened our meeting. We had RUAEA Rep. Ray Winterhalter with us today. Several members gave regrets for various reasons for not being able to attend. Bud Gammill is home now recovering from an operation to remove bone from his hip. The operation was a huge success; he is coming along well with the help of his dear wife Karen, her brother Bob & his wife, a Home Health Nurse, & therapy. We wish him well for a complete, full recovery.

Birthday celebrant present was Bobbie Rieck. Company Anniversaries were Marion Johnson 38 years & Penny Logan 23 years. Lillian Moddle brought lemons from their prolific tree begging people to please take lemons home.

In place of joke time, Prez Dick did a reading submitted by VP Steve Moddle stating prices on items from the year 1906 (over 100 years ago). Many items we pay dollars for today were priced at under 50 cents - interesting.

Treas. Penny Logan reported we are in the black. A decision was made to give \$300 to the local Family Renew Community, a ministry that gives support & help to struggling families to get them on their feet to become self-supporting.

FL Region Director Ray Winterhalter spoke & gave us an up-date on our National RUAEA Organization & the local chapters in FL. Dick Russell gave a little “pitch” to recruit men to join the local Barbershop Chorus. They will be presenting a concert in May at the News Journal Bldg. featuring Irving Berlin songs.

**THOUGHT FOR TODAY** - *A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.*

Calendar:

**April 5** - 11:30 - RED LOBSTER



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There were 35 members & 4 guests at our March 7 meeting at the Golden Corral. Two of the guests were the daughter & granddaughter of members Joe & Barb Fitak.

Our new luncheon time of 12:00 noon caused a bit a commotion this month, but we all agreed that the 12:00 time is the best for our luncheon meetings for the rest of this year.

A great time with lots of laughs & camaraderie was had by all!

**Calendar:**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the Month - Luncheon meeting at the Golden Corral on Semoran Blvd (just south of CurryFord Road). Please note New Time of 12:00 noon.

**April 4-** Please join us at the East Lake Fish Camp from 12:00 noon to 2:30pm for our annual picnic. Bring a covered dish to share. Burgers, brats and dogs will be provided. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

**Oct. 12 – 24** - Sail the Black Sea Discovery on the Avalon Waterways Poetry. For details on this cruise, contact: Stan Halterman at (407) 852-6773.

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There were 30 members & guests at our March 2 luncheon meeting at Sable Springs Golf & Racquet Club. Dick Vee, who writes the RUAEA newsletter for the NOR'EASTERS, & Steve Bilodeau were guests. Steve lives in Rotunda, Dick was visiting him so they both decided to visit our group to say "Hello". Shirley Jordan was also a guest of Harry Walton. There were small geranium plants decorating the tables along with beautiful hibiscus flowers donated by Wanda Schmoyer.

Before lunch Pres. Terry Gilkison asked Sally Sciple to wish Happy Birthday to the March birthdays, then asked Ray Winterhalter to give us an update on the RUAEA news. Terry introduced the 2 RUAEA guests.

After lunch Terry introduced the speaker, Perry Cerullo, a state of FL employee. He spoke to us about identify theft. Mr. Cerullo had an interesting PowerPoint presentation & provided interesting hand outs.

Our Feb. cruise never left the dock. At 0700, the morning of the scheduled cruise to Cabbage Key, Captain Ralph Allen called Pres. Terry Gilkison; they discussed the weather outlook. The radar showed a squall line with imbedded cells, which indicate strong winds & heavy rainfall in a line from the gulf southwest of Venice on up to east of Orlando, therefore, Terry & Captain Allen decided to cancel the cruise. Terry is now working on rescheduling the cruise.

Carmen Kersky informed us that Gloria Williamson, spouse of deceased member Ray Williamson, passed away Dec. 8, 2006. Both Ray & Gloria were delightful long time members.

Another long time member Genevieve Stokes passed away Feb. 24. She was the wife of James Stokes, who retired from DCAMM.

**Calendar:**

1<sup>st</sup> Fri. of the Month - Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (October-April)

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant, North Fort Myers (May-Aug.)

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Thanks to our Pres., Pat Trices' efforts, the number of attendees at our monthly gatherings have increased tremendously - about 25% compared with last year. In Jan. we had 40 members & guest, in Feb. there were even a few more.

Welcome back to Bob & Gerri Keefe who somehow got dropped from the members' roster & didn't know we still existed until they read about us in the newspaper, as did visitors Steve Bilodeau & Dick Vee Vecchione from Boston.

Vivian Rucker made some calls to inactive members and found quite a few sick. Ray Malacarne has been taking chemo treatments. We wish John Burton, Joe Meredith, Sandy Lacy & John Shaffer a speedy recovery. We were glad to have Bill Stubbs back with us. Looks like he has recovered well from back surgery.

Ray Winterhalter joined us at Ruby Tuesdays & updated us on the convention, as well as his efforts to establish new chapters in the area. He just got a FL chapter started, which encompasses Vero Beach to Homestead. He also emphasized that while there is an effort under way to re-instate free pass travel for retirees, under no circumstances send any e-mail to EXO, you are risking losing pass privileges altogether.

Here is a noteworthy item: Our Pres. Pat Trice was recently applying for a new credit card only to be told by his bank, that the credit bureau informed them that he was deceased. After many days, innumerable phone calls & no resolution to his problem he finally turned to a local TV station for help. With their assistance he was returned to the land of the living. So - if anything of this nature happens to you, the consumer advocates at local news media are an excellent resource.

#### **Calendar:**

**April** - Linger Lodge, 7205 Linger Lodge Rd., Bradenton at 11:30

**May** - Annual Picnic, South Lido Beach Park, Sarasota at 11:30

### **TAMPA BAY**

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Pres. Bob Lindstrom opened the meeting & led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 36 members & 4 guests in attendance. Guests were: Arlene Brahm, Carolyn Marsano, Al Albert & Ray Winterhalter (RUAEA Director). Ray spoke on several issues including getting your dues in on your birthday month.

Guest speaker was Dave Dewey & his Asst. Michelle. He talked on fingerprinting, how important it was to have a copy. Then they offered fingerprinting for all in attendance. This was Mr. Dewey's way of giving back to the community.

The only travel mentioned was a trip to LAS via DEN by Barbara Riecse. On the return she was unable to get on one flight out of DEN but made the second one.

We will have about 5 members attend the Convention in SMF.

The spring picnic, April 2, at Anderson Park, 10:00 AM.

The Sunshine Committee had nothing to report for last month. Pres. Lindstrom closed the meeting with an animal story. Animals in the flight path. Between 1990 & 2005: There were 652 incidents with white tail deer, 198 with coyotes, 14 with alligators, 11 with house cats & 3 with moose. It's a jungle out there!

#### **Calendar:**

April 2 - Meeting & Picnic at Anderson Park - 10:00 AM

May 7 - Meeting at Buddy Freddy's in Holiday - 10:00 AM

held on the 1st Mon. of the month at Buddy Freddy's in Holiday. It starts promptly at 10 AM.



## **TREASURE COAST**

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“Hello” – a cold greeting from FL. We are thawing out after temperatures were close to the freezing mark. With the wind chill, it felt like it was in the 20’s. We are not complaining because 90 degree weather is right around the corner.

Our Feb. meeting was held at RJ Gators Restaurant & Bar. We hit the jackpot as drinks were 2 for 1. In attendance was Ray Winterhalter, the Director of the FL Region. He has been working hard to start new Chapters in S. FL. There are approximately 600 retirees in the area that are eligible to join one of the Chapters. He reminded us to be sure to pay your \$20 dues in your birth month. We had 18 members attend the meeting, including 2 new members: Constantine & Celina Xifaras, plus 2 guests: Frank & Josephine Lopinto who are pending membership.

We discussed the upcoming cruises in April in lieu of the April 10 meeting. Some chose the Palm Beach Princess, some are going on a longer trip to Europe. A few members are planning to attend the May Convention in Sacramento. Ray gave us a few highlights – sounds like a wonderful week.

Of Mice and Men – “Oh no, I’m so sorry lady!” screamed the man. “I’ve just run over your cat. I would like to make it up to you”. “Well,” responded the stunned woman. “Can you catch mice?”

### **Calendar:**

**April 10** - Cruise time in lieu of meeting

**May 8** – Luncheon & meeting at RJ Gators – 11:30 AM

**June 12** – Luncheon & meeting at RJ Gators or possible picnic (will discuss at the May 8 meeting.)

## **FORT LAUDERDALE**

### **FLYERS**

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The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the newest Chapter in FL will be on April 9, 11:30 AM at the PANERA BREAD Restaurant, 1762 North Federal Highway in Fort Lauderdale. Its location is behind Pier 1 Imports between Sunrise & Oakland. Restaurant phone # (954) 567-5925 for directions if lost.

RSVP to Chapter Pres. Beverly D’Amico at [bevual@aol.com](mailto:bevual@aol.com) or (954) 612-1271.

Stay tuned! Additional information regarding this chapter will be in the May issue. In the meantime you may contact Beverly D’Amico, see the above information, or Ray Winterhalter. Ray’s contact information is on the back page of the Newsletter.

For any other info. regarding new Chapters in the region, you may contact the FL Regional Director, Ray Winterhalter at [iad6357ual@netscape.com](mailto:iad6357ual@netscape.com). There are also plans in the making for two Chapters in the West Palm Beach & Miami areas due to the high numbers of retirees in these areas.

## GEORGIA

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30 flyers & 4 guests were in attendance for the Feb. 7 lunch at Ryans Steakhouse, in McDonough, GA. Our guests were Don & Marge Shelley's granddaughter, Chloe, Sam & Eva Mace's daughter, Brenda Weatherford, also Richard & Diayne Thompson's granddaughters, Anna & Sarah Storrie. We had a large private room for our meeting. The buffet had a wide variety of food for all tastes, plus great desert bar selections. No one went away hungry. The meeting didn't start until 1:00pm to take advantage of the special pricing & free beverage offered at that time.

Pres. Sandy Lis held the business meeting. She reported that Bruce Brodersen, Southeast Director RUAEA had attended the national meeting of RUAEA in Sacramento, CA. Basically, there was no significant changes in the existing RUAEA policies. Bruce is a candidate for the Southeast Director for 2007, the vote has to be in by May 1, 2007. Ballots can be printed from the RUAEA website, signed, dated & sent to the address printed on the ballot. Let's get out the vote! A short discussion was brought up about "no service charge passes" being reinstated for retirees. It would appear that at this time, United has no intention of reinstating this for retirees.

Bill Elk informed us that some retirees have received W-2 forms (for the sale of stock) that are incorrect. Everyone needs to compare the deductions on the forms with the amounts on the checks that were issued for payment. A corrected W-2 will be issued but it may not be received in time for filing your taxes. Ray Owen reminded that the employee/retiree, not the company, is personally responsible for reporting the correct information to the IRS. The IRS form 4052 should be used to make any corrections if the W-2 is wrong. Whoever prepares your taxes can obtain the form from the IRS website. Ron Heider thanked everyone for coming. He is recovering from successful hernia surgery & appears to be recovering nicely.

## HAWAII

### MENEHUNE



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### KUNG HEE FAT CHOY

The Menehune gathered at Buffet 100 Feb. 22 for a tasty luncheon & to welcome the "Year of the Boar". 66 members & guests caught up on all the news, wielded chopsticks with skill & precision also had a festive time.

We presented a welcome lei to Alison Akard, our new Alliant representative. Alison gave a brief update on Credit Union news. Also she brought a beautiful gift basket to raffle. It contained lots of local treats ranging from cornflake cookies to Japanese arare. I know 'cuz I won.

We also thanked & lei'd Sally Duffield for her years as Co Chair of the Steering Committee. Also a "mahalo" went to Sylvia Rapoza, the event coordinator.

See you all in June. Place & Date TBA.

## IDAHO

### BOISE GEMS

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On Feb. 26, the GEMS lost a wonderful friend, a WWII B-24 pilot, & a retired UAL Flight Officer. Robert E. Smith, 83, died of lung cancer. Graveside services were held on March 3 at Cloverdale Memorial Park in Boise, with military honors. Bob flew for UAL for 33 years, retiring in 1983. He was active in the chapter, attended & supported our functions,



was a loyal family man. He leaves 5 children, 6 grandchildren & 1 great grandchild. Bob will be missed by his family & his many friends.

Our meeting on March 5 was well-attended. Rick Dempsey gave us a run-down on upcoming activities. Foremost: lunch at Louie's Italian Restaurant, 2500 E. Fairview, in Meridian (not the one in Boise). That's at 12:30 p.m., March 20. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Sign-up sheets were passed for other events, to determine interest. Rick reminded us of the RUAEA Convention coming up in May, & asked how many planned to attend. Dave Adams told of an overnight bus trip to Baker City, which would include a visit to the Oregon Trail Museum, & Sumpter Valley. That will be on July 21 & 22.

Shirley Dempsey said a new roster of members would be distributed by mail & email. Please call any changes to her attention.

Sidelined are Betty Archibald, Wilma Anderson, & Margrit Robertson. On the way home from Gainesville, FL, Margrit explained, she was on a TED flight. The passenger in front of her had put his seat in full recline & was asleep. On trying to get out, she twisted her knee, & is still recovering from a painful sprain. Moral of the story? When you find yourself in this situation, ring for the F/A. Let her/him wake the passenger & ask him to please temporarily move his seat to the full-upright position, so you can get out.

Joe & Joan Vardy took a spur-of-the-moment trip to Scottsdale, AZ, & LAS, to visit kids & grandkids. Highlights in the Carefree/Cave Creek area to the north included such restaurants as 'The Horny Toad', 'The Satisfied Frog', & 'The Bad Donkey'. Then there were the phenomenal hot sauces. (Names? Sorry, they're X-rated.)

Bill Jones won a fishing trip to Costa Rica. He spent the first week on some great fishing. The group caught 4 sailfish (2 were Bill's), plus 3 doratas. "The second week, my friend joined me," Bill explained, "& we spent a few days at the spa at the base of the volcano, & the last few days on the coast. The food was great; the coffee was the best."

#### Calendar:

We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> first Mon. of each month, at JB's in Meridian at 9 a.m.

**April 2** - 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian

**May 7** - 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian

### ILLINOIS

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We have some real diehard Retirees who struggled through one of our seasons heaviest snow falls to have a warm breakfast at Artemis in Feb. The small group had a good time - even got into some retirement conversation issues. I learned that all the attendees now know who was who since the name badges were not available. I apologize for not being there, but missing my first breakfast in three years isn't a bad record!

United's most successful annual volunteer effort is the Y-ME Race, supporting breast cancer awareness on Mother's Day, May 13. United has supported this Mother's Day event for the past 3 years as employees & retirees volunteer, walk or run for this important cause in raising money. In May, United will floodlight the new corporate headquarters located downtown CHI in pink in honor of the work of Y-ME & of all of the women facing breast cancer, their family & friends who support them. Our Retirees can volunteer to assist in the registration, distribute certificates & awards to participants of the race. For those wishing to volunteer to walk, run or assist in the booth, contact Veronica Turner at (847) 700-7365 or email [Veronica.Turner@United.com](mailto:Veronica.Turner@United.com).

Again we'd like remind our readers that our newsletter & the contributing column reporting chapter news is our way to keep up with retirees' news to our readers. Remember to send your notes to us so that others may share in your news, address is shown at the top of this column. Also, our Sunshine Lady, Angie Waunn, should be contacted with information so that cards can be sent to our retirees or spouse of a retiree who is hospitalized or under the weather. Angie's address is 4515 Johnson Ave., Western Springs, IL. 60558; her phone number (708) 246-4997, in case you just want to chat with her.

United & The Field Museum of Chicago has arranged for Retirees complimentary General Admission tickets. The requirement is to identify yourself as a United Retiree, showing your travel card & a valid drivers license or state ID to any ticketing counter. You will then be issued free general admission tickets. City transportation is available or you may park at the Museum Campus. The Field Museum is located at 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, just south of Roosevelt Rd. Admission to temporary exhibits is permitted at a discounted rate.

I hope everyone is looking forward to join in the fun at this year's 30th. Annual Convention in CA this May. If you've never been to Old Sacramento, you will be in for a surprising treat. This Capitol of CA has many historical & interesting sights to see, things to do including many affordable restaurants. The Gold Diggers' Committee will have 2 special evenings planned for your entertainment: A Hawaiian night featuring United's "Little Corner of the World" & a Western night with local entertainment from the Sierra Foothills. Be sure to review your Feb. issue of RUAEA for important

information & the Convention schedule. Register early for your hotel accommodations & the many tours available while in Sacramento. There is also a checklist provided with brief summaries of the tours that are offered. Don't forget your camera, some comfortable clothing & walking shoes.

The Skyliner committee is looking for someone who likes to write short articles, meet with people & be apart of the RUAEA organization. Writing & submitting articles about the committee & activities to our national newsletter, RUAEA. Minimal training is required. Computer background in Microsoft Word is helpful but not necessary, articles may be submitted in writing. If you are interested or know of some one who may be interested, contact the Skyliner Pres., Bob Jacobson, or Rich Surma for more details.

We received a thank you note from the Palatine Township. They acknowledged our delivery of food cases to Palatine Pantry during the holidays. The Pantry assists in providing nonperishable foods to approximately 50 families a week. These families are comprised of single mothers, senior citizens & traditional families that have fallen on difficult times due to illness, loss of a job or inadequate income.

The Southsiders reported that even with snow, sleet & icy winds, they had 22 hardy souls at their Feb. breakfast. Bill Brookins didn't let his foot surgery keep him from attending, also Carlyle Brandt who recuperated from a bout of pneumonia after a trip to MN. Xavier Chavez said his wife Carmen is making a slow recovery but hopes to come back soon. Florence Constance is coming home after rehabilitation of a hip injury. Ester Broderson said that her husband has been quite busy plowing sidewalks & driveways for their entire block. The purchase of the snowplow has proven to be a valuable commodity. Bob Pearson was not at the brunch because he was being a good citizen as a judge in the CHI elections. Bob & Agnes were recently honored, along with many other volunteers, at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at the Museum of Science & Industry. Our regional director, Carol Faust & her husband Bob surprised everyone by attending the brunch. Carol spoke of the future direction of RUAEA & answered questions from the group. Diplomatically she would give no opinion on who had the better breakfast – Northsiders or Southsiders.

#### Calendar:

**April 2** – Come volunteer at the Chicago Food Depository – 1<sup>st</sup> Mon. of the Month

**April 11** – Come and share the happy chatter & breakfast with the Northsiders Group – 9:00 a.m. Artemis Restaurant - Golf & Busse Roads. in Mt. Prospect, IL.

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

### MASSACHUSETTS

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My first season as a FL snow bird & enjoying it. Got some nice color – don't miss winter at all. Spending time with ex-Nor'Easter's, Steve & Paddy Bilodeau in Rotunda, FL on the gulf coast. Besides our regular snow birds, I found that Lew & Sylvia Shakley enjoyed time a Bonita Springs & Bill Vanderwal visits his mother in Ft. Myers this season.

Got to attend Feb. & March meetings of the Sand Dollars chapter. Enjoyed the company of newly met fellow retirees, plus old friends, Bob & Jerri Keefe (BOSCS) also Herman Cline (BOSCG). Ray Winterhalter, the RUAEA FL Regional Director, advised of the possibility of several new chapters starting up in FL. A fun chapter with a good group of people. I thoroughly enjoyed being there.

Also attended the March meeting of the Southwest Florida Pelican Drop-Ins. Again, I was welcomed & treated like family by very nice people. The spirit of the old United lives on, in our chapters. I'm proud to be part of it.

A sad note is the passing of our own Ed Leclair. Ed retired from BOSOO & was still affiliated with the US Coast Guard. Ed will be missed.

## MICHIGAN

### GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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Burrrrr ... I do believe Punxsutawney Phil has become a liar - I shall never believe that oversized rodent again.

16 Escapees gathered on a cold, windy, snowy, slushy day at Cariera's in Dearborn Heights Mar 1, hosted by Camille & Bill Wade. All enjoyed dessert provided by our hosts of Shamrock Cookies in honor of St. Pat. We welcomed Lino Martinez along with his bride Betty. They were remarried in the church after 47 years & 3 boys. Congratulations to the newlyweds, also to Sharon & Rod Jacob whom just celebrated 50 years of wedded bliss.

Keep in your prayers Bob Short who has become a new dialysis victim, also Frieda Volkenborn, Gunther's wife, who has had too many visits to ER due to heart problems.

#### Calendar:

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

## MINNESOTA

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MSP NORTHERN LITES

Due to both secys' being gone for the month of Feb., the news this time is compliments of Ethel Johnson, who kindly took notes during the meeting.

24 intrepid Lites braved the cold for some good food & visiting. In honor of Valentine's Day, heart candies were given to everyone. Sonja & Lyle Gunderson had to cut short their usual winter break in AZ & return to WI because of frozen water pipes. When the temperatures are subzero here but there's no snow to insulate the ground, baaaaad things can happen. Too bad the big snowstorms that dumped feet of snow on us couldn't have come before the subzero cold. Sonja is not a happy camper being away from the warmth of AZ.

Bill Young reported that Frank Brower had another heart episode & Clyde Anderson is back home, but his cancer has spread. Our hearts & minds are with them & their families.

Arlene & Joe Kelley tried to get to SEA for a funeral during one of winter's blasts & by some miracle made it through ORD without too much difficulty (both ways). They must be living right.

#### Calendar:

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

## NEBRASKA

### GOLDEN'EARS

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Although we have been in a deep freeze here for several weeks, it let up on us for our meeting with a high of 20. Sun was out, so that made it much better. There were 40 in attendance.

After spending time in the hospital (twice), Nick Nekonchuk is now at the Elkhorn Nursing Home (Life Care Center) taking rehab. He has a blood clot in his leg & unable to put any weight on it. It has been a total of 4 weeks since Nick has either been in the hospital or at the Life Care Center.

We were all concerned about Bob & Kathy Faust who live in The Villages, FL where the tornado hit. Keith talked to Bob, he said they were okay, that all the damage was about 5 miles away from them. We were happy to hear that news.

Jim Casey has been doctoring for prostate cancer & was given the hormone they use for women who have breast cancer. He took his first treatment almost 3 months ago & went to the doctor in March for his 3-month checkup to see how things are. He said the only reaction he has had is that he sleeps a lot more. Our best to Jim for a good report from the doctor.

Roberta McLaughlin, who lives in Hastings, had back surgery on Jan. 26. Our best to Roberta for a quick recovery.

Paul wants to thank everyone for the cards & phone calls when Humby passed away. Paul turned 85 Feb. 8 & was presented with a small cake from Fernando's. Congratulations, Paul.

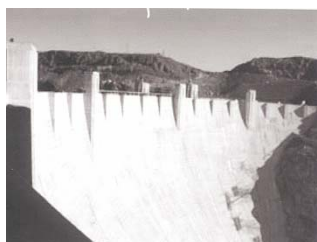
#### Calendar:

**Apr. 3** - Bohemian Café – Hosted by Tom & Rose Langan

**May 1** – Lo Sole Mio Villa, Hosted by Evan & Eileen Holly

**June 5** - Picnic at Chalco Hills

### NEVADA



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We had a very successful "Sit-down Luncheon" Feb. 13, attendance was 59 persons strong. It was approved by all members present that from now on we will have our sit-down luncheon meetings at Arizona Charlie's on every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. of every-other-month.

Jim & Sue Legg moved to Iowa, he retired at LASMM. They might like to hear from friends. 1012 West Nishna Road, Shenandoah, IA 51601.

New Members: Jose & Laura Maldonado, retired at SANCG. Address: P.O. Box 1281, Pahrump, NV 89041

LASCS retirees who have been ill may like to hear from friends: Kitty Carroll spent over 2 months in the hospital, is at 1509 Chapala Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89120; Margaret Hooker is recouping at her daughter's home in Reno, 1635 Picket Court, Reno, NV 89521.

Michael Vasko notifies us that he will not sponsor any bus trips this year.

Our Las Vegas Area is in the process of building high rise condominium buildings on the strip, they are very nice & modern but also very high priced, the homeowner's monthly fees are higher than us common folks' house payments.

Subsequent meetings are: June 12 & Aug. 14, same time & place.

#### Calendar:

Next meeting is on April 10th, at 11:30 am. At Arizona Charlie's Decatur Hotel & Casino, 740 S. Decatur Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89107. Phone – (702) 258-5200

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There were 39 attendees at our Feb. meeting at the Black Bear Diner, including 2 new members – Ruth Schenk & William Perkins. Ruthy has previously attended & was a contract nurse at UAL MOC in SFO. Her husband also worked for UAL. We were gratified to see so many attendees. Bill Perkins worked at the MOC in SFO. Welcome to our group. Unfortunately, there was not enough room in our meeting place for all. Although the room will hold up to 50, the tables were not set up accordingly. For the next meeting, we will ask the staff to rearrange the tables so that everyone can fit into one room. Our apologies to the Leusings, Perkins, Mischkers, & Kellers.

Mary reported that the bank balance for the chapter is about \$582. Reservations for Sand Harbor picnic area have been made, which accounts for the drop in our bank balance.

United has contracted with Concentra Medical Centers & will not provide medical services to UAL employees. Medical offices in SEA, JFK, LAX, HNL & WHQ will close. The medical offices in SFO, DEN, IAD, & ORD will remain open to handle certain functions (such as random drug testing). On a different note, UK departure taxes have risen effective Feb. 1. British Airways is now charging a much higher fee for extra baggage on long haul flights.

RUAEA has posted the information on its website about this year's convention in Sacramento at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org). If anyone is planning to attend the convention & would like to volunteer to help SMF out, please call Laverne or Len Haubl, (916) 434-5324 or email them at [lhaubl@comcast.net](mailto:lhaubl@comcast.net). The RUAEA board has decided not to endorse action by the entire retiree community which directs unclear messages to the company. The Executive VP for RUAEA resigned & has been replaced by Gordon Starr. Some areas will now be electing their 2007 RUAEA officers – NE, So. Cal & Mountain Region.

Ethel Meeks won the 50/50.



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The 2007 UARGC Golf Invitational will be held in Mesquite, NV from May 7<sup>th</sup> to May 9<sup>th</sup>. The tournament is open for all UAL retirees 55 & older.

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The New Jersey Gardenstaters met on Jan. 31 at Snuffy's Restaurant. Pres. Richard Confer opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. All observed a moment of silence for our recently departed friend Evelyn & co-worker Harry Artis. Recent articles in the press were discussed about United cutting snacks on all flights under 2 hours & also eliminating mileage plus miles. It is rumored Continental & United might merge. Parking for retirees at Newark Liberty Airport was discussed. The cheapest way Pres. Confer found was to park at the Newark Sheraton Hotel. When arriving you must register your car. They will shuttle you to the airport. When you return home from your trip you take the tram to P4 which, is the stop after terminal C. All the shuttles for the hotels pick up there. The shuttle will take you back to the Sheraton. Since it is a gated hotel you will have to show your receipt to exit.

The New Jersey Gardenstaters met on Feb. 28 at Snuffy's Restaurant. Pres. Richard Confer opened the meeting with a moment of silence for Ronald Brown & Isaiah Cooper. 62 people were in attendance.

The RUAEA convention is being held May 27 to June 2 at Sacramento, CA. Dick has applications & lists of tours. The hotel is the Hyatt Sacramento.

Parking was discussed again, the best place is the Sheraton, it is a guarded parking lot, to open gate you need a pass which you sign up at the Hotel Lobby Desk. The Hotel Shuttles pick you up & drop you off, go ½ hour earlier, it takes awhile. To return, you take the tram to P4, which is the stop after terminal C. All the Shuttles pick up at that stop. Do not lose your receipt, you need it to get through the gate.

Golf Tournament for Retirees at Mesquite, NV where they also have the running of the bull. It is from May 7 - 9. Mesquite is 25 miles NE of LAS.

A motion was made by John Murphy to donate \$100 to Flight 93 memorial. All in favor.

The price of our luncheons will be reduced to \$15. Next month's special will be Virginia Ham.

Toys for Tots Commandant Jerry Confer presented the chapter with a Thank You Resolution. Over 9,000 children were given toys, there were 500 families of the ones called to Iraq, their children were given toys.

Hunterdon Playhouse is still to be done, need 20 people to attend. See John Murphy after meeting.

Expo Career day at Newark Liberty International Airport is being held May 9 & 10. Volunteers are needed to escort the kids on the buses. No soda this year, bottles of water will be given instead. There are over 2,400 kids attending over the 2 days. Last year's Career day was also held at Teterboro Airport, this year it is to be held May 3. Marty Etler has

written to the Governor again to get a New Jersey Air National Guard Airplane, this is well received by the Children. United Airlines is the only Airline that volunteers.

## NEW YORK

### NEW YORK METROS



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*Submitted by Jim Richardson*

Pres. Jim Richardson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent prayer for our departed & infirmed members. Jim likes to mention famous and/or historical people sharing the same birth date as our members. Three members in particular shared their birthdays with some rather interesting people. Diana Pozzi realized she shares her birthday with Willard Scott & Tammy Faye Bakker, Roy Portelli laughed when he discovered that he shares his birthday with Amerigo Vespucci & Barbie. Diana Talochino was surprised to hear that she shared her birthday with Pope John Paul II & Queen Latifah. March wedding anniversary included Edythe & Peter Dollis who would have celebrated their 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary March 30; however, our chapter was advised that Peter passed away in late Feb. The NY Metros extended our sympathies by sending the family a mass card. His wife Edythe has been in the hospital trying to bounce back from complications from diabetes. The NY Metros sent George Meartz a get-well card as he is recuperating from a broken leg he suffered in a nasty fall. Mary Zweilich is still in the hospital, a get well card was sent to her.

The NY Metros have been trying to find a new venue for our monthly meetings but no definitive decision has been made yet. Jim says he's working on finding a new venue & hopes to have something to report at the April Meeting.

Jim made mention of holding an election for new chapter directors who will assist with communicating important information between meetings to the membership. Jim said he might consider assigning 2 directors per each area code making the job of contacting the membership more efficient. Directors also help the presiding officers with input on important chapter issues.

A suggestion box has been devised in order to get input from the membership on their feelings about which direction the NY Metros should take. Right now the most important issue on the table is finding a new venue.

#### Calendar:

**April 4** - 12 noon at the Asian Buffet

**May 2** - TO BE ANNOUNCED

**June 6** - TO BE ANNOUNCED

## NORTHWOODS

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Spring is HERE & time to start thinking about the next semi-annual gathering of the Loonies! Mark your calendar for May 15-19 & plan to join us in northern WI.

The quaint little town of Bayfield, WI is located at the very northern end of the state on Lake Superior surrounded by the beautiful Apostle Islands. Take the ferry across to Madeline Island for a bike ride through the woods, or visit the shops. If we're lucky & spring is early, the apple orchards will be in bloom & the flower show will be spectacular.

For those who have been to earlier gatherings, I have your names & contact info. You'll be receiving information soon. For those who have not & are interested in attending, call or e-mail me. You too can be a Loonie!

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Last month's meeting was held at Dimitri's in Parma. Pres. Carol Hacker was able to attend. As you may know, Carol has been dealing with health issues since last Sept. This was the first meeting she has attended since then. I am happy to report that she is continuing to improve. I was unable to attend, but I heard it was a very emotional time for Carol. We have really missed your smiling face & are so thankful that you are back.

Congratulations to Ray & Carol Waldron who celebrated 58 years of married life this past Feb. They have been chapter members for some time.

I would also like to welcome new chapter members Stephan & Leona Rak. We look forward to seeing you in the coming months.

We learned this past Feb. that John Reagan, a member since 2001, was at the Cleveland Clinic Renaissance Hospice since last Aug. He worked most of his time at CAK airport. I received a phone call from John thanking me for the card that was sent on behalf of the members. I am sure that some of our members would be interested in sending him cards. His address is: The Renaissance, John Reagan Rm. 181- Hospice, 26376 John Rd., Olmsted Twp., OH 44138-1265. Prayers I'm sure would be appreciated.

It's that time again. 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.

In last months RUAEA I mentioned that Dolly & John Taucher had created a website for our Chapter. If you haven't visited that site, please do. This is the site address: [www.ualohiobuckeyes.org](http://www.ualohiobuckeyes.org). Remember this site has up-to-date information.

### Calendar:

**April 11** - Agostino's Ristorante & Catering, Brooklyn, OH, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month, 12 noon, pre-paid.

**May 9** - Bucci's Italian Restaurant, Berea, OH, doors open at 12 noon, pre-paid.

**June 6** - Nautica Queen, Luncheon cruise, board at 11:am. & departs at 12 noon, pre-paid.

**July 11** - Annual Picnic, W.J. Green Lodge in METROPARKS, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month, 12 noon.

**Aug. 8** - Annual trip to Northfield Race Track, 6:00 PM.

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Our Ice Cream Social & Valentine Day card exchange were highlights of our Feb. meeting.

Jack Hooper mentioned the UAL Historical Foundation has received the largest single donation of memorabilia from our chapter. Way to go Dew-ers! Remember, they are still accepting donations of UAL artifacts.

Our condolences to 2 families this month. Tom King, retired UAL lost his wife Gail & Richard Lauber, retired PDX died in Feb., survived by his wife Sharon.

Jack Harper had successful cataract surgery last month.

There is exciting news from our program director Mike Thomas. He has procured Tony Vecchio, Director of the Oregon Zoo as a speaker for our April meeting & Rod Hill, meteorologist for KATU Channel 2 will be with us in May. Tony spoke to our group several years ago. He gives a wonderful presentation, I know Rod Hill will also be very interesting. Be certain to jot down these important meetings on your calendar.

There is still a need for volunteers at the travel desk. Call the travel desk, ask for Tina Lewis. She will arrange for a short training period. You are asked to volunteer only one day a month.



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:

Meetings at Refectory Restaurant 1618 NE 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Portland OR, 11AM - Social Hour, Lunch 12 Noon

**April 11** - Tony Vecchio, Director Oregon Zoo

**May 9** - Rod Hill, Meteorologist, KATU Channel 2

**June 13** - Social



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Jim & Eirllys McIntosh did a splendid job hosting the March 2 luncheon & quarterly business meeting at Pioneer Village in historic Jacksonville, OR. The 19 members who attended were in for a real treat. Pioneer Village, which is a recently opened retirement community in the gold rush town of Jacksonville, wined & dined us with hors d'oeuvres, a delicious luncheon, a sumptuous dessert buffet, favors for each guest & a tour of the facility - almost as much of a resort as a retirement center.

We were pleased to welcome guest Jean Phair to the luncheon & wish Mary Crees a happy 88<sup>th</sup> birthday, with many happy returns. Well wishes also to Jim McIntosh, a real trooper to have graciously hosted the luncheon with Eirllys only days after eye surgery.

While Southern Oregon generally claims a relatively mild climate, since Jan. we've been minus some chapter members who are snow birding to escape an unusually cold & snowy winter. We're looking forward to spring & to reclaiming the travelers.

Calendar:

**April 6** - TBA

**May 4** - TBA

**June 1** - TBA

**PENNSYLVANIA**

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Well, our PHL Independents had a swinging good time on their Feb 12 Valentines meeting. 24 attendees were treated to a 16 piece band which included: 4 saxophones, 1 tenor sax, 1 keyboard, 1 drummer, 5 guitars, 1 trombone, 2 trumpets & an accordion. Did they ever play some beautiful music! Some of the selections included: "My Funny Valentine", "Pennsylvania Polka", "Stardust", "Five Foot Two", "Blue Spanish Eyes", "Cherry Pink & Apple Blossom White", "Leida Rose" plus many other favorites. They closed with "We'll Meet Again". They sure brought back lots of good memories. Our dancers included: Joe & Gail Brad, Frank & Marge Eggles, Walt & Lynne Sonderman.

The band was called The Legends. They were from Media, PA. They are a senior volunteer band with members ages ranging from 75 to 90 year old. What a treat!

Tom Lee from Cartersville, GA mailed me some old photos dated 1954 & 1955 taken when he worked in PHL. As we passed the pictures around, there were lots of smiles as people recognized the old PHL airport, airplanes & people. Thanks Tom.

Treas. Tom Lyons conducted business after the band finished. Tom told of the "warm" reception he received as he delivered 14 fine new coats to the Veterans' home. Joe Brad read a letter from the Ramada Inn advising us of some changes.



## **PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS**

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Our Valentines day luncheon was attended by 26 Pit-Stoppers. We were missing some of the regulars, but it was good to see newcomer Ruth Malzi. Mac Crampton, our newly transplanted Denverite, came home back to her roots. Several cards were signed by the members in attendance & sent to our shut-ins. Father Carl Chiochi gave the invocation.

A brief business meeting was held afterward. Pres. Vic Ference announced that the final collection for the 9-11 Memorial would be held. John Schiralli took the food collected to a local charity.

Since Jan. the Pit-Stoppers have lost 4 members. Let's hope they have gone to a better place.

1. Lou Kroeck gave in to the aftermaths of a stroke after a brave battle. Lou was a friend to all that knew him & was one of the original founders of our chapter. Our condolences to Jayne & family. Her address is 1494 Oak Ave., Glenshaw, PA 15116.
2. Ken McQuiston, former Pit mechanic also passed away last month. Ken was a former Marine & well known for his lawn mower repair service. Ken had been in ill health for sometime. Our condolences to Bettye & family - address is 2101 Maratta Rd., Aliquippa, PA 15001.
3. Lastly Jim "BULLDOG" Stanford, former Pit mechanic & avid bowler passed away after a very short time. Jim was diagnosed with cancer several weeks before he passed.
4. JoAnne Black, wife of former PITCS supervisor Norm Black passed away this week after a long illness. Jo was well known in the area & had served in various positions in the township. Condolences to Norm & family. Jim & Norm were not members of our local chapter but were certainly part of the Pit United family. Harry Shirley advises that Andy Rusinko was recently hospitalized but coming along fine - feel better Andy. Hoping that next month's column will be void of all the obits.

### Calendar:

**April 20** -Luncheon – JW Hall's – Hosted by Jeri Juth

## **TENNESSEE**

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Breakfast & conversation at Shoney's on Feb. 15 was enjoyed by a small group of our members. It's a great way to start out your morning before shopping, sightseeing or as we did ... a "Walk in the Mall" on a cold winter day. We've found this is a good way to get some exercise & be comfortable at the same time.

It was good to see Betty Shipe out to breakfast with her friend Nancy after recently having back surgery. She was her usual cheerful self. Mary Lou Barr spent a couple of days in the hospital getting her medications regulated. Jerry reported that she was out finishing up one of her Art Projects that morning. The news was not good from the Swalloms. The surgeons at Vanderbilt have determined that they will be unable to perform surgery on his stomach cancer and no further treatment is possible. Please keep Les & Joanne in your prayers.

### Calendar:

**April 19** - 9:30 EST. Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take Exit 374 off I40-75 south toward Kingston Pike for one block.

**May 17** - 12:30 EST. Hosts Jerry & Mary Lou Barr (865/458-0815) & Terry Taylor (865) 408-1453. Location to be announced.

**June 21** - 9:30 EST. Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd.

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On **Feb. 21**, 22 chapter members met for coffee & donuts. 3 members brought the donuts & donated them to the group. Thanks, Pete Loyola, Doug Peterson, & Mike “Kris Kringle” Brown!

We welcomed Hank & Mary Bons, both of whom had a bit of a health problem, but they seemed to be doing all right now. Doug Roberts’ wife dropped him off at the Murray Heritage Center; Bill & Shirley Ottman had just returned from their St. George vacation place. Tony & Dorothy Brown joined us, so did Lila Maughan – all looked well and fit.

“Long time, no see” - retiree Richard Dahl swept in with a suitcase full of United memorabilia: Uniform pieces in good condition, as well as old UAL office forms that provide an insight into what our company expected of its employees. Tom Goodyear, a DEN UALer/longtime RUAEA volunteer (also a UAHF board member), had recently put out a call to retirees, systemwide, who might be interested in donating old uniform pieces to the UAL museum. Perhaps Tom can persuade Richard Dahl to donate his precious mementos. Thanks, Richard, for letting us look at them at the last meeting!

Chapter Treas. Bill Ottman received a note from Martin Bollschweiler, Midway, UT (435-654-1447), informing us, as follows: *“I have a small engine repair business with lawn mowers, snow blowers, also lawn & garden equipment. I teach a class in Granger High School one night a week in small-engine repair. I am enjoying my retirement very much.”* This notice is for those of our retirees who knew their SLC RS coworker, you might be interested in his repair work.

Visits made to shut-ins: Marge Ringer at the *Silverado* retirement home where her SFO F/A daughter Frankie visits her often. - Also, Leoma Williams (widow of UALer *Speed Williams*) who is now aided by permanent daily helpers in getting around her home.

A phone call to Aletha Cannon assured this correspondent that she was doing fine. Daughter Shirlene, her usual ‘*chauffeur*,’ was working & could not bring Aletha to our meeting. - Also missing were Sandy & Darlene Cantonwine, as well as Clair & Judy Anderson. Sandy just underwent eye surgery & was coming along fine; Darlene has a hard time getting around.

All of us locals were deeply affected by the Trolley Square tragedy of Feb. 12, 2007. Any of us might have been there: shopping, at the movies, eating a delicious dinner. Many of our out-of-town flight crews know the “*Spaghetti Factory*” restaurant, because it has been a favorite dining establishment for years. And it was in its vicinity that a young gunman was most active ... until our own Utah hero, a plain-clothed, off-duty policeman, put a stop to the killings, while his pregnant wife went into hiding in the back of the restaurant, along with other patrons. Thanks, Officer Ken Hammond!

### Calendar:

**April 18** - Coffee - 10am; Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. 6150 S., Murray.

**May 16** - Lunch - 2pm; Golden Corral, 7200 S. 700 E., SLC

## WASHINGTON

### EMERALD CITY

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It's a pleasure to write this column & see sunshine out my patio window facing Lake Washington ½ block away. The snow & ice are hopefully gone. Still a lot of wind damage & uprooted trees that people are trying to clean up.

The Feb. 13 luncheon had 84 attendees enjoying a Fairwood Country Club meal hosted by Lyle & Joanne Meyers, who weren't present since they were off enjoying a Mexican cruise. We welcomed Dennis Hanscon, a new member who was attending his 1<sup>st</sup> meeting with us.

Feb. is celebrated as Presidents' month, in keeping with this we individually recognized our Chapter past Presidents by name & observed a moment of silence in memory of our immediate Past President George Weseman. We thanked all for their contribution to the success of our Chapter over the years.

Mary Weseman was present & spoke to the group, thanking everyone for their expressions of concern & support during George's hospitalization & his following passing.

I received a note & copy of Richard P. Kurtz's obit from his wife Anne saying nothing was posted in this column or in our local Contrails Newsletter about his passing away Nov. 10, 2006. He worked as an A&P Mechanic/Inspector for UAL from 1952 to 1992. Address - 37625 37<sup>th</sup> Ave. So., Auburn, WA 98001-8739. I don't recall meeting him at any luncheons since I didn't retire till Nov 1995.

John Woloszyn, retired SEARR Supervisor passed away Feb 22, 2007. Address - 20736 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. So., Des Moines, WA 98198. His daughter phoned stating her dad had a heart attack. A card was sent to this address to Mrs. Zela Woloszyn.

Cards were also sent, inviting both families to any of our functions.

Ted Parks works on the Travel Desk, recently broke his right ankle; had a pin put in it. He is looking forward to getting back to the luncheons.

We were pleased to see the large number of North Enders at the luncheon. Lu Gardiner, our Contrails editor came & was recognized. Lucky Lu even won the 50-50 raffle.

Wesley & Helen Ebert came for the first time in a longtime, with their daughter Janice Fuller & granddaughter Tami Faver. They live in CLE now. We all sang Happy Birthday to Helen, gave her some flowers for her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday. She caught up with her husband Wes who is already 94 & very healthy looking.

Ken Rudzinski briefed us on up coming Navy Concert & Egyptian Art in PDX also a summer fishing trip off Vancouver Island. Ken Storey reported on a tour group he took to Malta & Sicily. He is working on one to Greece & Turkey in 2008. Ken & Judy did get to MIA for the Super Bowl on passes. They didn't actually go to the game, because of all the free food & beverages provided by the hotel plus the big screen TV. They had a great time & made all their flights.

Bob Brumfield mentioned that London Heathrow has doublet its airport tax, so if you can avoid LHR by going to Paris or somewhere else on the continent you'll save a lot of money.

Door prizes were won by many happy attendees.

Don't forget our Travel Desk (local) number (206) 433-4218 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Mon/Tue/Wed/Thurs – or outside the SEA area 1-800-826-3375. We can assist you with listing & load information.

#### Calendar:

**April 10** - Muckleshoot Casino

**May 8** – Fairwood Country Golf

**June** - Golf Tournament – TBA

**Aug.** - Picnic - TBA



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Our Feb. get-together welcomed & introduced us to more local retirees. Nick & Mary Nick Ansero and Dave & Marilyn Amato were first-time attendees. Hopefully they will become new members.

March is with us & it is still snowing, not just in Spokane but most of the US. Everyone will be more than ready for spring.

Vera Graham is still recovering from her surgery; she is happy to report that each day is better than the one before.

We sure are pleased with the PSP weather. It has been fantastic. Willie & Frank Storey are wintering in PSP, we plan on getting together before we head for home.

Warren & Fran Smith celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Coeur d'Alene Resort, had dinner at Beverley's also the company of their daughter that had come over from SEA. The chapter had helped with the celebration with a cake at the Feb. dinner.

I haven't heard from anyone with news of upcoming events, so have nothing to report. I feel certain that you will be contacted if an event is planned.

See everyone in the spring.

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## OBITUARIES

*Note: Due to a logistical relocation of the World Headquarters Department that usually notified us of the Obituaries, we did not receive all of them. As soon as this contact is reestablished, we will resume the list.*

Retiree - **BARAN, Henry E.**, on 2/8/07

Retiree - **DONOHUE, Peter**, on 2/12/07

Retiree - **LECLAIR, Edward**, BOSOO, on 2/22/07, husband of Marjorie, 84 Mailloux Ter., Dracut, MA 01826

Retiree - **RADICAN, John J.**, LNK, on 2/26/07

Spouse - **REED, Adele M.**, on 2/7/07, wife of Frank A., SFO, 3550 Wagner Heights Rd. Apt. 35, Stockton, CA 95209

Retiree - **REXFORD, Bruno**, on 12/31/06

Retiree - **TAYLOR, Harry**, on 1/3/07

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**ACTON, Raymond L.**, SFOCE 12/25/06

**ASCHKAR, Peter M.**, SFOFO 12/10/06

**BARNES, Lawrence A.**, DENTK 12/11/06

**BECDACH, Jose**, LAXCG 12/29/06

**BECK, James F.**, ROCOZ 12/04/06

**BEHRENDT, Therese B.**, WHQGO 12/09/06

**BIEGLER, Deana D.**, DENCs 10/05/06

**BUCCO, Frank L.**, IADMM 12/11/06

**CHAMBERLAIN, John R.**, ORDCG 12/24/06

**COOPER, Cecil C.**, JFKCS 12/23/06

**COOPER, Mark H.**, SLCFF 12/16/06

**DILLEY, William R.**, DENCg 12/22/06

**DUGGAN, Wilfred M.**, NYCRR 12/13/06

**DYE, David R.**, LAXMQ 12/05/06

**ENGLAND, David M.**, SFOFO 12/16/06

**ERIXON, John B.**, SFOFO 12/30/06

**FIGURATE, Lynn E.**, SFOPK 12/11/06

**FINATO, George A.**, SFOJJ 12/23/06

**FOLEY, John**, WHQER 12/10/06

**GIBBS, Lawrence T.**, ORDMM 12/15/06

**GUNN, Charles C.**, BDLOZ 12/03/06

**HALKER JR., Laurance F.**, SFOHN 12/02/06

**HANLEY, Elaine A.**, WHQVF 12/19/06

**HAWKINS, Gorman D.**, DENKF 12/09/06

**HENDERSON, Mc Kinley W.**, DENCg 12/10/06

**HESS, Melissa S.**, SEACS 12/04/06

**HOBBS, H. Dean D.**, SFOCY 12/04/06

**HOSEMAN, Patrick A.**, OPBCM 12/27/06

**HUSTON, Joan D.**, SFORR 12/10/06

**ITA, Arnold C.**, CLECS 12/25/06

**JOHNSON, Leo**, DENCg 12/15/06

**JOUETT, Juanita I.**, DENTK 12/22/06

**KESSLER, Robert D.**, DENCg 12/11/06

**LAMBERTI, Arthur C.**, ORDFF 12/19/06

**LANEVILLE, Joan C.**, SEASW 12/08/06

LASHLEY, John W., EWRMK 12/19/06  
LEONARD, Robert W., SFOFO 12/29/06  
LINNELL, Robert I., SFOOV 12/25/06  
MABERRY, James B., SFOIQ 12/30/06  
MC CLELLAN, James C., DENKD 12/09/06  
MERCER, Madge L., SFOPP 12/20/06  
MURCH, Robert J., MCOOZ 12/22/06  
NAMKUNG, David Y., SFOJL 12/26/06  
NEVILLE, Robert, CLEPV 12/09/06  
PATEL, Ramniklal C., SFOJJ 12/30/06  
PECK, Billy J., DENKR 12/30/06  
PONCIA, Alfred J., SFOCE 12/19/06  
RAINEY, Robert A., DTWCS 12/31/06  
ROBSON JR., Everett J., ORDJL 12/08/06  
ROLAND, Robert W., LAXFO 12/27/06  
ROWLAND, Jerry, ORDHN 12/16/06  
SAMPSON, Robert G., WHQPO 12/03/06  
SCHROETER, Waldo E., LAXFO 12/29/06  
SCHUCH, Susanna K., WHQPZ 12/05/06  
SEGMILLER, George J., MCOMM 12/30/06  
STAEHLE, Barbara T., DENSX 12/14/06  
STEBBINS, Richard E., SFOFO 12/21/06  
STOECKLER, Christopher J., ORDPV, 12/21/06  
SUESS, Gerhard G., ORDMM 12/30/06  
SWEENEY, Thomas J., ORDFO 12/16/06  
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UTZINGER, John M., LAXFF 12/11/06  
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ZWIELICH, Joseph H., JFKMM 12/07/06

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

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**WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:**

*(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.)*

**Bill & Kay Gottman, 3276 Saint John Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32250**

I really enjoy reading the Newsletter. I didn't know about it for quite awhile, until my fellow employees/retirees told me about it. Would love to hear from or about anyone from MIL or JAX. I've been retired since 1989 after 38 years, mostly in MIL then transferred to JAX when UAL opened there. Doing pretty well but have a few health problems. Thanks again for the great Newsletter

**Norma C. Henning, 14 Old Coventry Lane, Bedford, NH 03110**

Thanks so much for all you do to keep us "woven" together.

The Newsletter continues to be great, I'm hoping to attend the Sacramento convention. The SEA, LAX & DCA conventions were wonderful!

**Gene Sibley, 12884 S. Crazy Horse Ct., Parker, CO 80134**

My thanks to all who provide us with the latest info on UAL & fellow retirees with the monthly Newsletter.

I so look forward to the Newsletter each month keeping us informed on the changes within the company. The information on travel policy changes is very helpful in planning trips & the travel desks are a great service. My best to all – thanks for a great job.

**Phyllis Easley, 23439 Capp Rd., Venango, PA 16440**

Whoops! My birthday month slipped by - I hope I'm not so delinquent that I've lost my Newsletter. I sure wouldn't want to miss an issue.

We loved the Washington convention. If you need a place to do it again, Washington would be great as there are still more to see & do.

Looking forward to Sacramento. See you there.

**James Nate, 6601 Carthage St., San Diego, CA 92120**

Sold my home in IL - am now homeless. Moved in with my ex shop clerk, Centes Wheeler, living the good life here in San Diego. Would enjoy hearing from other ex-employees/friends from the SFO base.

**Mimi Geiger, 12245 Arlington Dr., Huntley, IL 60142**

My sincerest thanks to all of you who put this wonderful newsletter together. In this ever increasing busy world we live in, I must tell you that when my issue comes to the house, everything else can wait. I read it from cover to cover - it always manages to put a smile on my face. I have been retired since June 03; missed all of the fun times working for this great airline. I especially like to read about how other retirees are enjoying themselves, some of the stories are priceless.

While I am not retired & have a full time real estate career, we did manage to take some wonderful trips to enjoy the benefit of traveling space available this year. My brother's dream has been to go to Italy, this Fall we succeeded in helping him & his wife achieve that. We had a great trip, traveled United & Lufthansa space available. The service was superb, as always. Just got back from a trip to

OGG (where I visited with Minnie Sinard – OGGCS ret. & husband Don at their gorgeous Kihei home. (I think she must have worked for a different airline!). Finally, we ended our travel this year with a trip to Camp Pendleton to visit our son, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. James Geiger, USMC & his wife for Thanksgiving. He & his men will be returned to Iraq soon. Seeing all of our brave heroes at the base with their families, really was impressive. Let's be sure to keep all of our military in our prayers as they sacrifice so much; ask for so little in return.

Thanks again for all you do!

**Ken Williams, 15660 Huntridge Road, Davie, FL 33331-2551**

Yeah, I know, I'm late! Why do I do this to such good people?

Why would I want to miss an issue of the Newsletter ...

Your efforts are my knowledge of our programs, benefits, & happenings within our mutual association. The enjoyment of reminiscing as I read the names of good folks I had the pleasure to work with throughout the systems for many years. I could tell ya some great stories! My world, & many others' world within United was that of the "Engine Room" of a cruise ship. **Facility & Ground Equipment Maintenance.** Most of you, my retired friends, were our customers, day in - day out. We were most appreciated when out of thought or view. Because that usually translated to: On Time! Wouldn't have had it any other way!

You are our "Engine Room" now, thanks for the outstanding job!

**Maureen B. Hicks, 63894 E. Squash Blossom Ln., Tucson, AZ 85739-1264**

Thank you for another year of UAL information. Busy with Roadrunners & retired F/A's organizations, All Arizona luncheon in March.

Feb. will be "5 yr." retired for me. Also my 5<sup>th</sup> yr. Anniversary Breast Cancer free!

**Fred E. Kremerskotter, 1430 Fallen Leaf Dr., Milpitas, CA 95035-6763**

It's time again to pay my annual dues. This year was a great one for us, filled with exciting travels in March to India & in Aug. to Europe for a delightful Rhine/Mosel cruise from Antwerp, Belgium to Basel, Switzerland. Staying closer to home, a friend & I hiked across the Grand Canyon from the South Rim to the North Rim & back. It took us 12 hours each way to hike the approximately 20 miles. In May, the temperature in the bottom of the Canyon registered 118 degrees F. It was hot!

My love for the mountains was satisfied with several trips to the Sierras in Summer, followed by a trekking trip in Oct. to Nepal, where 2 friends & I succeeded in reaching the 21,240 ft summit of Mera Peak. This is the highest trekking peak in Nepal. Although climbing the mountain is considered non-technical, it required crampons & an ice axe for the final ascent, so it certainly was not a walk in the park for this 71 year old trekker. We concluded the trip in the Annapurna area of western Nepal with some less strenuous trekking but also fantastic mountain sceneries. Unfortunately, we could not avoid being confronted by the Maoists rebels who extracted a "donation" of 2,500 Rupees (approx. \$35) from us. In spite of this mishap, it was a fantastic trip.

After many years of avoiding flying on standby, my wife & I tried our luck for a United flight to Maui. Good luck had us to be accommodated in First Class going, Economy Plus for the return trip. We returned home just in time to celebrate Thanksgiving with our family, which include our 4 grandchildren.

In closing, I do want to express my sincere thanks again to all the volunteers who make this great Newsletter possible. For most of us, it is the only link of communication with United.

**David Reisenauer, PO Box 1176, Medical Lake, WA 99022-1176**

This year it's the big 70. I'm beginning to feel it, as I'm slowing down, just as long as it's not a stop.

Enjoy the Newsletter each month. You people do a fantastic job. Keep up the good work.

My wife will be retiring in 7 months - then it's travel time.

Hello to all & thanks for your toils.

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

Thank you for my reminder, also the excellent job you all do to keep us informed.

I also appreciated your printing my letter last year because it prompted two old & dear friends to contact me. I'm happy to report that I am now 1 year cancer free & praying for many more.

**Dorothy L. Wood, 5464 Butternut Circle, Minnetonka, MN 55343**

Birthday time - whoopee - I've made it to the big "80". Will be retired 20 years as of March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Don't know where the time went but all the years have been good!

Many thanks for all your labor & dedication in getting the Newsletter out each month.

**John & Sally Hildebran, PO Box 191, Moyers, OK 74557**

Hi, all you folks that put out our Newsletter from us two here in the Sooner state.

Wow ... If I had known how long I was going to be on this earth back in 1980 when I retired, I would have signed up for a Life Membership!

This PAST year has been good for Sally & me. Our travels have taken us to Tucson, AZ & northwestern Pennsylvania. But can you imagine ... here I am retired from UAL; my daughter is a retiree from Delta, & my sister-in-law retired from American, & we DROVE to these places! But enjoyed it.

We saw & visited many beautiful sights that cannot be seen from 30 thousand feet. We never had to take our shoes off or empty our pockets or stand in line anywhere. When we wanted to go somewhere we sat in our seats, closed the doors & left. We never had to worry whether we were going to get on or not or getting bumped. Really enjoyed it.

Thanks for keeping us "off line people" informed & updated on the UAL happenings. Thanks for all the "unseen" labor that you guys accomplish every month for us.

**John J. Robb, 21966 Dolores St. Apt. 154, Castro Valley, CA 94546**

Time to pay up. I have been retired 26 years the end of April. Still going but slowed down a little. When I retired we said we would travel for year with our travel trailer. Rented our house & stored our furniture. 18 years later we were still traveling - had not moved back home. We did buy a home in Castro Valley & lived in it 4 years then sold it, moved into a retirement home. Like it fine.

Raised on a farm in Iowa for 18 years, then 20 years in the Navy around aircrafts, then 22 years with United in Maintenance at SFO & MN. A good life - have seen lots of the world.

Married almost 57 years. Still in fair health. Plan a trip to MN & NC in April. I am on dialysis 3 days a week but still travel a little.

Thanks for the Newsletter also info. on all that is going on in United.

**Richard Wood, 2286 NW Michelbook Ln., McMinnville, OR 97128**

In a few months, it will be 67 years since starting work for United in the Cheyenne Maintenance Base. Then came Burbank, SFO, Hickam Field in HWI (during United's contract flying for Air Transport Command), then the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 years of United Commercial flights to HNL.

The final 16 working years in Medford. Met many fine people during that time. Many thanks to all of you for helping to keep the memories vivid & keeping the retirees in contact.

**Albert C. Miller, 5724 Trails Edge Ct., Arlington, TX 76017**

To all of you who make this Newsletter happen, it's great knowing folks like you are still around - truly great reading.

Around here in Arlington, TX, all you hear, see & talk about is American. Really nice hearing about UAL for a change. I retired in '96 & I certainly see some changes - some good & some bad.

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

As the widow of a UAL retiree, I thank you all for helping to keep me up-to-date as to what is

going on. The newsletter is my only source of information. For all your hard work, I am most appreciative.

**Bob Ullmann, 33345 Kaylee Way, Leesburg, FL 34788-3833**

With a red face, I forward my overdue dues. It has not been a good year. Starting last March, it was a stroke; by the time I got rehabbed, I was twice hospitalized in the fall, for anemia.

With teary eyes, must report my wife's passing around Thanksgiving; complication from a stroke.

**Jan Kessler, 1535 8<sup>th</sup> St., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266**

I enjoy reading the Newsletter each month, especially news about new routes & travel tips. My husband & I travel frequently. We feel fortunate to check out flights on the computer & check-in on the DM list within 24 hours of flight time. We usually "carry-on" so it saves time at the airport.

We appreciate all the information you provide in the Newsletter.

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

It's already 10 years since I retired.

I think the best part of it is, I don't have to rise at sunbreak & go out in all the nasty weather. Now I stay up all hours of the night if I want.

We haven't flown in a couple of years; that was on purchased tickets (UA) because we had a time limit.

We took our 11 year old granddaughter to HWI during spring break. We do mostly car trips.

My husband & I both enjoy the Newsletter. It keeps us up on the happenings.

**Bill Robinson, 92460 Goldson Rd., Cheshire, OR 97419**

88 years old - still doing OK. Having been retired for 26½ years; only have less than 9 to go & I will have been retired for the same length of time that I worked for dear old United - 35 years. What a great system this is!

Still gardening for a pastime, but very slowly.

Doris, my wife, has had 3 strokes & is really feeling her age, but she doesn't complain.

**Maryann Koschuta, 13735 15 NE Unit A6, Seattle, WA 98125**

Thank you all for the Newsletter, it is great - keeps me informed on so many things.

The big reason I'm writing is to tell you how great & how much I appreciate Travel Tips by Bob! It's so informative and so helpful. Please keep it coming!

Thank you all again for all you do.

**Frank & Dorothy Eymann, 207 Troy St., Aurora, CO 80011**

To all of the "Old Gang", Jo Madden, Howard Tress, Virgil Gooselaw, Tom Goodyear, Mel Conine & Harriet Ahr. If I have missed anyone, I'm sorry, just chalk it up to old age.

Although I know you people hear it all the time, but once again "THANKS" for all you wonderful people do to keep "Our Newsletter" coming which keeps us informed on happenings in our company & to each other. Just wish that I could find time to attend at least some of the activities but time just seems to slip away before I realize it is gone. Since my retirement in '85, & being the proud Grandparents of 7 grandchildren & 8 great grandchildren including a set of 3 year old twins, time has become very precious & fulfilling to us, but maybe we will find time in 2007 to attend some company functions as we do really miss the "OLD Gang". As for our health, we are both in our 80's & doing good. Of course, Uncle Art is always with us (arthritis) which does slow us down a bit but we're not complaining as we know that it could be a lot worse.

**Al Brose, 1205 Tannery Ridge Rd., Elgin, IL 60120**

Thank you for all the wonderful work you do for us retired employees. Your organization keeps all retirees informed about the past, present & future of UAL. Keep up the good work.

**Chuck & Marian Glodowski, 2401 E. 20<sup>th</sup> St., Fremont, NE 68025**

We enjoy the Newsletter every month. After retiring I seem to be busy all the time.

Marian & I celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Dec.15. It seems like time just keeps going faster.

I have a 1950 Mercury that I restored to new condition & have been busy with car shows.

I've received many trophies, "Best Ford" trophy in Fremont, NE & many 1<sup>st</sup> place trophies in West Point, NE car show.

Hi to everybody.

**Louis & Lillian Bonetti, 4759 Live Oak Ct., Oceanside, CA 92056-3027**

Louis has had & is still having bad health problems. Numerous emergency rooms, hospitalizations with angina, heart related problems plus a pinched nerve in his spine, which made him collapse & hit his head resulting in a concussion. Then post concussion syndrome with continuous headache.

Now, as a result of his fall, he has vertigo - the medication makes him want to sleep all the time.

He regrets not being able to write to you himself so I am writing for him.

He was 93 on the 20<sup>th</sup> of Feb. so I hope he will be more like himself. I am his wife & care-giver with a rotator cuff injury.

Next year we will have reached 60 years of marriage. Hopefully, Louis will be well enough to enjoy the day.

**Robert J. Bell, 3027 West Viewmont Way, Seattle, WA 98199-2432**

Greetings to all of you keepers of the "flame". Also for keeping all of us out here in the "Airline hinterland" informed & educated.

**Hal & June Dryden, 91 W. Clover St., Woodland, CA 95695**

Thanks heaps for reminding me that I'm now 91! Still kicking but not nearly as fast when working for UAL, luckily in its heyday, for 37 years!

Now seeing fewer & fewer names in the Newsletter of folks I've known in the past. Too many noted in the Obit column.

Only two live ones in the Feb. issue I was happy to see ... Matt Stillman & Tommy McDonald. Really enjoyed reading those stirring flashbacks of the "early days". Thanks Tom Goodyear.

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

I was glad to get my reminder on the Newsletter this month. Our life has been interrupted because of Hank's medical problems - time gets away from me. Our social life seems to be visiting a different doctor's office each week; right now we divide our time between 6 of them, however, Hank has improved to the point that some of our visits are being reduced to 6 months. Please note that I remembered to put my file number on my check so you don't have to scold me.

So glad we are in Tucson as cold weather & snow are something we are glad we are missing. We were in CHI in Dec. right after their snow storm but then got stuck trying to get back home, because of the DEN weather. We finally had to go to LAX to get back to Tucson.

Don't think we will be able to go to the convention this year. Was really looking forward to seeing everyone as we missed last year's because of our granddaughter's wedding.

Thanks again for all the hard work you folks do to keep us all connected. Keep up the good work.

**Georgiana (Vokaty) Garvin, 1833 Avenida Segovia, Oceanside, CA 92056**

I really enjoy reading the letters every month (and the updates of our airline). The travels & memories of the retirees are interesting also fascinating. Many of them are my friends; they could write book.

The best to you & your staff. "Keep the HOME fires burning".

**Charlottea L. Spanier, 140 Geronimo Circle, Vine Grove, KY 40175-9476**

I am looking out my window watching it snow  
I lived in DEN many, many years ago  
I know you don't think the snow is pretty  
But to me it makes the world all white & new.  
The traffic is probably a mess to drive in at least  
some know how to drive in it, not so in Kentucky.  
1 to 2 inches the weather forecasters prediction  
and the store shelves are emptied. The city shuts down.  
Thank you for your dedication in getting the newsletter out.

**Ronald J. Huhn, 1324 Ramona Ln., Petaluma, CA 94954**

My, how the time flies. I thank everyone who donates so much time into keeping us informed as to what is going on. You are our last link to all of our friends at United. I enjoy all the articles of the various chapters & the stories in the General News. We are looking forward to the Convention & renewing old friendships.

**Thomas J. Lee, 13 Casey Dr., Cartersville, GA 30120-8480**

Greetings fellows & "fellowettes", still kicking but not so high. Doc says I'm in very good health. My overall body still works & thinks like a 20 year old.

Glad to hear LAXSK Mike Bailardo is still going strong in AZ. Wish I had his address & phone number. Keep up the monthly system news. There is a whole bunch of us who still feel UAL is and always will be the best dang carrier in the world.

**Ruth R. Reiner, Apt. 218, 7650 W. McNab Rd., Tamarac, FL 33821**

Time to say "Thank You" to all the wonderful people working on the Newsletter - always look forward to reading it. Just turned "85" & I am lucky enough to be doing & feeling like I was "39"!

Still traveling & keeping busy at my condo - working at the polls election time.

I received a great phone call from my boss, Bob Courter, Manger of EWRSW. He is retired now & we talked about the "good old days" at Newark! So nice to know that the Newsletter brings UAL people together!

**Kenneth A. Michels, 1401 Wood Lake Cir., Saint Cloud, FL 34722**

The web is the best thing that happened for me. Now I am notified before my birthday month & if my dues are late, it's my own fault!

**Susan & Glenn Pierson, 1443 Livingston Ave., Pacifica, CA 94044**

Glenn & I would like to say thank you on behalf of my daughter Patty Mulhearn-Reed of Henderson, NV, to all the people who called, sent cards, flowers & all around good wishes to Patty, Glenn & I. Patty recently underwent two very serious back operations at Nevada University Medical Center in Las Vegas. We are very happy to report that she is recovering nicely, thanks to good surgeons, physical therapy, the love & support of her new husband. She is now walking without the use of her walker (she named it Johnny). They are now looking forward to their move to Montana and their new home together. Thank you again for your support, as 2006 was a pretty rough year for us.

Together we had 70 years total at SFO - enjoyed it all. We are both pretty healthy & retirement is great. We are doing what we want when we want.

We enjoy reading the Newsletter & hearing from friends. Keep up your excellent work

**Vincent Di Felice, 2105 Minor St., Alexandria, VA 22302**

Thanks for the 23 years of receiving the Newsletter. It has been a very good publication. I do miss flying, especially for vacations. 9/11/01 was also my memorable day, I have been on oxygen 24/7 since. I am still able to attend the Dulles Loungers monthly meetings, & Pilots 1/4 luncheons.



**Ronni Bishop, 4580 Balsam St., Wheatridge, CO 80033-3237**

I am enclosing my annual dues plus a little for postage.

I really appreciate & enjoy the Newsletter especially the letters from the "good old days". What memories they bring forth - especially the ones from the 50's - I can identify with each of them.

Thank you for all the information on traveling. With so many changes on a daily basis, I don't know how any of us could go anywhere. And those darned computers when you try to call!

**Gretchen Wilson, 18456 E. Bethany Pl., Aurora, CO 80013-6148**

Tell all that remember me. I need prayers - My son Christopher is fighting a losing battle with brain cancer.

Need all the prayers we can get. It has been 7½ years. 5 were good, last 2½ not pleasant.

**James W. Lundy, 63 East Ave. Apt. 4-D, Cortland, NY 13045**

Enjoy this newsletter immensely. Keep up the good work.

Sold our house in FL & moved here April 2006. We celebrated our 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary Dec. 2006. I'm 83 & my wife 82.

Good to hear from people I worked with at ROC & MIA.

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

Hi Folks,

Remember when you were six? You couldn't wait for your next birthday. Now birthdays come around way too fast!

Enclosed is a check covering my dues & a bit more for the postage fund. This payment covers one of my more enjoyable retirement "investments". Thanks for keeping us so well informed also thanks for your hard work & dedication.

**Ruth Rohrbough Alexander, 33A Camino Real Ct., Edgewater, FL 32132-3582**

My years of retirement now equal my years of service. I wasn't aware my retirement "benefits" were subject to cancellation - without so much as a "by your leave!" President Patterson would be hiding his face.

But - good memories of the "way it was" remain - Nothing stays the same - and, it WAS a good ride!

**James M. Karibo, 8821 E. Rosemont St., Inverness, FL 34450**

Yes, I am late again with my membership dues. Since I no longer get a hard copy of the Newsletter through the mail showing me when my membership expired, I have a hard time remembering - yes, at my age I want to forget my birthdays.

All is well in Inverness, FL - continue to work on a volunteer basis for the Citrus County Sheriff's Office. Still married & Bobbie is doing fine.

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

On Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, I was 86 so on reading the Newsletter, I see my name to renew. It is hard to keep up with everything. Also I have a vision problem & can no longer drive because of it. Also, my wife is legally blind, so our life has changed a bit.

When I was working at UAL, we traveled everywhere we desired. So we now have pleasant memories.

Also good neighbors help. Also my pension from United is a great help. I have a good eye doctor who has hopes of improving my vision. Thanks so much for the Newsletter.

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