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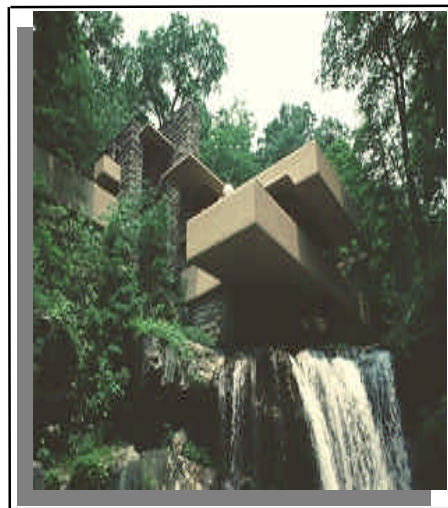


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Welcome to RUAEA Pittsburgh Convention May 18 - 24, 2008 United At the Point!



Join us at **RUAEA Pittsburgh Convention, May 18 - 24, 2008!** **Imagine what you can do here.** Soon, it will be spring in Pittsburgh; we will be enjoying the **RUAEA Pittsburgh Convention** with warm weather and sharing special moments with good old fashioned family hospitality.

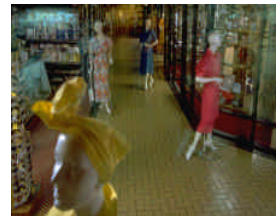
Let's Go RUAEA – Let's Go! Buckle up your seat belts on the plane, train, bus, or car. You will be viewing the beautiful skyline after exiting the Fort Pitt Tunnels to **"America's Most Livable City!"** RUAEA's board will be waiting with open arms, our greeters will be at the airport to meet RUAEA members and guests. Upon arrival at the Omni hotel, please go to the **17th Floor** to register. **Did you complete your registration form?** Please do so since there are limited spaces for tours. Imagine yourself on a vacation with fellow RUAEA members, leisurely going on tours & shopping trips, sitting and relaxing with a cup of cappuccino or a glass of wine, always being surrounded by familiar faces in the elegant hotel halls. You can look forward to all of the planned dinners and events. Imagine being in the **#1 place in the country for baby boomers to find love and keep it** (Pittsburgh rated by *"Sperling's Best Place"*).

Let's Go RUAEA – Let's Go: Off to **"Fallingwater"** - Frank Lloyd Wright's most widely acclaimed work, the house is built over a waterfall. *"The best all-time work of American architecture"* as polled by members of the American Institute of Architects. **Fallingwater** exemplifies Wright's concept of organic architecture, a harmonious union of art and nature. *"Fallingwater has always been considered one of the complete masterpieces of 20th century art"* – Vincent Scully, Professor Emeritus, Yale University. **Café at Fallingwater** – a great place for lunch, offering freshly baked pastries and desserts, homemade soups, salads, sandwiches, and special seasonal entrees in the Visitors Pavilion. Café items are prepared on site and the chef's recipes have attracted nationwide attention! You will also enjoy the **Museum Store** with a large array of handcrafted jewelry, pottery, and items for your home as well as selections of fun and educational **Fallingwater** items for children. The same tour will feature the **Christian W. Klay Winery**, where each wine from the *award-winning collection*, carries the name of a historic site situated along America's first turnpike – National Road. *The wines from this winery won numerous awards at both national and international competitions!*

The **National Aviary** features the largest indoor Aviary in the country! It is home of the nation's finest bird collection, with over 600 exotic and endangered birds. From the smallest of song birds to the massive Andean condors, the National Aviary features a wide variety of colorful, camouflaging birds which will amaze you. The sights and sounds are entertaining and educational. Discover new, interactive adventures at the nation's premiere bird park - *the only "national" Aviary in the entire country!*

RUAEA ladies – Let's Go shopping. Exit the back of the beautiful Omni William Penn Hotel and board the "T" (a clean and safe 25.2 mile Pittsburgh subway and light rail system, it is a great experience). At the 1st stop, you can shop at the historic Station Square, the last stop is "South Hills Village". Also one block from the hotel, you will find Macy's, Saks Fifth Ave and Fifth Avenue Place. **Let's go shopping, ladies;** there is no tax on clothing and shoes!

Betty & Paul Musko
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GENERAL NEWS

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RUAEA ELECTIONS 2008

The polls are open! Biographical information and pictures of the candidates for your five elected officers and five of the ten Regional Directors, appeared in the March 2008 Newsletter. The ballot is also in the March 2008 Newsletter. **If you haven't voted yet, cast your ballot as soon as possible!** Voting closes *April 30, 2008*. **You can vote by mailing in your paper ballot (the mailing address is on the ballot), or you can vote by e-ballot on our website. Log on to www.ruaea.org.** You will find the biographical information and pictures of all the candidates and a ballot. Complete the ballot, send it, and your voting is complete. You will receive a confirmation of your vote.

The Officers and Directors you vote for will be managing and conducting the business of RUAEA for the next two years. We need to continue the things our members value - the monthly Newsletter, our website, annual conventions and support of local chapters. Plus, a lot is happening in our industry; a lot will be happening with United Airlines. These events could be very significant for us retirees. RUAEA must be in a position to meet these challenges and be an effective retiree organization in its relations with the company and equally effective in its relations with retirees. Your vote is your commitment of support of these men and women to provide the leadership and work needed in these changing and challenging times.

Your involvement is to vote. Know your candidates and cast your ballot.

Your Nominating Committee

Bob Cuff, Jim Fauber & Marlin Lade

OTHER CONVENTION NEWS

Thanks to all the talented RUAEA members who have already sent donations for the convention. One of the highlights of the Convention is the **Arts & Crafts Display and Raffle**. RUAEA's talented Artists and Crafters – **Arts and Crafts' Raffle** will again be a part of Pittsburgh RUAEA Convention 2008. Please consider donating your works, so that they may be exhibited in the Arts & Crafts (Monongahela/Hospitality Room). Please contact **Gwen & Dave Detwiler – Chair, Arts and Crafts (724) 626-9558**. Please forward all arts & crafts to: 284 Kelley Road, Connellsville, PA 15425 or email - davydee2@gmail.com.

Let's Go RUAEA – Let's GO! - 50/50 RAFFLE –

We will be having a 50/50 raffle on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday till 4:00 pm. Drawing will be at 5:00 pm on Wednesday. (**Raffle Chairman, Bill Redfern**). It is always nice to look forward to being a winner!

Our tours are nothing but the greatest; it will be hard to decide which one to choose. There are tours to **Sugarcreek, OH – Amish Brown Bag Tour! Trolley Museum & Wheeling Island Downs Casino** in Wheeling, WV, (just to mention a few). Departing on Sunday, you might be interested in **Niagara Falls, NY (May 25 – 26, 2008)** - many places to see plus **Seneca Niagara Casino**. (Remember if you take this tour – **don't forget to bring your passports!** *Tours are filling up quickly! Send you registration forms and plan your trip to Pittsburgh's 2008 Convention!*

FIFTIES NIGHT - HOSPITALITY GET TOGETHER, Wed., May 21, 2008 – 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm – Let's GO RUAEA - Let's GO! For those of you that will not be attending one of our tours, we will be gathering in the Hospitality Room (Monongahela Room - 17th Floor) for great “**OLDIES**” entertainment by **Mike Canoli**. Come dressed in your finest poodle skirts, bobby socks, saddle shoes, duck tail hair, peg pants, collars up like the “**Fonz**” or any fifties attire! Great way to meet old and make new friends (even dance and sing)! *Bring your smiles* – as mentioned in one of our meetings by RUAEA President **Mort Wax** and **Rich Surma!**

SPORTS NIGHT - HOSPITALITY GET TOGETHER, Thurs., May 22, 2008 – 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm - Come join us with great entertainment provided by the **Pittsburgh Banjo Club** (Monongahela Room – 17th Floor). Wear your favorite **team shirt!** Cheer together with video sports clips along with **Rich Surma** - RUAEA's official photographer! **Let's GO – Steelers – Let's GO! - Or** - I wonder which team will be the best? Imagine what we can do for **Sports' Night**.

RUAEA members of the National Association can bring guests (all are welcome). You can bring your family or friends as guests. Come join us in “Pittsburgh - The Most Livable City.”

Paul & Betty Musko

Publicity Chairs

FROM THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

New Column: This is the first issue of a new bi-monthly column called **ASK THE DOCTOR**.

Daner D. Reider, MD LAXMD Ret. has agreed to write this column. The column is designed to be a platform addressing medical questions of interest sent in by the membership. A special email address **askthedoctor@qwestoffice.net** has been established to handle the questions/comments. The column is not designed

to give specific medical opinions to particular individuals. Therefore the answers that Doctor Reider provides will be generic and applicable to all retirees.

We feel fortunate to have Doctor Reider with us and we are especially appreciative of his willingness to volunteer his time in writing this column.

Welcome aboard, Doctor.

Gordon Starr
RUAEA Executive VP

ASK THE DOCTOR - AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION

For the opening article of what I hope will be informative and useful to all retirees and their families, I have chosen to consider the following. As a physician, I received my training based on the evaluation of patients who present to a medical facility with a symptom(s) that might be a medical condition. As a physician, I take a history, perform an examination, make a diagnosis, and prescribe treatment. That is the usual course of medical practice. Now consider this alternative. Can you (we) take action to avoid the symptoms in the first place and not develop the medical condition? I think we can take the necessary steps to PREVENT many of the chronic and acute medical conditions that keep medical facilities full of patients. Answer the following questions:

1. First thing in the morning, do you brush and floss your teeth?
2. Do you eat a well balanced breakfast each day?
3. Do you use a seatbelt/shoulder harness combination in every vehicle you drive or are a passenger?
4. Do you NOT drive and drink?
5. If you can, do you engage in a cardiovascular exercise for 30 minutes at least three times a week?
6. Have you stopped smoking?
7. Do you try to drink several glasses of water each day (64 oz is ideal)?
8. Have you eliminated or reduced saturated fats in your diet?
9. Are you taking the necessary steps to reach your ideal weight?
10. Do you maintain a positive attitude toward your job (if you have one), family and friends?
11. Do you have the recommended immunizations and keep them current?
12. Do you see your dentist every six months?
13. Do you have a colonoscopy at least every 10 years or as directed by your physician?
14. If you are female, do you have annual mammograms and gynecological examinations as recommended by your physician?

15. If you are male, do you have an annual PSA blood test and digital rectal examination as recommended by your physician?

16. Do you have a preventive annual medical examination to check blood pressure, a general overall clinical appraisal, and appropriate blood/urine tests?

17. Do you have an annual ophthalmological examination to check for glaucoma and macular degeneration?

18. Do you follow the above guidelines faithfully?

If you answered YES to each of these questions, you are well on your way to the PREVENTION of many of the medical conditions that keep our national health costs climbing higher and higher, compromise our enjoyment of the golden years of retirement, and unfortunately lead to premature disability and the shortening of our lives. Physicians and the practice of medicine, should focus on the avoidance of disease and its complications. It certainly is true that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Until next time, stay well and fly safe.

Daner R. Reider, MD

DISCOUNTS ON FOREIGN CURRENCY CONVERSION

eZforex.com offers United employees discounts on foreign currency conversions when purchased through SkyNet.

If you are planning on international travel, employees now have a simple and efficient way to buy foreign currency through a new offering as part of our Employee Discounts program.

Through eZforex.com, you can purchase currency prior to your travel and avoid the high fees and hassles of changing currency in airports, hotels and banks.

Currency is delivered securely by American Express to your home or office.

United employees receive a \$5 discount off the \$11.50 regular price of delivery. Also, you can buy "Currency Price Protection" before you go for \$5, which allows you to purchase up to \$2,500 USD of most foreign currencies and return any amount at the same exchange rate as originally purchased.

To purchase currency or for more information about this offer, visit the Travel section of the Employee Benefits page on SkyNet.

UNITED DISCONTINUES SERVICE TO SAN SALVADOR (SAL)

As part of the company's efforts to optimize its network, United will discontinue service to San Salvador,

El Salvador, as of March 1, 2008.

United service to SAL has been unprofitable and we are reallocating our assets for more productive uses as we continue to operate the most efficient and cost-effective schedule.

United's human resources representatives will work closely with our 30 SAL employees, who will be affected by this closing to address their individual employment options.

United remains committed to serving Central American destinations, with daily flights to Guatemala City, Guatemala as well as seasonal flights to Liberia, Costa Rica.

UNITED EMPLOYEES DELIVER KENNY HUGYOU BEARS TO CHILDREN WITH CANCER

With the generous support of our customers and employees, United raised roughly \$200,000 in cash and 40 million Mileage Plus miles for the American Cancer Society (ACS) through donations for Kenny Hugyou Teddy Bears for children with cancer.

Last week, five United pilots and flight attendants delivered nearly 100 Kenny Hugyou Bears to children in the pediatric oncology unit in a Denver hospital.

A local Denver television news program featured our employees delivering the stuffed bears. To view the news story, please visit SkyNet's United News section and click on the link or visit the Corporate Social Investment site.

UNITED RE-LAUNCHED ANCHORAGE SERVICE

On Feb. 13, United re-launched the previously discontinued service from Denver International Airport to Anchorage, Alaska. The once-daily flight will depart and return out of Denver and will be operated on an Airbus A319.

HEARTS UNITED - FLIGHT ATTENDANTS RECOGNIZED FOR SAVING LIVES

More than 60 United flight attendants who have used heart defibrillators in an attempt to save lives were honored at a "Hearts United" luncheon last week in Chicago.

At the luncheon, a customer who was saved by one of our flight attendants using an automated external defibrillator (AED) shared his story. After running to make a flight from Chicago to Hartford, he suffered cardiac arrest. Once on the plane, he collapsed and his pulse stopped. DCA-based flight attendant Michelle Braddock used an AED to save his life.

"It was pretty amazing to have the opportunity to first of all be trained to use such a great device, and then to actually see it make a difference in a life," said Braddock in an interview on Fox News which covered the United event.

The customer now calls Michelle his guardian angel, and the two have kept in touch since the flight.

Onboard Service works with DENTK to provide our flight attendants with extensive training in CPR and life-saving skills. We place the highest priority on training our flight attendants for the rare occurrence when a customer needs immediate in-flight support.

Since AEDs were first installed on United aircraft in 1999, employees have saved 32 lives using their AED and CPR skills. Last year alone, AEDs were used nearly 70 times by United - on board, in the jet bridge, in the gate area or elsewhere in the airport.

"Using an AED is a critical factor in enabling our employees to aid customers during medical emergencies," said Alex Marren, vice president, Onboard Service. "United is proud to recognize our flight attendants for the significant impact they have on ensuring a safe travel experience for our customers."

The Hearts United event was a way to honor and share our thanks to our flight attendants for demonstrating first-hand their commitment to the safety of our customers.

RETIREES HONORED

Ron Artman received an award from the United Airlines Foundation in November for his work with Journey from PADS to Hope. Ron and his wife, **Pat**, both have volunteered with PADS for six years through Prince of Peace Church in Schaumburg, IL.

For three years, they were in charge and did everything from cooking, serving food, cleaning, picking menus, shopping for food and recruiting other volunteers. Pat said that there are enough volunteers now so they only have to cook, serve and clean up on Friday nights. They have about 20 volunteers from area churches, scout groups, and high school students.

Pat explained that most of the people served by PADS live in their cars. They don't earn enough to pay for rent and a car, and they need the car to get to work. PADS provides a hot meal on Friday evenings, a clean bed and showers, and breakfast on Saturday for both individuals and families.

PADS has a permanent office called the Hope Center in Palatine, IL, where the people can use for a mailing address and they have use of telephones. The \$1,000 donation from the United Foundation was sent to the Hope Center.

On February 22, the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago honored their group of over 300 volun-

teers. **Agnes Pearson** and her husband, **Bob**, were both honored this year. Agnes for over 1,000 hours of service in the past 12 years, and Bob for over 2,000 hours of service in the past 15 years.

Agnes said they have received other awards from the Museum over the years, but these were special awards presented to them by David Mosen, president and CEO of the Museum at an annual awards banquet.

The varieties of opportunities to volunteer are endless - from stuffing envelopes to assisting young science students. Also, United pilots (mostly retired) man the permanent 727 exhibit on the balcony of the Museum.

Agnes said she and Bob spent the last three years working for the project manager of the U505 submarine. This is a captured German sub from World War II which was recently moved from outside to a permanent home inside the Museum.

Tom Goodyear of the Denver United Airlines Historical Foundation was awarded a \$1,000 grant for his volunteer service. The award was presented to Tom by Glenn Tilton and Pete McDonald on Thursday, November 29th, 2008 during the United Volunteers Celebration Luncheon at United Airlines Training Center auditorium in Elk Grove, IL.



FROM THE DENVER OFFICE

By now, most of us are getting accustomed to the fact that the Post Office, at times will be late delivering the Newsletter. The main reason for this is because the Newsletter is classified as a Periodical and mailed using a Periodical permit. The cost is significantly less than First Class postage, but the drawback is, it will have a longer delivery time. Practically all magazines and Newsletters are now being mailed this way.

What's my point? If you haven't received your Newsletter by the middle of the month, please give it another week before you call the Denver Office. This is especially important if you live in California or Illinois. For some reason, these two areas are habitually late getting the periodical mail delivered. I have had telecon-

ferences with Postmasters in both of these states trying to improve the delivery time, to no avail. I find that even First Class mail delivery is sometimes 3-4 days later in these states than other states. What I'm told is that the delivery time is reflective of volume and transfer points within the zip area.

On the positive side - Almost 100% of the Newsletters are being delivered, we get very few calls concerning no delivery. So, after reflecting a bit, and knowing something about postal systems in other countries, I have concluded, we still have the best and most reasonably priced postal delivery system in the world. It's the American way and it works!

On another matter regarding Periodical Mail - When the new mailing system went into effect July 2007, the companies that handle the mailing of Periodicals are required to subscribe to a USPS approved database of all postal addresses in the United States. When the labels are printed, if your address doesn't match a USPS approved address there will be no label printed for you. The Directors are aware of this situation and will be sensitive to anyone that has paid dues and has never received or stopped receiving their Newsletter since July 2007. Let them know, they will contact me and we'll check the address. If the address is declared as **Undeliverable** by the USPS then the person that lives at the address must contact their Post Office to resolve the matter. It may be just a minor matter of "Pl" instead "St" or "Way" instead "Dr" or something simple like that. Another quick check is to look at the address on other Periodicals you receive and match the address. But in any case, there is nothing the Denver Office can do to correct this problem. You have to initiate and pursue the fix yourself.

I hope everyone is enjoying the Newsletter. It is an excellent avenue to stay in contact with our UAL friends. The Letters column is very popular and the demand for space is high. If you don't see your letter in the issue you think it should have been in, please be patient, it will probably be published in the next issue. Also, it is best to email your letter to us "Attn Letter Section". If you don't have email please type it as we can scan it into the computer. If it is hand written, please be as legible as possible as my wife Martha (bless her heart) formats all the letters. If she cannot decipher the words, I sure can't!

Hope you are making plans to attend the Pittsburgh Convention. It will be a blast!

Virgil Gooselaw
Newsletter Manager

TRAVEL TIPS BY BOB

United Airlines new Checked Baggage Rules which

are effective May 5, 2008 **DO NOT** apply to NRSA/NRPS passengers. The existing **excess** baggage rules still apply (extra luggage, over sized and overweight).

One change that will apply to NRSA/NRPS is that all baggage must now be checked-in 45 minutes prior to departure. The old rule was 30 min. The computers will be set to deny any late bags, for all passengers. Customer Service Agents cannot override the computer system. This shouldn't cause any of us (retired folks) inconvenience, as we are asked to check in much earlier anyway.

There is a new updated brochure addressing Travel Benefits Summary for Retirees. If you have a computer, Sign on to SkyNet. On the opening page, click on ***Travel*** in the upper right corner. On the shaded right hand side of the display, find the heading ***Travel Privilege Summary***, then click on ***Retiree***. This is a four page brochure. I recommend you print and keep it for future reference. The "Emergency Travel on United" caught my attention. Do Read it! Retirees do have some emergency travel benefits.

As a special note: You may not know that United offered assistance to those directly affected by the school shootings at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, IL. United implemented a zero dollar bereavement fare for immediate family, staff, faculty and counselors to students who were touched by the tragedy. *"We at United feel a sense of responsibility to our customers. Our partners and the communities we serve,"* says Sonya Jackson, Managing Director - Corporate Social Investment. *"We hope that the assistance we're providing in this case will aid in the healing process."* United also provided similar assistance after the shootings at Virginia Tech last year in Blacksburg, VA.

It's good to know that United and other companies in times of tragedy have stepped up to the plate and gave a helping hand. Thank You!

Happy Traveling,

Bob Brumfield
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KNOW YOUR OFFICERS



Treatie Karwoski, Northwest Regional Director: Treatie hired on with Capital Airlines on March 15, 1958 in New York City as a Reservation Agent. She was part of the Capital/United merger in 1961 and retired on September 1, 1991 as a Customer Service Agent in Pittsburgh. She spent most of her career in New

York and Pittsburgh, with brief stints in OAKCS and SFOCS and 4 years at SFOTO before heading to Pittsburgh. She enjoyed working at every location, having met some wonderful people, who she is still in contact with.

She enjoys reading and especially biographies and mysteries. She also enjoys gardening in the summer months. Her family is close to her and she especially enjoys her nieces and nephews.

Treatie's late husband was a TWA employee, which afforded them the opportunity to do extensive traveling. "You can say we were international travelers before United became an international carrier".

She also takes pride in her home town of Beaver Falls, PA, the home of football hall of fame member Joe Namath. She babysat Joe when he was a young boy.

Treatie is an active member of the Pittsburgh Pit-Stopppers, serving on the planning committee. She is deeply involved in other local volunteer endeavors such as: Special Olympics – Beaver County, Planning committee for the Children's Heart & Cancer Association fund drives. In her leisure time, she is involved with the Bocci ball league, golfing in two leagues, herb club, Gal's of 55 group and "Golden Girls Group" whose members are retired PIT airport employees.

And, with all she has going, she finds time to do a great job as the Northeast Regional Director, keeping track of and assisting with seven RUAEA chapters in her area.



Attention All Golfers

The 2008 UARGC Golf Invitational will be held in Mesquite, NV from April 28th to May 1st.

If you are interested, contact Frank Callahan: 19833 N. Calypso Lane, Sun City, AZ 85373, (623) 815-6899, uargc@cox.net. Registration form is available on www.ruaea.org.

Registration cut-off date is 4/1/2008. After this date, contact Frank for any cancellations or available openings.

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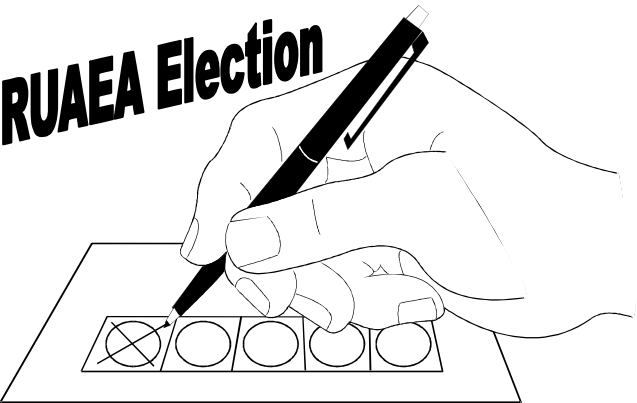
All correspondence for the Newsletter is due in the Denver Office on the 7th of the month. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column", obituary listings, and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 7th are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter. There is one exception to the above deadline: *If your chapter meets on the deadline date, we will extend this deadline by **one day**, if the report is submitted by email and received by 4PM in the Denver, CO office.*

Reports may be sent by e-mail to ruaea@qwestoffice.net or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. Please list the Chapter name at top of each page. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

If you have not received a copy of the new guidelines (dated 6/1/2007) and the minutes of the Correspondents' meeting from the RUAEA Convention in Sacramento, please contact us and we will send you a copy. Also, we would appreciate it, if you could provide any newly appointed Chapter correspondent, a copy of the Newsletter Guidelines (they can also contact us for this).

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the Newsletter.

Virgil Gooselaw
Newsletter Manager



Please vote!

You can vote by either:

- **Paper ballot (address on ballot).**
- **-or-**
- **E-ballot at www.ruaea.org.**

Voting closes April 30th, 2008

LOCAL NEWS

ARIZONA



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Well, it's a "go" for the all-Arizona luncheon on March 8, 2008 in Casa Grande. We've got entertainment lined up ... a few speakers including **Hank Gosselin**, VP Conventions (who will address us with this year's Pittsburgh Convention facts) ... good food and lots and lots of good friends. At this writing, we have 135 people attending. We will report back next month to let you know how fun it really was!

We had a great time at Pebblecreek Tuscany Falls Chianti Room for our February 9 luncheon. The Pebblecreek, 16 singers from Pebblecreek, entertained us, starting off with "Come Fly With Me" and finishing with a tribute, "New York, New York". What great talents! I know everyone enjoyed the show! Pebblecreek-Tuscany Falls proved a wonderful place to have luncheons in the future.

We're glad to report that **Sally Illingworth** is on the "road to recovery". We hope she'll be out of her back brace soon and much improved. **Zitta Wessa** had hip surgery on January 28 and is back to driving. Enough of the "walker", she reports she's going to Laughlin with some friends March 3 and needs to be able to move freely from slot to slot. **Mel Hofer** had back surgery on February 8, a week's stay in the hospital and a week of therapy and now doing much better.

A group of 13 Azures went to see "Fiddler On The Roof" at the Arizona Broadway Theatre on Sunday Feb 24 ... good food ... great show! Then, February 29, a group of 10 took a bus to Rocky Point for the day ... very adventurous.

We're looking forward to our last luncheon of the season on April 12 at Luke A.F.B. We have our annual "grill-your-own" steak or chicken BBQ on Luke's outside grill. The day is always warm and terrific for a BBQ.

Our breakfasts seem to have about 19 or 20 in attendance. Remember to contact **Mary Toeppen** at (623) 214-1504 before 4pm on the Monday before the breakfasts. Regulars should contact Mary, if you are not attending.

Glad to be in Arizona!

More on next page

Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings 8:00am - Location - 98th & Bell Road

April 1 - (really) Breakfast meeting

April 12 – Luke A.F.B Cookout (grill your steak or chicken outside) 20.00 P/P

April 15 – Breakfast meeting

April 29 – Breakfast meeting

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Spring is finally here, the weather is warmer, and the flowers and desert plants are blooming! It sure is great. Our annual spring picnic is around the corner, so make plans now to attend. We invite any guests to join us.

We especially want to invite retired United Airlines RUAEA members to join us at any time. You'll find our chapter to be very friendly and inviting. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact our President, **Jim Zarek** at (480) 288-6685 - jzarek1@msn.com or **Hank Falk** at (480) 893-1226 - hfhfalk@juno.com. They will be happy to answer any of your questions.

Our February 15th luncheon was held at Buca Di Beppo in Mesa. **Shirley Claggett** made the arrangements and kept the staff on their toes. We had 40 people in attendance. **Ron Robertson**, who is our Regional Director of Arizona, was there, and encouraged everyone to attend the RUAEA Convention in Pittsburgh in May. He is also a candidate for President of RUAEA. He will make a wonderful president, and we were happy to have him join us at our luncheon.

A ballot was in the March issue of our RUAEA Newsletter. Be sure and vote for all the candidates listed. You may vote by paper ballot and mail it in; or you may vote by e-ballot on the RUAEA website. Voting is open through April 30, 2008.

Our All-Arizona luncheon, sponsored by the Azures from Sun City area, was held on March 8th, in Casa Grande at the Property Conference Center. It was a "Cowboy" theme, with entertainment by Jeff Harrison, the cowboy singer. There was good food, prizes and raffles. Everyone enjoyed meeting new and old friends once again. It's always a fun time.

Our Re-Uniteds Spring Picnic is Thursday, April 10 at the Crescent Run Adult Community building at 8500 E. Southern Avenue in Mesa. We will meet at 11:30 a.m. to socialize and have a meeting, lunch at 12:30 p.m. Our lunch consists of hamburgers, all beef franks,

fruit salad, potato salad, baked beans, corn on the cob, iced tea or lemonade, plus a variety of cakes. There is "no charge" for current paid Re-Uniteds members. Guests will pay \$11.50 each. Make reservations by April 3rd to **Fred Rockenhauser** at 2609 Leisure World, Mesa, AZ 85206, or by phone at (480) 655-1419, or by e-mail at farual@cox.net. He also can be reached by cell on picnic day at (480) 313-1625. Arrangements were made by **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch**. Hope to see everyone there!

Calendar:

Our breakfasts will continue throughout the summer - 9:00 AM at Crackers on the fourth Friday of each month. Crackers is located at 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa (near Hwy 60 and Arizona Avenue). Contact **Hank Falk** at (480) 893-1226 - hfhfalk@juno.com or **Jim Zarek** at (480) 288-6685 - jzarek1@msn.com, by the Wednesday before the breakfast, if you plan on attending.

April 15 - Picnic at Crescent Run Community Building in Mesa



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February 26th was our second meeting of the year for our Tall Pines group. We had a smaller turnout this month as several members were ill and several had doctor's appointments. We did have two guests - **David & Idalee Stewart's** son, Dan, and **Dennis Hitchcock** who, hopefully, in the near future will become a member of our retirees group.

Let's everyone try to make our next meeting - we miss you all when you are not present.

Calendar:

April 22 – Coco's - 11:00 AM

May 27 – Coco's - 11:00 AM

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Thirty eight Roadrunners enjoyed the entertaining farce at the Gaslight Theater on February 21. Thanks to **Donna Kuehn** for her organizing efforts.

Keeping up with the lame and the halt: **Donna Kuehn**, coping with her knee problems, reports she is doing just fine. **Pat DiLallo's** surgery on her right hand scheduled for March 3. Surgeons are replacing cartilage between thumb and hand with tendons from her arm. Our best wishes to you, bionic Pat.

Calendar:

April 17 - Meeting is at the home of **Gail & Jim Rudolph** in Saddlebrooke, with the **Pedersons** as co-hosts. RSVP to (520) 825-8983 by April 10.

May 15 - **Lyn & Roger Callihan**

June 19 - **Claire & Jerry Byle**

July 17 - **Carolyn & Merritt McGlothlin**

August - Pinetop - **Howard Hunter**

Sept. 18 - **Mary & Bill Howard**

Oct. 16 - **Shirley & Ron Robertson**

Nov. 20 - **Pat & Rich DiLallo**

Dec. 11 - Oro Valley Country Club - **Beverly Goodlow**

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It is always a pleasure to have our chapter get together every other month and last Feb. 20th was no exception. Thanks to **Bob & Esther Bartlett**, they were able to make reservations at the Chumash Casino in Santa Ynez. They also provided very nice table treats. We had 26 attending including **George & Sharon Swan**, guests of **Bob & Pat Wagner**. It was nice to have **Isabelle Stanger** meet with us and enjoy the buffet. **Kathy Shurtleff** brought her mother-in-law, **Beth**, and she was able to bring her husband, **Bill**, along. The casino waitresses did a great job and everyone ate well and enjoyed all the food.

President **John Stilwell**, introduced **Howard Lackey**, the Director of the S. Calif. Region. He is always welcome to attend our meetings and this time he came up with some timely jokes. Thanks for starting off our meeting on a light hearted feeling.

Dana Noyes passed out our new member roster that also included the e-mail addresses for those that have one. Thank you, Dana. This was a lot of work and she also does such a great job serving as treasurer. We now have 21 members.

It was good to see **Ken Bake** and **Stella** with us. They have been absent from some of our meetings because they have been traveling quite a bit, we hope that

they will be able to attend more often.

The **Cunninghams, Jack and Eleanor**, came away winners again at the slots. This kept **Jack** from relating some of his stories since he couldn't wait to re-invest his winnings. We'll find out at our next meeting just how he did.

John Stilwell said that he will be attending the Convention in PIT. He isn't worried about flying UAL since he has a pass on Southwest. As of now, he will be representing the Central Coasters.

John also shared with us a refund check he received for one cent. I'm not sure if he is going to cash it or not, but if anyone sees him, make sure you ask about it.

This is interesting. The first owner of the Marlboro Company died of lung cancer and so did the first "Marlboro Man".

Calendar:

April 16 - Chapter meeting hosted by **Bob & Marcia Stanger** at their home.

THE SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS



The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on February 27th at Trolley Junction in Nevada City. This was hosted by **Forester & Jean Sinclair** and **Marv & Jean Becker**. We had 68 Gold Diggers and 10 guests present. **Sandy Wray** was the guest of **Horst Holsten**; **Lois Bower** and **Peggy Brockwell** were the guests of **Hank & Rose Wikstad**; **Don & Shirlee Bartoli**, **Hans & Trudy Maier**, **Jim & Carla Moss** were guests of **Jean & Forester Sinclair**. Chapter President **Bob Fulkerson** welcomed those attending and thanked the Sinclairs and Beckers for hosting. It was a great meal!

Bob talked about **Harry Caldwell's** Memorial Service at the Placerville Grange on February 17th. It was very well attended and the "Buckboard Bunch" entertained.

If you think that gasoline is high, Bob gave us some statistics on what it would cost if we bought some of our everyday goods by the GALLON.

We have had an inquiry from a person doing research at the University of Oregon. He is interested in communicating with anyone who either worked or flew into EUG between 1943 and 1964. He is Timothy Askin, a graduate student in Historic Preservation and may be contacted at taskin@uoregon.edu.

VP Francis Domaratius - The next luncheon will

be at the Sizzler in Auburn. We have all the hosts for each month except July and next January is still open.

Secretary **Colleen Esola** – Anniversaries with over 50 years were: *January*: **Cuff** – 57 years; **Clark** – 52 years; *February*: **McPeak** – 58 years; **Carroll** – 50 years; **Wolfram** – 53 years. **Harold Esola** led us in the Anniversary song.

Treasurer **Judie King** – Filling in for her was **Forester Sinclair** - Forester gave our Chapter's balance. We made \$102.00 on January's raffle.

Sunshine **Angie & Frank Dellinger**: Received a thank you letter from **Joyce Cech** (Len's wife). Update on **Margaret Eggert** - She is recovering slowly from her surgery and says hello to everyone today.

Ron Bertacini, RUAEA Director for Northern California, gave us some good information on a number of topics: The possible mergers in the Airline industry - nothing is for certain yet. The United Express boarding priority system is not in effect yet, but we'll be advised when it is. Southwest Senior fares are a good deal. Thanks, Ron.

President Bob turned the meeting over to **Jean Sinclair** to acknowledge our Past Presidents. Jean wanted to thank her husband, Forester, for the many hours he put in to coordinate the luncheon. She also wanted to thank **Jean & Marv Becker** for helping at the registration table and providing the lovely primroses for our table decorations. It is hard to believe that in 1981 the Gold Diggers started here. Our very first President, **Al Kaiser**, gave us a little background on how the Gold Diggers got started. Several of our Past Presidents are no longer with us. In attendance were: **Al Kaiser, Bob Cuff, Bob Halden, Jim Meek, Jim Wayner, Shirley Drumheller, Ken Norton, Forester Sinclair, Ron Bertacini, Harold & Colleen Esola** and, of course, **Jean Sinclair**. Each Past President gave a little background of what happened during their year.

We concluded with our raffle.

Calendar:

March – Sizzler in Auburn

April - The Gray Goose, Grass Valley



THE HANGTOWN MINERS

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There has been no report from our group for the last two months. We decided back in October to not hold a meeting on the first Monday of January as it is just too close to the holidays. In February, this correspondent and husband, **Joe D'Amico**, took a four-week holiday in

Australia and New Zealand. We spent five days in Sydney and then went off on a 6-day tour to Ayers Rock, Darwin, and Cairns. On February 2nd, we embarked on the Sapphire Princess for a 12-day voyage from Sydney to Auckland, New Zealand, where we spent 2 days on our own. It was a wonderful trip and we just loved the "Aussies".

On January 8th, we lost our very dear and much loved president, **Harry Caldwell**. Harry had been admitted to the hospital on October 22nd and underwent heart surgery a week later. He developed pneumonia and was in ICU until December 1st. He was then transferred to a rehabilitation hospital and "fought the good fight" to the end. Our RUAEA group and the entire Placerville area lost a truly good soul. Harry was without a doubt the most giving human being that many of us have ever met or will ever meet.

On February 4th, we held our luncheon/meeting hosted by **Tom & Betty Obert** at the Cliff House in Folsom. Present were 33 Hangtown Miners, including new member **Don Travnicek**, and one guest. The meeting was conducted by **Rosemary Heier**. Rosemary had been the Vice President and was asked by the group to assume the presidency. She accepted and asked for someone to come forth to assume the vice presidency. After moments of silence, **Suzie Quinnell** volunteered to do the job. **Sherrie Wolfram** stepped up to the plate and took on the Historian position.

Treasurer **Dick Czapkay** took orders for our new name badges and reported on our finances. RUAEA Director **Ron Bertacini** gave an update on the airline industry and the upcoming RUAEA convention and election.

February wedding anniversaries of note were: **Bob & Doreen Ames** (60 years), **Glenn & Alice McPeak** (58 years) and **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** (53 years).

On March 3rd, we held our luncheon/meeting at Rudy's Hideaway in Rancho Cordova. **Bill & Pati Kenney** graciously hosted the event. There were 39 Hangtown Miners and one guest present.

President **Rosemary Heier** conducted the meeting. When asked if there was any old business, some female replied, "No, just my husband". There was no new business or new husbands. **Jack Raynor** had prepared the roster and there were copies for everyone.

Vice President **Suzie Quinnell** reported that the April 7th luncheon/meeting would be hosted by **Alice & Jon Somplack** at the Cold Springs Golf and Country Club in Placerville. Hosts are still needed for May 5th and December 1st.

Treasurer **Dick Czapkay** was not at the meeting. He has our new name badges and will be taking orders from those who have not yet ordered.

Sunshine Person **Irv Wolfram** reported that he had received a thank you card from **Jean Caldwell**. He had

also received a thank you card from **Joyce Cech** as he had sent the Cech Family a card when Len had passed away. Irv said that **Jean Caldwell** is undergoing chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer. Please remember Jean in your prayers.

RUAEA Director **Ron Bertacini** updated us on the possible mergers in the airline industry; namely Delta and Northwest and our own United and Continental. There seems to be quite a few obstacles in the way for both mergers. Ron spoke of the RUAEA Convention in Pittsburgh in May and the upcoming RUAEA election. Four members of the Sacramento Gold Diggers are running for offices. Personally, I think **Ron Bertacini** would make a wonderful Vice President. He mentioned that lost or misplaced service pins can be ordered via SkyNet. United has expanded the Discount 20 Program.

There were no wedding anniversaries in March but **Dan Bonetti**, **Suzie Quinnell**, **Alice Somplack** and **Cindy Blazius** had or were going to be celebrating birthdays.

The Hangtown Miners were saddened to hear the death of **Martin J. Buschman** on February 27th. Martin's memorial service was held on the evening of March 3rd with the funeral service and burial on March 4th. Martin had been diagnosed with colon cancer in April, 2007. He underwent several surgeries and eight months of chemotherapy. Martin had been an Inspector at United with 38 years of service having retired in 1993. Martin and his wife Maria were members of the Sacramento Gold Diggers and the Hangtown Miners. Martin was a very special guy and a very dear friend to many.

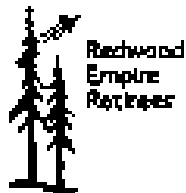
Calendar:

April 7 – Cold Springs Golf & Country Club, Placerville hosted by **Jon & Alice Somplack**

May 5 - Host still needed

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It was sea of red at February's Redwood Empire Retirees luncheon on Valentine's Day. And the sun shone bright as hosts **Matty & Marge Matschinegg** greeted 55 members and their guests at Oakmont's Quail Inn restaurant.

As a result of a recruitment letter sent out by President **Judy DeFord**, we snagged a new member, **Del Clark**, who was introduced by Vice President **Oscar Chambers**. We also heard that **Rick Dempsey**, who is

president of the Boise chapter, will try to attend one of our luncheons when he is in town at his Rohnert Park residence.

Since our plaque listing past officers was full, **Ron Huhn** crafted a beautiful new five-panel one of hard-wood which is displayed at each meeting. Past President **Pat Cadden** reports he's enjoying the magazine subscription given to him in honor of his presidency. **Joanne Huhn** read a newspaper article about Meals on Wheels and their expanded services. We take some pride in that they were one of the recipients of our 2006 Charity Fund.

Redwood Empire Retirees also are proud that one of our own, **Roger Casterline**, is in the running for RUAEA Western Region Director. If elected, he'd replace "termed out" **Howard Payne**. And, it seems that about a half dozen of those present intend to attend RUAEA's convention in Pittsburgh.

Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** was at home with the flu so filling-in **Joan Olsson** read off the February anniversaries: **Frank & Dorothy Ochoa** (30 years); **Lou & Sheila Legnitto** (34 years); and **Brandon & Pat Maus**, (51 years). **Ron Huhn** was the winner of the complimentary luncheon as one of the 11 February birthdays. We welcomed back both **Brandon Maus** and **Harry Rogers** who had been missing last month with physical ailments. Now it is reported that **Vic Kristen** has been in the hospital with pneumonia and is due for a pacemaker this month.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: *In Washington a politician gets up and speaks and doesn't say a thing; and then the other politicians disagree with the speaker for three hours.*

Calendar:

April 10 - Quail Inn, Oakmont hosted by **Norm & Ann Burnett**

May 8 - The Spinnaker, Sausalito, hosted by **Joan Sheahan/Ann Sullivan**

June 12 - Quail Inn, Oakmont, hosted by **George & Lois Schwind**

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Many readers have been friends of **Lois Bowns** for years, and I am sure they will want to know the latest on her health and living arrangement. Several friends of Lois received a very nice post-Christmas letter with a picture of Lois from her friend, Esther, who takes care

of many things for her. Esther advises that Lois is still quite happy in the assisted living facility where she has lived for over a year. She advises that Lois is getting a bit forgetful and sometimes misplaces cards delivered to her at the Villa, so we decided it will be best if you send cards to her c/o Esther at: Lois Bowns, c/o Esther Barker, 1001 E. California Av., #12A, Glendale, CA 91206.

Another member who can't get around anymore is **Gini Riley**. I have talked to several of her friends who live near her. They tell me she is quite frail, gets around mostly in a wheelchair and is still quite content with her current living arrangement. Lois and Gini both are such terrific people, it is hard to see them not able to be out running around with the rest of us. I know cards are always welcome. We'll keep ya posted.

Last month I reported that we are trying to list the volunteer activities of our members. A local terrific volunteer effort is being coordinated by **Joan Hoffman**. She is maintaining a list of friends to drive **Linda Muche** to her chemo and radiation treatments. (**Donna Klobe** is one of them.) If you can help, contact Joan at (818) 765-5162 or flynhigher2@hotmail.com. The latest report from Linda is that the cancer has not spread beyond her tonsil & neck area. Send cards/notes to Linda at 411 W. Franklin Av. #1, El Segundo, CA 90245 or elelem226@aol.com.

Gina Bura-Henzel reported that her husband, **Steven**, has gone thru several surgeries and is still having a difficult time. They live at 8534 Palma Vista, San Gabriel, CA 91775.

The nasty cold/flu bug has caught up with several of us and is no joke. I caught it 2 weeks ago; coughed so much my stomach muscles ached. The Dr. told me to expect a couple more weeks at least, of feeling really wiped out! And I was much luckier than **Al Tschirhart** who ended up in the hospital with pneumonia. He's at home now, also working on regaining his energy. Al is a really "funny" man but is not laughing at this so I'm sure he'll love getting really funny cards - 1678 W. Chateau Pl., Anaheim, CA 92802.

Ruby Cordes contacted us and advises that due to health problems, she will be unable to attend meetings for some time. Best wishes/greetings will no doubt be welcome by her at 9161 Joyzelle Dr., Garden Grove, CA 92841.

On February 2, **Kathie Park's** mom passed away in LAS, after some time of suffering from respiratory problems. Our sincerest sympathies to Kathie. Cards can be sent her at 5300 E. Desert Inn Rd., #210, Las Vegas, NV 89122.

Those of you who worked at LAXRR on Wilshire in the 50s/60s will probably remember **Gene Carlson**. He was an interesting person and talented artist. After leaving UA, he moved to Spain where he designed and sold

his jewelry and was even written up in newspapers in Spain. 12 years ago he moved to Quadra Is., Canada where he was a successful artist selling his abstracts for up to \$1000 each. **Jim Ferrance** is the proud owner of 3 of Gene's originals.

One of the LAXRR supervisors known and respected by everyone who knew her - **Evelyn O'Brien** -- passed away on Feb 22. Her brother, Bill is handling affairs for her and is in touch with Jim Ferrance who will advise if a memorial service is planned.

Fun travel experiences in Feb. - the Mainliner Club bus tour (3 bus-loads of employees, retirees and friends this year) to Laughlin NV. This has become an annual event and is really fun - games, prizes, great price - can't be beat! It might be stretching a point to say this year's trip was especially to celebrate **Hal Klobe's** birthday (75 on that specific date) - but you could say it really made his day! More travels - **Marlene Garcia** will be off to Sydney in March, then to Spain in May. **Don Garner** tells us they are cruising the Mexican coast, and South America, touring to Toronto, Victoria, Ireland, Scotland and England. Another South America cruiser is **Jo Guidry** who will be on a 16 day cruise to Antarctica. **Betty Tomaino** will be one of the cruising crowd with a June trip to Mexico and one in Sept. to Alaska.

It is always interesting to know what our busy retirees do "in their spare time". Their volunteer activities represent hundreds of hours of service to many people from efforts for families, for groups of friends, for local and for national organizations. Regardless of the size of the group being helped, the recipients are always very grateful. Some of our terrific helpers are - **Jim Ferrance** who spends hours on his computer producing the LAXRR "News to Share" bulletin plus a church database for his sister. He also helps organize the annual LAXRR Reunion party, plus videotapes musical venues for friends. The **Garners** both volunteer at the Thousand Oaks library where he's a book sorter and she works in the gift shop. **Betty Tomaino** works for Travelers' Aid at the SAN cruise terminal. **Barb Smith, Betty Houck, Susan Allen, Jo Ann Briggs**, Jo Ann's daughter and granddaughter are all volunteers with the LAX USO. (Also working at the USO are 7 or 8 working UA flight attendants holding down the graveyard shift so service personnel have a free place to eat and sleep - every night of the year!)

Calendar:

April 3 - Luncheon at the Proud Bird at LAX. Notices have been sent

May 18-24 - Convention in PIT, of course - See ya there

June 5 - Luncheon meeting - location, not sure yet

August 7 - Annual steak fry.

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We are delighted to announce that we will enjoy an early summer luncheon meeting. **Betty Tomaino** and **Deborah Taylor** are hard at work on the plans for this luncheon, so it will be convenient for all to attend with lots of good food.

If there is any one of our ReSans members who needs to have cataract surgery and is concerned about the surgery and/or the outcome, I would like to relate to you my experience. I had my surgery on Feb 11th, just a little IV in the arm for a relaxant. The surgery itself may have taken as much as 15 minutes, but certainly no more. One cup of coffee and 20 minutes later, I was on my way home. By the following morning, my vision in that eye had already started to improve and one week later, my vision was back to normal. Lots of eye drops, yes, but no pain and no problem.

And on the fun side, **Betty Tomaino** reports that she will be enjoying a 7-day cruise to Mexico with a Family Reunion. All together, this will be about 35 in the group which will be great fun for everyone. Enjoy every minute of the cruise, Betty, and have lots of fun.

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Skip Householder**, whose wife **Mary** passed away on Christmas Eve 12/24/07. Cards and notes may be addressed to Skip at 5120 Canosa Av, San Diego, CA 92117.



GOLDEN GATERS

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Can we handle any more holidays? We barely finished Christmas & Hanukkah when Valentine's Day appeared, Chinese New Year celebrations, Easter & now we're headed for Mothers Day. As for me, don't buy me any more candy or flowers, just send money!

We were pleased to hear of the 96th birthday of **Carroll Greer** this past December. Another tribute: He & wife **Johanna** will be married 59 years in June.

It is with a heavy heart that we report the passing of **Ozzie Schmidt** on March 3, long-time chapter member, always an able & willing volunteer & active Board member. When you needed a hand or a heart, Ozzie was there. Employed by UAL in 1955, he retired from the San Francisco Maintenance Base Jet Shop in 1989.

A very well-liked gentleman, his last years on the Board were spent as Auditor, which always included giving you a big smile as he took your money at our monthly general meeting potlucks. Cards of condolence may be sent to his beloved wife of many years, **Virginia Schmidt** at 634 Vista Drive, Redwood City, CA 94062. Ozzie also leaves 3 daughters, **Kayleen Keller**, **Stephanie Schmidt** & **Melinda Schmidt**. The family requests that any memorial donations be sent to the **Shriners Hospital for Children**, 2425 Stockton Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95817.

Our February general meeting was especially honored to have RUAEA Western Division Director **Howard Payne** & his lovely wife **Jo**. We always appreciate their attendance, especially considering the busy schedules they both maintain. **Howard** spoke briefly about the fact that RUAEA is always available to help all chapters, encouraging our retirees to extend their memberships to include RUAEA. Also mentioned was the **UAL Historical Foundation** which is affiliated with the SFO Airport Museum located in the International Terminal. They are presently seeking donations of memorabilia obtained from any airline & not just from UAL. Contact person is RUAEA's **Tom Goodyear**. Our chapter members **Laura Hansen** and **Barbara & Jerry Underhill** have already made donations ... way to go, kids!

If any of you retirees "out there" have been or soon will be bitten by "The Travel Bug", we invite you to stop by any 4th Monday at 11 a.m. at our Foster City meeting place (address at the end of this column) & we will welcome you with open arms plus a free lunchtime meal. Our entertainment for April 28 will be a speaker-with- "guest" from **Canine Companions**. May 26 will feature a **National Park Service Ranger**, & June 23rd will showcase Hawaiian singers & dancers, "**Keolalaulani Halau**". Sound like fun? We think so!

"Safari Time" is coming up fast: International Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** will be roaring her way over to **South Africa** on Thursday, October 9th. Just check out this itinerary: **Johannesburg, Soweto**, panoramic route, **Kruger National Park**, safari game drive, garden route, ostrich farm visit, **Cape Town Table Mountain**, winery tour & 3 nights at **Victoria Falls**. Fabulous! Also in the works is an Alaskan land-cruise trip. Contact **Ginger now**, please: gingersfo@aol.com or telephone (650) 224-1865.

"Domestic Travel Coordinator Betty Garner is offering you a pleasant day trip on Saturday, May 31st to visit the fun town of Livermore with a delicious local winery stop."

Prosit, y'all. If you want to see some of the most beautiful scenery in the world, join **Betty's** September 26 - October 4 "Trains of the Colorado Rockies" trip. Airfare is included in the price but seats are limited; call

quickly. Telephone (650) 355-4195 or email: garner-bee@yahoo.com.

Personally speaking: I make an annual trip to **Pearl Harbor** in memory of my personal hero, **Robert W. Cain**. Throughout the years past & present, I've stayed in many different **Waikiki Beach** hotels. This time for economy reasons, I decided to try the United-owned crew hotel, "**The Seaside**" as noted on our UAL SkyNet page. The routine is like flying "standby", it's "space available". As requested, I called 30 days ahead of my planned visit. I was able to secure a non-smoking single room for 4 nights, \$59 a night which, with taxes, came to \$66 per night. This rate is for December - March & July - August. It drops down to \$53 per night for April - June & September - November. All you need is your file number & your credit card.

If you've never seen **Honolulu** before, this is **not** the hotel for you. If like myself, you only need friendly & helpful staff members, a basic yet economical & clean well-lit place to lay your head at night or for an occasional afternoon nap: this is for you. The absolutely ideal location at 342 Seaside is just 1½ short blocks off central **Waikiki's** main thoroughfare, **Kalakaua Avenue** & bordered by busy **Kuhio Avenue** on the other (mountain) side. An "**Internet Café**" on **Nahua** is a 2 block walk to register & print out your Departure Management Card when you're ready to come home - cost \$3. The touristy but still fun International Marketplace is 2 blocks away on Kalakaua. You can catch The Bus ½ block away: \$2 adults or show your Social Security card for \$1. Children ages 6-17 are \$1. You can also write ahead of time for a Senior pass which makes each ride \$1.

The **Seaside Hotel** itself? Spartan but adequate. Has a rooftop pool. My room: 4th floor, big window but no ocean or mountain view, double bed, very decently-sized closet with louvered doors, free safe, small refrigerator, only **one** large storage drawer, excellent water pressure for showers, about a 4 foot mirror across half of the bathroom wall which was extremely well lit (yay!) & my favorite: a nice long grab bar on the wall above the bathtub. As for furniture, a small wooden desk & chair with a large mirror above on the wall, large comfy leather chair, television (limited channels), 2 lamp tables & an alarm-clock-radio. Wireless Internet access is free if you brought along your laptop. An ironing board, iron & hair dryer wait in the closet. Free fresh hot Kona decaf, regular coffee & hot tea are available in the hotel lobby 24-7. The bathroom is stocked daily with soap, shampoo & towels. Posted signs request that you respect the needs of sleeping crew members. (This 14-floor hotel also has larger rooms, roll-away beds & cribs.) Wishing you all "happy trails".

Lastly, the following is in response to recent telephone calls & emails regarding an item in our "Golden

Gaters" March RUAEA newsletter column under "Personally Speaking." As a widow, my little yellow ID card titled "**United Eligible Identification Card -- No Interline**" was first sent to me by **UAL WHQHR Travel Benefits, P.O. Box 66100, Chicago, IL 60666** 10 years ago when my husband passed away. On one side of the card, it states, "**Travel Authorized: The eligible listed hereon is authorized unlimited free or reduced fares on United Airlines/United Express ONLY.**" (Tongue-in-cheek note: That "ONLY" is really in capital letters, folks!) On the other side of the card, it says: "**This is to certify that the person listed above is a Surviving Spouse/Surviving Domestic Partner of a United Airlines Employee/Retiree.**" Last October, I lost that precious card. After calling the United Retiree Service Center (1-888-825-0188) for instructions, I sent my name, address, my husband's name, his file number, seniority date & a check for \$15 to **WHQHR Travel Benefits** for a replacement. When it arrived, I placed a passport photo on it & had it laminated. In other words, this is only an identification card for widows, widowers or surviving domestic partners if they were **not** the actual employee.

Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4th Monday, 11:30 a.m. business meeting, 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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Visitors during February were **Jim Holmes** who retired from UA Flight Operations; also former chapter member **Patty Quinn**. On the 22nd, **Bob Evans**, friend of **Cheri Scales**, came and gave an informative talk on living trusts, which enable heirs to save money by not having to hire a lawyer and go through probate court.

Jack Fredericksen had cataract surgery, but was back at our February 1st meeting. **Marian Swanson** fell while at our February 1st meeting, broke her wrist and had to have pins put in. We were very sorry to hear that **Vic Kristen** has lung cancer; he is at home. **Alice Shelton** is doing well, is planning to go on a cruise in March with her two daughters. **Carol Copley** was in the hospital with a ruptured cyst; she is now better and continuing stroke therapy. The **Burdas** are doing better, **Don** is now up and about, although still has back pain.

Lee Ferrell's funeral was held on February 1st - our sympathies again to **Barbara** and the rest of Lee's family.

Our spring luncheon this year will be held on April 3rd at Mandarin Gourmet restaurant in San Jose. It will be co hosted by **Cheri Scales** and **Alice Rostirolla**. Call Cheri Scales at (408) 226-7855 for more information.

Calendar:

Meeting every Fri. morning at Holders Country Inn, Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road (across from Home Depot). Breakfast now starts at 8:00 with meeting at 9:00. All UA retirees are welcome. Call Pres. **Tony Urso**, (408) 264-8580 for details.



SAN JOAQUINERS

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By the time you receive this April Newsletter, we will be well into spring, enjoying the blossoms and flowers that will be popping up around us. We will also be enjoying daylight savings time, giving us all extra time to work in our gardens and spend more time outdoors in the sunshine.

Nancy Buddington was kind enough to take minutes for me at the February meeting since Jack and I were in Yuma, AZ having fun in the sun. We had a great time visiting with our friends in Yuma, Quartzsite, and Ft. Mohave. **Joyce & Don Temple** came to Yuma and spent a day with us and when we left to head home, we met Joyce & Don for lunch in Quartzsite.

I understand the February luncheon was a huge success and attended by 35 people, including guests **Marlene & Robert Serpa**, **Carol Valdez**, and **Edward & Dollie Pitta**. The luncheon was held on Valentine's Day and was hosted by **Larry & Lavina Brinsfield** and as always, the food was excellent and everyone had a good time.

I am sure many of you are planning to attend the RUAEA Convention in Pittsburgh in May. It should be an outstanding event with so many tours, activities, and dinners on the schedule; and many good times meeting up with old and new friends.

For those of you who have not heard the sad news, it is with deep regret that we report the death of two of our members: **Dick Buddington**, who passed away on January 9th; and **Larry McGee**, who passed away on January 1st.

Please come and join us whenever you can. The

San Joaquiners meet the second Thursday of each month in various locations. We are always happy to see new people and we have a great time. If you have any questions, please call me or our President, **Bob Brooks**, at (209) 772-9814.

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Our February meeting was held on the 11th with 23 attending. Glad the flu bug seems to be staying away.

We welcomed back **Ed Bingle**, who brought his friend Mark, **Russ Miller**, **Ken Price**, **Caryl Payne** and **Carolyn Davis**. It was great also to see **Louis & Ruth Kinkaid** and **Gus & Sonia Mahler**. **Nancy Boyle** recovered nicely from her knee surgery and now has a badly sprained shoulder. It was great to have her and Bill back.

Georgia Bouska won our 50/50 and **Bill Boyle** won the pie.

Howard Payne asked for input by all regarding a possible change of day of the week to meet. Some members have said it is difficult to come back from a weekend trip on a Monday. Any thoughts out there? Also, if anyone else has a thought as to change of location - we are open to any suggestions.

Our chapter founder and current Sunshine Lady, **Vilma Patrick**, did not join us as she was still celebrating her 80th birthday with many out of town guests and relatives. They gathered on February 9th at a beautiful luncheon arranged by her daughter, Lona, to honor this special person. We will add our congratulations at our meeting next month.

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at Marie Callender's restaurant in Concord. Social time from 11:00 to 12:00, then lunch and business from noon on. \$17.00 per person includes a choice of three entrees, beverages, desserts and tip. We have a diverse group from all job classifications and invite all retirees and their significant others or guests to come.

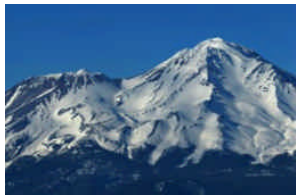
Calendar:

April 14 - Meeting

May 12 - Meeting

June 9 - Our annual barbeque picnic





CALIFORNIA NORTHSTATERS

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The first official meeting of the CALIFORNIA NORTHSTATERS took place in Redding on January 30. There were over 50 people in attendance, and there are now 36 Charter Members.

The main business topic was to introduce new attendees and set up ideas for future meetings. President **Merritt Odor** talked about airline industry news, travel tips, and the RUAEA convention in Pittsburgh. Our meeting place will change from month to month as our membership is dispersed over a large area. The meetings will be every other month – the next one on Thursday, March 27 in RED BLUFF AT THE GREEN BARN.

If you are new and interested in joining us, contact the secretary or President for further information or directions.

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Submitted by Tom Goodyear

Our monthly breakfast on March 1st came in like a lamb, with the temperature in the high 70's. It's a good thing we had the breakfast then because the next day it was cold with a blinding snow storm.

There were 50 retirees and family members who attended the breakfast. We had one first timer, Bryan Morris, one of **Virgil & Martha Gooselaw's** son-in-laws. We were glad to see **Wayne Miller** back again, after a long absence.

Tom reported on his trip to SFO to visit the only commercial air transport museum. The museum is in the International Terminal, Level 3. Hours are Sunday through Saturday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Admission is FREE and children are welcome. The 7,000 square foot museum and public exhibition area presents many historic artifacts depicting achievements in air transportation. The "Spirit of Flight" is also captured in the architectural design that is drawn from the San Francisco 1930's Air Terminal and from the ceiling, hangs a large ½ scale model of a DC-3. This museum is a must see on your next trip to SFO.

United's Training Center (TK) has a campaign to

raise \$750.00 for the "Y-ME" breast cancer fund raising program. The Mile Higher's chapter gave the entire 50/50 winning plus a generous donation from **Paul Miller**.

Tax deadline is just around the corner and thanks to **Donna Miller**, an H&R Block representative was present to explain the new tax laws.

Tom reported the passing of two of our members. **Marie Cosby** died on Feb 21. Marie was 98. Her memorial service was held on March 7. Tom also reported that **Charlene Mander** passed away, no services were held. Tom also mentioned that **Dick Magee** has moved in with his son in Idaho Springs Colorado.

Spring Luncheon: "FAMILY STYLE" lunch will be held at Bennett's Bar-B-Que Banquet Room, May 12, 3700 N Peoria St. Social Hour 11AM (cash bar). Lunch will be served at 12:00 Noon. Menu includes for each table, *Rotisserie Chicken, Beef Brisket, Bar-B-Q Beans, Coleslaw, Garlic Bread, Homemade Peach Cobbler, Coffee or Tea.* \$15.00 P/P. Check payable to RUAEA Denver Chapter; mail to Harriet Ahr, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211. Phone: (303) 477-2918. If bringing a guest(s), include name(s) on check. Reservations by May 5th.

Calendar:

Breakfast 1st Sat. each month, 9:00 AM (**Note:** This new time will be effective starting with the April Breakfast), 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!

May 12 - Spring Luncheon. Details in column.

FLORIDA

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I guess many didn't realize we were meeting, even though Bike Week was going on in Daytona, but 10 dedicated RUAEA Sand"DABS" gathered at the Red Lobster and we had a great, intimate fellowship together.

Vice President **Steve Moddle** opened the meeting. Company Anniversaries were **Penny Logan**, 24 years and **Marion Johnson**, 39 years. **Rick & Marion Johnson** are celebrating their 7th wedding anniversary. I was the birthday girl celebrating my 39th birthday for the 39th time. I got serenaded and blew out the candle on our fake cake. The 50/50 was won by **Herb Gardner**.

Penny reported our treasury is small but we are in the black. We had given gifts last month to two charities.

Penny Logan's husband has recovered from an operation of a cancerous tumor on his kidney and is now scheduled for some back surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery from that. Penny is suffering from an attack of the shingles that seems to be centered in her right eye area.

VP Steve had some "Johnny Jokes" for us and several others added a few jokes too. Because we were such a small group, it brought us close enough together that many began telling "airline stories" of their experiences on the job. Some were quite funny. It was a good meeting.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: *Self-praise can be put in the same category as anything else you get for nothing.*

Calendar:

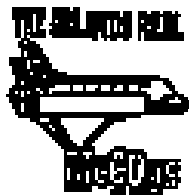
April 3 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

May 1 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

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Vice President **Rich Llewellyn** welcomed everyone in the parking lot of the Rivership Romance! In attendance were: **Richard & Gloria Armistead** and Richard's sister, **Mack Chandler**, **Stan & Barbara Halterman**, **Ted & Charlotte LeGrand** with guests Bernadette & John Hardisty, **Jim & Pat Hernandez**, **George & Sue Hirsch**, **Marlin & Marilyn Lade**, **Rich & Cathy Llewellyn**, **Elaine & Joe Mannella**, **Jim Mummah**, **Iris Martin**, **Bob, Mary & Matt McNeill**, **Ken & Shelby Michels**, **Charlie & Sharon Ringer**. A wonderful lunch and a leisurely cruise down the St. John's River!

A reminder to all RUAEA members to check the last pages of your newsletter for info on the candidates running for office and SEND IN YOUR VOTE. If you are more computer literate than I am, go to ruaea.org and vote online. Our own President **Paul Brown** is running for Regional Director in Florida and I'm sure he'd appreciate your vote!

Happy Anniversary to **Richard & Gloria Armistead** on 55 years on March 7th! WOW!

Calendar:

1st Wed. of the Month – Luncheon meeting at the Golden Corral, 2323 S. Semoran Blvd. (just south of

CurryFord Road) at 12:30 pm.

April 2 - Our annual picnic at the Eastlake Fish Camp off Boggy Creek Road. Burgers and Brats will be provided. Spirits for sale. Bring a covered dish to share. Come to the camp at 12:00 noon and prepare to have an awesome time!

April 15 - Favorite Restaurant Dinner – March your calendar! Boston's Fish Market, 6860 Aloma Ave, Winter Park - Come and Celebrate Tax Return Day with Us! We will meet there at 4:30 pm for dinner.

September 11-20 - Motor coach trip SFO to LAX – Great stops in between. For details contact – Stan Halterman at (407) 852-6773

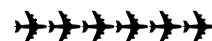
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA PELICAN DROP-INS



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President **Bill Burg** welcomed 18 members to the March 7th luncheon at Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club in North Ft. Myers. Our tables were once again decorated with beautiful hibiscus from **Wanda Schmoyer's** garden. **Mike Scott**, Lee County Sheriff (an elective office), was our program speaker. He has been Sheriff for four years and began his talk with an overview of the sheriff's department including the number of employees, vehicles in the fleet, facilities to be maintained, and his responsibilities. Of particular interest to us United folks, was the fact the county owns two helicopters, a Cessna, and another small plane. He emphasized how important/valuable the helicopters are, especially in surveillance. Their downward lights can illuminate large areas and GPS technology can pinpoint exact locations for ground support personnel. It was extremely interesting to hear statistics re. number of calls received yearly, numbers of persons incarcerated as well as their health issues, the logistics of getting cases through the legal system, etc. Lots of questions were asked and answers given. It was a very informative session.

Sandy Pryde won the monthly fundraising 50/50 raffle, and several other gifts were raffled off. Members were reminded of the West Coast of Florida RUAEA chapter invitation to join them on March 17th for their annual luncheon. It was so good to have **Terry & Joan Gilkison** back in attendance for the first time in several months. Health issues had kept them away. **Marge Burg** had knee replacement surgery and is currently receiving therapy.



Calendar:

1st Friday of the Month - Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (Oct.-May)
Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant, North Fort Myers (June-Sept.)

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Hi Sand Dollars & Friends.

We missed you if you were not one of the 31 people attending the Valentine's Day Luncheon. It was a beautiful day as we overlooked the Manatee River from the Marine Room of the Mattison's Riverside Restaurant. The room was set up nicely; a vase with a rose was on each table. I didn't hear any complaints about the meal or the selections.

We welcomed visitors, **Carol & Tony Cerimele**, of the Tampa Bay group, and **Art Singleton**, a friend of **Pat Bell**.

Birthday wishes in February are extended to **Bob Parker**, 2/4; **Barbara Dee**, 2/8; **Michael Hyde**, 2/8; **Lori Moran**, 2/17; **Tim O'Donnell**, 2/17; **Bill Phillips**, 2/19 and **Alice Parker**, 2/23.

Anniversaries; **Bob & Delma Newcomer**, 2/23; **Bert & Faye Pillows**, 2/26.

A letter of sincere thanks from Loretta to all, for the condolence cards, mass intentions and letters that were sent to her and her family. We, too, will miss Michael's smiles.

We wish **Marion Deckrow** a speedy recovery. She had a full knee replacement recently, to replace the partial replacement which she had on Nov. 6 that didn't work. **Jackie Howells**, we hope your test went OK.

After going through the years, **Lois & Herm Kline** were the couple that has been married the longest. They were married Aug. 8, 1951, 56+ years. Herm told us when he met Lois and how he courted and won her over. He shared some of their married life together. Lois was presented a rose and we wish them many more years together. There were quite a few that stood up, and told when and how they met their spouses. These "Love Stories" were very interesting and fitting on Valentines Day.

The attendance drawing was won by **Pat Kelly**.

Door prizes winners were: **Suzan Goodson, Bill Phillips, Carol Creimele, Cindy Irwin, Bill Frait, Liz Mavis, Vivian Rucker, Inge Phillips & Bill Taggart.**

50/50 winners were: **Skip Irwin, Woody Dee & Charlie Johnson.**

If anyone wants information on the 31st West Coast Luncheon, March 17 in New Port Richey, FL, you can call **Jean** or **Bill Linehan** - (727) 786-8784, or contact me.

Calendar:

April 10 - Golden Corral, 5525 W. Cortez Rd. Bradenton, FL

May 8 - Annual Picnic, South Lido Park, Sarasota, FL



TAMPA BAY

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The meeting was opened at 10:00 a.m. by President **Lindstrom** with 24 members and 5 guests in attendance. The guests are **Ann & John Hollowed, Maria Kocovar** and **Elaine & Ed Hufnagle**.

Birthdays for the month of March are **Beverly Alderdice** on March 22nd, **O.C. Brown** on March 7th, **Jon Wilkinson** on March 10th. Anniversaries are the **Judds** at 48 years on March 19th.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's minutes were read and approved. **Jean Linehan** stated that we have 46 paid reservations for the West Coast Luncheon.

Beverly Alderdice reported that she had a good flight to Denver.

Membership Report - **Mike Rice** has e-mailed current member lists and since he was presently on a cruise, **Jean Linehan** took dues from two people.

Social/Speaker Report - President **Lindstrom** reported that we were currently looking into speakers for future meetings.

Barbara Riecss reported that she did some research and came up with an outside event that we could have after our May meeting. She has made a tentative reservation for the Miss Daisy, a two hour river cruise boat to view old celebrity mansions, beautiful islands and more. It leaves from New Port Richey. The cost is \$15.00 P/P. It was decided to go ahead and take reservations. The maximum amount the boat can hold is 35 people.

Beverly Alderdice reported that the picnic is April 7th at Anderson Park and there was a sign up sheet. Desserts will be bought by Beverly because Debi is no longer making desserts. She reminded all members in good standing that they do not have to pay for the picnic but guests will be charged \$6.00 each and remember to bring beverages as only coffee will be provided.

Sunshine Report - **Terri Breslin** reported that she sent a sympathy card to **Judy Stening** and get well cards to **Jan Lindstrom** and **Les Manuel**.

President Lindstrom reported on the latest news of UAL.

We will have eight members attending the National Convention and **Beverly Alderdice** will take **Bob Lindstrom's** place as President and **Edith Polito** will be Secretary.

President Lindstrom reminded everyone to remember our charity JDF. The meeting closed at 10:45 a.m.

Calendar

March 17 - 11:00 a.m. Seven Springs CC West Coast Luncheon

April 7 - Meeting and Picnic at Anderson Park 10:00 a.m.

May 5 - Meeting and lunch at Buddy Freddy's at 10:00 a.m. Boat Trip to follow lunch

TREASURE COAST

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We had 14 members and 1 guest at our March Luncheon/Meeting.

Lustre Smith, who joined the group last month at the Casino, drove up from Ft. Lauderdale, a good hour and three quarter at least, to become a member & have lunch with us and talk about days past. She is going back to Pennsylvania in the next few weeks but plans to return in May. Would you believe at the tender age of 80, she makes the trip by car with the company of her two cats! Believe it or not, she does it in 18 hours! What a woman! We gained another member and because of her age she doesn't have to pay dues! What a deal for both of us. That's the kind of friendship we like to embrace. Welcome Lustre.

Our guest was Shirley J. Armstrong, sister in law of **Wally & Elizabeth Armstrong**, who hails from Westerly, RI. Her home is located where it overlooks Block Island. Great to live on the water and enjoy that kind of view! Come again, you are always welcome.

We are finally going on the Paddleboat from Stuart on Tuesday, April 8. Embarkation is 10:30 AM, sailing at 11 AM and returning to Stuart at 2 PM. While cruising on the river, we will enjoy a Grand Buffet Luncheon and a DJ will be at our service to dance the calories away. Needless to say, we will not be having our regular April meeting at RJ Gators. Ten members so far have signed up to go.

The mystery is solved, at least for now, **Artie Frage**

won the 50/50 and if **Frank Wise** had been present, he would have won the Progressive drawing, so now it rolls over to the next drawing. Keep tuned, you never know will happen next!

*"Oh The Joys of Aging" - I have become quite a frivolous old gal. I'm seeing five gentlemen everyday. As soon as I awake, **Will Power** helps me out of bed. When he leaves, I go to see **John**. Then **Charley Horse** comes along and when he is there, he takes a lot of my attention. When he leaves, **Arthur Ritis** shows up and stays the rest of the day. He doesn't like to stay in one place very long so he takes me from joint to joint. After such a busy day, I'm really tired and ready to go to bed with **Ben Gay**. What a Day!*

Calendar:

April 1 - No meeting

April 8 - Paddle Boat Luncheon Cruise, 10:30 AM from Stuart

May 6 - 11:30 AM RJ Gators Luncheon/Meeting

June 3 - RJ Gators Luncheon/Meeting and Elections

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Twenty Three Flyers and two guests were in attendance March 5th at Normans Landing Restaurant in Cumming, GA, hosted by **George & Bettie McAfee** and **Jone Angel Manley**. Our guests were **Suzette Hutchins Norelius** and **Barbara McIntire**. Also, it was good to see **Bill Carlson** and **Wormie Bowling** out and about again. **Ed Paille**, **Carole Webb**, and **Marie Sadlowski** also came to enjoy the beautiful spring day, friendship and good food. The service was really good and we had a nice private area for our lunch and meeting. **Sandy Lis** said she liked her new portable mini PA system we put together for the chapter meetings so everybody, even the ones in the back could hear, especially in restaurants where the noise levels are very loud.

Sandy heard reports from members who had good experiences flying Air Tran through the agreements with UAL. Regional Director **Bruce Brodersen** answered questions about the IRS rebate checks and when people could expect to get them. Bruce is a volunteer with AARP, filing taxes for retired AARP members. This is in addition to all his other volunteer work. Bruce told the people that the sooner you get your taxes filed, the sooner you could expect your rebate. You

can't get it until you do file. Late filers will probably get theirs some time in September.

Bill Bowling won the 50/50 drawing. He teased and said it would help with the cost of gas and driving these days. On a sadder note, long time member of the Flyers, **Fred Wegrzyn** passed away on Feb. 28 from cancer. Fred was a mechanic in CHI, retired and moved to Atlanta shortly thereafter. Fred was a WWII veteran and fought in the Polish Army as a Polish citizen. He was captured by the Germans and became a POW in Berlin. When they were liberated, Fred joined the British Army and fought till the end of the war. Quite an admirable Service career. He then immigrated to the United States and settled here. Fred is survived by his wife Wanda, son Andrew and two grandchildren. Our hearts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

Everyone is reminded that all UAL retirees, their relatives, former co-workers, non-members and their friends, active employees included, are all welcome to attend our luncheons as our guests.

Calendar:

April 2 - Lunch at O'Charly's in Newnan, GA. 12:00 noon, sponsored by **Richard & Diayne Thompson**.

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Sixty Menehunes, friends and family turned out for a sumptuous Asian buffet at Makino-Chaya by the Aloha Tower. We have lots of name lists this time starting out with new members. We are happy to welcome: **Suzi Harrison, Phyllis Okawa, Susan Sutton-Park** and **Betty Iwata**, all from Honolulu Ground Services.

Also joining us were guests **Tony & Tomiko Ballesteros, Lorraine Kim-Smith, Abraham Weather-spoon, B.J. Bennett** and **Liza Ching**. Liza is formally from HNLRR and now has retired back to the islands.

As always, a highlight was the gift basket presented by Alliant representative Alison Akard. The lucky winner this time was **B.J. Bennett** from LAX.

2008 Volunteers:

- Chairperson - **Carmen Salazar** (Need another volunteer to become co-chairperson)
- Chapter Correspondent - **Eddy Oumi** (Need new newsletter correspondent effective June '08)
- Membership Correspondent - **Rose Miller**
- Treasurer - **Patricia Thomson**

Calendar:

June 19 - Summer

Sept. 18 - Fall

IDAHO



BOISE GEMS

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Twenty-one happy & hungry GEMS attended our breakfast meeting at JB's restaurant on March 3 in Meridian, ID.

Rick & Shirley Dempsey (who live in Eagle) said they enjoyed smooth sailing & excellent service on their Panama Canal Cruise in Jan., and are looking forward to their Mediterranean Cruise in 5 weeks. **Charles & Shirley Perkins** agreed on the Panama Canal Cruise, but are staying home (in Meridian) for a change, behaving themselves, anxiously waiting for spring, & eager to plant their vegetables. Here you don't plant tomatoes until all the snow is gone from the Boise Front (foothills).

Ozzie Haugen (of Nampa) is back from PHX where he has two sisters living in Sun City West. He reported that he flew UAL, making good connections both ways. **Bill & Eve Estensen** (from Meridian) spent Jan. & Feb. in the Bay Area helping their son recover from a 4-car accident in Jan. He is getting better slowly. **Bill Krigbaum** (Nampa) is half way through his radiation treatments, & is doing nicely.

Lil Jolly (of Boise) celebrated her birthday with 3 old friends dropping in on her – one from SLC, one from MFR, and another from GEG. Wouldn't you have liked to listen in on some of the conversations?

Marilyn Taylor (also living in Boise) flew to PDX for a delightful week visiting with her daughter Sharon.

Roni Adams (Boise), bless her heart, assisted with Special Olympics contestants arriving at the airport during Feb.

Ed Works (Boise) was busy tutoring several students participating in an interesting robotics exhibition in PDX.

Again, we thank **Ned Yundt** (Boise) for lining us up for a re-run luncheon at the Pad Thai House held in Boise on March 12.

Your faithful correspondent (Newsletter reporter) was pleasantly surprised to receive a phone call from **Charlotte Archer Schultz**, who lives in Holland. She is a retired Reservations Agent, who specialized in what we used to call the International Desk. (Holland, OH, near TOL, that is). Her first words were, "I love your

column in the RUAEA Newsletter.” I was in the middle of making homemade, black-bean soup for lunch, so I excused myself to shut down the blender. She wanted the recipe, which I mailed.

Rick Dempsey, our chapter co-president with **Shirley**, said to say hello to **Charlotte**. He’s originally from Lakewood, OH (near CLE). I live in Lakewood, ID, a suburb of Boise. Small world.

We reporters seldom receive such praise, so thanks much, **Charlotte**. You can phone me anytime. (Let me know how the soup turns out.) I once did a stint in NYCRS, & had great admiration for the Mainliner & International Desk people. *They were the best!*

Calendar:

April 7 – 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB’s in Meridian

May 5 – 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB’s in Meridian

ILLINOIS

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Since the New Year holiday is famous for setting new goals, our Skyliners Planning Committee is concentrating on ways and means to get more members involved in the various activities. The first step is to encourage all inactive and new retirees to attend the breakfasts. While it is comfortable to sit together with former coworkers, it is also fun to introduce yourself to the person seated next to you and make a new friend. Car pooling can work great too.

There is discussion of starting a roster of volunteer greeters for our various functions. Simple duties, smiling faces and welcome words are the requirements. Teams could be husband/wife, two friends, or two singles. An added bonus, the working teams would have reserved table seating.

The plans for a Chicago Travel desk are coming along nicely. Fifty-one retirees have volunteered so far. **Carol Faust** is still hard at work organizing all the details. Interested volunteers can call Carol at (847) 895-1232.

We are fortunate to have two RUAEA Website managers in our group. They are **Jim Sommerfeld** (847-895-8014) and **Ed Majewski** (847-364-0065). Since they are on the RUAEA Board, they toured the convention site in Pittsburgh and found the hotel decor to be in beautiful early 1900’s style. Bob & Delores Hope got engaged in one of the hotel’s banquet rooms, and the Lawrence Welk room still has the champagne

bubble machine. We’re not promising it’s still blowing bubbles. Jim and Ed advise that employees can easily pull up UAL info at www.ruaea.org.

To escape our weather, **LaVerne Lundquist** went to visit her daughter in Omaha, **Pat Spilotro** and husband combined pleasure and dental implants with dentist brother-in-law in Arizona, and **Gino Grovanazzi** paid ridiculously high prices in Cancun for excellent weather.

Skyliners President **Bob Jacobson** would like to remind all members to vote in the RUAEA National Elections. Your voting ballot choices are at the RUAEA website, a ballot at the 3/13 luncheon, or an enclosure in the RUAEA Newsletter. These positions are all voluntary and for time and talent donated are worthy of everyone’s vote.

Six inches of snow, heavy winds and drifting couldn’t keep sixteen brave souls from the Southside brunch. **Caryle Brandt** who runs the raffle appointed Nathan Jaysen, visitor and great nephew of **Ted Guz**, to pick the first winner. You guessed it, Caryle was the first winner! Then **Bill Brookins** and **Margaret Schmitt** got their turn.

Calendar:

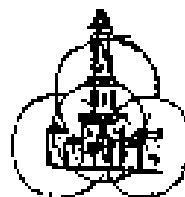
Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Grandma Sally’s Pancake House (**Apr. 29 & May 27**) at 10:00 a.m., 8500 South Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL.

Northsiders Breakfast – Artemis Restaurant (**April 9 & May 14**) at 9:00 a.m. Golf & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL.

Food depository - First Tuesday (**April 1 & May 6**).

March 13 - Spring Lunch at 11:00 a.m. at the Wellington

July 22 – Summer Picnic at Chandlers Restaurant, Schaumburg Country Club



LOOP GROUP

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The 2008 Annual Chicago F/A Reunion Luncheon will take place at the Hyatt Rosemont from noon until 4 p.m. on April 19th.

The Hyatt Rosemont is at 6350 North River Road at Devon. The phone number is (847) 653-4139. Cost is \$36 per person plus cash bar. Reservations are due by April 12th. Send check payable to **Melanie Strahan** at 17341 Stepping Stone Drive, Ft. Myers, FL 33967. For shuttle bus from ORD, go to shuttle station and take Hyatt Shuttle to Hyatt Rosemont Hotel. (Let driver

know which Hyatt you want!) Melanie may be contacted at (239) 466-4108, (847) 902-5047 or e-mail mel-anstrah@aol.com.

Calendar:

April 19 – Chicago Flight Attendant Reunion at Rosemont Hyatt at Devon and River Road.

May 18-24 – RUAEA Convention in PIT

May 21 – Loop Group Luncheon cancelled due to conflict with RUAEA Convention

INDIANA

INDY RACERS

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My apologies to “Indy Racers” members. Strange, how quickly we forget! The deadline for March’s newsletter was the 7th of February and, as our chapter correspondent, I let the day pass without a thought about it. Shades of Alzheimer’s? No, not this year. Like many seniors, I went back to work, but on very temporary basis. Working 126 hours during the last week of January and first week of February is my excuse. Admittedly, I had to check my nametag to verify who I was. But it was fun! Short term can be good. I need to be motivated away from my “lazyboy” and the remote control during winter. “Work” was a busy six weeks project not to mention receiving a few extra spending dollars.

Finally, a hint of spring, tips of crocuses and a few tulips are starting to peek out so it’s time now to get busy cleaning gardening tools and check out the flower catalogs.

January’s meeting was the first at our new location - the Eagles’ in Plainfield, a very nice facility. Perhaps, we can grow more members here. Our February meeting was cancelled at the last minute due to nasty weather. **Mario Bregante** was the only one who didn’t get the message and braved the snow and sleet then wondered what happened to everyone.

Ron Innis related he and **Cheri**, **Bud & Ellie Barnett** and **Dave & Dimples Rihel** had a great time while they cruised the Caribbean; but were abruptly reminded of reality returning to Indiana’s 20°F chill. **Warren & Gail Allen** are retuning snowbirds from the sunny south this month.

Sorry to hear, **Hannalore Brabo** had injured her back lifting a box of water bottles from their car. According to **Ray**, she is slowly recovering.

Visitors to our meetings, held the second Tuesday of

the month at Eagles Lodge, 5556 E. Highway 40, Plainfield, IN are always welcome. For additional information and directions, please contact me at the above phone number.

Calendar:

April 8 - meeting

May 13 - meeting

June 28 - picnic

MASSACHUSETTS

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No Feb. meeting, again little news. Still enjoying sunny FL as was **Patti Mix**, who tried to talk **Mercedes Hersom** into doing the same. Heard from **Don Latter**, who advised he’s freezing his b**** off, and the snow won’t quit. Everyone I talk to in NE, advises this has been the worst winter in years and it was smart to be away. Called a neighbor to inquire about the condition of my house. Her response, “*Let me look to see if I can see it thru all the snow*”. Hope it’s all gone whenever I get back.

Got a note from **Bob Driscoll** (BOSCG) looking for an x-UAL-er **Don Kelly**. Don had moved to FL, but may be in the Carolinas now. If you know his whereabouts, contact Bob at (617) 852-1430.

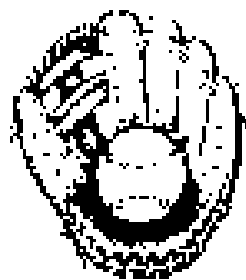
April birthdays are: **Bill Better**s, **Fred Casey**, **Peter Fusco**, **Don Latter**, **Helmut Umbley** and **Tom Blackwood**. Happy Birthday all!

April anniversaries and number of wedded years; **Frank & Janet DeStefano** - 40, **Ray & Wanda Forster** - 48, **Bob & Jean Lincoln** - 42, **Gina & Salvatore Marotta** - 39, **Andy & Carol Montalto** - 32, and **Ken & Jacqueline Washburn** - 49.

Boy, I’m only a baby compared to all those mentioned above!

Calendar:

April 16 - Continental Restaurant, Route 1, Saugus, MA.



MICHIGAN

GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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March 6th, 15 Escapees and 2 guests gathered at Dimitri's in Dearborn, hosted by **Maxine Raymond**. It was the consensus that all were tired of snow and shoveling, plus colds and flu as many have been under the weather since Christmas. It is time to THINK SPRING.

We are glad to welcome our newest Escapees; **Nancy Madison** and **Carmen Anderson**. Both gals are out of state but hope if they are ever in town, they will join us at our meetings.

Our Love and Prayers this month to all our hurting Escapees. **Patty Gates** @ 808 Randall Dr., Troy, MI 48085, on the loss of her mom who went to live with the angels. Other Escapees needing our love and prayers for various health reasons: **Betty Martinez**, **Chet Fleming**, **John Leroy**, **Nellie Brawner**, **Joanne Maas**, **Jo Madden**, and **Sallie Reithel's** unborn grandbaby, for a healthy arrival, due to a possibility of a chromosome abnormality and also for my brother and his wife. This has been a very hard month for many of us Escapees. God Bless everybody.

Calendar:

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

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Our February meeting was attended by 30 members & Tom Caffish, guest of **Bud Ayers**. **Bill Young** was in attendance after many months' absence. He brought a 1949 Capital timetable from his archives which listed the fares also. \$12 from MSP to MKE!

News of other members: **Andy Holen** had talked to **Frank Brower**, had a nice visit & Frank was in good spirits. **Clyde Anderson's** wife, **Marian**, is now in a care center. "**Mort**" **Morton** is doing pretty well, cheerful & sarcastic, as usual. **Donna Gray's** mother is

in the hospital. **Don Wood** had surgery but is home & recuperating. **Frank & Blanca Ehr** may be moving from their home in Iowa to be closer to their children.

We have also learned of the sudden death of **Vikki Lindell**, wife of active MSPCS employee, **Bob Lindell**. Condolences may be sent to him & his family at 17115 Farnham Ave., Hugo, MN 55038.

There was some discussion about the possibility of a merger between United & Continental. Of course, the merger talks between NWA & Delta are of great concern to the Twin Cities' workforce. Northwest's home offices & major hub are here & the company has legal agreements with the State of MN which have to be negotiated.

Most of the snowbirds left for the winter & we don't hear from them for months. However, that's not the case with our co-secretary **Mary Brennan** & her husband **Jim**. During the meeting, a cell phone rang & it was the Brennan's calling from Kona, sending their condolences for our having to endure such cold weather when it's so balmy & warm in Kona. Brats!

John Beveridge is quite a woodworker & occasionally brings some small thing he's crafted in his shop. This time he brought a wooden toy to be raffled when we did the 50/50 & **Sonja Gunderson** was the lucky winner. That girl is SOOOO lucky.

Calendar:

Lunch the 2nd 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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Due to inclement weather, we had to cancel going to the Masonic Manor where **Mel Harrison** was to be our host. We had a nice crowd ready to attend. We certainly will put Mel back on the schedule and will be looking forward to eating lunch at the Masonic Manor sometime in the future.

KEEPING IN CONTACT WITH SOME OF OUR MEMBERS:

Georgia Egr got along fine with her knee replacement, but on January 14, she had an abscess of a wisdom tooth that she was unaware she even had. After several trips to the specialist and having dental surgery she is now feeling better. Georgia will be 93 in April and I call her a little firecracker as she is always so up.

What a gal.

Aileen Dytrych had surgery on February 12 for a rotator cuff and is in a nursing home for rehab.

Charlie Cromling said he is doing okay. The only driving he does is to the store, doctors and church.

Kathleen Much moved in with her daughter and family a couple of years ago and loves it. She has her own living area and is very happy. She really enjoys having conversations with her 14 year old granddaughter. She does drive and goes to the places where she knows they have the electric carts so she can get around.

Tony Sortino said the RUAEA Convention will be in Pittsburgh, May 18-24. He and **Jackie** will be attending on May 23/24. Anyone interested in going may contact Tony for more information.

Calendar:

April 8 – Sons of Italy, Hosted by **Gary Procopio & Linda**

May 6 - Jack & Mary's, Hosted by **Bob & Carolyn Kraft**

June 3 – Chalco Hills, Hosted by the **Mahoneys & the Paytons**

NEVADA



LAS VEGAS

GAMBLERS

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We love our meals at Arizona Charlie's-Decatur! Our lovely hostess, **Jean Delano**, made sure we have a great meal and dessert; and she even donated a gift for our raffle table. There are many lucky winners from the raffle table and 50/50 drawing. Of course, the 50/50 winnings seldom leave the casino.☺

The members seated at our table enjoyed a couple of large bottles of wine purchased by **Andy & Hessie Wright**; thanks, Andy! Also at our table were **Bob & Ingeborg Levy**. She is our "X-rated" joke teller, and keeps us all laughing. We missed **Leila Albert** who was home with the flu bug (not a very nice companion!) Also missing was our "dapper" **Dan Martinez**. He and **June** were in Texas visiting his 100 year old Mother, who is not doing well. **Lois Miller** just returned from seeing her 98 yr old Mother in Ohio. **Lily Iwamoto** brought Pam Datson, a friend from Adelaide, Australia, whom she met years ago on a flight. **Eleanor Vasko** had her photo album from the Christmas party for all to enjoy. Not only does she take photos at our meetings; she always brings candy for our tables. **Mike Vasko**

was awarded a free luncheon certificate, as one of the members who attended all the meetings in 2007. Our past secretary, **Baldor Ziel**, was awarded a dinner certificate for all his time and work the past 2 years. He has volunteered to continue making the name badges for our members; thanks, Baldor!

Mary Lou Littlefield has had chronic eye problems, and she recently fell and injured her ribs and arms. We wish her well in her recovery at the re-hab unit. **Winnie Stone** fell at her home, and injured her back. As if she didn't have enough problems caring for her husband, **Fred**, who has Alzheimer's. **Dora Coleman's** brother-in-law, who was visiting in Las Vegas, suffered heart problems and ended up in the same hospital, same room, as **Ike Brigger** (late companion of Dora). He is doing well and back home, but what a coincidence! I heard from former LASCs supervisor, **John Anders**, who lives outside the PIT area. I'm looking forward to seeing him when we attend Convention in May.

Our April 8th luncheon/meeting will be an "Easter Bonnet" event; so will report on that next month.

Calendar:

April 8 – Meeting

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There were 21 attendees at our February meeting at Heidi's. Mary reported that the bank balance for the chapter is recovering from our Christmas lunch and picnic reservations, now that 2008 dues are coming in. If you haven't paid your dues yet, you can send them to either **Mary Withers**, **Kathy Robinson** or **Pat**. There has been an increase in dues this year - \$5/person. Again, unlike RUAEA, our dues is on a Jan. – Dec. calendar cycle.

RUAEA – the 2008 officer slat has been finalized for voting later this year. President **John Zoboli** was asked and will be running for Western Region Representative (Nevada/No. Calif). It is necessary for all RUAEA members to vote. We will have printed ballots at the March meeting so you can vote.

If anyone else is planning to attend the convention and can attend the Correspondent's breakfast meeting, please let us know. I will not be able to attend.

Duncan Thompson won the 50/50.

February birthdays were celebrated by: **Ethan Gillooly**, **Bob Dringenberg**, **Donna Reid**, **Brenda Pagni** and **Bill Perkins**.

NEW JERSEY

THE GARDEN STATERS

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The Gardenstaters met on February 27 at Snuffy's Restaurant in Scotch Plains, NJ. President **Richard Confer** opened the meeting with a salute to the flag. There were 54 people in attendance. **Joe Jaken** celebrated his 89th birthday today and **Joan Emm** celebrated her 75th birthday.

A thank you note was received from the Clipped Wings for our \$100.00 donation.

The minutes were read by **Violet Etler** and the Treasurer's report was given by **John Murphy**.

Dick Confer again had items on the tables in the Easter motif that was for the birthday person closest to Easter and there were also many Easter Door Prizes.

Every one was reminded that the RUAEA conference is May 18th to May 24th in Pittsburgh. We would like to see a number of our members going. There are many tours and it seems to be well planned. There is also a tour to the Flight 93 site.

An added note from the EWR Clipped Wings:

Did you know New Jersey has a local chapter of the Clipped Wings? Clipped Wings New Jersey was formed after the tragic events of September 11, 2001 and has just celebrated its sixth anniversary. While enjoying monthly meetings and holding various Fund Raising events, this group of active and retired Flight Attendants have contributed to such philanthropic causes as Special Olympics, Ronald McDonald House and local ARC organizations. They also support the Flight 93 Crew Memorial and Flight 93 Memorial Chapel in Shanksville, PA and the Troops serving our Country.

Calendar:

March 26 – Next meeting

NEW YORK

NEW YORK METROS

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Northeast Regional Director **Treatie Karwoski** and **Mary Jane Stewart** flew in from Pittsburgh to attend

our monthly meeting at Per Un Angelo. Treatie is asking the Metros to attend the RUAEA national convention which will be held in Pittsburgh this coming May. Also, she is encouraging United Airlines retirees to join RUAEA. They'll receive a monthly newsletter of the comings & goings of other retirees.

We had fifty retirees attended the meeting, including Treatie & Mary Jane and three new names added to our membership list: **Desmond Brennan** retired in 2003 from LGACG, **Jason Weiner** retired from JFKGC, also, **Ona Weiner**, Jason's wife. Welcome Desmond, Ona & Jason to our chapter.

I was just informed that the chapter has two members that joined during our Christmas luncheon at the Millerridge Inn. **Harvey Block**, retired Sept 11, 2001, LGACCTW and his lovely wife **Gail**. Our chapter welcomes retirees from other airlines to join our ranks.

Mary Lou Ellis & Diane Pozzi have graciously volunteered to fill in for **Rosemary Totaro** and **Dee Talochino** if they for one reason or another can not attend a meeting. Rosemary & Dee are active members who arrive early to manage the attendance list and sell 50/50 chances. Both jobs are very important to the METRO chapter. Thank you Diane & Mary Lou.

Rosemary Totaro sent a thank you note for the basket of fruit she received from the chapter for her stay in two California hospitals last month. Rosemary was visiting her grandchildren and had a slight stroke. She appreciated the kind thoughts.

Eliot Olenick (718) 465-6704, had an operation on his hand and we wish him well.

Maryann Ferrara (516) 938-8176, had to go back in the hospital and we believe she is now in rehab.

Edythe & the late Peter Dollis' daughter Patricia Hering passed away in February. Patricia's husband is **Frank Hering** who retired from JFKPV. Condolence can be sent to: Frank Hering, 64-59 Cooper Ave., Glendale, NY 11385.

Eighteen members celebrate birthdays in March. On top of the list is:

- ★ **Anthony Manfre**, 90 years on the 25th, hails from Capitol.
- ★ **John Butera**, 85 years on March 9th.
- ★ **Harold Malasardi**, 85 years on March 15th. Ides of March
- ★ **Julius Schneider**, 84 years on the 16th.
- ★ **Jean Zito**, 83 years on March 9th. Jean with smiling face.
- ★ **Marion Cardacino**, March 15th is forever young.
- ★ **Mabel Bitar**, March 21st has a young spirit.

President **Jim Richardson** announced that **Mary Lou Ellis** has started her own "BUCKET LIST". She has already been in a hot-air balloon and a glider (a plane with no engines). Now Mary Lou in on the verge

of attempting SKYDIVING. Her husband Ed said, he'll be watching from the ground and has a large, paid up insurance policy on her just in case. Mary Lou has the heart of a lion. Great going girl!

Calendar:

April 2 - 12 noon, Per Un Angelo, (516) 783-6475

May 7 - 12 noon, Per Un Angelo, (516) 783-6475

June 4 - 12 noon, Per Un Angelo, (516) 783-6475

NORTHWOOD

NORTHWOODS

LOONIES

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EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT A LOONIE, READ THIS!

Without even knowing it, you may be a wannabe, should-a-been, or not-too-late-to-be a Loonie. If you are new to RUAEA or just never paid attention to us, consider taking a relaxing little trip this spring to beautiful Green Bay, Wisconsin (GRB) to attend our spring meeting May 6-9, and become a Loonie.

We meet just twice a year, in the spring and in the fall. Our accommodations are very similar to the great set-up **Don & Hope Hayden** had in Traverses City last fall. You can come for just a day or two, or for the whole time. Generally, Tuesday the 6th would be the day to arrive, and we can all dine together that night. Wednesday and Thursday will be time to sightsee and attend any special events going on. You are free to come and go as you please the whole time, but we will have hot breakfast (hotel courtesy), lunch and supper at different restaurants as a group or separately. We will have some choices for you when you get there. Either Tuesday or Wednesday will find us meeting at 10 am for roughly an hour to conduct our business meeting. We will read any correspondence and catch up on news items, and most importantly, find out who will host the fall meeting and where. (By now you may have guessed, we have no officers except whoever decides to host the next meeting. Also, no dues.)

You must make your own reservation by calling the Airport Settle Inn at 800-688-9052 or 920-499-1900, use the group ID "Northwoods Loonies" to obtain the special rate of \$69 per night. We have a block of rooms reserved. When you have decided that you are coming, please contact the hotel, then me at the above contact points.

Hope to see you there to share good companionship

and make new friends and renew old acquaintances.

OHIO

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Cold weather accompanied by ice & snow postponed our luncheon until March 6th. Fifty-one "Buckeyes" attended the Thursday luncheon. The luncheon was held at Old Oak Bible Church in Middleburg Hts. Thank you **Nancy Carter** and **Mary Lou Mack** for a great job.

I was unable to attend because of a previous commitment, but I got a glowing report from our Pres. There was a choice of Baked Ham with pineapples and cherries along with ½ Cornish Hen on a bed of wild rice Pilaf. I was told that the wild rice pilaf was "phenomenal". This also, includes tossed salad, rolls & butter. Dessert was your choice of one of the followings: Apple dumpling with ice cream, frosted brownie with ice cream or plain cheese cake with raspberry & whipped cream topping. Our chapter has met here a few times before & is always satisfied with the wonderful home cooked meals.

Pastor Dave of Old Oak Bible Church said "grace". I was told that the luncheon tables were decorated in beautiful pastel colors. Hopefully, this helped to give us hope that "spring" is just around the corner. **Dave & Marie Placko** handled the 50/50. Great job as usual.

Pres. **Carol Hacker** wanted me to remind you that yearly dues should be sent to **Dolly Taucher**.

Chapter members can email or call me with any information regarding any illness & I will pass it along. slgarrah@aol.

Take care & GOD Bless. Spring is on the way.

Calendar:

May 7 - Bucci's Italian Restaurant – 1 Commons, Berea. Doors open at 12:00 noon, pre-paid.

June 4 - J- Bella 12201 Pearl Rd., Strongsville. Gather at 12:00 noon, pre-paid.

July 10 - Annual Picnic - Second Thursday. Gather at noon at W. J. Green Lodge, located in the Mill Stream Run of Metro parks.

Aug. 13 - *The Fifteen Annual Northfield Night*



OREGON



OREGON DEW-ER'S

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I wish all of you could have seen Mt .Hood today (3/5/08). Driving home, all you could see was this beautiful white mountain shining brilliantly in a clear blue sky. It was a sight to behold and makes me happy to be able to say I am an Oregonian.

There were 83 members at the February meeting to enjoy the Valentine card exchange and ice cream sundae after lunch. The winners this month were as follows: **Bruce DeFord**, door prize (free lunch) - birthday, **Bob Bauer** - anniversary, **Charlie Stemper** and 50/50, **Margaret Borbely**.

When birthdays were announced for February, **Mac Heywood** was given a standing ovation when he told the gathering he was celebrating his 99th birthday. I hope someday he will have the opportunity to tell us what changes he feels, have contributed the most in making our environment what it is today.

I am sorry to report that **Patti Neal**, wife of Curtis passed away in February. Curtis retired from SFO and if you wish to contact him, his address is, 3110 NE 111th Circle, Vancouver, WA 98686. Our condolences to Curtis and his family.

Our own Sunshine Committee Chair **Merle Pitman** was in the hospital overnight with heart problems. He is doing fine. A thinking of you card was sent to **Vera Kalde** and **Joan & John Poitras**. Joan is struggling with health issues. **Mike Thomas** was hospitalized in TX but I understand he is now at home.

Dorothy Shanley had surgery on March 17th and she wanted me to know it was the same date her husband George's airplane crashed on takeoff in WWII. She feels it is a lucky day for her. Of the 8 aboard the plane, only three survived. George was thrown out over the instrument panel and that probably saved his life.

I am happy to announce there will be speakers at our April and May meetings. In April, the speakers will be **Tom Daniels & Leslie Foren** who are with Elders in Action. At the May meeting, **Rod Rich**, Director of Administration for Shaver Transportation will speak about conditions on the Columbia & Willamette Rivers.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Mon/Wed/Fri (503) 249-4142 and (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 and load information.

Calendar:

Meetings at Refectory Restaurant, 1618 NE 122nd Ave.
Portland OR, 11AM - Social Hour, Lunch 12 Noon
April 9 - Speakers from Elder in Action
May 13 - Speaker, Rod Rich, Shaver Transportation
June 11 - Social

OUR CLUB

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Bob & Ida Rogers hosted the March 6 OUR Club luncheon at the Elks Lodge in Grants Pass. Although snow birding and flu took their toll on attendance, the 15 members who were able to come & enjoyed a delicious meal and a lot of happy chat. Bob and Ida decorated the table with cheery potted flowers and garden frogs, which were given away as prizes during the business meeting.

With the help of Secretary **Robert Machado** and Treasurer **Laurie Jordan**, Pres. **Jane Frincke** conducted the chapter's quarterly business meeting. It was with pleasure that we welcomed back former OUR Club members, **Norma & Lowell Ross**, who have recently returned to southern OR from AR. Norma had a 31-year career as a United flight attendant, based in SFO. Hearty congratulations are in order for **Mary Crees**, who recently celebrated her 89th birthday. Following her big day, Mary & husband, **Herb**, moved into a lovely new home in a retirement village in Grants Pass.

During the business meeting, **Judy Machado** proposed that OUR Club pay the entire cost of the annual September picnic and not charge the members for the price of the catered barbecue. The motion was unanimously approved since the chapter's treasury will allow for charitable donations, other chapter costs and treating ourselves to a freebie once each year.

It was necessary to reschedule our planned speaker, pilot Gale Turner Bauer, since the March luncheon had to be held a day early. However, good things come to those who wait, so we're all looking forward to hearing Gale speak at a future luncheon meeting. Our thanks to **Bob Lindberg** for re-calendaring Gale's presentation.

Calendar:

April 4 - TBA - **Bob & Miriam Lindberg**
May 2 - TBA - **Robert & Judy Machado**
June 6: TBA - **Ron & Donna Andrews Runnels**



PENNSYLVANIA



THE INDEPENDENTS

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Our committee met Feb 18th to discuss plans for 2008. Treasurer **Tom Lyons** read the treasurers report. It was decided to send reminders to those few members who have not paid their dues before we discontinue sending them the local newsletter.

Frank Egges has asked that anyone planning to make a contribution to the Chapel Flight 93 Memorial that the checks be made payable to "CHAPEL 93 MEMORIAL" and mailed to: Frank Egges, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073.

To date, the PHL Independents have contributed \$2000 to Flight 93 Memorial. Flight 93 Memorial Chapel, Shanksville, PA plans to erect a family pavilion in the grove of trees directly behind the Chapel permanent Memorial.

The Independents will continue to make donations as funds become available. However, the cost will be approximately \$10,000, a figure out of our reach at this time. Your continued support would be greatly appreciated at this time.

Treatie Karwoski, Director, Northeast Region attended our March 10, general meeting. We enjoyed seeing her again. We voted for a new format for our committee meetings. We will hold the business meeting before we socialize or eat.

Members are asked to bring items for our military serving in Iraq. No chocolate or anything that will melt. Phone cards are popular as well as goodies that withstand high temperatures and non perishables. President **Joe Brad** has offered to package and mail the items.

Calendar:

April 21 - Committee meeting, 12:30PM at the Edwards

PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS

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Well, time is flying by - only one more newsletter before the '08 Pit Convention and by May, all the

"slippery" roads should be clear.

Our annual Valentine Day luncheon held on Feb. 21st was attended by 40 members and 3 guests. We had a delicious meal and were treated to 3 RUAEA National Officers who spoke to the group and presented their platforms. **Hank Gosselin**, **Bob Hallden** and our official RUAEA photographer **Rich Surma** enjoyed mingling with the Pit Stoppers. Our NE Director **Treatie Karwoski** spoke on the importance of joining the National and passed out ballots for the upcoming RUAEA election.

We also welcomed new members **Jack & Bettye Tinney**, **Charles & Audrey Poppenger Thorn**. It was nice to see **Yvonne Brustein**, hopefully she will be one of our Convention volunteers.

The local chapter meeting was held on Feb. 29th. Plans for the Spring luncheon and Summer Picnic were discussed.

President **Vic Ference** announced that the members had donated \$297.25 to the 911 Shanksville Memorial. The Chapter matched it and a check was sent to the memorial in the amount of \$600.

Our best wishes to **Bettye Mcquiston** who is undergoing dialysis. I am sure she would like to hear from her many friends. Her address is 2101 Maratta Rd, Aliquippa, PA 15001. Phone number (724) 378-3968.

Sorry to report the passing of one of our Pit Mechanics - **Tony "Captain America" Cinna**. Tony retired after 43 years with United. Our condolences to his family. Also, **Leah Svat**, wife of former PIT Maintenance Manager passed away March 1st in Annapolis, MD. Leah and her family moved away from PIT several years ago but kept in contact with their PIT friends, card can be sent to Lois Svat, c/o 18 Poets Circle, Staten Island, NY 10312.

Don't forget to vote and send in your enrollment for the Convention.

Calendar:

April 4 - Spring luncheon - J. W. Halls

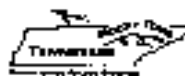
May 18 - 24 - RUAEA Annual Convention - Omni William Penn

July 17 - Annual Picnic - Robinson Park

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We had a good turn out for our breakfast get-together on February 21st. **Joann Swallom** was here

with her daughter and **Jeanne & Al Barkmann** had their great grandson with them as school was unexpectedly cancelled for the day. It was reported that **Cal Anthony** is out of the hospital. The main topic of discussion was the possible merger of several of the Airlines and how that will affect us as UAL retirees. We will be going to Connor Steak & Seafood House for our March 20th meeting and luncheon. Everyone is looking forward to Spring and Summer!

Calendar:

March 20 - Hosts **Jeanne & Al Barkmann** (865-539-0951). Location to be announced.

April 17 - 9:30 AM Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take Exit 374 off I-40/75 toward Kingston Pike for one block.

May 20 - **Note change of date** - this is a Tuesday! Hosts are **Robbie & Joe Corbin** (931-456-2790). Lunch at Beef & Barrel with a 2:30 PM CST matinee performance of Flight of the Lawn Chair Man at the Cumberland Play House.

June 19 - 9:30 AM Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville.

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On March 4, 25 chapter members met at Bountiful's Chuck-A-Rama restaurant for a plentiful lunch. To sweeten the deal, **Betty Davis** brought her usual condiment of "Mrs. Field's" chocolate chip cookies for our revelers to take home. Thanks, Betty!

We missed a few of our regulars, **Doug Peterson**, among them - and we welcomed others who cannot come on a regular basis: **Kaye Nelson** (**Byron Nelson's** widow); **Patty Byrne**; **Frank Kern**; **Grant Beutler**; **Bill Ottman** brought wife **Shirley**; **Keith & Nancy Tronier**; and **Mike Brown**. Mike (a.k.a. "**Kris Kringle**") brought his photo album so that our chapter's "memory book" will include some of his Santa Claus pictures - especially the ones pertaining to United Airlines' last SLC-North Pole "Fantasy Flight" in 2000 that carried 72 children, 34 of them terminally ill, across the SLC Valley. Thank you, Mike!

Treasurer **Bill Ottman** heard from longtime member **Joyce Mark** who paid chapter dues - plus, some extra money for the postage fund. Thanks, Joyce! And yes - we'll correct your address from "Las Vegas, NE" to LAS in NV. It is amazing, though: her mail, in a

roundabout way still reached her - our compliments to the USPS!

Our chapter editor/photographer **Art Scott** and lady-friend Carol came to the meeting; they will be on the go again for her mother's 90th birthday/family reunion in Idaho.

To end on a sad note: **Marjorie Ringer**, former chapter Pres. & widow of **Bob Ringer**, died 2/26/2008. **Tony Brown**, **Sandy Cantonwine** & daughter Judy Anderson, and the **Murdocks** conveyed their deepest sympathy to Marge's daughter Frankie & her husband **Joe Armstead**. Frankie is a current UAL F/A out of SFO, while Joe is a retired UAL captain.

Calendar:

April 1 - Coffee Time 9:30am - Murray Heritage Ctr.

May 6 - Lunch 2pm -Golden Corral, 7200 S. 700 E., SLC;

June 3 - Lunch 2pm - Joy Luck (Chinese food), 550 W. 1350 S., Bountiful.

WASHINGTON

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The political party caucuses in Washington State were well-attended in February and one of our members was prominently featured on the local NBC television affiliate in newscasts following the caucuses. **Evalena Hatcher** was shown on KING-5 TV weekend newscasts and on the Sunday morning show "Upfront," an in-depth news program reporting on citizen participation in caucus activities. Evalena was shown presenting arguments on behalf of her candidate. In Washington, the caucuses took on more importance than the primary elections themselves.

On February 12, we had 59 Slickers at Fairwood Country Club in Renton for our monthly luncheon hosted by **Lyle & Joanna Myers**. We were joined by two new members who signed up with us and who we hope to see often. They are **Tanya Pinard** and **Barb Harper**, both retired from SEARR.

We were pleased to have with us three members who have lost their wives in recent months: **Dave Rip-pentrop**, **Jeff Roberts** and **Ken Wagner**. We acknowledged their significant losses and thanked them for being with us. **Evalena Hatcher**, in her unique, humorous way, presented an update on **Doris Spence's** recovery from her December head injury and subsequent surgery.

Doris has progressed very well, has undergone rehabilitation and may attend a future meeting soon.

Vicki Anderson brought some of her favorite social commentary cartoons dealing with call centers and the problems we all have experienced in attempting to work with them – such as credit card companies, voice recognition systems and personnel based in India. Vicki's examples hit home with us and we enjoyed some good laughs.

Seattle's Museum of Flight has an exhibit of the history of Flight Attendant uniforms, including United's, that is a real travel through time. The exhibit titled "Style in the Aisle" runs through June 2. While at the museum, be sure to visit the Personal Courage Wing concerning World Wars I and II. It's well worth the visit, with many unusual personal stories of heroism.

Since February was Presidents' Month, we recognized the members who served our chapter as presidents over the years. Those who were present at the meeting were **Norm Strange** (who organized and started our chapter and then became our 1st president in 1982), **John Reed, Rita Reynolds, Dick Waterous, Lyle Myers** and **Evalena Hatcher**. We all thanked them for their service to our chapter, and also remembered those who couldn't attend the meeting, as well as those who are no longer with us.

President **John Haferbecker** handed out a quiz on several of our U.S. presidents to give us a fun test of our knowledge of presidential history. Here are two sample questions. The answers are at the end of this column:

1. This man is the 1st president born as a citizen of the United States since he was the first one born after the Declaration of Independence was signed and adopted. The phrase "*It's OK*" came from this man, based on where he was born, in Kinderhook, NY. (He was referred to as "Old Kinderhook.") This 8th president and his wife spoke Dutch at home, a reflection of their Dutch ancestry.
2. While in office, this 18th president was arrested for driving his horse too fast (he was fined \$20). He ate a cucumber soaked in vinegar for breakfast each day. He was a famous army general and lived for a while in Galena, Illinois.

At the conclusion of the presidential quiz, **Bob Brumfield** talked about his relationship with former first lady **Eleanor Roosevelt** that developed when he worked at JFKCS (then IDLCS) handling VIP customers. Bob would meet Mrs. Roosevelt's big gray Packard as she was driven up to the terminal and escort her to the small room where she would wait for her flight. Bob would routinely have a hot pot of tea waiting for her. Mrs. Roosevelt would type correspondence on a portable typewriter and when she was finished, Bob would mail her letters for her. Even though they came to know

each other quite well, they continued to address each other formally; it was always "Mr. Brumfield" and "Mrs. Roosevelt." Eleanor Roosevelt died November 7, 1962 at the age of 78.

We thanked **Gay Liesse** for filling in for **Helen Stanger** at the front table at our meeting. Also **Phyllis Lindblad** volunteered to help with the door prizes and 50/50 raffle and her assistance was appreciated as well. Many nice door prizes were donated plus one special high-value prize was given for which we conducted a special drawing. The special prize was a fine gift set of Washington wine with wine glasses and it was donated by **Kay Johnson**. The door prize winners were **Anita Malco, Eileen Austin, Ruth Strange, Darleen Schroeder, Ken Storey, John Reed, Edna Paulson, Larry Schmick** and **Ralph Vrtacnik**. **Rita Reynolds** won the special prize. The 50/50 winner was **Jim Hafterson**. Our chapter's share of the 50/50 was turned over to the Seattle Travel Desk in support of its very worthwhile activities.

Martha "Marty" Cardell retired from SEACS after 40 years with United. A retirement party was held for her at gate N-9 at Sea-Tac Airport on February 26 and was attended by many employees, retirees and friends. Marty had a long distinguished career, serving in most airport positions, including trainer and supervisor and gained fluency in – and earned degrees in – German and French. She met with members of Congress and worked in Paris for a time, assisting during United's expansion into Europe in the late 1980s. Marty will be missed at United!

The retired SEACS employees were scheduled to meet March 19 at the Black Bear restaurant in Federal Way for their quarterly gathering. **Al Drake** and **Bob Brumfield** are the organizers.

Vera Cook, who kept a low profile during her working years before retiring from SEARR, has been appearing in advertising on local Seattle television for SHAG (Senior Housing Assistance Group) featuring reasonably priced housing for seniors. Vera was usually the first employee to sign in each morning at the start of day shift.

Answers to the quiz: 1) Martin Van Buren and 2) Ulysses S. Grant

Calendar:

April 8 – Meeting, Fairwood Country Club, Renton, WA

May 13 – Meeting, Fairwood Country Club, Renton, WA

June & July – No meetings scheduled

August 12 – Annual Picnic, home of **Jerry & Irene Opperman**, Kent, WA



NEW MEMBERS

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

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Thank You!

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Spouse - **JAZWINSKI, Joan**, on 1/7/08, wife of Henry S. Jazwinski, LGAMM, 7219 SW 115th Ln., Ocala, FL 34476

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LETTERS

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

Ruth Adams, Thomas Barnes, Jeannette Belovic, Sandra Bowen, Karen Brecht, Joyce Calderone, Bob Colpitts, Barry Constantine, Edith Cooper, Paul Dullmann, Sara Fink, Darlene Foster, Robert Frye, Dian Gilmore, Doris Greenwall, Kathleen Heyman, Gary James, Thomas Kishiyama, Betty Loche Koch, Ruth Leck, Marjorie LeClair, Julia Lemke, Janet Lutus, Bobbie Jacobs, Georgia Johnson, Anjelina Martens, Joseph McFarren, Carolyn McGlothlin, Marjorie Michael, Chris Miller, Sherry Muoio, Curt Ryden, John Soja, Birgit Prior, Anne Seibel, Carolyn Smith, Carol Soffel, Irwin Sonsky, Evelyn Terry, Gayle Swanson, Shirley Tlucka, Trish Watt, Mickey Wehman, Dorothy Wolberd, Vicki Wolfe, Delano Wright, Sally Yap, Ronni Bishop, Mary Ann Davis, Frank Eymann, Vivian Fox, John Hinkle, Don Holt, Valerie Jones, Ethel Miyasato, Stan, Murphy, Frank Kittle, Betty Schneider, Betty Smith, Grace Witt.

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.)

Marie Blackwell, 474 Linden Ave., Teaneck, NJ 07666

I am writing this letter to apologize for an error in a letter I had written to the Newsletter in October. I neglected to put my home address on the letter itself and thus, the address that was on the envelope was used, when, in fact, was an envelope from a company that is out of business. So I would appreciate you letting everyone know that I did not move from Teaneck, where I have lived for the past 22 years.

I have been getting e-mails and phone calls asking me when I moved and why. As a member of the Garden Staters, I plan on staying here for a long time. EWR had and still has a great group of hard working people and I would miss them if I left.

We had a wonderful holiday party on Dec. 14th. Thanks to our hard working committee. My group from EWRCS had a full table of retirees.

I would love to hear from any coworkers, now that my address is correct.

Diane Bowen, PO Box 179, Roxbury, PA 17251

Another year has passed and hats off to all of you who work hard to keep us together.

In Loving
Memory

The convention in Pittsburg looks very exciting. I called 3 friends and told them about it. There will be 4 of us attending that have never been to a convention before. We are looking forward to meeting every one.

Vilma Patrick, 1700 Broadway St. # 133, Concord, CA 94520

Another great year, looking forward to great things. My motto is, "It's going to be great in 2008".

I am looking forward to my 80th in February. The best years I have spent, have been in the company of my friends and neighbors in UAL and RUAEA.

Thanks for keeping us informed of all the news.

Clark Luther, 111 Birdsong Way, Hilton Head, SC 29926-1343

Another year has passed so quickly that I must stop counting at 83. Even more remarkable is the fact that I have been retired 23 years. It won't be long and I will have been retired more years than I worked.

2007 was a year of adjustment for Bobbie and me. We settled into our retirement community at The Cypress on Hilton Head Island, SC. The more time we spend here, the more we are convinced that we made the right decision. There are lots of activities to keep us as busy as we want to be, and there is a little time to become bored.

Bobbie's health remains excellent, with just a little elevated cholesterol. I am still recovering from a bad stretch of health problems from about four years ago. But I manage to hold my own.

We visited our daughter and family in Phoenix over Christmas. We were pleased that our daughter and 2 children were able to join us in Minneapolis for a mini family reunion.

We have a granddaughter and grandson that have announced that they will be married in 2008. More great grandchildren will become part of our family tree in 2009. We already have 5 great grandchildren, including a beautiful little Chinese girl and a Vietnamese girl due to be picked up from Vietnam early this year. We heartedly approve of their choices.

All in all, the Lord has been very good to us and our family. We extend best wishes for a great, healthy, and prosperous 2008, to all our friends in RUAEA.

Ole Jensen, 1761 Lake St., San Mateo, CA 94403

I enjoyed a real treat on my 79th birthday last month, when I was seated in 1st class on a 747 on our return from Sydney, Australia to San Francisco. My wife and I were returning from a very wonderful 28 day cruise around the entire country of Australia. As I was being tucked in for a good nights rest, I was thankful for my 38 years with United, and realized how fortunate I am to still have my health and be able to travel.

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

Being of sound mind and inclination (still), I once again beat the red stamp. It has been over 18 years since I pulled the plug at SFOIQ. It certainly doesn't seem that long.

My wife, Nancy, and I are in good health and mobility. We don't know where the time goes, but we always seem to be busy on various projects, exercise, and sports, etc.

I really like the new look and format of the newsletter. You are all doing a fine job.

We were glad to read that **Jo Madden** is doing okay. We didn't know her personally but she made the imprint on the newsletter for a long time and I'm sure that we all appreciate her efforts.

Terry Doppler, 606 Summit Dr., Plainfield, IN 46168

I am finally getting around to saying thanks for the work that is done on the newsletter. It sounds as though things are under control and great improvements are being made.

As many have said, time does fly and it is hard to believe that I have been on the dole for five years.

We are truly enjoying our life and the only complaint I have of retirement is, that you never get a day off!

We have become full time gardeners and are doing some teaching at the local library and working with the Hendricks County Master Gardeners. We help in the community with gardening where needed. It is fun to see your effort in the dirt, come to life in the spring and watch it go through the changes of the seasons.

It is nice to read about people that I have had the pleasure of working with and sweating out a job of getting the big bird in the air again. It was a good ride but given what I know now, if given a choice, I would be digging in the dirt. It is a lot less stress and it can be very rewarding. Thanks to all for the good memories and keep smiling.

George Lund, 1707 N Vassault St. Apt 5-1, Tacoma, WA 98406-2563

I have to thank you for a really great publication. The information about the company and the notices about the industry are very timely and helpful.

It has been 16 years since I retired. I can't be that old! I am as active as ever. I bowl twice a week; play bridge 3-4 times a week and play golf when it is not precipitating, here in the Northwest. That reads, from late April to October.

I still subscribe to the Lyric Opera in Chicago which means 5 trips to Chicago each year. I visit my family in St Louis, MO and Savannah, GA, which also keep me moving. Other than that I don't have much to do.

Jack Ferrell, Jr., PO Box 206, Athens, TN 37371-0206, ferrell@usit.net

It seems like not only do the days get shorter, but the years get shorter also. It has been 18 years since I flew my last flight for United. It seems like just yesterday. What a nice career. I feel so fortunate to have worked and flown for such a great Company.

To top it off, our Tennessee group, the "Rocky Tops" are a really great bunch of people. The sad part is losing some of our members each year. My wife, Sue, and I always look forward to our "Rocky Tops" meetings under the fine leadership of **Herman & Beverly Emmel**.

Thanks to RUAEA for the great job of keeping us all informed and up to date on what is going on at United Airlines.

Dick Malm, 6 Cumberland Ct., Cary, IL 60013

Linda and I are still living in Cary, IL. I had a bad bout with pneumonia last March through April. I ended up in St. Joe's hospital in Elgin, IL for a few weeks and then I had to have quite a bit of rehab.

I had my annual physical in September, with no surprises, yet.

We stayed pretty close to home this past year.

My University of Iowa Hawkeye football team had a bad year. They had many injuries resulting in no bowl invitation. This was the first time in many years.

Linda and I are hoping to head for Southwest Florida to warm up a little! Our grandkids still provide us with more than enough action. We really enjoy being involved with them as they mature.

Some of the "old Flight Dispatchers" still meet for lunch at the "Assembly" in Schaumburg, IL on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1 PM.

I am looking forward to going "up North" again with former Dispatcher, **Bob McKenzie**. We float fish the Red Cedar River, just out of Chetek, WI, for walleye and bass. Bob has been going up North for some time. He made the mistake of asking me if I would like to go with him. That was 3 years ago and he hasn't been able to get rid of me, since.

Keep up the great work of putting out this publication.

Per & Pearl Fjugstad, PO Box 765, Randle, WA 98377, pandp@lewiscounty.com

2007 is fading in a snowstorm, going out almost like it came in. We are still doing stuff related to the big flood in November 2006. We lost over a year's income in that flood.

Per's brother in Norway is sinking deeper into the unknown; we call it Alzheimer's. Other than that we are doing just fine. Per is on his third pacemaker and is doing stuff he probably shouldn't be doing, like running

around on the trike when the temperature is less than 40 degrees.

As many of you know, we have been running a non-profit organization for many years. We started fighting in 1995, the clear-cutting in the National forest, and I will proudly add, we won. After that, we used our 501c3 and worked with and for school kids in need and the food bank and a nursing home here in East Lewis County.

In 2007, we gave all our attention to helping school-kids in Iraq. It was rewarding as well as a lot of fun. We set out to collect small stuffed animals for the GI's to pass out, as they did their patrols in and around schools and hospitals there. We collected over 4300 stuffed animals, which were all given to "Operation Iraqi Children".

This year we are collecting soap and other toiletries for Africa. We are asking you to see if you would like to help us do that!

As you travel in and around the United States and overseas, save the small containers of shampoo, soaps and etc. What you do not use you can send it to us and we will store it here and it will be sent out in August 2008.

Any help would be appreciated.

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C.J. Williamson, 11035 Perry Ct., Westminster, CO 80031-2143

I became a part of United's family when I married a retiree in 1981. It seems so long ago. My husband died 3 years ago. I then moved to Colorado to live with my son.

My membership makes me feel I belong to something.

Tim Joslin Sr. + Cheril (my better half)! Redondo, WA, Timcheriljoslin@yahoo.com

In April, 1962, I had a momentous decision to make. Either take a job as a Peditax operator at the Seattle World's Fair or accept a part-time position with United Airlines in customer service. I chose the ticket agent job. The next 39 years were spent employed by United (except for one year of active duty with the USMC reserves). Although I spent the last 36 years of my career as a pilot, I still have fond memories of the several years in SEACS. There was never a dull moment either, working at the ticket counter, checking in passengers at the departure gate, or meeting incoming flights. Then, during breaks, we would compare stories about problem passengers or good looking flight attendants (stews).

As new hires, in the early 1960's, we were all looking for ways to improve our lot in life, either financially or socially! When it became known that there was a

pilot shortage in the airline industry, several of us decided to take flying lessons. Besides me, **Tom Emerson, John Bare**, and **S.M Timmons** (deceased) from SEACS all got hired as pilots during the mid '60s. **Marv Peterson**, also SEACS, hired on with NWA. His aviation career lasted 35 years. **Clyde Satterfield** and **Dan Gillis**, also fellow ticket agents, spent many years in DENTK as instructors.

One final note: I worked with **Ken Mayne** (deceased) in SEACS. He was a senior passenger agent. His son, Kenny Mayne, has been a well known ESPN sports announcer for quite a few years. Best Wishes to all.

Nancy W Meyer, 770 Pearson St, Unit 804, Des Plaines, IL 60016-9219, nwmever255@aol.com

I must echo what everyone else writes ... I can't believe I've been retired 10 years! Fortunately, our health remains good and we continue to enjoy our flying benefits, primarily to visit family scattered to all 4 corners of the US. But now that I think if it, that's how we used them during the 32 years before retirement too! We are so fortunate and grateful to continue to have these benefits.

I think back to 1966 when we used to have to call reservations, listen to the agent give us load information, pick a city, day & flight, fill out the little form AT LEAST A WEEK in advance and then beg the secretary to get it processed, so the agent in the back entrance of EXO could add it to her stack of tickets to be written. During the holidays, she'd go hide in the Ladies Room to try to get caught up. In those days, I remember thinking, "Wouldn't it be nice if we could just be given an authorized blank ticket, go to the airport, pick a city and WRITE YOUR OWN?" We sure have come a long way ... but I also remember how almost always, we ended up in First Class (and paid nothing). Our sons were in grade school before the first time they experienced Coach ... and not having continual refills of their apple juice, linen table cloth, beef carved from serving cart, no line for the lavatory and etc.

We finally got to our first RUAEA convention in Sacramento, and have Pittsburgh on the calendar. Understand the Cubs are in town that weekend, so may stay for Sunday's game!

Victor Swanson, 38560 Fawn Springs Dr., Palm Desert, CA 92260

Just a note to my friends that I used to work with, that I am hanging in there. I hope to make a trip to Honolulu, where I worked for 16 years.

I enjoy the newsletter very much.



Adam D'Orazio, 5920 Newberry Ct., Zephyrhills, FL 33542

I would like everyone to know, our good friend and co-worker, **Chuck "Dombo" Dombrosky**, passed away December 26, 2007. He was a great golfer, world traveler and always told it like it was. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Marilyn, we share your grief and are here for you, we will keep in touch.

Bill Robinson, 2615 Lone Oak Way, Eugene, OR 97404

I am into my 89th year of maturity and my 28th year of retirement.

I have a problem! Who are these people mentioned in our newsletter? I can't find many familiar names anymore, even in the obituary section!

As a favor, could the editor occasionally run a few old-timer names of current members, in a small corner of the newsletter? It would make me feel more tuned in, if I recognized one or two names and I wouldn't feel as though I was a relic of the forgotten past. My 34+ years of working in YVRRR, PDXRR and EXORS gave me lots of pleasant memories.

The new format of the newsletter is an outstanding success.

Note from the Newsletter Manager: *RUAEA doesn't print the names of our members as Bill is suggesting, but we do encourage contact with those we have associated with. The "Letters" section is an excellent way to make contact. If anyone, who reads this letter, knows or worked with Mr. Robinson, please drop him a line at the above address.*

Matt & Norma Stilman, 91 North Napa Dr., Petaluma, CA 94954

Matt is officially 91 years old and still says he does not do letters. I think he had too many years of good secretaries to spoil him. They still keep in touch and he appreciates them.

Not much travel this year but we had a lot of landmarks. Our 67th wedding anniversary was in December. Matt's birthday was in January. We have been with the Redwood Empire Retirees 20 years and are charter members. We have lived in Petaluma for 21 years.

In spite of canes and medications, we get along with the help of our sons and their families. The sandwich generation really has it bad these days.

Matt is mobile and always in demand as an expert and teacher for our friends and neighbors. We wonder how long this can go on, when we read of so many of the UAL friends being deceased.

We appreciate the news about people and the company. Thanks to all of you generous workers.

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

As we get older, it seems that health issues keep popping up. Hank has had some serious problems, but it has finally leveled off. I had my second knee replaced in September, so I am not totally bionic (2 hips and 2 knees). When I go through the security check point at the airport, the bells really make a lot of noise.

Our Roadrunners group is growing a little each year. I just finished my two year term as Secretary for the group and I am now back to just being a member.

We had planned on going to the conventions this year, but right now things look a little iffy. We will just have to wait and see. The convention sounds like it should be a great one. Keep up the good work with the newsletter as we really look forward to receiving it each month.

J. & Virginia Thompson, 485 Woodside Rd. Apt. #2222, Redwood City, CA 94061

Greetings to all.

We enjoy the newsletter, with the updating of color. We are unable to travel or attend the conventions. But we enjoy reading about all of the other members' experiences and their letter.

Wright will be 94 this month (February), and is doing fairly well. His name is listed as J Thompson on our newsletter, but that is okay as he has 3 other names along with the last name.

Richard "Duke" Kennedy, 1201 Broadway #2314, Millbrae, CA 94030

To all my friends and fellow workers retired from UAL, I appreciate your efforts in behalf of us "Golden Agers". I appreciate the information issued by those in charge.

I have had to tear my wife, Alice, and myself away from 22 years in Hawaii. We now live in an apartment, amidst one of the heaviest travelled pieces of earth, the "San Francisco Bay Area". We are lucky to have a daughter and son-in-law, to ferry us around, along with an old friend and co-worker, **Mike Mewpalo**.

I wish the best of everything, to the mechanics past, present and future.

PS: "The wisdom of the wise is an uncommon degree of common sense".

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

Time for annual dues comes around quickly. I guess it is a sign of getting older. Time flies, but talking about time flying, Mona's Mom moved in with us December 15th. Also we had our 3rd great granddaughter born on the same day. What a contrast in time. My mother-in-law, Ruth Reddie will be 99 years old on May

12th. She is a sharp young lady. Life is great. See you all in PIT.

Jan Kessler, 1535 8th St., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266, solkes@msn.com

I have been retired for 4 years now and enjoy the Newsletter immensely. It is great fun to "once in a while", see a name I recognize and catch up with their lives.

Lately I have really enjoyed the addition of the Clipped Wings news, as many of us once enjoyed flying. Gail Preston is a friend of mine and is a strong supporter of United Airlines. Thanks for including this column from former F/A's. It would also be fun to hear from the retired UA pilot's organization. Thanks to all for the hard work that goes into this publication each month.

Robert Gallaher, 345 Cather Road, Berryville, VA 22611

I would like to express my appreciation to all the staff at RUAEA for the great work they do, keeping us retirees informed.

A special thanks to **Bob Brumfield**, who writes the "Travel tips by Bob". He gives a lot of helpful information and if you do e-mail him with a question, he gets right back to you with an answer.

The newsletter makes you feel that you are still a part of United and it is great to hear about co-workers from the past.

Louis & Lillian Bonetti, 4759 Live Oak Ct., Ocean-side, CA 92056

Louis Bonetti sends a big thank you, to all who work so diligently to keep all retirees informed.

He has a multitude of health problems but as he says, "I am still hanging in there". What else can you expect at 94?

He still loves his car and checks the oil and tires and keeps the car polished. This is in spite of his limitations.

I fell and have a tear in my rotator cuff, plus arthritis. Lou also has arthritis in his hands and knees.

Colin A. Cooke, 12823 Anderson Hill Rd, Clermont, FL 34711, Vectis24@aol.com

I made a trip to the old Kingdom of Cornwall in England, the home of King Arthur, Lady Guinevere, Sir Lancelot, and that crowd. I stayed for a week in the town of St. Ives, where as a single person I was ripped off for \$140 at a hotel that charged me a Single Supplement. And they gave me a single room. What a racket! St. Ives has some old streets built for underfed donkeys. The roads were widened a pinch when horse carriages came along, but not an inch since. Two ways traffic

means that autos can pass only by driving on the sidewalk. I was “nudged” by one of the smiling drivers.

LHR (London Heath Row) now has an even larger shopping mall in the departure lounge. Two years ago, to compete with Scotch and Irish Whiskeys, a U.S. distillery of Bourbon was doing a roaring trade by introducing free samples. Out of the UK you can carry it on. Unfortunately, if you’re flying beyond your arrival point in the U.S., your whiskey, or whatever, will be “confiscated” by TSA, unless you repack it in your suitcase. Its survival is then a gamble. I know a lady that repacked a bottle of red wine and arrived home with a suitcase of purple clothes.

My next trip was to visit a son and family in New York City. Times Square and 42nd is a fascinating place to stand day or night, if you are a visitor, there are buildings with 20 foot video screens to entertain. I passed some huge film studio trailers parked on nearby streets; filming of a street scene was in progress. Once again, I fearfully put a \$20 bill into a subway ticket machine at Grand Central station. Last time, out came 15 one dollar coins featuring that famous lady seeking independence in the 19th century America. This time, it was 15 one dollar coins of Sacajawea. That’s a load for any pocket! In a bolted, barred, and wired garage in a NYC suburb, I saw a car that the owner thought was a valuable treasure; it was silver, gull wing doored, DeLorean auto. Anyone remember it from the 1950’s? After its designer put it in production in Ireland for the U.S. market, he ran out of cash, then sold cocaine to make some money, went to jail and died only a few months ago. I’ve since learned that the car doesn’t have a great resale value. And one more experience from NYC, while walking down 7th Avenue (also known as Fashion Ave), I saw a young lady. She had black “Groucho Marx” eyebrows that were glued on; she wore one green stocking and the other one was bright blue; and like “Groucho”, she had a funny walk. That is life for this old pilgrim.

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

2008 has been a very hectic year for me and it is only February.

My family held a wonderful 80th birthday for me in January.

Since then I have been to a gastroenterologist surgeon, a cancer surgeon, an oncologist, an orthopedic surgeon, a dermatologist and peritonitis. I think I am falling a part. They can’t figure out why I am having pains in my back and side. Sure could use some prayers.

On top of all of this, my dear little 14 yr. old dog, Shultz, has developed a heart murmur and needs medication. Trying to keep track of his pills and my pills, is getting to be quite a chore.

I retired from HDQCU 18 years ago, but it seems just like yesterday. I miss all of my former co-workers.

Thank you so much for your dedication and hard work. I truly enjoy the Newsletter.

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

Thanks to all of you for keeping me informed about what is still going on at United.

Thanks too, for all of the valuable information about pensions, health care, and changes to the travel privileges that we should be aware of.

As a widow of a UAL retiree, it is my only means of staying in touch.

Jim Sommerfied, 616 E. Sherwood Lane, Schaumburg, Illinois 60193

It is hard to believe but yet another year has passed and it’s time to renew my RUAEA membership. I’d like to express a special thanks to Jo Madden for all the past years she volunteered as the Editor of the Newsletter. Also a hearty thanks to the RUAEA Denver Office Managers, their Staff, & Secretaries, along with the RUAEA Executive Board, Regional Directors, and Website Managers for their fine efforts, throughout the year.

We are fortunate indeed to belong to such a fine organization with so many devoted people. A special thanks also to my local chapter the Chicago Skyliners for our monthly breakfast gatherings, and quarterly banquets and activities.

I am looking forward to the convention in Pittsburgh. The convention committee has done an outstanding job and should be commended. There are many numerous tours, activities, and banquets available for us to take advantage of.

I also enjoy using the RUAEA Website and being able to receive timely news, the online newsletter, and to take full advantage of all the useful financial, medical, travel, and corporate information that is available to us at the touch of a finger.

Keep up the good work.

Lyn Kerns, 1655 West St., Hayward, CA 94545

We haven’t done any flying anywhere lately. Last summer we took a driving trip up north, northern CA, OR & WA. We visited friends and relatives we haven’t seen for quite a while. We spent three weeks enjoying a lot of beautiful scenery that was new to us.

This April, I will have been retired for sixteen years. Those years have gone by so fast! (My seniority date is 1952.)

Keep doing what you are so good at! We look for familiar names each month, as I’m sure everyone else seems to do.

Pat Conrad, 21011 W. Torey Pines Ct., Plainfield, IL 60544-5619, oconradp@sbcglobal.net

Thanks to all the news staff and officers for the great job they are doing in getting the news out to all of us.

I also would like to mention the passing of a good friend and co-worker, **Carolyn Love**. She did not retire from UAL. She left to pursue another career with her husband, Jim. They owned a resort in Minnesota and an A&W restaurant in downstate Illinois, at one time. She worked in EXOMA in the 50's and 60's at Midway and Elk Grove Village as a key punch operator. She passed away on 2/18/08 from cancer. A memorial service was held on 3/16/08 in Texas. They lived in Marcell, MN and spent the winters in Camp Wood, TX. Jim returned to Minnesota on 3/24/08. I am sure that there are some of you out there that would remember her and her infectious laugh. She will be missed.

Paul Steuri, 17112 Chalet Dr. Bellevue, NE 68123

The year 2007 was not a good one for me. I lost my wife, Humby, on January 13th, after 53 years of marriage.

I had both knees replaced, and both are doing well.

I will not be able to attend the 2008 convention.

I celebrated my 86th birthday on February 9th. I received a lot of nice cards and letters.

Keep up the good work. God bless all of you.

Joseph Butera, 1719 Fernwood Way, Belmont, CA 94002-3636

I don't need a reminder to alert me that March is my birthday month. I have plenty of friends to do that. "How old did you say you will be?" Eighty eight, Wow!

Listen up. It has been a wonderful ride. Where else could a person meet such wonderful people? I can still hear that old refrain, "Joe Butera, line office, rush!"

Harold (Hal) Dryden, 91 W. Clover St., Woodland, CA 95095, drydenhl@charter.net

Celebrating or should I say "marking" my 92nd birthday. So many of my UA colleagues' names have been seen on the Obit lists. That hurts and I can't help but wonder when my name will be posted and noted by only a few yet still surviving.

I am counting my blessing, nonetheless. I still have my bride of 60 years and both of us are still enjoying relatively good health.

I read the Newsletter from beginning to end. I long to see familiar names but alas, not many.

I want to say "hello" to **Aubrey Bliss, Harold Condon, Guy Ackley and Ty Knighten**. I say to **Jo Madden**, all the best.

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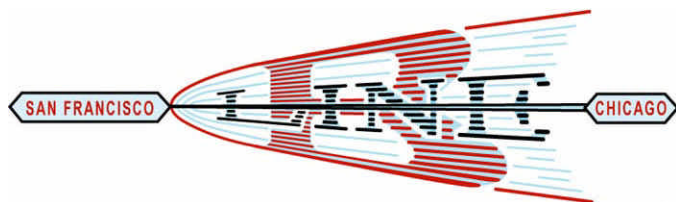
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By 1931, the Post Office Dept. authorized 2 round-trip flights a day over the Chicago - San Francisco route.

One flight was flown with Boeing 80A tri-motored aircraft. Although designed for 18 passengers, weight restrictions imposed by the volume of air-mail limited the number of passengers to 8 on the Chicago - Salt Lake City leg and to 12 on the Salt Lake City - San Francisco leg. The mail loads westbound were lightened and loads eastbound were increased at Salt Lake City, where "feeder lines" connected with the transcontinental route.

The second daily flight was flown with single-engine Boeing 40Bs and 95 mail-planes. Both the tri-motors and the single-engined planes were alternated at the Cheyenne maintenance base, the operating headquarters of BAT.

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The doctors believed that exercise was a cure for this "air-staleness" and found that the majority of BAT pilots preferred to play golf for exercise. It was not uncommon to see a pilot carrying his golf clubs onboard his flight.

By Marvin Berryman, DENTK (Ret.) - I've redrawn "BeeLine" logo; the colors are my "best-guess". This logo was chosen from submissions by BAT employees. The 1931 Boeing Air Transport, Inc. schedule and the text are excerpted from the June, 1931 issue of *Aviation* magazine - Denver Public Library collection.

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