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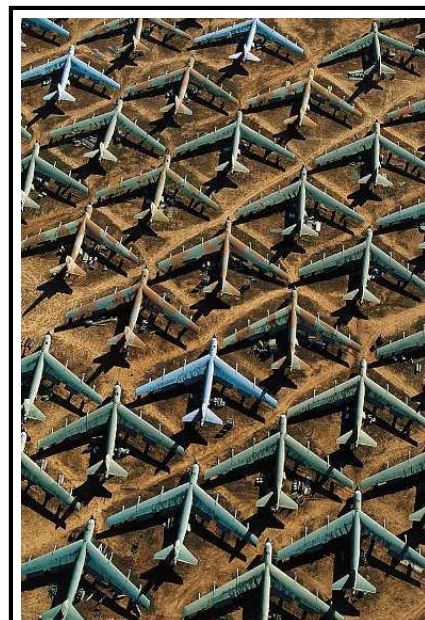


***Hurry, Hurry, Hurry
RUAEA Members!***

***May 17 - 24, 2009
RUAEA Convention,
Phoenix, Arizona***

Come join us at the RUAEA National Convention!

Where: "Valley of the Sun" - Phoenix, Arizona
When: May 17 - 24, 2009
Location: Hyatt Regency Phoenix
122 North 2nd Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85004
Phone: (602) 252-1234



Davis-Monthan B-52 "Bone Yard"

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the "Valley of the Sun." Pack up your light summer clothing, those comfy walking shoes or sandals, your sun hats and sunglasses and you are ready to **discover the Wonders of Arizona**. Once you arrive in Arizona, RUAEA's Board will be waiting to welcome you. Greeters will be at the airport to get you to your transportation to the hotel. A ride on Phoenix's new, shiny light rail system costs **just 60 cents** for seniors from the airport. A shuttle bus will take you to Washington Street Station to pick up the train and it stops just 1½ blocks from the hotel. It should be a very manageable journey for those using light luggage on wheels.

Upon arrival at the Hyatt, take the escalator to the **Second Floor** where you will find the **Registration Desk**. If you have not registered as yet, **NOW is the time**. Complete your registration forms and do not forget to include your **\$7.00 per person registration fee**. This must be paid whether you are attending the entire convention or just one dinner. Hotel reservations can be made by calling the Phoenix Hyatt directly at 1-602-252-1234.

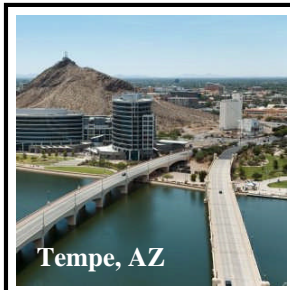
Phoenix's new slogan: "**PHOENIX - Arizona's Urban Heart**" depicts Phoenix as an urban center offering a great cosmopolitan experience. New restaurants, new activities and cultural events, great museums and wonderful nightly entertainment will certainly show you that Phoenix is the heartbeat of Arizona.

Now, imagine yourself relaxing on vacation with RUAEA friends and family, leisurely taking tours, going on shopping trips or just sitting with a nice cool iced cappuccino or a tangy, frosty margarita. Or enjoy a stroll around the Arts & Crafts Auction, displaying some very fine masterpieces made by our very own RUAEA members.

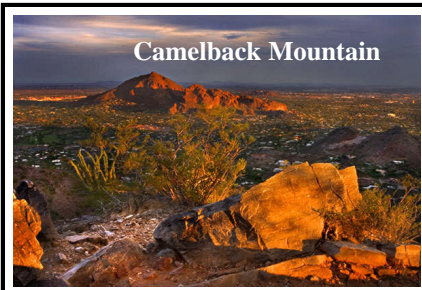
If you have a talent, please share it with us and donate your work of art to the auction. Please contact **Jim Fauber**, Chairman of the Arts & Craft Raffle at fauberjimbo@aol.com, to have your masterpiece displayed. All donations should be sent to Jim at 10520 E. Sunnysdale Drive, Sun Lakes, Arizona 85248-9235.

So, do not hesitate. Time is running out and we want to see you in Arizona in May. **REGISTER NOW!**

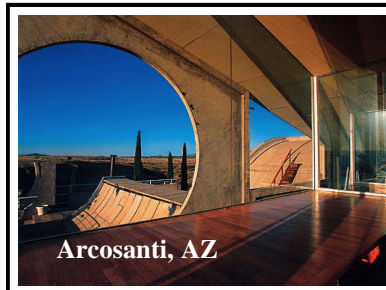
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Tempe, AZ



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GENERAL NEWS

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Convention Questionnaire



Our Site Selection Committee is in the planning stages for Convention venues beyond 2012 and would like your input. There has been some interest by our members to have a Convention aboard a cruise ship. This would be a 7 day cruise that included the normal Convention Business. Your cost would be the cruise and any shore excursions you wish to take. Lodging, food and entertainment would be included in the cruise fare. Again, this is in the planning stage and we would like your input. Please email me or send me your thoughts.

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The Writers Column by Rick Broome, 2809 Old Broadmoor Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80906

A few minutes ago at 06:33 Local, I saw a big contrail headed our way from the east. The sun has not risen yet, however the contrail was brilliantly illuminated and appeared to glow of silver and frost. I have big binoculars in the studio, grabbed them quickly, and made a dash into our backyard for a closer inspection. Indeed my suspicions were correct. It was a beautiful Boeing 747-422 with United livery. Even in the darkness of this morning, there is a glow on the horizon. I could make out all the distinctive features of the beautiful Boeing.



She flew right over our home. A moment later, the soft whine of her turbines hinted at less than standard cruise power. And yet she moved swiftly through the predawn sky.

I followed the mighty Boeing until she disappeared behind Cheyenne Mountain. Then I ran inside the studio and checked my local radar, got the IFR tag and toggled in the right numbers. Sadly, the mighty Boeing was not a nonstop from ORD to HNL. Sadly, the beautiful Boeing was on her way to Victorville. To be taken out of service and parked along with many of her sisters. Maybe forever.

Let's hope the Sky gods are good to her and a new day will dawn as this one is beginning to do here in COS. Maybe I AM an eternal optimist and hope she will fly again. Because I know that she has many more flying years left in her beautiful body and soul.

She was a mighty member of our once proud and Friendly Skies. She is not a victim of becoming obsolete. She is sadly a victim of poor planning and obsolete leadership. A victim of a liberal media who has no idea what flying contributes to society. A victim of all the criminals whose pockets are lined with our hard earned cash.

There is no doubt that I will always remember the final glimpse I had of this Queen of the Fleet as she disappeared over the mountains. Because it was clear to me that she winked her tail lights at me. Then she was gone. **Westbound and down ...** www.rickbroome.com

Life Insurance Benefits

There may be life insurance benefits for retirees that worked under the Mechanics Agreement. During the bankruptcy health/medical care negotiations, there were some groups that elected to opt out of forfeiting life insurance for a reduction in health care. The Mechanics Union (AMFA) was one that kept the life insurance provisions. Also those mechanics that contributed to life insurance benefits prior to retirement may be entitled to some coverage.

To find out what coverage is available, call the UAL BENEFITS CENTER at **1-800-482-5236** and request a copy of the **STATEMENT OF LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE**.

Virgil Gooselaw

Chicago Travel Desk Reminder

Carol Faust would like to remind all that the Chicago Travel Desk is the only one that offers Saturday hours. If the volume of calls on Saturdays does not increase, Saturday staffing will be eliminated. The Chicago Travel Desk number is 1-877-242-0035 and the Saturday hours are from 9AM to 1PM CST. The operating hours for the rest of the week remains the same.

RUAEA Website Managers

RUAEA Website Managers **Jim Sommerfield** and **Ed Majewski**'s contact information (phone number and email address) are listed in the Contact Page of the Newsletter (back side of the last page). Jim & Ed are the main interface to our Webmaster (Spectrum). If you experience any problem using the website or if you have any comments, questions, suggestions, etc., please contact them.

United Bolsters Its Service to Australia

With the introduction of United International Premium Travel Experience on all flights to Australia - from Los Angeles (LAX) and San Francisco (SFO) – United's first and business class customers traveling "Down Under" now enjoy a more comfortable and relaxing flight on United's B747.

The new, international lie-flat first and business class seats provide customers with the optimal space to work, sleep or relax while traveling between the U.S. and Australia.

"The multi-million dollar investments we are making in our international aircraft provide our customers with a more comfortable and relaxing way to fly," says Dennis Cary, SVP and Chief Customer Officer. *"Australia is a pivotal part of United's network, and we look forward to building on our 23 years of serving this market with competitive fares, an unmatched frequent flier program and a new level of both first and business class service."*

The U.S. and Australia route will be increasingly competitive, as Virgin Group start-up V Australia this month joins Virgin Blue and Qantas in offering service to Australia. V Australia began daily flights between Sydney and Los Angeles on February 28, three months later than originally planned because of aircraft delays. It will begin three flights a week between Brisbane and LAX on April 8. In July, Delta also is expected to enter the market.

Through its hubs in SFO and LAX; United offers Australia customers more destinations across the U.S. than any other airline. United and United Express has 185 daily departures to 57 destinations; that's 67 more departures to 25 more destinations than American, the next-largest carrier at LAX. Delta offers flights to fewer than half as many nonstop destinations.

From Sydney, United's codeshare agreements with Virgin Blue and Air New Zealand enable its customers to connect to 11 cities in Australia and New Zealand; from Melbourne, customers can connect to four cities.

Flight of the Oscars

A Hollywood icon - the Oscar statuette - was one of United's important cargo customers last week: United flew nine packages of the gold, 13.5-inch-tall awards on UA Flights 109 and 121 between Chicago O'Hare (ORD) to Los Angeles (LAX).

United ORD freight facility team handled the 428-pound Oscar shipments using United Cargo's small package delivery (SPD) service - its most reliable, fastest premium cargo service. As with any award winning-performance, United would like to acknowledge those who made this possible. At O'Hare, this includes Lisa Cole, customer service specialist; Bob Chance, cargo expeditor; Chris Kriz, planeside resource supervisor; Kristen Gerulis, cargo supervisor; Jackie Denofrio, cargo manager; and the Swissport team; and at LAX, Adam Cooper, cargo operating manager.

United is the official airline of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, which sponsors the annual Oscars ceremony. The 2009 Oscars event took place on February 22.

British Airways Now Offering Enhanced Travel Privileges to United Employees and Retirees

Effective February 24th, United employees, travel eligibles and retirees will have access to Zonal Employee Discount fares (ZED) for economy pleasure travel on British Airways (BA) and any BA-operated CityFlyer, Sun-Air and Comair Flights.

As British Airways is the United Kingdom's largest international scheduled airline, this agreement significantly expands the number of destinations available for pleasure travel.

"We are pleased to announce this significant addition to the offline travel program," says Peter Hammer, managing director Worldwide Sales. "Our employees around the world have asked for this and, with the inclusion of British Airways and selected affiliate carriers, the agreement adds a number of geographies and destinations to our rapidly growing pleasure travel portfolio."

Over the past 12 months, United's pleasure travel program for employees has doubled in size. ZED pricing is designed to simplify and significantly reduce the cost of non-revenue, space-available interline pleasure travel. ZED fares are offered through an interline fare program used by many carriers worldwide for space-available travel, replacing industry discount (ID) 90/95 fares for interline travel on specific carriers.

For more information about all elements of United's travel privilege program, including new and existing agreements with other worldwide carriers, visit the Interline Travel Privilege page in SkyNet's Travel Section and click on *Individual Carrier Agreements*.

Credit & Debit Cards Accepted for Inflight Purchases Beginning in March

United made the search for exact change a thing of the past on March 23, when customers were able to use credit and debit cards for onboard purchases.

After a brief transition period through the spring break holidays, United phased out cash and only accept credit and debit cards on flights within the United States (including Hawaii) and on flights to and from Canada, Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean. United will continue to accept cash in addition to credit and debit cards on flights to and from Europe, Asia, the Middle East and South America. The change does not apply to United Express flights, where cash will continue to be the accepted form of payment.

"Our customers have responded very positively over the past year as we tested credit and debit card purchases on many of our flights, including transcontinental routes," says Alex Marren, SVP- Onboard Service.

Customers, as well as employees/retirees traveling non-revenue space-available or positive-space, will be able to take advantage of EasyPurchase using major credit cards, including Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, and Diners Club, and debit cards bearing the Visa or MasterCard logos.

In addition, users of Mileage Plus Visa cards from Chase - including employees -- will earn 10 miles for every dollar spent on inflight purchases. Travelers who apply and are approved for a Chase Mileage Plus Visa card using the exclusive onboard application will earn 30,000 Mileage Plus bonus miles and receive 25 dollars off their next United ticket, after their first purchase.

The Battle for Australia

“Australia is part of United’s DNA,” says Mark Schwab, VP-Pacific, in an interview with “The Australian,” the country’s national newspaper, on the eve of greater competition beginning in the Australian market. Recently, Virgin Group start-up V Australia launches service from the land “Down Under,” while Delta is preparing to enter the market later this year.

Mark says United will use its experience in the highly competitive U.S. aviation market to battle new competitors across the Pacific.

“We know how to hold our own, and we’re certainly going to fight for our position in the Australian market,” says Mark. He points to United’s customer-pleasing reconfigured premium cabins offering First Suites and lie-flat business seats, in addition to a superior route network, with United’s hubs in Los Angeles and San Francisco offering more daily service to more destinations across the U.S. and North America than its competitors.

The rallying cry to win Australia is echoing throughout United’s operation.

“This is a call to arms, and we’re fired up,” says Jack Paluska, SOC manager at our LAX hub. *“We can’t understate the importance of our team performance in this market. Together, we can beat the Virgin Australia competition through service excellence.”*

Cross-divisional teams are working more diligently than ever to ensure top-notch performance, with a focus ranging from on-time performance and improved cabin condition to superior onboard service.

In upcoming NewsReals, United will feature more about its “Win Australia” initiative to rally employees and help the company enhance its presence in the Australian market. To see Mark’s recent interview in “The Australian,” visit SkyNet for a link to the story.

With Dignity and Honor

First officer Charles Schweiss, Jr., a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force, tells United about the outstanding service and dignity that the company provided for the final journey of USAF Captain Levi Torkelson, who was deployed three times in the Middle East, awarded a Bronze Star for heroic actions in Iraq and later served as an instructor at the Air Force Academy. Levi, who was killed in a car accident, received full military honors as his body was returned to Denver.

“Levi’s parents delayed the funeral service and burial until his brother, who was driving the car at the time of the accident, recovered from his severe injuries. The family had Levi flown into Denver on February 4, 2009. Five officers and I were selected as the military honor guard detail. As a DCA B777 First Officer for our airline and fellow Air Force officer, I wanted to ensure all went well for Levi’s return to the Air Force Academy.”

“Denver Regional Flight Office First Officer Dave Giles alerted all parties of Levi’s flight, and to fine tune Levi’s arrival, I spoke with Bill Kennedy, Southwest Region domicile business manager, and Captain Bebe O’Neil. We wanted to ensure Levi’s arrival and transfer received the dignity he deserved.”

“Our honor guard detail drove from the Air Force Academy in a van and received police escort on the airfield. As we approached gate B-21, I was overcome with pride at what I witnessed. A cast of many waited for the arrival of Flight 369. First Officer Matt Spenks took the lead that morning, and everyone from baggage handlers to managers was ready.”

“I take great pride in serving our country. I also take great pride in knowing Team United recognizes the service of our women and men in the United States military. And I take great pride in knowing I am part of a great airline. Please recognize the efforts of all our United Airlines employees who honored Captain Levi Torkelson.”

See SkyNet to read First Officer Schweiss’ entire letter.

Making Children Bear-y Happy in Denver and Washington, D.C.

United employees’ visits and deliveries of the “*Maye I. Hugyou*” teddy bears continued to delight and brighten the day of hundreds of children battling cancer at hospitals in Denver and Washington, D.C.

Recently, Denver employees - including pilots, flight attendants, customer service representatives and ramp service employees - met with more than 100 young patients on four floors of The Children’s Hospital of Colorado, bringing bears and well-wishes cards, written by our colleagues from across the system.

Volunteers from Washington Reagan and Washington Dulles met with children in the Cancer Clinic, Intensive Care Unit and Transplant Unit at Georgetown University Hospital. The volunteers spent time talking with the children about their favorite things - like sports, what they like to study in school, and favorite foods - to name a few.

United continued the visits in Los Angeles and San Francisco, presenting young cancer patients with teddy bears and cards. United teamed up with the American Cancer Society to bring smiles to children undergoing cancer treatment. Mileage and monetary contributions enabled us to send plush Maye I. Hugyou teddy bears to children with cancer.

If you want to see how United's volunteers are making a big difference in the days of so many children, click on the "Making Children Bear-y Happy" banner on SkyNet's homepage to view the photo gallery.

Ask The Doctor – **SIS – What Is It? What To Do About It?**

SIS – One of the most difficult issues a medical provider confronts. It stands in the way of good health, minimal medical involvement, and longevity. It keeps hospital ERs busy, doctors' office full, medical equipment suppliers busy, and drug companies wealthy. If we could eliminate SIS, we would need little or no medication, little or no visits to the ER, and fewer visits to the doctor.

SIS – Self Induced Stress. It is the combination of all the bad lifestyle choices we have made and/or continue to make each day. We need to address this problem and we need to do it NOW! We need to CHANGE to eliminate or reduce SIS! Here are the major SIS lifestyle choices we need to eliminate or reduce NOW!

SMOKING: The one single SIS that has accounted for almost all the premature deaths from lung cancer and chronic lung disease. It is the one SINGLE most important SIS that accounts for excessive upper and lower respiratory disorders that fills ERs and Urgent Care facilities in the winter months. ELIMINATE this SIS and the world would be infinitely healthier in as little as two years!

ALCOHOL: The one SIS that is the MOST important cause of drug abuse in the country and perhaps the world. No, cocaine and meth and marijuana and heroin are NOT the leading cause of drug abuse. ALCOHOL, by far, accounts for more deaths, excessive absenteeism from work, divorces, mental illness, serious medical conditions, loss of jobs, and almost every other major societal problem in the country. If we intervene, evaluate, and treat alcoholism, we will save millions of dollars in health care costs each year.

OBESITY: Fast becoming, if not already, a major medical issue not only for adults but for our children and even grandchildren. The availability of cheap fast food on almost every corner in our towns and cities has contributed significantly to this medical condition and has created an "epidemic" of monumental significance. "TV Dinners" are a very attractive way to feed our families for dinner – fast, minimal preparation – perfect for families with two working parents. BUT, high in fat and salt. The outcome is obvious – weight gain for ALL. The answer is simple – eat responsibly!

SLOTH: Another phrase is COUCH POTATO. We have remote controls to operate our widescreen plasma or LCD home entertainment centers. We have hundreds of channels to choose from on cable or dish networks. We surf the net. We sit for hours playing video games. Worse, our children and grand children DO THE SAME THING! We WATCH sports instead of playing them. We don't even walk up one flight of stairs in a mall or office building! We search and search for a parking space close to the main entrance rather than parking farther away and walking to our destination! The solution – walk about 4 miles a week as a leisurely pace, if you are medically able.

ISOLATION: It's much easier to send E-mails, TXT messages, or chat over YouTube or MySpace or webcams than it is to actually have a face-to-face interaction with our friends. We no longer need to have actual human contact to buy or sell items or interest to us. We confine ourselves to our own "space" and stare at a monitor screen. Have a healthy breakfast or a cup of coffee with a friend rather than sending an E-mail!

Addressing just these few examples of SIS will increase our state of health, alleviate much of our daily aches and pains, protect our body's vital organs (think heart, kidney, liver, brain), increase our vitality, minimize our periods of depression, and give us a real chance of greater longevity so we can enjoy our children and grandchildren more than ever. We can spend our income on travel, materiel needs for ourselves, and entertainment for ourselves and our families, and NOT on drugs, hospital and doctor bills, and caregivers. In other words, we will have a much greater chance of a long, healthy, and rewarding life. GO FOR IT!

RUAEA Membership Dues Increase
(Please Note that this policy is not effective until JUNE 1, 2009)

RUAEA, like any other organization that provides a service to its membership has to weigh the expense of providing the service relative to its income. Our source of income is primarily from membership dues and a nominal amount of income from savings accounts. Another source is from contributions, of which we are grateful. In view of the fact that our costs have gradually increased over the last ten years (since our last dues increase) we feel it necessary to make an adjustment. At our last Board of Directors meeting, an increase in dues was recommended. The recommendation was weighed and after due consideration the board approved a nominal increase. In addition to the increase, a multi-years' choice (***at a discount***) was also approved, for a limited period of time, and an option to receive both the web/internet and paper versions. The new dues structure (**effective June 1, 2009**) is as follows:

Domestic Members:

- * One year - \$25.00
- * Two years - \$45.00
- * Three years - \$60.00

Domestic and Foreign Regular members can receive the monthly RUAEA newsletter either via the U.S. mail or the Internet (*usually available 3 weeks ahead of the mailed edition*). If you would like to have both Internet and US mail, you can get it for an additional \$5.00 per year. **NOTE:** The option of both paper and Internet is not available for Life Members. You can have one but not both.

Canadian Members:

- ☞ One year - \$45.00
- ☞ Two years - \$85.00
- ☞ Three years - \$105.00

Foreign Members:

- ✈ One year - \$50.00
- ✈ Two years - \$95.00
- ✈ Three years - \$120.00

Regular Members from Canada or Foreign locations may receive their Newsletter by the internet only at the Domestic yearly rates. **NOTE:** Once this option is selected, you cannot revert back to the paper Newsletter until the membership expiration date.

NOTE: The two and three year options listed above will be available for one time only beginning **June 1, 2009** and ending **June 1, 2010**. After that, the dues structure will revert to one year increments.

Thank you for your understanding and continued commitment to RUAEA.

RUAEA Board of Directors

Travel Tips By Bob

Bob is on vacation this month and will be back with another edition of the "*Travel Tips By Bob*" next month.

Proposed Amendments to By-Laws

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

The explanation for the proposed changes are shown in "*italics*" and the amended By-law shown below. As stated in the By-laws Article XII, amendment of these By-laws must be publicized in the Newsletter at least thirty (30) days prior to voting by the membership at the Annual Meeting. All members present at the Annual Meeting in Phoenix, AZ on Saturday, May 23rd, 2009 will vote on these changes.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

This amendment combines and incorporates Section 3 into Section 1 and eliminates the wording pertaining to Associate Members. After approval, Associate Members become Regular Members.

Section 1 - Regular Members

All former employees of United Airlines who have reached retirement age are eligible to become members of RUAEA. Spouses of retirees may become a regular member. All may do so by making application and

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

ARTICLE IV - DUES

This amendment removes the words "and Associates".

Dues shall be payable by Regular Members 12 calendar months from the date, dues were last received. Dues amount shall be established by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

This amendment states the appointed staff will be members of the Board of Directors

Section 1 - Board of Directors

The control of the affairs of this Association shall be vested in a Board of Directors consisting of all Officers, Directors and Staff listed in this Article VII of the By Laws, whether elected, appointed or selected. A majority of the Board members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

This amendment adds the Chair Person of the Site Selection Committee to the Board of Directors

Section 16 - Chair Person of the Site Selection Committee (Appointed)

The person responsible for guiding the Site Selection Committee and establishing the criteria for which it functions in the planning and selection of convention sites. Oversees the site selection process and is responsible for negotiating site contracts. This person is appointed by the President with advice and consent of the Board. He/she will report to the Vice President of Conventions.

ARTICLE XI - ALLIANCES

This amendment removes (Section 16 United Airlines Historical Foundation) from Article VII and places it in Article XI Section 1. Additionally the wording of Section 1 is amended to clarify Board Status and responsibility for expenses

Section 1 - United Airlines Historical Foundation

The United Airlines Historical Foundation will be independent of RUAEA. The purpose of the UAHF is dedicated to: "Preserving the Past, Inspiring the Future", provide scholarships and maintain a collection of historical memorabilia. The President of UAHF is invited to sit on the RUAEA Board of Directors for the purpose of fostering communication and cooperation. The President of the UAHF is a non voting member and attends the board meetings without expense to RUAEA. Exceptions to this section may be made by the President of RUAEA with the concurrence of the Board of Directors.

This amendment rennumbers (Dissolution of RUAEA) to Article XII and (Amendment of these By-Laws) is renumbered to Article XIII.

ARTICLE XII - DISSOLUTION OF RUAEA

ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENT OF THESE BY-LAWS

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter


All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on the 7th of the month. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column, obituary listings (**Note:** *Rules for submitting an obituary notice is listed in the Obits section of this Newsletter*), 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** for the chapter report, if it is submitted by email and received by 4PM in the Denver, CO office.*

Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to ruaea@qwestoffice.net or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. 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!

Chapter Correspondents: If you have not received a copy of the Newsletter guidelines (dated 6/2008) and the minutes of the Correspondents' meeting from the RUAEA 2008 Convention in Pittsburgh, please contact us and we will send you a copy. Also, we would appreciate it, if you would provide any newly appointed Chapter Correspondent, a copy of the Newsletter Guidelines (they can also contact us for this).

Please note that all submitted articles are subject to editing and approval by the Newsletter Manager. Once they are published in the RUAEA Newsletter they become the property of RUAEA. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the Newsletter.

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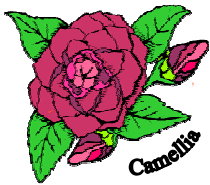
Attention All Golfers

***The 2009 UARGC Golf Invitational will
be held in Mesquite, NV from
May 4th to May 8th.***

**If you are interested, contact Frank
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LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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Much excitement was generated from our February RUAEA meeting at the Holiday Inn in Birmingham. Our group requested that future meetings be spread around the State, covering as much area as possible so that our members will have opportunity to acquaint us with all the great areas Alabama has to offer.

President **Herb Wilbanks** came up with two more great door prizes – a B777 T-shirt from the Boeing factory in Seattle and a beautiful canister of Valentine candy. **Herb & Carol** are adding new members almost daily and we're even planning meetings through December. What a great way to start the year. If any of you know UA retirees, please contact them and have them email or call Herb (carolwilla@aol.com, (205) 681-0236) or Donna Gooch (contact above).

Hopefully we will have representatives attending the RUAEA convention in Phoenix in May.

We're also looking at plans to assist the many charitable causes around the State.

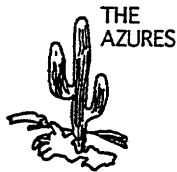
Our next meeting is planned for Monday, March 9th at the Bright Star Restaurant in Bessemer, Alabama, one of the oldest restaurants in State and one that offers great food.

We will be posting a calendar of upcoming meetings in our next newsletter.

ARIZONA

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February 7 was our luncheon and White Elephant sale at Pebblecreek Tuscany Clubhouse in the Chianti Room. As usual, we had a great time with the “surprise” packages ... some to return, unfortunately, for next year's fund raiser. According to our Treasurer **Laura Ehas**, we made over \$250.00 for the chapter. We had 52 members attend.

March 3's breakfast group had 15 members in attendance plus two “visitors”, **Don & Mary Toeppen**, back from Huntley, IL. They will be returning to Huntley for more medical appointments for Mary and will come back to Arizona in May. **Jim Bechtold** advised that he is scheduled to have right knee replacement surgery on March 6. We will keep Mary and Jim in our prayers.

On March 17, the Azures returned to Turf Paradise Race Track for a “corned beef and cabbage” luncheon. We have confirmed 33 attendees. The track will dedicate a race to the Azures. Good luck to everyone. We hope the Azures will also have a good “showing” at the All-Arizona luncheon in Eloy, AZ.

Don't forget the annual RUAEA Convention, May 17-24. Get your registrations for hotel, dinners and tours in early. We hope that, with all the transportation information and interesting tours, there will be a big turnout for the convention in “The Valley Of The Sun”. The convention committee has been working hard to make this a successful event, but still need volunteers. Please contact me and I will be glad to submit your name. We need everyone's help.

If any member wants me to make “special mention” about a birthday, illness, anniversary, birth(?), etc. in this newsletter, please e-mail me with the information and I will be glad to make a note of it.

I will be retiring as the Azures' Correspondent effective May, 2009 and will turn over my duties to **Sherry Muoio** who volunteered to write the newsletter again after a two-year break. I will be taking over the

assignment of Vice President with duties mostly of finding and arranging for restaurants and banquet facilities for our monthly luncheons. **Eldon Hostetter** will be our President and **Sally Illingsworth** has said she will be the Treasurer if no one else volunteers. Thanks to Dave and Laura for your dedication to the Chapter.

Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings, 08:00AM, 98th and Bell Roads

April 4 - Luke A.F.B luncheon cookout

April 7 - Breakfast meeting

April 21 - Breakfast meeting

Break for the summer! New Board Members take over 2009-2011.



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Easter greetings to all of you! We have been enjoying beautiful weather here in Arizona and more to continue.

We're all looking forward to our RUAEA National Convention here in Phoenix, May 17 – 24, and meeting our RUAEA friends in "The Valley of the Sun". The complete schedule, tour descriptions, menu, Hyatt Regency Hotel information, and Convention registration form are in the February RUAEA Newsletter. Be sure to get your reservation in right away. The Hotel registration cut-off date is April 24, 2009 and the Convention Registration cut-off date is May 1, 2009. Mail your completed Registration form and check to: Phoenix RUAEA Convention 2009, c/o **Fred Rockenhauser**, 2609 Leisure World, Mesa, AZ 85206. His e-mail address is farual@cox.net.

The RUAEA Official Ballot for Directors is in the March issue. Be sure and vote. Ballots must be received by the Audit Committee by May 1, 2009.

Our February 11th Luncheon at Rosati's in Chandler was hosted by **Ron & Donna Pedone**. We had a very good turn-out. Election of Officers was held, with the following results: President - **Jim Brigante**, Vice President - **Peg Homfeldt**, Secretary, **Liz Tollefsen**, and Treasurer - **Jim Zarek**. Everyone is looking forward to another good year!

It was reported that **Jo Eson**, a former member, passed away February 9th in Greeley, Colorado. Our sympathy to her husband, **Ed**.

Our annual picnic is Thursday, April 9th at the Crescent Run Adult Community building at 8500 E. Southern Avenue in Mesa. This is a special occasion! We will be celebrating our chapter's 20th Anniversary, which was started in April 1989. We will meet at 11:00 a.m. Our lunch is a St. Louis Sampler consisting of ribs, pork, and chicken. Our hosts are **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch**. We hope to see many of you there.

Tony Ribeiro has offered to be our Sunshine Person. He will be sending cards to our members for illnesses or deaths.

The committee for next year's All-Arizona Luncheon, which our Chapter will be in charge of, will be **Ritz Zarek**, **Peg Homfeldt**, **Shirley Claggett**, and **Sybil Voss**.

A trip to a Casino with dinner and show is being planned. More info about this later.

A guest at our breakfast on March 27th was **Robert Chrobak**, Station Deicing coordinator at O'Hare Airport. **Ginny Rockenhauser**, who had knee surgery recently, was able to join us too. We were glad to see her up and about.

Members recovering at home from hospital stays are **Ron Willoughby**, **Joel Matteson**, and **Ed Conlon**. We hope they continue to do well and are able to join us soon.

April birthdays are: **Dot Kuspis** (4/1), **Ron Paluch**, (4/1), **Lynn Hubbard** (4/12), and **Ron Babock** (4/30). Happy Birthday to all of you!

We have one anniversary in April and that is **Oscar & Olga Aguilar** (4/7/84). Congratulations!

Calendar:

April 9 - Picnic at Crescent Run Community Building in Mesa, starting at 11:00 a.m. Hosts are **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch**.

April 24 - Breakfast starting at 9:00 a. m. at Crackers, 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa (near Hwy 60 and Arizona Avenue). Contact **Peg Homfeldt** (480) 396-3317 - phomfeldt@cox.net, or **Jim Brigante**, our new President, at (480) 443-0031 - jbrigante@aol.com, if you plan on attending. Breakfasts are normally held on the fourth Friday of each month and will continue through the summer.

May - No Luncheon or Breakfast due to the Convention.

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The weather in the Tucson area during the month of February was absolutely magnificent. It couldn't have come at a better time as the annual Rodeo was taking place in Tucson and the top PGA golf pros from around the world were meeting at the Dove Mountain Ritz Carlton golf course in Marana. They actually close the schools for a couple of days during the Rodeo.

About 30 Roadrunners met at the home of **Gail & Jim Rudolph** for our February luncheon. The Rudolfs supplied all the food and beverages and when I say all the food I mean **all**! It was buffet style and lacked nothing that you wouldn't find in an upscale restaurant. The Rudolfs were assisted by their friends, the Petersons in this great outing. A big thank you to the Rudolfs and Petersons for hosting this most happy occasion. Among the attendees were two guests: **Jerry Cooper**, a UAL retiree from Seattle was a guest of **Ron & Shirley Robertson** and **Joanne Dupont** a guest of the Rudolfs.

Bill Royle brought us all up to date on the All Arizona Luncheon which is being held at Robson Ranch in Eloy. The flight attendants are arranging for the table decorations and **Gordon Starr** has arranged for the entertainment.

Our April 16th luncheon will be at Michelangelo's Ristorante on W. McGee road just off Oracle road. We will have three choices off the menu that the restaurant supplied us: *Chicken Parmigiana*, *Lasagna Imbottita* or *Lasagna Tradizionale*. The cost will be \$15.00 per person. Checks should be sent to **Roger & Lyn Callihan** at 2262 E. Gerbera Way, Oro Valley, AZ 85755. Checks must be received by April 10th so that an attendance count can be provided to the restaurant. We will meet there between 11:00-11:30 with lunch being served at noon.

The RUAEA National Convention is just a short time away so if you haven't made plans to attend and are looking for a good way to start your summer, come on down to the Southwest and visit Phoenix. You'll have a wonderful time.

Calendar:

March 19 - All Arizona Luncheon at Robson Ranch in Casa Grande

April 16 - Michelangelo's Ristorante

May 17th-24th - RUAEA National Convention in Phoenix

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Our Chapter met at the Chumash Casino on Feb. 18th. There were 25 of us. We were pleased to have **Howard Lackey** meet with us. He had to drive 3 hours from his home and we enjoyed his visit and appreciated his effort to be with us. Other members that were good to see were **Darrell & Mary Martin**. We were also happy to have **Russell Parsons** visit us, who was from LAXMM. Our hosts, **Esther & Bob Bartlett**, did a

great job in arranging our luncheon and providing table treats. If you looked hard enough, there was a penny in each bag of treats to be used on the slots. There are penny slots and you can check with **Bill Noyes** about their payoffs.

We missed our regular attendee, **Isabelle Stanger**, due to being under the weather. We'll be looking forward to seeing her at our next meeting.

Bob Wagner read a letter from **Uel Soward**. He has had hand surgery due to a workshop accident. He is getting along alright and is looking forward to his 100th birthday on May 1st, 2010. Bob has already been invited to his party as have **Dana & Bill Noyes**. They plan on attending. Our Chapter sends congratulations and hope Uel stays well, so he can enjoy every minute of his celebration.

We also received a letter from **Wilma Sandy**. She and **Garver** are always invited to our meetings, but Wilma said that due to their health, they pretty much stay around home. They don't take long driving trips any longer. They were long time members of our Chapter and we wish them good health and look forward to hearing from them.

Our President, **Mike Zoldak**, polled our membership to see how many plan on attending the Convention in PHX. Since he will not be able to attend, **John Stilwell** will be attending the various meetings representing our Chapter.

Our next meeting will be hosted by **Bob & Marcia Stanger** on April 15th. They will determine the location. Did you know that if you burn your tongue, put sugar on it!

THE SACRAMENTO **GOLD DIGGERS**

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The Strings Cafe in Roseville was the setting for the Gold Diggers February 25th meeting hosted by **Bob & Marge Fulkerson**. The tables looked lovely decorated with Primrose arrangements which later were part of the raffle. There were 61 Gold Diggers attending with the honor of 9 past presidents. Past President **Bob Fulkerson** introduced each past president attending: **Bob Hallden, Ronnie King, Ken Norton, Forester Sinclair, Ron Bertacini, Harold & Colleen Esola, Jean Turley Sinclair** and all spoke about some of their favorite memories telling us some very humorous stories! **Jim Meek** sent a note saying he was sorry that they would not be able to attend due to the unsettled weather over the Sierras. **Al Kaiser** was also sorry that he could not attend. Those past presidents who have passed away: **Dick Robinson, Bob Tibbetts, Dave Holcomb, Sylvia Raichle, Mike Stough, Jack Clough, John Roberts, Gerald Willis, Bob Cuff, Harold Little, Harry Caldwell, Len Cech** and **Shirley Drumheller** were fondly remembered. Bob then turned the meeting over to current president **Francis Domaratius**.

Gold Diggers Pres. **Francis Domaratius** welcomed all attending and called for the Officers' reports. VP **Frank Dellinger** asked for anyone willing to host the open months of April and August to please contact him. Co-Secretaries **Barbara Bertacini** (meeting reports) and **Colleen Esola** (mailings): Barbara announced those celebrating anniversaries ... **Glenn & Alice McPeak** with 59 years, **Irvin & Sherrie Wolfran** 54 years, **Dick & Velma Carrol** 51 years are those with over 50 years. Congratulations to all. **Bob Eggert** led us in the Anniversary song. Treasurer **Judie King** reported our Gold Diggers bank balance and Sunshine **Darryll Stroud** reported that **Margaret Eggert** is recovering from foot surgery and **Irv Wolfram** had outpatient surgery for removal of a small growth on his neck and is waiting for a biopsy report.

Announcements: **Margaret Eggert** announced a St. Patrick's Day Celebration presented by Shepherd's Love on Friday, March 13, at 8:00 pm at the Barbara Chilton Middle School in Roseville. This is a benefit event for the Twinomujuni Orphanage in Uganda for children orphaned because of AIDS. The tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door for this special production of Irish dancing and music. Please contact Margaret, if interested in purchasing tickets or sending donations for this meaningful cause.

Bob Hallden spoke about the RUAEA Convention in PHX this May 17-24 and encouraged everyone to come. Bob also mentioned the need for items for the Arts and Crafts room.

Francis announced an event where our Gold Digger member, **Bob Eggert**, is performing in a Magic Circle Theatre production of *Forbidden Broadway*. The Gold Diggers group will be attending the Sunday Matinee on April 19, 2009 at 2PM. The cost is \$20 for seniors. Please note that it is at the Tower Theatre right down the

street from the Magic Circle Theatre on Vernon Street in Roseville. Please let **Barbara Bertacini** or Veronica **Domaratius** know if you are coming and if you want us to make the reservations: Barbara @ bertacini@surewest.net or Veronica at vandfgracious@mac.com.

Check out the website mcircle.org for more info. You owe yourself an afternoon of *Forbidden Broadway*, recipient of Three Tony Awards for Best Musical, Best Score, and Best Revival. In a cabaret of songs and satire, Magic Circle will lead you through this wonderful musical review that leaves audiences singing some of Broadway's greatest tunes.

Ron Bertacini, Executive VP ~ The PBGC has an \$11 billion shortfall and may be looking for a bailout. ~ There are no bailouts on the horizon for any part of the airline industry. ~ United is closing the Customer Relations phone number in India. The company is encouraging customers to send comments either by mail or email. A company spokesperson says they can better answer customer comments from these sources. ~ United will have new competition to Australia with V Australia, another Virgin enterprise. The company has said that United has been serving Australia for 23 years and has better service with the lie-flat beds in F/C and B/C. ~ Southwest Airlines is now the leading U.S. airline carrying more passengers and flying more flights daily than any other U.S. airline within the U.S. They now have over 500 planes and with the coming additions of MSP, LGA and BOS will serve all the major population centers with two exceptions ... ATL and CVG. ~ Ryan Air, a European low cost carrier will be removing all check-in counters at the airports. Flight check in will have to be made online. ~ RUAEA Convention in PHX May 17-24. Arts and Crafts are needed for the display and auction. An important Board Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 23 with concerns about membership. ~ DENTK is for sale and it is unknown as to how this may affect RUAEA and the Historical Foundation.

We concluded with the raffle drawing by **Frank & Angie Dellinger**.

Calendar:

March 25 – Hosted by the **Dellingers**

April 29 – Hosted by the **Domaratius**



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Our March 2nd luncheon/meeting was held at the Macaroni Grill in Folsom. The luncheon was hosted by **Tom & Betty Obert**. There were 29 Miners in attendance and one guest.

President **Jeanette D'Amico** called the meeting to order after a great lunch. She reminded everyone that dues need to be paid soon so that our roster keeper, **Jack Raynor** will be able to prepare the roster and have it available at the April meeting.

Vice President, **Jon Somplack** reported that the luncheon schedule has been filled for the rest of the year. He encouraged those who have not yet hosted a meeting to sign up for a luncheon date in 2010.

Dick Czapkay, our treasurer reported that the treasury balance is looking good.

Sunshine Guy **Irv Wolfram** commented that we are young and healthy. Historian **Sherrie Wolfram** was passing around the albums for all to look at. **Barbara Bertacini** complimented Sherrie on the great job she has done on the "In Memory Of" books.

Ron Bertacini told us the news about the PBGC and its shortfall, the new airline V Australia, and Southwest becoming the leading US airline. He also talked about the rumors regarding UA's intention to sell all or part of DENTK. He reminded everyone about the upcoming convention and some of the activities that will be going on. There are several Miners who are planning on attending.

Calendar:

April 6 - The Cold Springs Golf & Country, hosted by **Jon & Alice Somplack**

May 4 - Casa Ramos, hosted by **Paul & Bernice Ambrose**

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Redwood Empire Retirees enjoyed another luncheon at our favorite French restaurant La Gare in Santa Rosa on February 12. **Ron & Joanne Huhn** hosted, ably aided by **Naomi Tolf**, **Judy DeFord** and **Norm Burnett**. **Mary Hill** has joined **Joanne Huhn** and **Naomi Tolf** on the Charity Committee which researches local non-profit groups for our group to gift at year-end.

President **Oscar Chambers** reported on the passing of two members: **Fred Bonney** and **Robert Christensen**. Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** told us that **Edie Olson** was recovering from digestive problems and that **Pete Bilsich** would be receiving a pace maker this very day. We celebrated the February anniversaries of **Frank & Dorothy Ochoa** (31 years), **Lou & Sheila Legnitto** (35 years), and **Brandon & Pat Maus** (52 years).

Calendar:

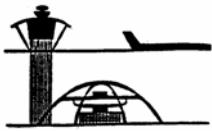
April 9 - La Gare, Santa Rosa, hosted by **Barney & Clare Hagen**

May 14 - Spinnaker, Sausalito, hosted by **Joan Sheahan & Joan Olsson**

June 11 - La Gare, Santa Rosa, hosted by **Grover & Janice Blackburn**

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First, did you all remember to pay your 2009 dues to ReLAXers? That's the "hasn't-been-changed-since-the-year-one-\$5 dues" for the locals. The other \$20 or so is the check that goes to DEN. Of course, if you get mixed up and send ReLAXers 20 bucks, we'll be happy to take it and put it in the postage pot. If you forgot "our" \$5, now is your chance - the roster will be updated on 3/15. (The \$5: "pay to relaxers", mail to **Jo Ann Briggs**, 21303 Legend Av., Carson, CA 90745.)

This hasn't been the best of winters for the LAX retirees. We reported the passing of **Betty Houck** in the last issue. A very nice memorial was held for her at Leisure World which was attended by 13 UA retirees. Thank you all for attending, it made it a bit easier for all her friends here.

As many of you probably have heard by now, a very good friend of the LAX group, **Paul Mouer**, died in his sleep on Feb. 28. Paul retired from SNAOZ, before that, he worked in LAXTR and LAXCU (probably his best known job) and was a member of SNA's ROMEOs (**R**etired **O**ld **M**en **E**ating **O**ut) as well as LAX and PHX retirees chapters. Condolences can be sent to his daughters Patti Najarian and Patty Mouer, 28007 N. 23rd Ln, PHX, AZ 85085. They will share your notes with their mom, **Mary**, who will continue living in the assisted living facility near their daughters.

Paul Rodriguez, (retired from LAXGQ and had worked at MDWGQ), passed away of heart failure on Feb.22. The services for Paul were held on Feb. 27 at Green Hills and was attended by many from UAL. His family will be very comforted to hear from his UAL friends, so send cards to The Rodriguez Family, 2533 W. 156th St., Gardena, CA 90249.

I received a call from Jill Dennis, daughter of **Jody Jenkins**, that her mom succumbed to emphysema on Feb. 17. She had been suffering from it for a number of years. Jody retired in 1987 from LAXTR where she had worked in the days of paper tickets as a cashier in "the cage" and as a ticket agent. Send condolences to Mrs. Jill Dennis, 6339 Forester Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92649 - (714-374-6996).

Jim Ferrance wrote on 2/25 that he'd heard from **Pete Racataian** that his health is improving. His Jan. checkup was good news - tumors have shrunk a great deal and he is breathing much better. He uses O₂ only

when necessary now and has been able to take ½ mile or so walks. He'll have chemo in March and April followed by more tests. Cards to him at 3148 W. 157th St., Gardena, CA 90249 - (310) 978-0486.

Debra Mason is fortunate in having a parent still living. Her dad, Smitty Mason, age 91, has non-small cell lung cancer. It is a slow growing cancer and the Drs. say that he probably has had it for about 10 yrs. Send notes to Debra to check on his progress - 5101 Montezuma St., LA, CA 90042 or email UAMASON@aol.com.

Olga Jean Barnes has had more than her share of hospitals and doctors, but is looking up. Beside her medical over-seers, our very caring secretary, **Donna Klobe** keeps good tabs on her and is a good friend for walking to health. Keep it up O.J.! She's at 7024 Flight Av., Westchester, CA 90045. **Ann Daley** had a nasty set-back earlier in the year when she fell and dislocated the hip which she'd broken last year. Last I heard, she was struggling with rehab (which is hard and very boring). Fun cards could help: PO Box 4391, Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274.

Helb Kopp advised that **Betty** has finally returned from the hospital. She had a bad infection, and then it developed into water on the lungs. They disconnected her and she returned home on 2/4. Continue getting better, Betty. Send cards to her at 6200 Belle Av., Buena Park, CA 90620. As a reminder – Betty is the one who makes the terrific peanut-butter cake which we enjoy at the August picnic.

I didn't put in the latest re. **Olga Jean**. She was in the hospital three times and it appears her problem has finally been cleared up, she is expected to be home within a few days.

Flo Bettke (Norm's wife) had a pacemaker implanted in January. She is home and on the road to recovery and back to normal activity. They live at 312 Avenue D, Redondo Beach, CA 90277.

Things have been quiet, otherwise. It seems that quite a few of the ReLAXers members are forgoing the convention due to other travel plans. You'll be missed. **Judy Dunworth** and **Esther Horompoly** have both expressed an interest in joining with a number of UA folks as volunteers at the USO. I've helped them with applications, but they are on a waiting list, believe it or not. The only shift needing a volunteer at present is 2AM to 6AM, (that's right, AM). They both said they'd wait. Incidentally, retired military, with military ID (VA cards don't count.) can visit the USO at LAX unless it's too full of active duty personnel. Remember, it's open 7/24 - even holidays!

Calendar:

April 2 - Spring Luncheon

May 17-24 – Let's all go to PHX!

June 4 - Luncheon

August 6 - Famous steak fry picnic.

GOLDEN GATERS

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We're "thisclose" to Easter on April 12 and although we haven't as yet seen any bunnies or baby chicks hopping about, other than the chocolate ones, our unpredictable rain-then-sun every 15 minutes has given us a bumper crop of annoying weeds. However, when Spring sneaked past us on March 20, it quietly allowed our primroses, daffodils, freschias, violets and roses to show their pretty faces ... all very encouraging. Out here in the Bay area, we're not subjected to either the beauty or the cruelty of harsh winters but we do get "crazy weather" and very strong winds that threaten anything or anyone who leaves the comfort of their home. So we say with enthusiasm, "Welcome, Sweet Springtime!"

Because of late notification, we recently sent our condolences to **Don Milburn** who lost **Barbara**, his beautiful bride of many years, last September 2008. Cards may still be sent to **Don** at 612 Alta Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94403. My apologies: In last month's March issue, I misspelled the last name of one of our members who was "missing from our sight but not our hearts", having passed away last June 2008: It should read **Richard Dickinson** of Menlo Park, not "**Dickson**". I'm so sorry.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you, member **Ed Leyba** who volunteered to take over the position of Domestic Tour Coordinator. Is there anyone out there, male or female, who would be able to assist this brave gentleman? And do **you** have any suggestions for places you would like to visit or that you have heard would make for a joyful day-long travel experience? Tell **Ed** (650-345-3294)!

Speaking of travelling, International Tour Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** has given us the happy news that the August 29 – September 10, 2009 **Alaska** trip has opened up more spaces for us! In case you don't remember, this tour is officially titled, "**Klondike, Denali and Inside Passage Cruise and Tour of Alaska**". On this fantastic trip, a passport is required that does not expire until at least 6 months after your tour begins (unless you plan on taking up **Canadian** citizenship). **Note:** Some passports have taken 4 – 6 months to acquire so check yours now. Another of hard-working **Ginger's** tours still has room: **Norwegian Cruise Lines'** 19-day cruise sailing out of **San Francisco to Valparaiso (Santiago, Chile)**, all meals included, November 3 – 22, 2009. Pricing is a real steal and is based on double occupancy. Space is presently available but limited. Email **Ginger** now at gingersfo@aol.com or telephone (650) 224-1865.

Still **Ginger:** The **Mexico Copper Canyon** trip with great railway adventures has been cancelled due to current unrest in that part of the country. It will remain a future possibility.

The **Mainliner Club** is offering an April 25 **Golden Gate Fields** racetrack "**Day at the Races**". You drive, but admission ticket price of \$32 includes valet parking, special seating and a great buffet at the **Turf Club**. Menu of hot entrees and sides includes prime rib, turkey breast, fried chicken, roasted chicken breast, BBQ pork ribs, portabella mushrooms, pasta, veggies and desert consisting of various pastries, puddings and other confections. Iced tea and coffee are included. WOW. Are you hungry yet? For further information, please call **Robert Chavez**, cell (650) 799-7577.

This chapter definitely does have interesting members with interesting hobbies, i.e. **Darryl Coe** of **Redwood City**. Lured by the 19th and 20th century European custom of having street organ grinders, **Darryl** went to Berlin and bought a most beautifully decorated street organ, one of the larger ones which must be transported about on wheels. **Orgelbau Stuber** of **Berlin** is the maker. On the front of this beautifully decorated and hand-operated instrument is **Darryl's** name, "**San Francisco**" and the words, "**Leierkastenmann**" painted above it ... "**Leierkasten**" meaning "barrel organ" in German. And I guess that makes **Darryl** ... "**The Man(n)**", correct? Incidentally, he's heading for Berlin quite soon to get a Busker organ. This is a smaller instrument, still hand cranked, but with all the sounds of a larger organ in a powerful portable package. And I've learned our member does have a monkey who accompanies him as he cranks out the music. Even though the monkey wears a traditional red hat, you don't have to feed this simian: it turns out; he's already and literally stuffed!

Our monthly connection with **SFO** airport is member **Ernie Bloom** who reports that his title is no longer that of a Traveler's Aid volunteer but that of "**Ambassador**". (Do we have to bow or curtsy, **Ernie**?) Further good news for many of us is that a tent has been erected between Terminals 1 and 3. We will no longer be left out in the cold and damp as we change terminals. Incidentally, Terminal 2 is now completely closed.

Another bright light: UAL Maintenance Base **free** parking permits for UAL retirees have been extended to 3 weeks in length. There are 15 green-painted spaces near the "new" high-rise parking garage. They have been set aside for us but if full, we do have permission to park nearby unless specifically marked "prohibited." You must go to the guard at the Main Gate and inside the building to get your parking permit. You may obtain this permit one day ahead of time if you so choose. A shuttle leaves every 20 – 30 minutes for the airport, look for the sign. **Beware:** Some of our members say that "it's quite a walk" to where you catch this shuttle. However, it's all free ... and with what little UAL has left us with, "free anything" sounds good ... especially now that both our local and SF taxis have raised their fares!

Personally Speaking: Since I was not the UAL employee but the widow of one and now live alone, I was interested in the "Enrolled Friend" program. Unfortunately, and for the information of other widows and widowers out there who did not work for UAL, I called UAL's Benefit Services Department, 1-888-825-0188. Crossing my fingers didn't help. They are the final authority and I was told that I was not entitled to this newly developed program. Oh well, it was worth a try. (Boo hoo!)

Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4th Monday (except for September & December), 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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Our first "Theme" breakfast meeting was a great success. The "Great Glenndini" amazed us all with a wonderful magic show. He did several unusual card and rope tricks. We had 46 members and guests in attendance. We hope he will come and entertain us again soon. Thanks to President **Dave Saso** and wife **Joanne** for the cute little magic tricks they passed out to everyone there. It was fun to be able to share the magic with our grandchildren.

Our special guest this month was our Western Region director **Roger Casterline**. He told us all about the planned convention in Phoenix on May 17 thru 24, 2009. It certainly sounds like everyone who attends will have a wonderful time. Thank you, Roger, for taking the time to attend our meeting.

PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE IN VENUE for our April 2, 2009 luncheon, **Jean Jenkins**, who organized the luncheon, called Nicolino's to ask a question and was told that they will be closing. Jean then called President **Dave Saso**, in a panic, and he was able to help Jean save the day. Jean told us that president "O'Saso" provided a stimulus package (the only one in the USA that has worked) and they located a new venue that could accommodate our April 2nd date. Our new location will be the Three Flames Restaurant, 1547 Meridian Ave., San Jose (near Hamilton Ave.) This will be the first luncheon with 4 entree choices, (that includes a salad for you ladies). For more info, call **Jack** or **Jean Jenkins** at (408) 374-2678.

Since our ladies luncheon in December was such a success, **Joan Dahl** decided that it would be fun to hold 4 luncheons during the year so all the ladies could get to know each other better. She organized the first one in January at the same restaurant we enjoyed in December. Twenty ladies attended and it was wonderful. We all had a great time, **Marian Swanson** and **La Donna Eggert** have volunteered to host the next one in early May. Please call Marian at (408) 734-0768 for more info.

The summer Bar-B-Q will be held on June 16th at Vasona Park in Los Gatos. We have a new caterer onboard! Everyone is welcome; bring your kids and grandkids. Hosted by **Tony & Sally Urso**, (408) 264-8580).

Our next "Theme" breakfast will be on April 24th. We are going to hold a "Then and Now" contest. I am asking all of our members to send or give me a picture of yourself when you were 10 years of age or younger. These pictures will have to get to me by April 18th, so I can make the poster board. The person who guesses the most correctly, will win one of my extra special Drambuie cakes. I will make sure you all get your precious photos back. Make sure you attend our April 24th meeting and join in all the fun. Call **Cheri Scales**, (408) 226-7855 for more info.

Our February list of people who have been "*Grounded due to a mechanical problem*" are: **Vic & Elaine Kristen**, **Floyd Phillips** and **Gerry Frisch**. These people need your cards, calls and prayers to get them up and flying on schedule soon,

Calendar:

Meeting every Friday morning at Holders Country Inn, De Anza Road (across from Home Depot). Breakfast starts at 8:00 AM with meeting at 9:00 am. All UA retirees are welcome. Please call our President, **Dave Saso**, (408) 266-9347 for details.

SAN JOAQUINERS

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I hope everyone had a Happy Valentine's Day and a Happy St. Patrick's Day. Easter is just around the corner and hopefully the Easter bunny will bring us lovely weather and beautiful Spring flowers. Hope

everyone has their plans set to attend the RUAEA convention in Phoenix in May. The schedule seems so exciting and every day is full of wonderful activities.

The February 12th luncheon was hosted by **Bob & Sandy Brooks** and there were 26 members and guests attending the luncheon meeting at my very favorite place, The Good Friends Chinese Restaurant in Valley Springs. They have a buffet with salads, desserts, and all kinds of wonderful Chinese dishes. Yum, I am craving that food while I am writing this. I just love Chinese food and the hot and spicy dishes are my favorite.

We were so happy to see the following members return after a long absence; some due to illness and some were gallivanting around the country; **Ken Wesela** and his lady friend, **Carol Valdez**; **Doug Daniels**, **Willie Reynolds**, and **Al Svares & Betty** and her daughter **Jan**. Welcome back and we hope to see you all again next month.

And our very important guests were **Jim Barker**, who is a very good friend of **Jack Walls**, and **Lauren (Buzz) Bussard** who is a friend of **Jim Barker**. Jack has been after Jim for quite some time asking him to come join our group for lunch and we were so happy to see him (finally). And we hope he and Buzz will join us again someday, anytime.

At the end of the luncheon, we had a raffle and there were many winners of lovely gifts.

The San Joaquiners meet the second Thursday of each month. As always, we would like to extend an invitation to any UAL Retiree to come and join us. So please mark your calendars and call our president, **Joan Verbaere** at (916) 682-6148, or me, Rosie Walls, at (209) 984-5672 and we will let you know where our meeting will be held.

The March luncheon meeting was held on March 12th at the East Sonora Conference Center, hosted by **Doug Daniels** and assisted by **Nancy Buddington**. At the time of our February luncheon, we did not have a host for March and we all want to thank you Doug for volunteering to host the luncheon.



EAST BAY DIABLOS

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Our February meeting was held on the 9th with 25 members and guests attending.

We had three birthdays to celebrate - all on the 9th! **Vilma Patrick**, **Lou Kinkead** and **Jennie Oda**.

It was wonderful to see **Marilyn & Hoagie Harguth** back. Marilyn had open heart surgery on 12/31! What a gal!

Ed Bingle was accompanied by his friend, Mark. Thanks Mark for driving him! **Vilma Patrick** was accompanied by her niece, **Carol Barnes**, who flew in from HNLRR to celebrate Vilma's birthday.

Judy Parent-Smith shared her experiences and impressions of President Obama's Inauguration.

The 50/50 was won by **Vilma Patrick**, a box of See's candy was won by **Tom Johnson** (donated by Vilma) and **Tom Cunningham** won the Marie Callender's pie.

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at Marie Callender's restaurant in Concord. Social time from 1100 to 1200, then lunch and business. No need for reservations. We encourage you to all come and bring your significant others. We have a great group from many departments.

Calendar:

April 13 - Meeting

May 11 - Meeting

June 8 - Annual barbeque and picnic

CALIFORNIA NORTHSTATERS

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The first meeting of the New Year was held in Red Bluff, Calif. There was concern for one of our members, **Jim Geiger**, who was in the hospital, however, at this writing he is home recovering. **Sharon Simonton** volunteered to be "Sunshine Chairman", so we keep abreast of members "doings"! There was much talk of the upcoming convention in PHX.

Klaren Odor gave an informative talk on the Grand Jury system in California. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Vanessa Pratt**.

Our next meeting will be March 26 in Chico at the Turnadot Restaurant on the Esplanade at 11:30am. If you are new to the North Valley, come join us!

COLORADO



DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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The Mile Highers had their monthly breakfast on Saturday, March 7th at The United Flight Training Center. There were 35 people in attendance and a good time was had by all.

As people were coming in the Training Center for the breakfast, a flight crew member, Captain Tom Rayl, asked what **Nancy Goodyear** and **Harriet Ahr** were doing. They explained to him they were selling 50/50 tickets for the RUAEA Mile Highers' slush fund. Well, the good Captain knew it was a worthy cause when he heard about it and couldn't turn down the appeal of two lovely ladies and donated \$10 to the chapter.

Harriet Ahr brought her niece **Susan Hatcher** and **Ray & Helen Shoults** brought their grandson. A long time no show, **Bob Schmelzer** was in attendance. Bob has been in Pittsburgh, PA for a number of years taking care of his mother who just recently passed away. He plans to stay there until he gets his mother's estate settled and then may move back to Denver. First timers were **Joe & Mary McFarren**. Welcome and come on back!

The following retirees returned their 50/50 winnings to the chapter: **Tom Goodyear, Paul Miller, Thom Rowland, Ray Shoults, and Cas Spokas**.

Ethel Rardin recently had foot surgery and has recovered sufficiently for her and **Roy** to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on March 15. Congratulations!

Tom Goodyear received a call from **Dick Penner** who is currently unable to leave his home. If you would like to send him a card, his address is 8082 Routt St., Arvada, CO, 80005. You can e-mail him at arvadadick@aol.com or if you would like to give him a call, his telephone number is (303) 422-3186. Dick has been retired from United since April, 1984.

Tom reminded everyone of the RUAEA Convention in Phoenix, AZ. The dates are May 17 to May 24. We all are encouraged to make plans to attend as there is always a good time to be had by all.

*Don't forget that the Spring Luncheon will be on **April 22, 2009** at **Bennett's BBQ**, 3700 North Peoria, Aurora, CO. Cocktail hour will start at 11:00 and lunch at 12:00. We will be served Family Style and the entrees include Pork and Beef Brisket, French Fries, Beans, Cold Slaw, Garlic Bread. Dessert is Peach Cobbler. Drinks are non alcoholic drinks, coffee and tea. All for only \$16.00 per person!*

*Make checks payable to RUAEA Denver Chapter. Send to **Harriet Ahr**, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211-1354, phone (303) 477-2918. **Deadline is April 17, 2009.***

Calendar:

Breakfast 1st Sat. each month, 9:00 AM at 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!

PIKES PEAK

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We had a great meeting on Feb 16 at the Village Inn attended by seven people. Plans were made for an April 22 spring lunch by **Noria Gerig** and the social committee/special events. Our spring lunch will replace our regular April meeting so more retirees may be able to attend. We will meet at Carino's Italian near Powers and Constitution in Colorado Springs at 12:00 noon. Donations were accepted for mailing expenses.

Merle Winterton commented that someone was stealing horse tails near his home in Elbert, CO. **Warren & Noria Gerig** will be on a road trip most of March so they will miss our next meeting. I met with **Jim Poshusta** and **Jane Lopez** at the Colorado Springs Airport this month. Both are United retirees but have taken on new careers.

Our meetings are held the third Monday at 0830 at The Village Inn on Harrison Road near Circle and I-25.

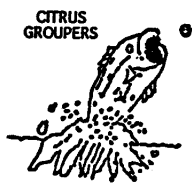
Calendar:

March 16 – Regular breakfast meeting

April 22– Spring Lunch, 12:00PM

April 20 – Regular breakfast meeting

FLORIDA



THE VILLAGES - CITRUS GROUPERS

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February luncheon meeting had an attendance of 40 people. **Claus Brinnitzer** returned from his recent surgery and has elected not to continue to do the reporting. So **Carol Bell** has agreed to help until we get someone. Since we are rather new, the meeting opened with a somewhat lively discussion of how's where's and what for's about our association. Many items were tabled until our March meeting. Members were asked to think about it and we'll decide on open issues in the next meeting.

Paul Brown, RUAEA Florida Director, gave a little talk about RUAEA and the convention in Phoenix coming up in May. Paul also answered any questions the members brought up regarding either item. Everyone was also reminded the increase coming to RUAEA annual membership dues.

The only February birthday celebrant in attendance was **Charles Cocran**. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to introduction. Everyone stood up and gave a brief introduction of themselves (years with United, stations served, last positions held.)

Our meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month at 11:30 AM at the Golden Corral located on CR-466 in the Villages.

Calendar:

March 26 – Regular luncheon meeting

SAND“DABS”

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Prez **Dick Coughlin** opened our meeting with the usual pledge to the flag and a prayer. It was a happy group of members and one guest who was Amy Brant, a friend of **Penny Logan**. I think Amy was the driver for Penny as she was still wearing her special neck brace with some sort of new stimulator device on it. We do hope Penny gets some relief soon and can shed that neck brace. The **Hortons** were busy entertaining company and **Nelson Funkhouser** sent his regards from the golf course. **Steve Moddle** was not feeling up to par and stayed home so as not to spread any of his germs to all of us, which we appreciated.

Birthday celebrant present was yours truly. I got to blow out the candle on our “fake cake” after I was serenaded with Happy Birthday. Our newlyweds **Rick & Marion Johnson** are celebrating their 8th anniversary and were with us, not on a cruise somewhere where they usually go. Company anniversaries were **Marion Johnson** - 40 years and Penny Logan - 25 years.

At joke time, Prez Dick had a few good ones, especially “Only In America” and one comparing the days of 1975 with today. Our Treasurer Penny reported funds are slowly growing and we are still in the black. Next month, we will be collecting our yearly dues of \$5.00. Please be prepared to pay up in April. Our guest Amy drew the 50/50 number and believe it or not pulled Penny’s ticket. We all thought it was a set-up, lots of groans.

Prez Dick gave us some general aviation news, charges for various items that used to be free, jobs lost, employment down, etc. He passed out a paper regarding Eastern Airlines making plans to fly again.

No one in our group is planning to attend the Convention in Arizona.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: Age doesn’t always bring wisdom with it, sometimes it comes alone.

Calendar:

April 2 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

May 7 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

June 4 - 11:30 - Red Lobster



THE ORLANDO

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Our luncheon meeting was brought to order by President **Rich Llewellyn** at 1:45pm with a welcome to 38 members and two very nice guests! **Dave & Lisa Leighty** brought friend and retired TWA gal **Mychael Allen** and **Diane Lewis** was joined by former MCOCS agent and now real estate agent **Alison Chiaradio**! “Great to see you again” greetings to **Bo Bohannan** and **Dee Francis** and a hearty welcome to our newest Real McCoy, **Stu Hunter**, who retired from MCOCS a “few” years ago!

This is a big month for birthdays! **Don Ulman** (3/10), **Jack Cavern** (3/26), **Bobbie Gay** (3/28), **Ken Michels** (3/27), **Bo Bohannan** (3/30) and Happy Anniversary Wishes to **Al & Lois Fields** – 44 years on 3/17, **Ken & Shelby Michels** – 10 years on 3/20, and **Bo & Brenda Bohannan** – 40 years on February 22nd! Congrats To You All!

Prayers and well wishes for **Matt McNeill** who is back in the hospital (Mary’s cell # is 407-766-0545). Home address: 2834 Aeid Road, Orlando, FL 32817 and for **Linda Agnello** who had back surgery Feb. 25th and is feeling better than last week. Cards and well wishes to: 407 Harbour Oaks Point Dr. N., Orlando, FL 32809.

Our busy RUAEA Director **Paul Brown** joined us for lunch. He reminded us all to vote for the 2009 RUAEA candidates. Download ballot or vote online at www.ruaea.org.

Correspondence from the Publicity Chairman for the PHX RUAEA Convention was shared with the group. It’s time to decide “YES” and book your convention hotel today!

Stan Halterman’s traveling opportunities include:

- ✦ May 11-15, 2009 – Motor coach 5days/4nites: Savannah, Jekyll Island & Beaufort, 4 nights, 8 meals, tours in each city. Amazing at \$399/pp/dbl. Last call for 4 seats left on this great trip!
 - ✦ August 13-21, 2009 – Yosemite Trip, including SFO, LAX, SAN
 - ✦ November 7-15, 2009 – Branson, MO - 9days/8nights @ \$803.00. We have brochures!
- Contact Stan at (407) 852-6773.

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 1 – Our Annual Picnic, NO FOOLIN' – Warren Park, 12 Noon sharp

May 6 – Luncheon Meeting

June 3 – Luncheon Meeting

July 1 – Luncheon Meeting

Favorite Restaurant Dinner Nights have begun again!

April 15 – Come celebrate! Join us at Mimi's Café at the Millennium Mall 4:30pm

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

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Nineteen members attended the March 6th luncheon at Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club in North Ft. Myers. Following the meal, **Gail Sullivan**, a representative from the Sarasota office of Fidelity Investments gave the program. She gave an overview of the present economy and told of services offered by Fidelity, especially for retirees. She specifically advised us to gather our assets in one place, so that the assets can be better managed. Many persons have several IRAs and/or 401ks, stocks, bonds, etc., and it is wise to get them organized/pulled together for your own information as well as for family's knowledge. Individuals asked questions and Gail provided lots of information and suggestions.

Following the program presentation, President **Bill Burg** welcomed **Wanda Schmoyer** who was back after a two month absence, due to a setback from knee replacement surgery in early January. Also in attendance was **Marilyn McNabb** who has recovered from colon surgery. It was so good to have them in our midst again. The monthly 50/50 raffle was won by **Mel Volz**. There were many other donated prizes won by **Linda Volz, Sandy Pryde, Gail Sullivan, Maxine Brown, Marge Burg, Tom McNabb, Phil Cook, Phyllis Allen, Nancy Kopp** and **Dick Allen** (my apologies if I forgot some winners). **Mel Volz** announced plans for a May 1st picnic/cookout to end our season of luncheon meetings. **Ron Simons** from Sun City/Huntley, IL and wife visited the **Prydes** in Ft. Myers on Wednesday but couldn't be persuaded to stay for the Pelican Drop-Ins meeting Friday.

Calendar:

1st Friday of the month:

Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (**October–May**)

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant, North Ft. Myers (**June–September**)

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The March 2nd meeting was attended by 29 members.

Birthdays celebrants were **Jon Wilkerson** (3/10), **O.C. Brown** (3/7) and **Beverly Alderdice** (3/22).

Anniversary - **Harold & Mary Judd** celebrating 49 years on 3/19.

Travel - **Jim & Pat Hottel** drove to ATL to pick up their grandchildren with no problems. **Ken & Deborah Wilson** just returned from a 10 day trip to China, space was no problem. They visited the Great Wall, The Forbidden City, The Panda Bear Zoo and the Terracotta Warriors. A very nice trip but they got tired of Chinese food.

Picnic Chairman **Jim Hottel** updated everyone on the upcoming picnic next month. Everything is set. Remember the start time is at 11 AM.

President **Lindstrom** had his usual array of useful information for all to hear.

Sunshine Committee - **Terri Breslin** reported that **Bob Taylor** was not doing well. **Dave Lodge** is coming along well but was absent due to physical therapy.

Calendar:

April 6 – Spring Picnic at Anderson Park - 11AM

May 4 - Tiffany's - 10AM

June 8 - Tiffany's - 10AM

TREASURE COAST

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On this brisk March 3 day, our Luncheon/Meeting at Mulligan's in Jensen Beach was attended by 16 members and 3 guests, No snow, just coooooool.

After our waiter and waitress took our meal orders, President **Al Popek** took out his meat tenderizer he uses for a gavel and brought the meeting to order, Al used to use a bell until all of us wanted to hang him so I replaced the bell with a wooden meat tenderizer. Oh, we do have fun and that is just the beginning. The Mulligan staff really does pamper us; you just have to join us sometime.

Our guests were:

☼ **Sandy Giller** started in Rockleigh, NJ, went to Newark Airport and retired after 22 years with UAL from NY Sales. She lives around the corner from **Diane Brodis** and both she and I worked in Rockleigh with Sandy. How great it was to see her and hopefully she will become a member. The beauty of it all is she can car pool with Diane.

☼ **Wally & Elizabeth** brought **Shirley Armstrong** who is their sister-in-law and not looking forward to returning to the Northeast but she will be back next winter and she was a guest once before so she knows us well.

☼ **Paul & Diane Liebisch** brought **Thomas Merz**, who also has been a guest of ours and he is our German Representative hailing from Berlin.

Al shared a lovely thank you card sent to the members from **Marl Hirjak**.

On a sad note, Al mentioned that **Marcella Bookmyer** of 1729 Vantang Dr., Boca Raton, FL passed away on September 2, 2008. She had been employed with UAL for 34 years and was 93 years of age at the time of her passing. Her sister Jean Molino can be reached at (561) 687-8141 if you wish to offer your condolences. Jean, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

On March 28, **Paul & Diane Liebisch, Barbara Dodenhoff** and **Artie & Judy Frage** will be cruising, isn't life just grand, not a care in the world, just fun, fun, fun! Al wants to try to get some of the members to get together for a three or four day trip. We shall see! If you are interested, give him a call or email him.

Al announced that he finally bought a laptop to replace his original computer that was damaged during the hurricanes. His email address is ualpbi@att.net.

I took the floor and spoke about a phone call I had received from **Felix Cicco** who is retired from Newark Airport as a Mechanic and is now residing in Las Vegas concerning Life Insurance Coverage for retired Mechanics. If you need any assistance, give him a call at (702) 456-9288. *Newsletter Manager Note:* Page 2 of this issue of the Newsletter contains an article regarding this subject.

The 50/50 was won by **Artie Frage** and the progressive was won by **Diane Brodis**. Please take note, **Jane & Frank Wise** did not win but they'd better be at our April meeting, one never knows.

The business meeting was completed and everyone was served lunch.

After everyone finished their wonderful and delicious lunch, we said goodbye and hope to see you all next month. Come join us, you won't be disappointed. Until we meet again, so long, keep smiling and love life, I am still playing the power ball lottery and as you guessed, I haven't won yet!

On the lighter side:

- ☺ *Reason to smile: Every 7 minutes of every day, someone in an aerobics class pulls a hamstring.*
- ☺ *If you love something, set it free. If it comes back, it will always be yours. If it doesn't come back, it was never yours to begin with. But, if it just sits in your living room, messes up your stuff, eats your food, uses your telephone, takes your money, and doesn't appear to realize that you had set it free - You either married it or gave birth to it!*
- ☺ *My mind not only wanders, it sometimes leaves completely.*
- ☺ *The best way to forget all your troubles is to wear tight shoes.*
- ☺ *The nice part about living in a small town: When you don't know what you're doing, someone else always does!*

Calendar:

April 7 – Luncheon/Meeting, 12:30Pm - Mulligan's Jensen Beach, FL

May 5 – Luncheon/Meeting, 12:30Pm - Mulligan's Jensen Beach, FL

June 2 – Luncheon/Meeting, 12:30Pm - Mulligan's Jensen Beach, FL

GEORGIA



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Thirty flyers and three guests were in attendance at the lunch at I-Hop in Fayetteville, Georgia on March 4th. Our guests were **Carl, Flora, & Ezra Thompson, Diayne & Richard Thompson's** son, daughter-in-law, and little grandson. Ezra has become quite the young man, entertaining us all, wearing his dad's hat which was almost as big as he is, and pretending to be shy and charming the ladies present. He's still a very well behaved young man. Well, it turned out to be a very nice day with temperatures up in the 60's and sunshine. This, after having just gone through some very dangerous storms. Snow, thunderstorms, tornados and an unprecedented hail storm causing extensive damage to homes and vehicles never before seen in our Atlanta area. This preview of Spring is a welcome change from the last couple of weeks.

Bill Elk held a business meeting, fielding questions and answers about the new 26 million dollar security expansion, and upgrades recently implemented at Hartsfield-Jackson International. These changes were designed to make everyone's screening process shorter. Routinely down from 1 hour average to about 20 minutes. This will take into consideration, the occasional traveler to the more experienced, up to and including the experienced frequent business traveler. People who have traveled recently claim that the process is working.

Other United and industry news was discussed as well. It's election time for the Regional Directors once again. Our own **Bruce Brodersen** is once again running for the Southeast position, not unopposed, so we're

reminding all national RUAEA members to get out the vote, which is due by May 1, 2009. You can vote on line or vote by paper ballot and mail into RUAEA via USPS.

The 50/50 was conducted by **Bogie Wallace** and **Andy Ryabik**. This was because **Fred Cron**, our 50/50 Director, had to leave early to help a neighbor in need. Well, you can talk about the luck of the Irish but it doesn't measure up to our own **Barney Knotts**. **Don Holmes** drew the winning ticket held by Barney for the second month in a row. Barney, as he has done before, graciously donated the prize to the Promise Place. This could become a record! Way to go Barney! We'll be rooting for you for number three next month!

Marge Shelley successfully underwent a procedure on her knee for a torn tendon recently and should be back up and running soon after some therapy. It is with great sadness that we report that on March 2, 2009, **Kenneth L. Rakestraw**, retired Ramp Service, ATLCG, passed away after being hospitalized with pneumonia with complications. Ken had just celebrated his 70th birthday and is survived by his daughter and son-in-law Mellissa R. & Don Allen; son and daughter-in-law, Timothy Lee & Michelle Rakestraw, also two grandchildren. Ken was a long time member of the Dixie Flyers and will be missed by all. Our hearts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

Calendar:

April 1 – Lunch at 12:00 Noon - I-Hop, Fayetteville, GA

HAWAII

HONOLULU MENEHUNES

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It was just another beautiful day in paradise when 71 Honolulu retirees and guests gathered for our February luncheon at Buffet 100, an ocean view Chinese restaurant in the Ward Warehouse which serves 100 menu items. No one should have left hungry! Actually, and this will bring no sympathy our way from our fellow retirees on the mainland, the day began chilly enough in the mid 60s ☺ that several of us showed up in long sleeves. Thank you, **Laura Chin-Leong** and **Linda Kauhane**, for coordinating the luncheon.

We welcomed our newest members, recent retirees **Jo Lim**, **Bill Tinsley** and **Tony Peloso** from HNLCS, and **Domelynne Nash**, from HNLRR. We saw a few familiar faces from the days when the HNL reservations office was located in the old Gold Bond Bldg. **Miki Koptiuch** was here from New York, enjoying her annual stay in Hawaii. **Susie Burke**, who left HNLRR and went to PDXCS via DENCs and SFOCS, was vacationing here from her home in Portland, Oregon. **Bob Woodger**, who has been retired from HNLRR for years and divides his time between his Hawaii and mainland homes, surprised us with his first luncheon appearance. Another smiling face that some of us hadn't seen in a while was **Russ Jones**, former HNLRR manager. Sorry if there were more out-of-town retirees or first timers whom we missed.

Another "Thank You" goes to **Diane O'Steen** for filling in for **Pat Thomson** while she was away. Diane helped collect all the luncheon fees and dues, and also assisted **Rose Miller** in introducing guests Jeanette Clanton and Larry Page from Alliant Credit Union. In town for 2 seminars at HNLRR, Jeanette and Larry were both available to answer questions from us. Larry, Senior National Account Manager, is based in San Mateo, California. You can reach him on his Blackberry at 800 328-1935, ext. 8825. Jeanette, Denver Branch Manager, is the Alliant "go to" person for the retirees. She can be reached at 800 328-1935, ext. 8850, or at jlclanton@alliantcreditunion.com. Jeanette assisted with the drawing for raffle prizes (provided by Alliant and by HNL Mainliner club). Thanks also to Menehunes member **Donna Masatani**, our Mainliner club connection, who brought Mainliner items for the raffle and for purchase.

A special big mahalo to **Roger Casterline**, RUAEA Western Region Director, who made the long trip to attend the luncheon. Roger sent me a recent email which included a letter from **JoAnne Gaudio** (jandj@wbhsi.net), Publicity Chair for the National RUAEA Convention being held May 17-24 in Phoenix. She asked that we correspondents pass on some information regarding the Convention. A Convention room rate is available at the Hyatt Phoenix (call 602 252-1234 and identify yourself as a RUAEA member), and Convention registration forms are available in the February RUAEA newsletter or the RUAEA website (www.ruaea.org). One of the events of the Convention will be an arts and crafts auction, featuring works donated by RUAEA

members. If any of you creative artists and crafters are interested in making a donation, please contact **Jim Fauber** at fauberjmbo@aol.com.

Mark your calendars for our next luncheon (location to be advised in the mail out).

Calendar:

June 18 – Luncheon, hosted by **Teddy Adorable, Luvi Lewis & Domelynne Nash**

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Rick Dempsey opened the meeting by reviewing the highlights of the Feb. Newsletter. He reminded us of the increase in dues effective June 1, & the advantages of paying 2 and 3 years in advance. That drew a response from one of the old-timers, saying that at his age he doesn't buy green bananas (old pun, but it still gets a laugh.) I suppose it is inevitable that some day, a retiree will add, "I don't even buy all-day suckers."

Attendance included 17 members & one guest. **Ossie Haugen** introduced his daughter **Julie**. He then told of a trip he and **Louise Haugen** made to HOU, where they visited family. He said, "*We flew First Class both ways. We especially enjoyed flying UAL on a 757 from HOU to DEN,*" adding, "*One forgets how luxurious the larger planes actually are. The Friendly Skies slogan seemed more appropriate this time. They even served us a very nice fruit plate.*" Upon attending church, in HOU, both were pleasantly surprised to see a very large bouquet of white roses & white lilies in honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, from their daughter **Dina** and her husband **Everett Swank**. Later they toured the city to see the damage caused by Hurricane Ike.

Our get-together on Feb. 24 for lunch at the Lucky Palace (a new Chinese restaurant in Boise) was attended by 21 members. All enjoyed the food & service, & agreed that we should do that again. Our thanks to **Marlene Groghan** for arranging & hosting the event. Rick said he would welcome suggestions for other places & things we might do in the future.

Kudos for **Shirley Dempsey** who spent seven days volunteering her services to the Winter Special Olympics held in Boise. She spent time with teams from Egypt, Venezuela & South Africa, adding, "*It was a great experience. There were many Clipped Wings everywhere, and a hats-off for a splendid job by them.*" Also participating was **Dave Adams** who devoted 13 hours of bussing team members from one venue to another.

Only one Birthday in March. Happy Birthday **Ned Yundt**, founder of the Boise GEMS.

Calendar:

Apr 6, 9a.m., Breakfast at JB's in Meridian

May 4, 9 a.m., Breakfast at JB's in Meridian

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Ginny Vlach had Lumbar Laminectomy surgery this February and is now walking with a walker. Address is 404 S. Albert St., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. **Al Maday** is recovering from carpal tunnel surgery and looking forward to getting a new hip in March. **Carol** is playing the TLC nurse at 307 Andrew Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60193.

Jim Guerin is currently under the weather and his wife **Pat** said your prayers would be appreciated. They live at 1426 N. Douglas, Arlington Heights, IL 60004.

In thanks for our well being, let's send a card to cheer up all those under the weather. It really helps. We have **Dar Motyka** who volunteers three days a week at the American Cancer Society in Oak Brook, IL. If you know of someone in treatment or recently diagnosed, you can contact her at darmotyka@yahoo.com. **Sandy Piwowarczyk** has a daughter in Seattle who climbs mountains for the Susan Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. That includes Mt. Baker, Mt. Horab, Mt. Ranier, and two volcanoes.

For the lucky ones in good health, traveling was in the cards. **Cecilia Yates** was not discouraged by a Louisiana hurricane in September or a snowstorm in December to keep her from planning a trip with **Pat Muha** to India in April. **Norm Pearson** went to Jefferson, Georgia, to help his brother celebrate his 90th birthday. Good genes. **Bob Jacobson** and **Marge Daily** went to San Diego to visit his granddaughter and then on to Los Angeles to visit his son. **Phyllis & Phil Capuzelo** to Florida to visit her brother. Table buddies back to their second home in Green Village, Arizona. **Al & Carole Giovanazzi** reported their all inclusive resort vacation to Cancun was wonderful. **Lyle Backus** returned to his teaching post in the Elmhurst Park District. His field of expertise is in lapidary, which to you men, means jewelry, which women love. **Jim Somerfield** has added a new financial feature to the RUAEA website, Bloomberg & Barrons. Check it out!

The Southside had 21 who helped celebrate **Rudi Macki's** 49th year since being hired by Capital, then being merged into UAL. Rudi donated donuts for all, and I took two because when I did the payroll end for checks of the merger, I ended up doing more than the first check for all payrolls.

Mary Kay and **Gil Wojtals** had everyone at breakfast chuckling as they wore their long gray hair wigs which they use in entertaining our troops.

Mel Fischer donated his usual five Lotto tickets to the normal raffles. **Ted Guz** was the big winner with two raffles and one Lotto. **Scotty Ward** came in second with two Lottos. **Caryle Brandt** and **Al Eberhardt** won the rest of the Lottos, **Al Broderson** and **Javier Chavez** had to be content with the money raffles. But **Carol Faust** bested these guys by winning a 10-lb chocolate bar at a St. Zachary dinner. Where will that go? Her freezer!

Only one couple celebrating in March. **Shirley & Dave Perkins** with a good 56 years. Keep going!

Our Wisconsin friends are advising they are still in recovery process from last fall rains.

Joanne Giannini, our sunshine lady, has taken full control of badge distribution at the Northside breakfast. That will give **Rich Surma** more time for?

Carol Faust graduated from a 12-week course from the Schaumburg citizens' police academy. Highlights included a 4-hour ride along, learning to work the radio and calling for backup. Also got to use the shooting range.

Sadly, **Don Wilson** reported the death of **Paul Folta** on January 6, 2009.

Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Jedi's Restaurant (**April 28 & May 26**) at 9:30 a.m., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, IL.

Northsiders Breakfast – Artemis Restaurant (**April 8 & May 13**) at 9:00 a.m. Golf & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL.

Food depository - First Tuesday (**April 7 and May 5**).

March 25 - Spring Fling at the Wellington.



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There is no April Luncheon scheduled. The next luncheon would have been in May. However, this has been cancelled since it conflicts with the RUAEA Convention in Phoenix the week of May 17-24, 2009.

Some of our regular members will be attending the Convention, including yours truly. I look forward to a fun week in a great city and seeing many new and old friends.

Calendar:

April – no luncheon scheduled

May 17-24 - RUAEA Convention in Phoenix

May 20 – Luncheon Cancelled due to conflict with RUAEA Convention in Phoenix week of May 17-24.

July 15 – Next scheduled luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel

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What a wonderful March weekend. The “boys” of summer are out riding their steel horses as the sun glows to a lovely summerlike “70”. For those living in the south, and southwest this doesn’t sound exceptional. But for Midwesterners, 70’s at this time of the year are exciting.

Indy Racers are once again considering relocating. Plans were to begin with our April meeting at the new IHOP in Avon, but IHOP has been having problems with heating their lovely meeting room and will not make a commitment for its use until their heating/cooling unit is working. So, I will say that we will still continue to meet at the Golden Corral in Plainfield **through** the April meeting. Hopefully, we will be able to relocate for our May meeting.

Have been busy checking the brochures for day trips that I enjoy. **Ray & Hannelore Brabo** inquired about the tour company through whom I book, and were interested in a copy. Still anxious to hear about **Dimpel & Dave Rihel** and **Ellie & Bud Barnett**’s cruise to the Panama Canal. **Warren & Gail Allen** should be returning from their winter-spot in Texas in early April

Stop the presses! I just received a call from **Cheri Innis** who volunteered the job to make the arrangements with IHOP for April; and she says it’s a done deal. So our April 13th meeting will be at the IHOP. Sorry for the confusion, folks.

Calendar:

April 13 - IHOP, 10143 Rockville Road (Rte 36), Avon, IN. Room available from 2 P. M., meeting at 3 P.M.

May 11 - IHOP, 10143 Rockville Road (Rte 36), Avon, IN. Room available from 2 P.M.; meeting at 3 P.M.

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Again, no meeting in February, little news.

Our Nor’Easter officers held a planning and audit meeting in Feb. Thanks to Treasurer **Bill Vanderwal**, we are solvent and doing slightly better than last year’s audit. They also worked on locating activities with lunch included. More to come.

Yours truly is still flocking with snow birds and continually getting browner. I did pass by the back side of FLL airport yesterday, noting three Fed-Ex DC-10 pure freighters. I haven’t seen a DC10 in who knows how long. I couldn’t help but wonder if any of these freighters at one time belonged to UAL.

So sad to hear about the passing of **Ruby Glasscock**, a centenarian. Her daughter **Ginger Hyde**, is a member of the Sand Dollars Chapter.

Calendar:

April – To be announced.

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What a glorious yesterday, 67°, which tied an all time record and made you believe that Spring was just around the corner. Then, it was gone in a flash, as we woke up this morning in the 40's. I can hardly wait until the warm weather gets here. Another beautiful day was Mar 5, when 17 Escapees gathered at Michael's in Livonia, hosted by **Marcy Vance**, one of our newest Escapees. It even brought out a couple Escapees; **Carol Cant** and **Gary Herkimer** whom we have not seen in a year or more. We are hoping for more beautiful days that might bring out a few more Escapees that have been MIA for a while (FYI: And I don't mean Miami).

Sadly, once again I am the bearer of sad news as another of our UA family member has gone home to be with the Lord. **Sharon (Gibson) Machlay** DTWRR, passed away on March 1st and was laid to rest on March 3rd. The family requests any memorials to the Karmanos Institute, 4100 John R., Detroit, MI 48201. Our love and prayers to husband **James** and family @ 6070 Meyer Ave., Brighton, MI 48116.

Calendar:

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

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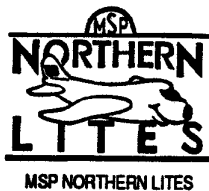
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Our February meeting was attended by 26 members on an overcast but warm-for-February day, with hardly any snow due to mid-winter rains.

Our honorary Northern Lites, **Tom & Judie Cafilisch**, were absent this month due to concerns about their college-age grandson who has just been diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis. Our prayers go out to them & their family in this time of concern and adjustment.

Updates on some of our ailing members:

- ☞ **Bernie Hazekamp** is again mobile after having back surgery to correct stenosis in his spine. He's grateful to be without pain again & we're glad to see him back.
- ☞ **Wes Briest** fell in his driveway recently, shook him up & skinned him up. Once again he's housebound for awhile. Hope to see you & **Bette** again soon, Wes.
- ☞ **John Beveridge III** reports he's raring to go after his carotid surgery last fall. Has already gone to visit one of his kids & is planning more trips soon.
- ☞ **Donna Gray** is recuperating from knee replacement surgery. She's going to Steamboat Springs soon to join her daughter's family for a ski vacation. I DON'T think that Donna will be skiing, however.
- ☞ **Bud Ayres** had cataract surgery recently & doesn't have to wear his glasses anymore!
- ☞ **Norma Holen**, **Andy's** wife, got the short end of the stick on Valentine's Day in a tussle with a truck down near their winter digs in Arizona. She's going to be sore & stiff for awhile with three broken ribs & a bruised liver.

If anyone planning to attend the RUAEA convention is willing to sit in for the President or Correspondent at their meetings, please let us know ASAP. Attendance at the meetings must be RSVP to RUAEA by May 3.

Locals who are travelling through the cold weather are **Jim & Mary Brennan, Nel Brawner** and **Gene & Kookie Delvaux**. The Delvauxs are our premier cruisers & Gene passed along some helpful websites for anyone looking for Interline cruises

→ <http://www.vacationstogo.com>

→ <http://www.perx.com/>

→ <http://www.interliner.com>

→ Another site is <http://www.carnival.com> ~ they'll help with interline fares.

Jack Spalding, ever the sharp-eyed one, noted the obituary for **Charlotte Claus**, widow of former MSP Supervisor **Adam Claus**, who passed away on Feb. 24. We send our condolences to their family.

Calendar:

Lunch the 2nd Wednesday 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

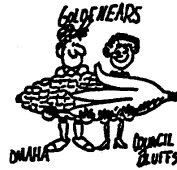
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What a great lunch at T.O. Garcia's with 45 attending. Thanks to **Ev & Shirley Payton** for hosting.

An update on **Peggy Casebeer**: She did have her surgery on the 20th and came home from the hospital on the following Saturday. She said she was still in quite a bit of pain mainly caused from removing the disc in her back and replacing it with bone from her pelvis area. She said she would be recuperating for at least 6 weeks.

I talked to **Marge Stankoski** and she is down with a terrible cold and upper respiratory infection. She was to start radiation for a spot on her neck, but due to her health has had to put that off until she gets well. She just finished radiation for a spot on her back

Alene Dytrych had surgery on her other shoulder and is in Hillcrest Health & Rehab. When discharged from there, she will be going directly to Mable Rose Estates.

Clara Deaver is really doing well after having several chemo treatments. She says she only has two more to go and then she is done. She is even back bowling again at age 89! What a gal. I would imagine she will be golfing in April, as usual.

I talked to **Dottie Lewis** and she said she was doing okay. With it being such a cold winter, she has had to stay in pretty much all the time. She said she didn't know why, while she was working, she didn't buy a place in Honolulu.

Here are some names that have been or are members of our United Retiree Group who may be deceased or, hopefully, still alive and well. This should bring back some memories: **Dick Deaver, Toni Blankenship, Tommy Lew, Pete Carlentini, Larry Dutson, Cy Buell, Joe Fairhall, and Dick Loftus.**

Calendar:

April 7 - House of Hunan, hosted by **Marge Edwards**

May 5 - Horseman's Park, hosted by **Elaine Schreiber** and **Lorraine Stanfield**

June 2 - Narrows County/Park – Hosted by **Keith & Jan Cornish**

NEVADA



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Our Feb 10th luncheon/meeting was attended by 40 members. Remote members that flew in for the luncheon were **Linda Tracy** from PDX, and **Freddi Bieman** from BWI. New members are **Bob & Zenta Berghofer**. She retired from SFOHH, but also worked at LASHH. We enjoyed a wonderful meal of braised Short ribs, Risotto, and Asparagus; decadent Red Velvet Cake and sugarless Apple Pie. Executive Chef George Henandez does such a wonderful job with our meals; and lovely hostess, Jean Delano, always makes sure we are happy. Servers, Phillip and Nikoli make sure we are well taken care of. Jean always donates something nice for our raffle table. She's a real sweetheart, and I hope Arizona Charlie's compensates her well.

We had a very interesting guest speaker; Jean Payton and her dog, Geiger. She gave us a lot of useful information on visual impairment and blindness. I'm sure that every large city has a blind center, but you can get online information at www.blindconnect.org.

John Albert read an e-mail with information on the UA FLT 93 Memorial. He also told us about receiving a thank you from **Tom Goodyear** for info he sent in for the UA Historical Foundation. **Winnie Stone** read a cute poem on Retirement, and our "X-rated" story teller, **Ingeborg Levy**, had a couple of cute jokes for us. 50-50 drawings, free lunch vouchers, and raffle table items were distributed by **John Albert** and **George Fox**. Thanks to **Carrie Takeuchi** for all the Valentine candy.

Jean Frasco and her hubby, **Jim**, were off on another cruise. They had a good time; however, Jean came home with a bad cold. **Lois Fox** was unable to attend because she was "snow bound" in Bakersfield, CA due to the closing of Cajon Pass en route to Las Vegas. Lois & George had been awaiting the arrival of a new granddaughter that was supposed to arrive on Feb. 15th; Lois's Birthday. Lois went to Utah to help her daughter; the baby did not arrive on the 15th; and Lois ended up in the hospital with a painful infection. Baby finally arrived on Feb. 23rd (while Lois was still in the hospital). New Baby, Mom, and Grandma all doing well - last I heard. Haven't heard how Grandpa George dealt with all this!

On to less cheerful news ... **Nelma & Denny Gutwald** who were supposed to attend the luncheon didn't make it. We later heard that Nelma has been in and out of the hospital; and that Denny, who is suffering from lung cancer, is not doing well either. Nelma's Mother, Olive Cox, passed away in TX. She used to be our honorary member when she was staying with Nelma and Denny in Las Vegas. Our condolences to the families.

Lillian Wiper passed away, and services for her were held in Las Vegas. She had been living in WA with her daughter. LAXFO **Don Swirnow**, spouse of **Betty**, passed away. **Mary Silveroli**, spouse of **T.J.** passed away. **Willie Bullinger** is going thru chemo and radiation treatments for colon cancer. I saw LASCS **Patty (Mobley) Rosa** the other day; she is looking great after her cancer treatments. Another LASCS retiree visiting Las Vegas from Knoxville was **Norm Shaw**. It sure is nice to see people we worked with years ago. On that note, I'll close with "*looking forward to seeing many fellow retirees; wonderful friends, at the RUAEA Convention in PHX!*"

RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 22 attendees, including one guest **Jerry Kelly**, **Kathy Robinson's** brother, at our February meeting at Austin's.

Kathy reported that the bank balance for the chapter is recovering from our Christmas lunch and that 2009 dues are coming in. If you haven't paid your dues yet, you can send them to either **Kathy Robinson** or **Pat**.

There has been no increase in dues this year - \$5/person. Again, unlike RUAEA, our dues on a Jan. – Dec. calendar cycle. March is the end of “grace” period – no dues, no newsletter.

RUAEA – John visited Fresno Brazen Raisins, Sacramento Gold Diggers, Red Bluff North Staters and San Joaquin Hangtown Miners this month. Reservation packages are out for the PHX convention in May.

Other Industry News – British Airways is going to allow text messaging on their flights.

Reservations have been made for Monday, August 10th for our Sand Harbor picnic.

Kathy Robinson won the 50/50 and **Lynda Klemm** won the “mystery” gift.

February birthdays were celebrated by: **Ethan Gillooly Bob Dringenberg, Donna Reid, and Bill Perkins**. Thanks also to **Bill** for providing the homemade heart shaped cookies – what a special treat!

NEW YORK

NEW YORK METROS



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Jim Richardson, The N.Y. Metros president, led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance and had a moment of silence for those members with health issues who couldn't be with us at this month's meeting. We especially ask that you keep the families of **Betty Vernillo** and **Lou Ricci** in your prayers, since we lost both members last month due to illness. Lou never fully recovered from his car accident which compounded his existing problem with Supranuclear Palsy.

Yvonne Guella had her right knee replaced at the Hospital for Special Surgery in “The City”. She came through the operation just fine after a short hospital stay and some time in rehab. Yvonne's niece, Nadine Cordes told Jimbo that Yvonne is home recuperating & is on the road back to recovery. Great going, Yvonne!

Eleanor Locastro advised the chapter that **Tony** was hospitalized with congestive heart failure & renal kidney failure and most likely will be on permanent dialysis. Please keep Tony in your prayers, (516) 302-3070.

Birthday greetings to: **Anthony Manfre**, 91 years old on 3/25. On that date, folks were singing “*I'm Always Chasing Rainbows*”; **John Butera** will be 86 years on 3/9 and Paul Whiteman's Band was playing “*Parade of the Wooden Soldiers*” on that date in 1923. The FLAPPERS were dancing to “The Charleston” by Paul “POPS” Whiteman when **Jean Zito** was born on 3/9/25. When **Harold Malesardi** was born on 3/16/23, another Paul Whiteman record was cut with “*I'll Build a Stairway to Paradise*”. **Julie Schneider** celebrates her birthday on 3/16/24, George Gershwin wrote & performed “*Rhapsody In Blue*” with Mr. Whiteman that winter. **Mabel Bittar** will be 85 years on 3/21/24, another popular standard by Pops was “*Somebody Loves Me*”.

Paul Cohen is collecting annual N.Y. Metro dues for 2009. It was good seeing **Mary Lou & Ed Ellis** back with their usual group at this month's luncheon. Ditto for **Pat Hannon**, who has a birthday on March 10th. The RUAEA chapter really missed UZGUYS!

Jimbo is in the process of revising the CALL LIST and hopes to have copies for everyone at the next meeting. He wasn't satisfied how the current list is working out.

For the members who wanted to know the whereabouts of **Tom Dorrian**, the JFK/LGA office supervisor. Jimbo was informed by **Dale Harper**'s Retiree site that Tom passed away in 2004.

Spring is just around the corner! The snow will be gone and daffodils will be peeking out, along with hibernating Metros. We are anxious to see all of you at April's meeting.

Calendar:

April 1 - 12 noon, Millerridge Inn

May 6 - 12 noon

June 3 - 12 noon

July 1 - 12 noon ... only 4 months away from Post-Time for our 2nd annual picnic at Belmont Raceway. Be a winner and join us!

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Mark your Calendars!

The Northwoods Loonies are getting together again, along with anyone else looking to have a great time. The time is May 5th thru breakfast on May 8th in beautiful Red Wing, MN along the Mississippi River surrounded by bluffs. Make your reservations by April 3rd, 2009.

We have blocked rooms at the Country Inn & Suites, 4275 Hwy 61 West, Red Wing, MN. Call 800-456-4000 or direct to 651-388-9000, rates are \$79.90 single or double plus tax. Make sure you identify yourself as part of the Northwoods Loonies group. We have a lot of great things planned and we will be sending out all the details in a letter closer to the date. If you have questions about this great group or any questions please call us.

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Our March 4th meeting was held at The Old Oak Bible Church. There were 64 Buckeyes in attendance. President **Carol Hacker** opened the meeting by thanking **John & Dolly Taucher** for all their hard work in organizing and then having to cancel the Feb. meeting due to bad weather. She hoped everyone was enjoying the meeting today because it was something different from our norm, a stimulus meal. Everyone was very pleased with the great food, the price and the company of their friends.

Unexpectedly, **Bob & Shari Herman** stopped by to see all on their way to the hospital for one of Bob's treatments. What a great surprise! Please continue to keep Bob & Shari in your prayers. Our condolences to **Jim & Kay Webster** on the passing of Kay's brother, Jerry Lewis. He passed away unexpectedly on February 20th.

We had 3 anniversaries to celebrate. **Mike & Sharon Minelli**, 48 years in January, **Bob & Beverly Templeton**, 51 years in February, and **Vince & Norma Malena**, 42 years in March. Congratulations! Happy Birthday was sung to all who celebrated their birthdays in the same months.

If you did not receive a packet through the mail last month, please let Dolly know. Again, a big THANK YOU to the Tauchers' granddaughter who volunteered to compile all the packets as a community project for her confirmation.

Jim Simon, the Midwest Director, sent a note to the chapter thanking **Sharon Garrah** and the **Tauchers** for the great job they do in communicating the news of our chapter through the newsletter and the website. Check out our website, I'm sure you will enjoy it.

The bus trip for October must be paid for by August 15th, as the chapter has to make full payment by September 1st. It is \$75 per person, monies being collected by **Sharon Minelli**.

The chapter's operating books are open for anyone to view. Dolly brings them to every meeting and places them on display at the check in table. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Carol Gregory** and **George Werner**. Our President closed the meeting by thanking everyone for his or her support over the past few years. It is a great blessing to have the love and support of many friends during hard times.

I would like to thank **Sharon Minelli** for taking notes and passing them on to me, so I could put together the newsletter. You did a GREAT job as usual! Bernie & I are recuperating from the flu.

Calendar:

April 1 - Flair Restaurant & Café at 12841 State Rd. (Rt.94), N. Royalton. Gather 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 15th Annual Northfield Night

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There were 70 members at the Valentine's luncheon with an ice cream and cake social afterwards. The cake was in celebration of **Mac Heywood's** 100th birthday. The table decorations which consisted of hearts and a small fountain were made by **Cora Harper** and one lucky person at each table was able to take one home. **Ron & Patty Gurski** brought a one pound box of chocolates to be auctioned off and the winner was **Harold Miller**.

The drawing winners this month were as follows: Door prize - **Ed Rommel**, Birthday - **Mac Heywood**, Anniversary - **Anna & Harold Miller**, 50/50 - **Joe Mortensen**.

President **Charlie Stemper** brought three guests, **Larry Pattela**, **Larry Martin** and **Frank Arnold**. All three are retired and involved in community projects.

Rance Ishibashi is in the hospital with pneumonia and struggling with the affects of leukemia. It was announced at the meeting that anyone willing to donate blood in his name please contact the American Red Cross. A great deal of blood is needed in the treatment of leukemia. **Merle Pitman** was in the hospital for a third time this year (2009) for tests and his wife **Lois** is optimistic the doctors will be able to diagnosis his problem.

Happy 80th Birthday to **Bob Bauer**.

Again, I make a plea for information on happenings around our area. I would love to be able to make the Dew-er's column more interesting. Please call me or send an e-mail with any newsworthy tid-bit.

Please be certain to bring canned or packaged food to the meetings to be donated to Shepherd's Door. If every person brought just one thing, it would mean 70 items. They have been most appreciative of all the goods we have given them.

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 12:00 PM

April 8 – Easter Parade

May 13 - Social

June 9 - Honor Veterans



OUR CLUB

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Despite the flu bug hitting southern Oregon with a record punch, 18 members and guests turned out for the March 6 OUR Club luncheon and quarterly business meeting. **Laurie Jordan** hosted the meeting at The Bistro, an Italian restaurant in Grants Pass.

Following a tasty lunch and enjoyable catching-up, President **Neal Appleton** conducted the quarterly business meeting. He congratulated **Mary Crees** on recently celebrating her 90th birthday. The 50/50 winning ticket was held by **Ric & Gidget Walcha**. In addition to the usual chapter business, Neal encouraged members to attempt to fly on their passes despite website indications that a flight might be full.

Steve & Cyndi Austin once again generously offered their home for the OUR Club picnic in September. Their offer was accepted with gratitude and everyone is already looking forward to that high spot on OUR Club's annual calendar.

Calendar:

April 3 - TBA - Peggy Wilson

May 1 - TBA - Neal & Sonnia Appleton

June 5 - TBA - Lowell & Norma Ross

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Our executive committee met at **Kathy & Al Edward's** home on Feb 23. President, **Joe Brad** resigned and is now undergoing chemo and radiation so our thoughts and prayers are with him. Our committee has made up a list of nominees for election of the next president. **Joyce Lindenmuth** hosted a delicious lunch.

Treasurer **Tom Lyons** gave a detailed treasury report and an update on those members who have not paid their dues for this year. He will email the 57 members who have not responded yet.

We discussed the upcoming convention in PHX and several of us are planning to attend.

It was also decided to attend the Christmas show in Lancaster, PA again this November. Anyone interested in going this year may contact **Dee Burrs** or any member of the committee.

Kathy Edwards suggested that we contact **Carol Rose** to see if she would assist us in getting a speaker for our meetings.

We were sad to learn of the passing of **Charlotte Gallagher** and **Peggy Milano**, both former employees of the flight kitchen in PHL.

We are again committed to giving a dinner this November for the Ronald McDonald House. This year we plan to simplify the menu. Our last year's effort was well received but we were a little "over ambitious" on the number of items on the menu. We also over estimated just how much 70 people could eat. Fortunately the food did not go to waste as it was enjoyed as leftovers for the next 2 days.

Pat Lyons suggested that at our future general meetings, the executive committee split up and plan to sit at different tables for each meeting. This way we can meet with, get ideas and solicit suggestions, from members who might not normally speak up.

Frank Egges gave a report on our donations to the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel. Our members have been very generous. So far we have donated \$6000.00 and have more to send. Thank you so much for your generosity. If you'd like to make a contribution, please make your check payable to "CHAPEL 93

MEMORIAL” and mail it to: **Frank Eggles**, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073. Please be certain that your file number, name and address are on your check.

Calendar:

March 23 - Committee meeting, 12:30PM at the **Edwards**



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The February Luncheon hosted by **Vic & Joan Ference** was attended by 41 Pit-Stoppers and newly retired guests **Kathy Matteson** and **Leland Smith**. Leland is the son of former PITMM **Cal Smith** and former PIT/CLE **Phylliss Smith**. Nice to see the family tradition carried on. Welcome to the group!

Barbara Seaholm gave the Treasurer's report and reminded everyone to pay their '09 dues.

Outgoing President **Vic Ference** thanked everyone for their support during his tenure in office. Good job Vic.

Newly elected President **Ken Wolfe** welcomed the new members and a moment of silence was observed for those who have since passed. Good to see **Rich Guida** along with **Glenn Boughton**, **Jack Tinney** and **Pat Weiss**, along with **Karen Molintenaro** and **Paul Gay**. We certainly missed the **Detwilers** and the **Blacks**. Hope to see you in April.

Bill Redfern came through as usual with some of his handcrafted articles that were given as door prizes. Thanks Bill!

Treatie Karwoski brought us up to date on the National RUAEA changes in subscription prices and also pointed out the many features and advantages of being a member of the National Organization. She outlined all of the features in the Newsletter and encouraged attendance at the upcoming convention. She also informed us that RUAEA will now accept as members anyone that has worked for United and is of retirement age. Good news especially for former Apollo members, etc. Treatie also passed out ballots for any RUAEA member that wished to cast their vote for the upcoming election.

Ken Wolfe advised that **John Griglak** is undergoing Chemo and I am sure he would like to hear from his many friends - 327 Jenny Lynn Dr., Moon Twp, PA 15108.

The donated food and money was taken by **John & June Schiralli** to the Focus on Renewal Foundation. Cards were signed and sent to **Fred Reidel** re. his recent knee surgery.

Mac Crampton looked great after her surgery and said she is ready for the Marathon.

Calendar:

April 17 – Luncheon - JW Hall's

July 17 - Annual Picnic - Robinson Park

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The buffet at Shoney's Restaurant was the place for our February 19th breakfast. It was good to see both **Terry Taylor** and **JoAnn Swallom**. JoAnn had her two daughters with her. They were visiting from the West Coast. It was great visiting with them again.

As usual, we enjoyed reminiscing about “the good old days at UAL”. We are sorry to report that one of our inactive members, **Clyde Robbins**, passed away on February 28, 2009. He was an airline mechanic for 16 years

with United. He served in the U.S. Air force in both World War II and Korea. Our condolences go out to his family.

Maxine & Cal Anthony are still having a rough time of it. Maxine's cataract surgery has to be redone as she is experiencing cloudiness again. They finally put Cal on a regular dose of nitroglycerin; but still can't get his Coumadin dosage adjusted properly. The doctors have also told him that the compression fracture in his back will need to heal on its own which will take a long time. On the bright side, they are hoping to join us when we go to the Cumberland Playhouse in Crossville as this isn't too far a drive for them. We are looking forward to seeing them again.

Calendar:

April 16 - 9:30 AM Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take Exit 274 off I40-75 toward Kingston Pike for one block.

May 19 - Robbie & Joe Corbin are hosts, (931) 456-2790. We will have Lunch at Beef & Barrel in Crossville and then attend a matinee performance of "Smoke on the Mountain" at the Cumberland Playhouse. (Crossville is on Central Time - Note: This is Tuesday instead of our usual Thursday meeting.)

June 16 - 9:30 AM - Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville.

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On March 3, 25 chapter members met for a cordial lunch at Bountiful's Chuck-A-Rama. It was good to welcome the new & some of the older retirees: former F/As **Kit Herron & Rosemary Anastasion**, as well as SLCRS retirees **DeMoyan Oliver; Paul Scoville; Richard Papworth; Frank Kern; Patrick Byrne**. It was also great to visit with **Pete & Jackie Loyola; Tony Brown; Lorraine Olson; Kaye Nelson** - all of whom had been missed during the last few meetings due to their other pressing issues. **Lila Maughan** related that **Betty Davis** was still suffering from a recent fall. We were sorry to hear about this.

St. George/UT resident **Bill Ottman**, visiting his son in SLC, called **Frank Murdock** to convey regrets that he would not join us due to an afternoon doctor's appointment.

This correspondent bought a number of pamphlets from the Utah State Geological Survey shop; these booklets give present & past information on the formation/contents of the Great Salt Lake, also known as (ancient) Lake Bonneville. Some of our members were interested in learning more about it & bought the pamphlets - one version in German, another in English, and the third in Spanish. The foreign-language translations were donated to the state by individuals as well as by a class of Spanish students who took on this project with the help of their teacher! According to the USGS people, the state-run outlets show a brisk business in pamphlet sales.

As many of our local & national UAL retirees/Berlin Airlifters know, the 60th anniversary of the end of the Soviet blockade will be celebrated one more time in Germany - but especially in Berlin - in May of this year. Focusing on this event, the original "Candy Bomber" Col. **Gail S. Halvorsen** (88) is still active in keeping America's biggest humanitarian effort alive in the minds of those who benefited from it (the Berliners); he also gives credit to those who participated with him in the Berlin Airlift.

Col. Halvorsen is scheduled to speak on Sat., March 7, 2009, at the Hill AFB "Flight Museum." As Utah natives well know, this indoor/outdoor flight museum has on display many aircraft of various types - an interesting airplane collection reminding the visitor of "*Man's efforts to conquer the air*"! For additional info on the Berlin Airlift, click on www.konnection.com/Airlift.

Calendar:

April 7 - Coffee Time - 9:30am - Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. 6150 S., Murray;

May 5 - Lunch - 2pm - Golden Corral, 7200 S. 700 E., SLC.

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

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I have progressed to a new stage in my recovery from my ankle surgery, having moved into an assisted care facility in Kenmore, as reflected in my new address above. My new living accommodations are quite nice and I appreciate the fact that I can have my cat live with me once again. I want to thank everyone again who has kept in touch with me and provided me their best wishes and support during my long recuperation. Thank you all so much!

Ken Tank, retired from SEARR, and his wife **Marcia** attended the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C. February 5, where they were addressed by President Barack Obama and guest speaker Tony Blair, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. The annual event has been held for 57 years dating back to President Dwight Eisenhower, and this year included 3,800 guests from 184 countries, including U.S. senators, representatives, international UN delegates, diplomats, heads of state and ordinary citizens from all 50 states. The Prayer Breakfast unites diverse people through their faith to strive for peace and ways to make the world a better place for all to live. Ken and Marcia also previously attended a Prayer Breakfast during the Clinton administration. The event is funded by private donations.

Our February meeting had 55 in attendance, and was again hosted by **Mary & John Luke**. We welcomed **Ernie & Eloise Lober**, who were attending their first meeting, although they are long-time members. Eloise is retired from SEATO. **Agnes Ness**, **Darleen Schroeder** and **Ruth Strange** were feeling under the weather and we wished them well in their recoveries. We observed a moment of silence in memory two SEARR retirees who were suddenly taken from us: **Chris Thompson**, the victim of an apparent homicide, and **Sue Peek**, who was fatally injured in an automobile caused by a driver under the influence. We will greatly miss both of these former co-workers.

Treasurer **Helen Stanger** gave a report that showed our finances to be in good shape. After two months of dues collections, our paid membership stands at 157, and should grow some more. **Evalena Hatcher's** picture appeared in her local senior center newsletter commending her for raising over \$1,600 for her senior center. When the State cut its subsidy to the senior center, Evalena swung into action, setting up a table with in a local supermarket with information signs and explaining the situation. Her hard work paid off.

Vice President **Phyllis Bowman** honored the past presidents of our chapter since February was Presidents' month. She recalled how **Norm Strange** began the work of organizing the chapter in 1980 while he was still an active employee and once we became a chapter of RUAEA, Norm was elected our first president in 1982. Phyllis read the names of all our presidents and the years in which they served and called those present to the front of the room. Those present and the years they served were: **John Reed** (1985), **Jerry Gogulski** (1986), **Rita Reynolds** (1993), **Evalena Hatcher** (2000) and **John Haferbecker** (2007 thru 2009). Phyllis then placed "crowns" on their heads and **Mary Luke** took a group photograph for our chapter newsletter.

The winners of our October predicting the future contest were announced. The first place winner was **Edna Harris**. Tied for 2nd were **Jackie Stenger** and **Dick Waterous**. The 4th place winner was **Jeannine Anderson**. The 1st and 2nd place prizes were free lunches at a future meeting and the 4th place prize was a \$15 Starbucks card. It was interesting to see how much expectations had changed in the four months since October. One notable prediction was made by **Bob Brumfield** who forecast how bad the stock market would do. The Dow Jones Average closed at 9,388 on October 13, 2008, the day before we made our predictions. Bob predicted it would drop to 7,750 by January 31, 2009 – only 250 off the mark (it reached 8,001). As of this writing, (March 1, 2009) it stands at 7,063. Don't we wish we'd all known last year that it would get this bad? Another person with a good crystal ball was **John Paulson** who predicted that Boeing stock would hit \$42.00 on January 31st. John was only 31 cents off, as it got down to \$42.31.

The door prize winners were **Evalena Hatcher**, **Corky Ives**, **Jim Small**, **Don Hanson**, **Jackie Dapp**, **Dona Westpfahl**, **Adelaide Haferbecker**, **Ken Walters**, **Marion Hafterson**, **Phyllis Bowman** and **Mary Weseman**. **Mary Weseman** also won the 50/50 raffle. It was her lucky day! **Bob Brumfield** assisted with the drawings.

Calendar:

April 14 – Luncheon Meeting, Fairwood Country Club, Renton, WA

May 12 – Luncheon Meeting, Fairwood Country Club, Renton, WA

June – No Meeting

July – No Meeting

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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It's St. Paddy's Day – and I am not able to have the annual Saint Patrick's Party this year! My ankle surgery was scheduled for the 18th of March. *Faith and Begorra ~ it's SAD!* Please mark May 13th on your calendar for our luncheon. It's possible we will have a party room in Charleston – details to follow as we have them!

- **Joan Bennett** injured her neck and elbow in a fall in February. She is now released from the hospital and still being treated for the pain. Her address for cards is: 10335 Tito Court, Manassas, VA 20110.
- **Kathe Geltinger**, retired IADFF, had total knee replacement in February. (Previously, she had both hips and the other knee done). Now Linda Scriven tells us she calls herself "the bionic woman"! She's feeling well with physical therapy three times a week and gaining strength every day. (Walter, retired IADCG, is her driver.) Please include her in your prayers that she will continue to improve.
- **Poss Horton**, retired IADFO Chief Pilot, recently had hip replacement surgery. With the "Jiffy Hip" procedure, he was walking less than 5 hours after surgery. Congratulations, Poss!
- **Ken Morgan**, retired IADCG, is now in physical therapy after his shoulder surgery. His address for cards is: 9812 Fairmont Avenue, Manassas, VA 20109.
- **Sims Stidman**, retired IADFO, is in the hospital recovering from back surgery. His address for cards is: 7514 Forrester Lane, Manassas, VA 20109-3031.
- **Dave Waggy**, IADCS, is recuperating from additional surgery on his leg. Recovery from this fall will be long and the family asks for your prayers. Cards may be sent to: 38700 Old Waterford Road, Waterford, VA 20197-1018.
- **Sims Stidman** is in the hospital recovering from back surgery. Cards may be sent to 7514 Forrester, Manassas, VA 20109. (Thanks to **Hank Heuser** for letting us know.)
- Captain **Edward Heinrich Menzer**, retired DCAFO, died February 10 after a long illness. Eddie retired as a 747 Captain after 31 years with United. Cards may be sent to **Linda Menzer**, PO Box 1325, White Stone, VA 22578. Memorials may be sent to the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, 121 S. Saint Asaph St., Alexandria, VA 22314. Eddie lived an abundant life, as an athlete, Marine, airline pilot, husband and father.
- **Fred Walton Miller, Sr.**, retired DCAMM, died February 4. He flew for 40 years, beginning with Capital Airlines which merged with United. Cards may be sent to Mary Miller, 861 Evelynnton Loop, The Villages, FL 32162. He will be missed by his United family.
- **Harold (Harry) St. John**, retired IADCG/EWRCG, died on February 28. Harry was past president of the Mainliner Clubs at EWR and IAD; he loved organizing the Christmas parties. Harry had a talent for friendship. Cards may be sent to **Diane St. John** and family, 4017 Amberjack Drive, Hernando Beach, FL 34607-3606. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be sent to Cure Meso.

For more member updates, see our website: www.dullesloungers.com, "Sunshine News". Check out the information for retirees and travelers under the News section. Many thanks to our webmaster, **Bud Reed**.

Please contact any of our Lounger officers with information about illnesses, deaths, special events, anniversaries, or whenever news should be shared with others: **Linda Scriven**, (703) 729-8616 or UALEMP5936@aol.com; Mari McColl, (703) 471-8218 or Marimccoll@aol.com; Judy Dunlap, (703) 689-0653.

The 2009 RUAEA National Convention in Phoenix AZ, May 17-24, features an Arts & Craft Auction of works donated by RUAEA members. If you have a project to donate, please contact **Jim Fauber** at fauberjimbo@aol.com or (480) 895-9697.

For reservations, see <http://phoenix.hyatt.com/groupbooking/phxrpruae2009> or call the Hyatt Phoenix at (602) 252-1234. You must identify yourself as a RUAEA member to get the convention rate. Fun-in-the-Sun Southwestern hospitality and exciting tours of the Valley of the Sun plus the camaraderie only found with RUAEA!

Reminder: **Linda Scriven** is running for the Retired United Airline Employee Association position of Southeast Regional Director. Those of us, who know the work that Linda has put into our Loungers' group, are pleased to support her in RUAEA. (If you're not a RUAEA member, please contact **Marilyn Marcy** (mmarcy99@cox.net) or pick up an application at our next meeting.)

Calendar:

April 8 - Dulles Loungers meeting, 12:30pm at the Golden Corral in Manassas (10801 Bulloch Drive).

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Spring is in the air! It's time for celebrating new beginnings, sunshine and friendship! Clipped Wings chapters throughout the country have many celebration plans. Many of those plans include benefits for our local philanthropy projects. ORD chapter is planning "A Day at the Races" for May 14, and a Golf Outing in June. PDX chapter is planning a "Spring Tea Party" for May 16.

The Clipped Wings® airplane scarf that has been sanctioned as an optional part of the UA Flight Attendant uniform is in yet another reorder phase. The sales are phenomenal. If you are interested in purchasing the scarf either for yourself or for a gift, contact **Cheryl Mullins Jensen** (SMF) rjensen148@aol.com. Each scarf is \$20 plus \$1.50 shipping. Proceeds raised from the profits of the airplane scarves go to support Special Olympics.

We are having great response from prospective members visiting our website. First-time members may join Clipped Wings after April 1, 2009 for one-half national dues, local dues and philanthropy assessment. Please check us out at www.clippedwings.com. As the National Vice President, **Barbara Fisk Vincent** (SEA), I will be happy to answer any membership questions from all prospective members. Please contact me at bvincentps@aol.com.

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Please note that the above policy only applies to death notices submitted to be published in this section of the RUAEA Newsletter.

Retiree – **BOGUE, Clarence** (The Honey Man) on 2/26/09, DTWMM, husband of Margaret (deceased), sons Phillip and Richard, 313 W State St., Hanover, MI 49241.

Retiree – **CHISHOLM, Vincent M.**, on 1/17/09, EXORU, husband of Rita B., 1221 Village Drive, Arlington Heights, IL 60004.

Spouse – **DINSMOOR, Margaret L.**, on 1/12/09, wife of Charles B., SFOOO, 661 Kerry Ct., Galt, CA 95632.

Retiree – **GOHNERT, Ray**, on 1/31/09, SFOSJ, husband of Nedra, 750 Lakemead Way, Emerald Hills, GA 94062.

Retiree – **HOUCK, Betty E.**, on 2/4/09, EXOAK. No next of kin, except: “Betty Houck’s Extended Family”, c/o B.J. Smith, Leisure World, 13721 El Dorado Dr., #20-H, Seal Beach CA 90740.

Retiree – **JENKINS, Jolene**, on 2/17/09, LAXCS, mother of Jill Dennis and Jeff Jenkins, mother-in-law of Ward Dennis, and grandmother of Hannah Dennis and Dana Jenkins, 6339 Forester Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92648 or 206 Canyon Lake Dr., Southlake, TX 76092.

Retiree - **LYON, Robert G.**, on 12/5/08, DTWMM, husband of Phyllis (deceased), 3557 WestPoint St., Dearborn, MI 48124.

Spouse – **MCCAIN, Billie G.**, on 2/3/09, wife of Tom, SEACS, 10455 Fairchild Rd., Spring Hill, FL 34608.

Retiree – **NOVAK, Robert A.**, on 12/10/08, WHQCM, husband of Barbara R., 712 Elm St. Glen Ellyn, IL 60137.

Spouse – **OGDEN, Caroline A.**, on 2/3/09, wife of James L., DENFF, 893 S. Evanston Cir., Aurora, CO 80012.

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WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

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

Ken Goetz, 722 Timothy Ct., East Dundee, IL 60118

Submitted by Sandi Fowler (Ken's Daughter)

Our great photographer, and long time retiree, Ken Goetz, is battling liver cancer for over a year now. He remembers all his friends and memories of his United family and talks about everyone quite often. I know he'd appreciate all your prayers and thoughts. Cards can be sent to: 722 Timothy Ct., East Dundee, IL 60118.

Ken is a member of the Chicago Skyliners in Illinois, former Secretary of the unit until his illness took over.

Lloyd Johnson, 1071 Jasper St., Aurora, CO 80011-7323

It will be 15 years in February since I retired, and I am still plugging along. I do a little harmonica playing and go to the conventions every year. I can't play too well, but I enjoy listening to others play.

I still garden, and have xeriscaped the front yard and a good portion of the grass in the back yard.

Vera planted 5 peach seeds in pots which were buried. They all popped up about three years ago and I planted them. The second year we got 27 peaches, and the third year we got over 5 bushels.

Thank you for all of your efforts, they are much appreciated.

George Lund, 1702 N Vassault St. Apt 5-1, Tacoma, WA 98406

Well, here it is that time again. I am later than I wanted to be, so probably won't miss the reminder on my newsletter. But I know I will not miss any of the good information that is always included in each issue. You are doing a super job!

It has been 17 years now and at least 5 years longer that I had anticipated. I still bowl (not well), play golf (even worse) and I play a lot of bridge. So it is not as if I am just sitting around, although I do my share of that too. All in all, I am just enjoying life except for the cooking and the cleaning.

Sherry Muoio, 20108 N. 110th Ave., Sun City, AZ 85373-3329

To all newsletter writers, correspondents, publishers, and RUAEA officers: Thank you for donating your time and energy to bring this newsletter to us on a monthly basis. Most of us can only imagine the time and organization that goes into its publication.

You give us such interesting information and helpful tools to use as we progress through such exasperating times.

I especially enjoy the Travel Tips by Bob, and the Ask the Pharmacist/Doctor. Everything changes so fast and often that we can all use whatever help you provide.

I thoroughly enjoyed the PIT convention this past May and hope many of you are going to join us in PHX this year. PHX is a wonderful city. You can enjoy our great weather, do things and be gone before it gets HOT!

Thanks again for all you do.

Helga Passler, 182 B. Zehlendorfer Damm, 14532 Kleinmachnow, Germany

I want to wish a Happy New Year to everyone in the USA. Many thanks to you for the wonderful work you do on the newsletter. It allows me to mentally keep in touch with plenty of happy times. Bless you all!

Arthur Paul, 13440 N. 44th St., Apt. 1080, Phoenix, AZ 85032

Since I live in Phoenix, I will be looking forward to the convention in May.

The weather should be warm that time of year, so bring your summer clothes. I am sure everyone will have a wonderful time.

Jim Pelletier, 153 N.W. 5th St., Oak Island, NC 28465

Just a short note to say thank you for the wonderful newsletter. I read it from front to back. There is so much joy to hear things from SFO maintenance base, and also some sadness for the dearly departed. Keep up the good work!

Alexandra Pontarelli, 1053 Surry Dr, Bonita, CA 91902-2426

I appreciate all of your hard work in getting the newsletter out to us.

My husband worked at UAL for over 30 years. He reported to Mr. Patterson, almost all of the time. He was very fortunate to have worked for Mr. Patterson. There was no greater man than Mr. Patterson.

My sincerest wishes for continued publication of the newsletter.

Aurora Witting, Ste. 403, 1801 West Bay Dr. NW, Olympia, WA 98502

My apology for the delay. I have been away out of the country with my brother who has stage 4 cancer.

I do want to send my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the top notch job all of you do in producing a wonderful newsletter. It keeps us retirees connected with the United world.

Wallace Wong, 345 W 58th St #6-T, New York, NY 10019

Congratulations for your good work in keeping us informed and connected through the years with other retirees, a lot of good memories.

I retired from United Airlines in 1989, after working for 36 years at the SFO Maintenance Operations Center. Since my retirement, I've been blessed with good health and a productive life.

In 1990 I relocated from Santa Fe, NM to New York City, in which my life and retirement years changed dramatically!

It was during this time, I made my transition from retirement to an exciting, hectic and challenging career in film, television, theatre and cabaret.

In 1990, I assisted my sister, Jadin Wong, audition and cast performers for the Broadway musical "Miss Saigon."

Recently I've been involved in the production of "Forbidden City West", a musical based on the life and professional dancing career of my sister, Jadin Wong.

Currently, I'm working with Mr. Fred Jerome, author and veteran journalist, who has published several books, including "Einstein on Race and Racism", which is based on the life, humanism, and friendship of two great giants of the 20th Century. They were the world renowned scientist, Albert Einstein and the legendary singer, actor, and social activist, Paul Robeson.

A film strip has been written and production will start in the near future. Two award winning actors, Ben Kingsley will portray Albert Einstein and Danny Glover will portray Paul Robeson.

The film will be historically significant and epic in proportion.

Raymond "Mac" MacIntosh, 7585 SW Crestview Street, Tigard, OR 97223, (503) 968-9544
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On January 1, 2009, I began my 22nd year of retirement. Soon, Pauline and I will celebrate 58 years (count 'em!) of wedded bliss, thanks in no small part to our Kaiser HMO. For the past five years we have lived in the Great Pacific Northwest in a very comfortable apartment generously provided for us by our "favorite" daughter (I actually only told her she was my favorite daughter to get her to type this for me since Pauline won't let me get a computer) and her husband in their family home in the greater Portland area. It's great to be close to the grandchildren.

Each month, I eagerly await the arrival of the Newsletter and I am quite pleased when a name from the past catches my eye. Not so this month when I read the Obits column, which brings me to the reason I write this letter. Sadly, I note the passing of a very good friend.

Lloyd O. Goto and I worked together as shop mechanics in the old auto shop in the Stearman-Hammond building at the north end of the MOC in the 1960s. Lloyd was a very modest, private guy who kept his feelings pretty much to himself, but he and I hit it off from the start. We spent many a lunch hour together sitting in a company pick-up truck, talking about hundreds of different things. Lloyd would occasionally bring Sushi to me, enough for my entire family, which his mom had made for us. He also shared with me a lot about his life.

Lloyd was a second generation Japanese-American, or Nisei, who had lived in Los Angeles as a boy, where I believe his folks owned a small restaurant. During the dark early days of WWII, the US government, fearful for national security, rounded up thousands of Japanese, including Lloyd and his family, and shipped them off to internment camps around the country. Lloyd's family was sent to Colorado. As a result, they lost their business.

As the war progressed, Lloyd, by then in his late teens, was asked, along with many of his friends, if he would like to join a special group in the Army to help win the war against the Axis Powers. About 3800 accepted and were sent for infantry training. Their outfit was made up of mainland and Hawaiian-born Nisei, who became known as the "Fighting 442nd." Their motto was "Go for Broke!" They were sent to Italy, France and Germany where they distinguished themselves as being the most highly decorated military unit in the history of the US Armed Forces. After his discharge, Lloyd returned to Colorado, and eventually learned the body and fender repair business. In 1957, he applied for a job with United Airlines, where I met him in the early '60s at SFOMB. We worked together for several years until Lloyd was promoted to the position of foreman. Several years later, he chose to return to the mechanic trade. He finished his career in the 1990s at the SFOGQ auto shop. Meanwhile, I was promoted to instructor and spent the last ten years of my career in maintenance training at SFOMT, retiring on January 1, 1988. Although Lloyd and I lost sight of each other, we stayed in touch, exchanging Christmas cards and letters over the years. In one such letter, Lloyd told me that he'd had a stroke and had lost the use of his right leg. After that, the life seemed to go out of his letters, and three years ago, he stopped writing altogether. Fearing the worst, I continued to send cards and letters but received no reply. Last week, the dreaded notice arrived in the Newsletter.

I am proud to have known Lloyd Goto. I will miss him. He was my friend.

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

I am getting ready to go to the convention in PHX. **Donna Kuehn** and I have our room and convention reservations taken care of already. I haven't been able to go the last few years, as Hank was too sick and taking treatments and had no desire to travel. So I hope to see many old friends in PHX in May.

I enjoy receiving the newsletter via computer and really look forward to catching up on all the news around the system.

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

It is always great to hear about fellow retirees and to know that co-workers such as **Steven Wasuta** and **Elmer Koldoff** and others still remember him.

At age 95, he is doing the best he can.

I am troubled with a torn rotator cuff and have trouble writing.

Thank you for keeping us informed about United.

Norma Butchart, 26535 Deuce Ct., Leesburg, FL 34748-8006

Thanks so much for all your hard work. I especially enjoy "*Ask the Doctor*" and "*Travel Tips by Bob*". We do not travel a lot, so the reminders and travel tips really help.

Eleanor F. Jones, 4110 Waterwood Drive, Baytown, Texas 77521

Submitted by daughter Jan Jones.

Eleanor of the ReLAXers is turning 80 on April 7, 2009. Most of you remember her from the LAX Mainliner Store and selling 50/50 tickets at the luncheons. Wife of **J.W. Jones** and former resident of Torrance, California, she now resides in Baytown, TX at the above address. She would welcome hearing from you.

John & Sally Hildebran, P.O. Box 191, Movers, OK 74557-0191

Wow, another year has gone by. This has been my 28th year of retirement. I should have gone for Life Membership back then ... Ha!

2008 was a pretty good year for Sally and me. Oh, we had the normal health problems, but no big deal. We are both doing wonderful, thanks to our good Lord. We were good enough to put almost 3,000 miles on our Mercury, driving to Florida and back. We waited until Hurricane season was over, so we went in December.

We did get to see my son in Edgewater. We stayed with Sally's niece in Ocala. We stayed with my granddaughter and her husband and my new great grandson in Palm Coast, as well as visiting a couple of my good friends from UAL that worked with me back in the 60's and 70's in MIA. We had a good visit with **Harry James** and wife, **Mary Lou** who live in Mt. Dora and had an overnight visit with **Paul (Dutch) Wagner** in Melbourne. We did a lot of remembering about those good old days.

I was sorry to see that we pulled out of FLL. I was in sales in the early 70's, and I opened that station. We had planned on having National Airlines handle our operation but they went on strike so we turned it over to Northwest. They were a good bunch.

May God bless all of you retirees out there, and God bless this USA.

J.H. Hoffman, 736 SW 28th St., Pendleton, OR 97801

I thoroughly enjoy trying to keep up. I just wish I could remember all the names. There are only two retirees left in Pendleton.

Lyn Kerns, 1655 West St., Hayward, CA 94545-1930

As everyone says "*I can't believe another year has come and gone*". I have been retired almost 17 years.

Last June we attended Lyn's 60th High School Reunion in Greenville Michigan. We had a lot of fun seeing old classmates and friends. That is the extent of our traveling for 2008 by plane. We seem to stay busy close to home, painting etc. We are staying as healthy as possible.

Jeanette Lee, 313 Cedar Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108

This is my 6th year of retirement. It has been really busy; sometimes I wish I was still working, but things have been better the last 3 months.

I have been having problems with my kidney. I am scheduled for a CAT scan. I hope they find out why my back hurts all the time; other than that I am doing fine.

I thank God every day for waking up. I hope every one has a good year and God bless all of you.

I miss all of my co-workers in ORD and PGH. **Barney Sousall** called me and he is doing fine. I have not heard from him since I retired. I talked to **Charles Smith** last year but did not receive a Christmas card from him this year. I misplaced my phone book but I am going to find his number and give him a call. I have been thinking about him, his wife and son.

I wish all of you a Happy New Year and I will keep you in my prayers.

James Lundy, Apt. D4, 63 East Ave., Cortland, NY 13045

Another year has gone by and I will be 85 years old soon.

You do a great job publishing the newsletter.

I have been retired for 25 years in March.

My wife and I celebrated our 65th wedding anniversary last December. Both of us are in fairly good health.

Last summer I got together with fellow workers that I worked with in ROC in the 60's before I transferred to MIA where I retired in 1984.

We only travel by car now. Our son and grandson both live in Maryland.

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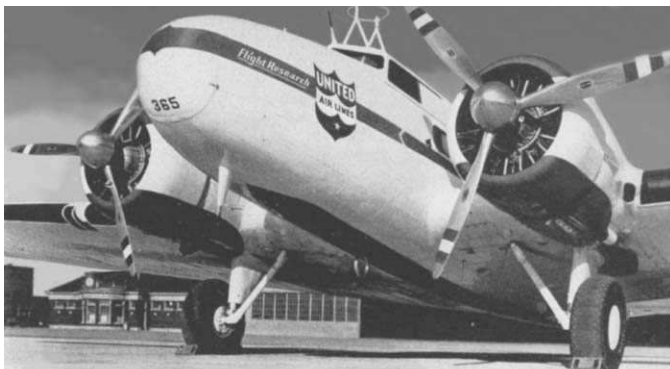
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Pilots and electronics technicians knew radio static had to be conquered, but nobody knew what caused it. Bert Ball, a United pilot, tackled the problem in his spare time.



Ball was a former sea-faring navigator and had studied Aerial Navigation and Air Mass Meteorology at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In his pilot's reports, he often made observations about storm activity

that were so good the airline's weathermen saved them.

He proposed taking Professor Marcus O'Day of Portland's Reed College along with him in an airplane to hunt storms. O'Day had spent weeks at a time gathering storm data on the summit of Mt. Hood. When Ball's managers thought it was too risky, Ball sent some copies of his in-flight weather reports to Pat Patterson.

Patterson said, "This fellow is on the trail of something, let's give him a plane for a while".

Ball and Herbert Huckle gathered a crew of five college professors and five radio experts from outstanding laboratories around the country. Day-after-day for three months they sought storms in their flying laboratory. It was discovered that the metal airplane itself was the cause of high-voltage electrical discharges that burst from the plane's wings and other trailing edges.

Ball and Huckle dangled trailing wires from these edges, the static discharged itself and the radios worked perfectly even in the worst storms. Unfortunately the cables tended to whip-off in flight. They then discovered that a 10-inch metal strip would discharge the static.

By Marvin Berryman, DENTK (Ret.)

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